Summer reading is finally here! We understand how important summer reading is to many families and individuals, and we're proud to be able to offer this annual program to our community again this year. "Dig Deeper" is this year's theme. Join and dig below the surface or explore something different. Try a new author or a genre, or we can point you to the best nonfiction from biographies to history, science to mythology. Learn about the world, and yourself, between the pages of a book this summer.

NEW THIS YEAR: We're excited you can easily keep track of your summer reading progress using our new online service—READsquared. Visit our website to learn how easy it is to sign up and use. We will offer traditional paper logs for those who prefer to keep track this way. Start your reading journey to earn fun prizes and rewards! Don't forget to count every book you read, whether digital, print or audio.

Summer reading is fun for all ages, but the benefits of summer reading for students are numerous. Studies show students who participate in public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who did not participate. Students who spend more time reading over the summer read more books, were well prepared for school in the fall, and read more confidently. *

Now, not sure where to start your reading adventure? We'd love to help you dig into your next great read. Library staff will create a custom list based on your interests and favorite genres, or explore our online book lists and reading suggestions if you want to dig around on your own.

For more information, visit scpld.org, and get ready to uncover something new! Dig Deeper this summer with the St. Charles Public Library.

Please note: As our community recovers from the impact of recent events, the Library will not be seeking coupons for our 2020 summer reading programs. Instead, we encourage you to support all of the local businesses who have so generously contributed to the program in the past.

*Source: Dominican University IMLS-funded research: Public Library Summer Reading Programs Close the Reading Gap
Greetings, all! In these uncertain times, there have been a lot of changes to the way we work, communicate and interact. It takes some adjusting, but with everyone working together we—as a community—are able to stay safe. Our goal is to continue to provide you with all our great services and programming.

Programs: We have shifted our focus from in-person programs to those online for the summer. Be sure to visit our Events page on our website for a complete calendar and registration information.

Summer Reading 2020: This year, we are excited to offer adults, teens and youth the opportunity to register and log reading online. This year’s program will be jam-packed with fun activities, prizes and programs to keep you digging for more all summer long.

Renovation Progress: Interested to learn more about our construction project? Visit our website for weekly updates at scpld.org/library-renovation-project-2021. A link to our time-lapse video feed will be available soon.

You are welcome to send me an email at e craig@scpld.org or call 630-574-0076, ext. 273 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in person soon. Stay safe and healthy.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

by Edith G. Craig

The St. Charles Public Library is committed to providing you with the best in online resources. Access the Library from your home at any time to stream or download thousands of books, movies, music tracks and more.

Besides downloads to entertain, we offer online classes, homework help and programs such as MyHeritage Library Edition or Fold3, which are available at home, to assist you with your genealogy research. All these resources are free to you with a St. Charles Public Library card.

Want to take advantage of all these services but don’t have a library card? No problem. Request your temporary digital library card by visiting scpld.org/library-mobile-app and start reading, watching, listening and learning online today.

RBdigital

We’ve just added seven new resources from RBdigital—the world’s most popular digital library newstand.

Scroll down to the Entertainment category on our RBdigital homepage to find great content from Acorn (British and Australian TV and film), Pongalo (Spanish language telenovelas and movies), The Great Courses Library Collection (educational film series), and Qello Concerts by Stingray (full-length concerts and music documentaries).

If you’re looking for some new professional development resources, Learn It Live (located under the Health category on the RBdigital homepage) might fit the bill with its wellness and personal development courses.

Finally, if you know a high school student who’s preparing for the ACT or SAT (or should be), Method Test prep will give them weekly plans to develop better testing skills.

All of these are available through our RBdigital portal with an unlimited use seven-day pass. When your pass expires, just check out another.
What the Staff is Reading

The House in the Cerulean Sea
by T.J. Klune ● FIC KLUNE
Offbeat, heartwarming story featuring a remote orphanage, magical children and a tightly wound caseworker who learns the value of a chosen family and celebrating differences. Really funny and the characters are lovable.

Going Postal
by Terry Pratchett ● FIC PRATCHETT
If you've not tried the funny Discworld series, this is a good place to start as a good-hearted scam artist must restore a long-shuttered post office. Witty and absurd, this lively fantasy novel is intricately plotted and peopled with fascinating characters.

Such a Fun Age
by Kiley Reid ● FIC REID
A “comedy of good intentions” that explores issues of motherhood, race, social media, modern parenting, political correctness and much more in a way that is fresh and riveting.

Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom
by Catherine Clinton ● B TUBMAN
This is a concise and interesting biography of the former slave who had a vital role on the Underground Railroad. Tubman was also a Civil War nurse and spy, as well as a fiery advocate for women’s suffrage. Pair it with the new movie, Harriet, for a more complete picture of her extraordinary life.

Running with Sherman: The Donkey with the Heart of a Hero
by Christopher McDougall ● 636.182 MCD
When he agrees to rescue a donkey, the author doesn’t realize that he’s actually started down the path to an unusual sports adventure. This inspiring memoir is entertaining even as it delves into topics from animal behavior to autism to Amish life.

Wildheart: The Daring Adventures of John Muir
by Julie Bertagna ● JB MUIR
A fun biographical graphic novel about naturalist John Muir, from his boyhood in Scotland to his exploration of America and efforts to protect natural areas.

2nd Tuesday Book Discussion

The Library offers two book discussion groups: Morning at 10:00 a.m. and Evening at 7:00 p.m. via virtual meeting. If you are a SCPL cardholder and need a copy of the title, please check with Reference or Reader Services Desk staff. Register to receive information on how to participate in the discussion.

June 9
Morning & Evening
Nothing to See Here
by Kevin Wilson
FIC WILSON

July 14
Morning & Evening
The Bear and the Nightingale
by Katherine Arden
FIC ARDEN

August 11
Morning & Evening
The Dearly Beloved
by Cara Wall
FIC WALL

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St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays
- 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Check the website for location information

The St. Charles Writers Group is a creative writing workshop that meets the second and the fourth Saturday of each month. The group, facilitated by Lisa Macaione, is open to all those 18 years of age or older looking for a community of writers and to improve their writing. All genres are welcome.

The Political Lincoln: Honest Abe on Campaigns & Elections

Wednesday, June 17
Recorded Presentation

President Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Kevin Wood, describes his many interesting campaign and election experiences over a long and eventful career, during a time of political intrigue and tumult when the very destiny of our nation was at stake. Registration is required. You will receive an email with instructions on how to view the presentation. This program is suitable for ages 9 and older.

Friends of St. Charles Public Library Potluck Supper

Check the Friends’ website for details.

The Friends of St. Charles Public Library is an adult organization that raises funds to provide special programs and equipment that are beyond the Library’s regular budget. Join the group at their potluck supper prior to their regular meeting. Guests are always welcome.

Inside Shakespeare’s First Folio

Wednesday, June 10 • 1:00 p.m. • Live Lecture via Zoom

The First Folio was compiled by two of Shakespeare’s fellow actors, John Heminges and Henry Condell. Without it, we would not have half of Shakespeare’s plays today. Peter Garino, artistic director of the Shakespeare Project of Chicago, examines how the First Folio came to be, its importance to our knowledge and understanding of Shakespeare, and how the Folio is used by actors today in crafting their performances. A must-see for Shakespeare aficionados or those who simply wish to broaden their understanding of Shakespeare. Registration is required. You will receive an email with instructions on how to view the presentation.

The Library is excited to bring quality virtual programs to our patrons this summer.

Enjoy Library programs from your home, while on vacation, relaxing in the park—wherever you have access to the internet. Visit scpld.org/programs for a complete list of adult, teen and kids programs. Check our website for the most up-to-date information on location or instructions to register and access a virtual program.

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June 13: Naming Characters
June 27: The public is invited to the annual Summer Reading
July 11: “Write Day and Night”: Writing Inspiration from Lin-Manuel Miranda, Hamilton, and the Founding Fathers
July 25: Cutting Out the Middle Man by Eliminating Filters
August 8: “No Idle Chatter”: Dialogue
August 22: The Art of Writing Comics and Graphic Novels
FamilySearch.org Primer with Caron Brennan

Wednesday, June 24 • 7:00 p.m.
Live Lecture via Zoom

Genealogist Caron Primas Brennan will give an overview of the free FamilySearch.org website to see what it has to offer genealogy researchers. It will include a review of the research opportunities as well as the newer areas for sharing family trees and pictures. We will also look at the genealogy programs that have been certified to share/interact with FamilySearch. Registration is required. You will receive an email with instructions on how to view the presentation.

Tools for Managing Your Money During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Thursday, June 4 • 1:00-2:30 p.m. • Webinar Presentation

Financial educator Karen Chan will show you how to maximize the benefits you get from COVID-19 federal assistance programs (delayed tax filing, mortgage payment relief, expanded unemployment benefits, etc.), plus best practices for managing your money during uncertain times. Registration is required. You will receive an email with instructions on how to view the presentation.

What Women Need to Know about Social Security Benefits

Thursday, June 18 • 1:00-2:30 p.m. • Webinar Presentation

Women rely more on Social Security for their income during retirement than men. That means that maximizing your Social Security benefits is critical. Learn which claiming strategies are recommended and which decisions could cost you. See how divorce, remarriage and widowhood affect your benefits. Karen Chan will also cover special rules about continuing to work while receiving benefits and how a government pension could reduce your Social Security check. Registration is required. You will receive an email with instructions on how to view the presentation.

Resumes and Interviews in the COVID-19 Era

Tuesdays • 9:30–11:00 a.m. • June 2 • June 9 • July 7 • July 14 • August 4 • August 11
Webinar Presentation

Join Career Advancement Coach Lauren Milligan to acquire the information you need for an updated and polished resume, and get help with future interviews. The twice-monthly programs will be resume-focused, and the second-monthly program might cover ATS (applicant tracking systems), interviewing, or personal branding, if patron feedback indicates the need. Registration is required. You will receive an email with instructions on how to view the presentation.

Find Meaningful Employment: Learn & Network with TUG & the Library

Check the TUG website for meeting location detail: TUGCareerServices.org
Meetings will be held at the St. Charles Police Department, or a Webinar Presentation

6:30– 8:45 p.m. • June 8 • June 22 • July 13 • July 27 • August 10 • August 24

TUG Career Services will help you with career management, job-seeking skills, education and training. Each program includes a presentation by various speakers, followed by networking. Registration is required. You will receive an email with instructions on how to view the presentation.

Claude Monet and the Story of Impressionism with Jeff Mishur

Wednesday, July 22 • 7:00 p.m.
Live Lecture via Zoom

A founding member of the Impressionists, Claude Monet found inspiration in scenes of modern life and in the French landscape. Monet’s travels to England and Italy led to paintings featuring landmarks in London and Venice. In this virtual lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur will discuss Monet’s career and his favorite series subjects including train stations, grain stacks, poplars and waterlilies. Registration is required. You will receive an email with instructions on how to view the presentation.

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All Ages Story Time
All Ages • Posted on YouTube • Mondays • June 1–July 27
Join us for stories and songs for kids and parents alike. Let’s have fun together! Ages 0-100 welcome.

My First Story Time
0-24 Months • Posted on YouTube
Tuesdays • June 2–July 28
A lapsit playlist with songs, stories and simple sign language.

Crafternoon
All Ages • Posted on YouTube • Mondays • June 1–July 27
Get crafty in the afternoons with the Library! Participants may need assistance from an adult. Check the website calendar for a list of supplies you will need.

Foodie Families
All Ages • Posted on YouTube
Tuesdays • June 23 • July 28
Students and their families will create easy summer treats! Participants may need assistance from an adult. Check the website calendar for a list of supplies you will need.

Pop! Bang! Fizz! Stupendous Science!
All Ages • Posted on YouTube • Fridays • June 5–August 7
Join us for stupendous science...social distance edition! Watch how you can have fun at home with things you find around your house! Participants may need assistance from an adult. Check the website calendar for a list of supplies you will need.

Virtual Programming
Due to health and safety concerns this summer, we are temporarily hosting programs online. Our staff is excited to bring the programs you love in easy-to-enjoy formats to view or participate at home. Please make note of which programs are available in real time and those you can view at your leisure. Search “St. Charles Public Library” on YouTube to access our channel and subscribe to be notified of new posts. We hope you have as much fun participating as we do creating each program!

Early Literacy

Walk & Talk: Stories with the Nature Center
All Ages • Posted on YouTube
Wednesdays • June 10 • June 24 • July 8 • July 22 • August 5 • August 19
Enjoy some stories, explore the outdoors at the Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes and learn how you can create beautiful things with nature! In partnership with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.

Sensory Stories and Play
All Ages • Posted on YouTube
Thursdays • June 4–July 30
Come wiggle and play with us as we sing songs, listen to stories and have fun!

What’s Inside Story Time
Preschool • Posted on YouTube • Fridays • June 5–July 31
What do you do with the feelings you feel? This playlist will help your child manage their emotions in a healthy way. Caregivers will be able to pause to discuss at their own pace.
SUMMER READING:

There's a new way to do Summer Reading! We are now using READSquared, an online reading log service that also has an app for IOS and Android! Visit our website or scpld.readsquared.com to sign up and start logging minutes online. Kids receive a virtual badge for every 100 minutes logged! Complete an online mission each week and earn additional minutes. At 1,000 minutes, get a book-related prize and enter the drawing for one of our grand prize gift baskets that are themed reading, video games, art, science or Legos.

The Summer Reading program begins Tuesday, May 26 and ends Sunday, August 2.

Junior Historians

All Ages • Posted on YouTube
Fridays • June 12 • July 10 • August 14

Take a step back in time and learn about the rich history of our city! Junior Historians will learn about the history of St. Charles through tours, interviews and an activity. Check the website calendar for a list of supplies you will need. This program is in partnership with the St. Charles History Museum.

MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Night with Netflix Party

Entering Grades 5-9 • Fridays • June 19 • July 17 • August 21
4:30 p.m. • Online LIVE!

Join the movie viewing party online! Watch and chat with library friends. You must have a Netflix account and download the Netflix Party Extension for your Chrome browser on a desktop or laptop computer. The Party link will be emailed to you 30 minutes before the start of the program. REGISTER for a link to join the program.

Anime Club LIVE

Entering Grades 6-12 • Tuesdays • June 9 • July 14 • August 11
6:00-8:00 p.m. • Online LIVE!

Join the anime viewing party online! Watch and chat with friends. Check out the Library’s website calendar for more details. REGISTER for a link to join the program.

Flat Charlie

Looking to connect this summer? Download a Flat Charlie template from the Library’s Summer Reading webpage! Your new friend can go with you and even attend our virtual programming alongside you. Snap pictures with Flat Charlie and tag us on social media or email them to askme@scpld.org, and we’ll post your Flat Charlie pictures on our social media. We can’t wait to see what you do together!

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**Library Board Meetings**
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Meetings held at the temporary Library location
305 S. 9th Street
St. Charles, IL

July 8, 2020
September 9, 2020
(Annual Meeting)

**Hours**
Monday–Thursday  9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Friday          9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Saturday       9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sunday         Noon–5:00 p.m.

**Closings**
Saturday, July 4
(Independence Day)
Monday, September 7
(Labor Day)

**Due to postal delivery routes, some residents who live outside the St. Charles Public Library District will receive this mailing. If you are a nonresident and would like to obtain a library card for a fee, please contact the Library.**

**Discover Your Library** is published four times per year and will be available in your mailbox or online through the Library’s website.

**Fill out the Census. And be counted.**
Illinois has received more than $56,000,000,000 based on Census data. That dollar amount drops for every resident not counted.
This is money we could use to improve our hospitals, schools, roads, and public transportation.

**Go to 2020 Census.org**
Be counted.