It’s the Final Countdown: Welcome to your NEW Library!

We are very excited to announce that our newly-renovated and expanded Library will be ready for the community this summer. After many years of deliberate planning and responsible financial stewardship, the Library’s renovation project came to fruition, resulting in a beautiful, accessible Library for our community. Early in the process, feedback from stakeholders, patrons and focus groups was critical with the design of the building. We are thrilled to be opening our doors to show the Library’s new features and expanded space.

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Designing a building that drew from different architectural styles can be challenging, but Sheehan Nagle Hartray Architects listened to our vision, resulting in a space that is warm, inviting and vibrant. The firm pulled inspiration from the Fox River and our surrounding natural environment when creating the palette used in the renovation. When you walk through the new main entrance, you will notice rich natural wood, fluid river-like elements and colors inspired by the golden hues of the fox.

A key priority included improving the Library’s accessibility. These crucial enhancements include an expanded parking lot to make it more pedestrian friendly, an elevator near the main entrance with access to all floors, and an adult-sized changing table for caregivers of people of all ages.

We have designed our Library as a destination for everyone of all ages. Read your favorite book, study with a partner (or by yourself), attend a program or story time, take a computer class, conduct community meetings, or sit and stream your favorite movie.

Our Grand Re-opening Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, July 17 at 2:00 p.m. Due to social distancing requirements, we will record the ceremony and post to our YouTube channel for all to enjoy. The ceremony will include our Landmark Plaque Dedication, courtesy of the Historic Preservation Commission and the City of St. Charles; the dedication of our commissioned bronze relief sculpture generously donated by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation; and remarks from the Library Board of Trustees and our esteemed City officials.

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In addition to the ceremony and opening day events, we have special plans to celebrate the entire week through Friday, July 23 with guided tours, a variety of programming and activities for all ages. For more detailed information about these events, make sure to visit us at scpld.org and follow us on our social media channels.

With sincere gratitude, we thank you for your patience during our renovation and expansion project. We know it has not been easy, but the result is something we can be proud of for generations to come. I also want to thank our community partners who have been supportive during this time. Thank you to School District D303, the St. Charles Park District, the City of St. Charles, the Historic Preservation Commission, Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley, the St. Charles Public Library Foundation, Friends of St. Charles Public Library, our volunteers, staff and Board.

Thank you for letting us be a part of this historic process for our Library and the community.

Cheers,
Edith G. Craig, Director

What the Staff is Reading

The Mystery of Mrs. Christie
Marie Benedict • FIC BENEDICT
A fascinating fictional account of the life of Agatha Christie, and an eleven day mysterious disappearance soon after her writing career began. [if you need to eliminate one, make it this one]

Plain Bad Heroines
Emily Danforth • FIC DANFORTH
A highly-imaginative horror-comedy centered on a cursed New England boarding school for girls. The story will grab you as the author effortlessly dovetails a modern-day plot with what happened a hundred years ago.

The Last Garden in England
Julia Kelly • FIC KELLY
A sweeping and poignant historical novel that follows five women living across three different eras. Their lives are all connected by one very special place.

Those Who Wish Me Dead
Michael Koryta • FIC KORYTA
When 14-year-old Jace Wilson witnesses a brutal murder, he’s issued a false identity and hidden – but will the creepy killers find Jace before the police can stop them? An intense wilderness survival thriller.

The Firekeeper’s Daughter
Angeline Boulley • YA FIC BOULLEY
This gripping tale by an Annishinabe author features 18-year-old Daunis, who is part Ojibwe and lives in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. She helps the FBI investigate the meth trade destroying her community.

Nala’s World
Dean Nicholson • 636.8 NIC
First seen on social media, the author shares the story of his life-changing relationship with his rescue cat Nala. Their heart-warming bicycle journeys take them through the refugee camps, remarkable terrains and animal shelters of the world.

We can’t wait to welcome you back and to share our newly-renovated Library with you.

- Grand Re-opening Ceremony
  Saturday, July 17 at 2:00 p.m.
- The ceremony will be on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy
- Guided Library tours
- Programs and activities for all ages
- Grab ‘n’ go kits
- Demonstrations
- Scavenger hunts
- Live music

The celebration does not stop there. A variety of programs, presentations and tours are scheduled all week, Saturday, July 17 through Friday, July 23.

For more detailed information, visit our website at scpld.org and follow our social media channels.

*All activities will adhere to safety protocols and guidelines in place at the time of the event.
St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays • 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Online via Zoom in June / In-person in July & August

A workshop for novice or experienced writers that meets twice a month. Visit scpld.org/st-charles-writers-group for information regarding dates, meeting location and topics. DROP IN

Second Tuesday Book Discussion

June & July: Online via Zoom

August: In-Person

The Library offers two book discussion groups: mornings at 10:00 a.m. and evenings at 7:00 p.m. Contact readers@scpld.org for more details. REGISTER to receive the link to join.

June 8
Morning & Evening
The Splendid and the Vile
by Erik Larson • 940.54211 LAR

July 13
Morning & Evening
An American Marriage
Tayari Jones • FIC JONES

August 10
Morning & Evening
A Children’s Bible
Lydia Millet • FIC MILLET

Cream Puffs, Eclairs and Gougères with Pastry Chef Jessica Ellington

Tuesday, August 3 • 7:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom

Expert pastry chef Jessica Ellington demonstrates how to turn a classic pastry dough (pâte à choux) into elegant, delicious treats using just a few simple ingredients and your imagination. During this 90-minute virtual program, Jessica will demonstrate how to create eclairs, cream puffs and gougeres. Jessica is an Executive Pastry Chef with a decade of experience at some of Chicago’s top restaurants, restaurant groups and bakeries. REGISTER

Putting the Garden to Bed

Wednesday, August 25 • 6:00-8:30 p.m. • Online via Zoom

It’s almost fall, and there are things to be done to get your garden ready for the upcoming winter. Do you know what they are? We’ll look at everything from annual flowers beds to lawns to tree and shrub care. Presented by horticulturist Sharon Yiesla, owner of Sharon Yiesla, Horticultural Services. REGISTER

Program Information

Registration for all Library programs begins Thursday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m. Register online at scpld.org, by phone at 630-584-0076 x1 or in person.
Every Color Has a Story: History on the Palette
Thursday, June 10 • 1:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom
Do you know the history of the colors in your world? All the tints, hues, dyes and shades of the colors around you can be traced back to a specific point in history. This illustrated virtual lecture with Laura Keyes will show you the powerful—and colorful!—history of color. REGISTER

Recognizing and Preventing Financial Fraud
Tuesday, June 15 • 6:30-8:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom
Join financial educator Karen Chan to learn how you can protect yourself against fraud. Learn about the types of fraud being reported to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and the steps to avoid becoming a victim, including protection, recognizing and disengaging from fraudsters and investigating. Also discover effective ways to protect your private information. REGISTER

Shredding Event
Saturday, June 19 • 10:00 a.m-1:00 p.m. • Library Parking Lot
Protect your identity and help the environment by shredding up to three boxes or bags of paper at the St. Charles Public Library. Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy, 7,000 gallons of water and 60 pounds of air pollution. ProShred will shred your documents onsite: no need to remove staples, paper clips or rubber bands. DROP IN

Find Meaningful Employment:
Learn & Network with TUG & the Library
Mondays • June & July: Online via Zoom; August: in-person
June 14 • June 28 • July 12 • July 26 • August 9 • August 23
6:30–8:00 p.m. • Speaker & program TBD
Please join TUG Career Services and Business Reference Librarian Chris Flood as they welcome speakers who present the latest updates on career management, job-seeking skills, education and training. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. REGISTER or DROP IN

Sally Field Presented by Jenny Riddle
Wednesday, August 18 • 1:00 p.m.
Huntley Community Room
Jenny Riddle brings to life Sally Field based on Field’s fabulous memoir In Pieces. Sally’s book is an intensely personal, vulnerable accounting of her life and career. From Gidget to Norma Rae to Mary Todd Lincoln, Field has stunned audiences time and again with her artistic range. REGISTER
Teen Programs

Bob Ross Paint Along
Grades 6-12 • Thursday, June 10 • 3:00-5:00 p.m.
STC Underground at the Baker Community Center (lower level)
101 S. 2nd Street, St. Charles

Are you a Bob Ross fan? The STC Underground and the St. Charles Public Library are hosting a Bob Ross themed painting party! We will be watching and painting along with him as he instructs us on how to create a landscape masterpiece. Painting supplies will be provided. REGISTER at stcunderground.com or call 630-584-4380

Programs at the STC Underground are open to all middle school and high school teens, including private schools and home-school students who reside within St. Charles School District boundaries. Students must submit a completed Code of Conduct signed by themselves AND a parent or legal guardian. Downloaded and print the form at stcunderground.com/info.

Food Bank Volunteer Session for Grades 9-12
Thursday, June 24 • Thursday, July 22 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Northern Illinois Food Bank • 273 Dearborn Court, Geneva

If you are in need of service hours or just want to help, please join us at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Geneva warehouse. Much of the donated food Northern Illinois Food Bank distributes needs to be inspected, sorted and packaged before it’s distributed to our hungry neighbors. Please see website for details and volunteer consent forms. Questions? Please call Brandon Buckley at 630-584-0076 ext.201 or bbuckley@scpld.org. REGISTER

Teen Take-Home Kits

Pom-Pom Pokémon
Pick up kits in The LOFT the week of July 19-26
*If registering online, please look at July 19 on the calendar.
Learn to create three cool Pokémon characters, including Pikachu, Charmander and Gengar. Simply watch the fantastic video by White Chocolate Heart® with step-by-step instructions on our YouTube channel.
REGISTER

Manga Drawing: How to Draw Faces
Pick up kit in The LOFT the week of August 9-16
*If registering online, please look at August 9 on the calendar.
Learn how to draw Manga faces using our Creativebug database. In this video instruction, artist and author Camilla d’Errico demonstrates how to draw heads with iconic Manga expressions and different styles of hair for you to follow along. REGISTER

Geek Out & Anime Club
Tuesday, August 10 • 6:00–8:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
Every second Tuesday of the month get loud and geek out with anime, gaming, snacks and activities! Cosplay is always welcome. DROP IN

Buttons and Boards Game Night
Grades 9-12 • Thursday, August 19
6:30–8:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
Pick up a controller or learn a new board game. We’ll have a wide variety of retro gaming consoles and fun board games for you to play with your friends. Snacks and drinks will be provided. REGISTER or DROP IN

Lit Loot
Entering Grades 6-12 • Sign up by Tuesday, August 10
Lit Loot pick up: August 15-23
Sign up by August 10 by 9:00 p.m. to receive a free subscription box customized just for you! Each box will contain a book specially selected for you and a few goodies, all based on the theme of the month. Keep the loot, return the book. A Library card is required for this program. REGISTER

High School Tie-Dye
Wednesday, August 4 • 3:00–3:30 p.m. or 3:30–4:00 p.m.
Library Parking Lot

Bring ONE item to tie-dye (at least 80% cotton for best results), all other supplies will be provided. Wear clothing you don’t mind getting stained. In case of rain, the event will be canceled. REGISTER

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Registration for all Library programs begins Thursday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m. Register online at scpld.org, by phone at 630-584-0076 x1 or in person.
Youth Programs

Please note:
In-person programs may be cancelled or switched to an online format as social distancing requirements change. For programs which are online and require a registration, a link to the program will be emailed to you the day before the event.

Programs for Middle Schoolers

Ozobot Coding for Kids
Entering Grades 6-8 • Thursday, July 29
1:00-1:45 p.m. or 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room
Have fun with screen free coding using Ozobots! Cute little robots that read color coding. REGISTER

Middle School Tie-Dye
Entering Grades 6-8 • Wednesday, August 4
1:00–1:30 p.m. or 1:30–2:00 p.m. • Library Parking Lot
Kids only! Bring ONE item to tie-dye (at least 80% cotton for best results). All other supplies will be provided. Wear clothing you don’t mind getting stained. In case of rain, the event will be canceled. REGISTER

Junior Friends
Entering Grades 6-8 • Thursday, August 5
6:00–7:30 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room
Interested in volunteer or service hours? Join this updated program specifically to reach your goals while helping your community. Meets the first Thursday of every month to plan, share and lend a hand. DROP IN

Lit Loot
Entering Grades 6-12 • Sign up by Tuesday, August 10
Lit Loot pick up: August 15-25
Sign up by August 10 by 9:00 p.m. to receive a free subscription box customized just for you! Each box will contain a book specially selected for you and a few goodies, all based on the theme of the month. Keep the loot, return the book. A Library card is required for this program. REGISTER

Early Literacy Activities and Story Times

All Ages Story Time
Tuesdays • June 1–August 31 • 10:00-10:20 a.m. • Online via Zoom
Join us for this LIVE Zoom story time for kids and parents alike. Ages 0-100 welcome. Let’s have fun together! REGISTER

StoryWalk®
June 1 • July 1 • August 1
LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve • 37W700 Dean Street, St. Charles
Come enjoy the great outdoors and a great story. Located on the east side of LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve on the Randall Road Trail. Enjoy a new story monthly. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. DROP IN

Story Time with the Nature Center
Wednesdays • June 16 • July 21 • August 18 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
LeRoy Oakes Nature Center • 37W700 Dean Street, St. Charles
Watch a looped video story time and grab a take-home nature project at the Nature Center! While supplies last. Check with the Nature Center for availability and regulations. This program is in partnership with the Kane County Forest Preserve District. DROP IN

Terrace Garden Story Time
Wednesdays and Fridays • July 21–August 31
10:00-10:20 a.m. • Terrace Garden
Join us for this in-person story time in our new terraced garden, weather permitting. Spaces are limited to allow for social distancing. REGISTER

Grab and Go Kits
Stop in to pick up Grab and Go Kits. All kits are tech free unless otherwise noted. Kits are available at 9:00 a.m. on release day until we run out. For contactless pick up please call 630-584-9390 to schedule a pick-up time.

Baby Take and Make
Ages 0-2 • Friday, August 6
Enjoy these take and make kits for our littlest Library friends.

Sensory Fine Motor Activity
Ages 3-6 • Friday, August 13
Explore your senses and build your motor skills with a take-home activity.

Crafternoon Kit
Entering Grades 1-8 • Friday, August 27
Pick up a kit from the Library to complete a fun craft at home.
Youth Programs

Junior Historians
Fridays • June 11 • July 9 • August 13 • 11:00 a.m. • Posted on YouTube
Learn about the rich history of our city, junior historians will learn about the history of St. Charles through tours, interviews and an activity. This program is presented in partnership with the St. Charles History Museum and the Historic Preservation Commission.

Diverse Voices Book Club
Entering Grades 3-8 • Thursdays
6:30–7:30 p.m. • Online via Zoom
June 24: The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James
by Ashley Hering Blake
August 5: The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Perez
Discuss titles written by people of different backgrounds and experiences. Complimentary copies of the book will be available to registrants while supplies last. Meets at the same time as Diverse Voices Book Club for adults.

Ozobot Coding
Entering Grades 3-5 • Tuesday, July 27
1:00-1:45 p.m. OR 3:00-3:45 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room
Have fun with screen free coding using Ozobots! Cute little robots that read color coding.

Just for Grown Ups
Parenting Book Discussion
For Adults • Thursdays • 8:00–8:45 p.m. • Online via Zoom
June 10: Raising Good Humans by Hunter Clarke-Fields
July 8: Rage Against the Minivan by Kristen Howerton
August 12: Ask Me What’s for Dinner One More Time: Inappropriate Thoughts on Motherhood by Meredith Masony
Join us to discuss parenting books after the kids go to bed. A copy of each book will be available for registrants to check out.

Diverse Voices Book Club
For Adults • Thursdays • 6:30–7:30 p.m. • Online via Zoom
June 24: The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James by Ashley Hering Blake
August 5: The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Perez
Get together with other adults to discuss children’s literature from diverse voices. A complimentary copy of the book will be available while supplies last. Meets at the same time as Diverse Voices Book for Grades 3-8.

Getting Excited About Science for Kids
Entering Grades K-8
Sunday, August 1 • 2:00–2:45 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room
Amazing science demonstrations with Steve Belliveau! Be prepared to be astonished at the science principles of everyday life, including the science of color! REGISTRATION

Kids’ Tie-Dye
Grades 3-5 • Wednesday, August 4
11:00-11:30 a.m. OR 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • Library Parking Lot
Kids only! Bring ONE item to tie-dye (at least 80% cotton for best results), all other supplies will be provided. Wear clothing you don’t mind getting stained. In case of rain, the event will be canceled. REGISTRATION

DIY Fabric Sculptures
Entering Grades 4-8
Monday, August 9 • 2:30–5:00 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room
In honor of St. Charles Art Council’s 10th anniversary, we will be exploring the sculpture works of New York artist Amanda Browder as she leads our city in a community-wide fabric installation piece. Each participant will create their own small-scale fabric sculpture using recycled fabrics, needles and thread.

Family Programs
Adult supervision may be required

Crafternoon
Mondays • June 7 • July 5 • August 2 • 1:00 p.m. • Posted on YouTube
Get crafty in the afternoons with the Library! Join us as we explore different materials, themes and holidays with some of our crafty staff members.

Bubble Dance Party
Wednesdays • August 4–25 • 2:00–4:00 p.m. • Terrace Garden
Come dance with bubbles in our new terraced garden! Weather permitting. DROP IN

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Color Your World with Summer Reading

Exciting events are happening all around us. Not only are we in the process of our highly-anticipated move into our new building, but summer reading begins June 1 and continues through August 1. We understand how important summer reading is for many families and individuals, and we’re proud to be able to offer this annual program to our community. This year’s exciting theme “Reading Colors Your World” encourages readers to explore humanity, nature, culture and science. Summer reading is fun, and it increases your knowledge and expands your world. The benefits are priceless: empathy, logic, awareness and a sense of community.

Kick off summer reading by registering with READSquared, an online reading tracking tool that is user friendly and allows you to easily sign up and log your reading. To get started, go to scpl.readsquared.com to register. For those who prefer traditional paper logs, they will be available to download on our website at scpld.org/reading-programs. With access to thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, digital magazines, articles, comics and graphic novels, you are sure to find the right material to help you reach your summer reading goals. In addition, the more you read, the more you increase your chances of winning giveaways and prizes, so don’t forget to count every item, whether digital, print or audio. You’ll also have a chance to test your knowledge with our weekly summer reading trivia questions.

Not sure where to start your summer reading? Call, email or text our librarians. They’ll be happy to create a custom reading list that matches your interests and favorite genres, or explore our online book lists and reading suggestions if you prefer to research reading material on your own.

For more information, visit scpld.org/reading-programs. Color Your World this summer with the St. Charles Public Library to discover new ideas, authors and favorite reads.

*The Library will be closed during our move, and our newly-renovated Library reopens in early July.