New and Improved:
The St. Charles Public Library Prepares for Renovations

by Edith G. Craig, Library Director

The St. Charles Public Library is thrilled to announce that we will be renovating and expanding our building in the spring of 2020. This is an exciting time for the Library, but, understandably, can be challenging for patrons and the community. During renovations, we want to continue to provide you with the quality services that you've come to expect.

To make this transition as smooth as possible, we will be moving temporarily off site. We will be relocating to the recently-closed Haines Middle School on Ninth Street adjacent to Thompson Middle School. The Library will occupy the south end of the building, and Community Unit School District 303 and the St. Charles Park District will use other parts of the building. While we don't have the exact dates yet, expect us to close for a few weeks in March to prepare for the transition to Haines. As for the full renovation to the current library, early construction timelines estimate 12–14 months. There will be more information as details unfold, and we will make sure to keep you up to date on the progress.

Practicalities first. What will happen to all our materials? The entire collection is coming with us to Haines. While we will have a percentage of books and DVDs available to browse, the majority of our collection will be archived on site and will be retrieved for patrons upon request. Our eBook collection and online services will still be accessible 24 hours a day. In addition, there will be free Wi-Fi, a shared computer lab for all ages, and convenient scanning, faxing and copying services.

Programming will continue in a limited capacity at several offsite locations. The spring issue of Discover Your Library will have details on events and venues, so be sure to look for program listings there, as well as on the Library website. Due to the modified space, bookable meeting and study rooms will not be available while we are at Haines. There is only one conference room which will be used for Library purposes such as small meetings, programs, book clubs and the monthly Board of Trustees meetings.
Library Adds Two New Book Drop Locations

Returning library books and materials is now even easier. In addition to the current remote book drops located throughout the community, the Library has just added two new sites. No matter your schedule or where you might be headed around St. Charles, our book drops offer ease and convenience when turning in materials.

New locations include:

**Northeast (NEW):**
The Fire River & Countryside Fire Rescue District
34W500 Carl Lee Rd.
St. Charles, IL

**West (NEW):**
St. Charles Police Department
1515 W. Main St.
St. Charles, IL

Existing locations include:

**East:**
Foxboro Plaza
2400 E. Main St., #105
St. Charles, IL

**Northwest:**
Silver Glen Crossing
Randall Rd. & Silver Glen Rd.
618 Randall Rd.
South Elgin, IL
(In front of Bill Cho's United Taekwondo Center, north of Caputo's)

**Wayne:**
Wayne Police Station
Army Trail Rd. at 5N430 Railroad St.
Wayne, IL
*Items collected at this location on Monday afternoon only. Fines will be adjusted according to pick-up schedule.

With the start of renovation and expansion in March 2020, the Library will be located temporarily at Haines Middle School on 305 South 9th Street. During the renovation period, books can be returned at this site as well.

Behind-the-Scenes Library Tour

**Wednesday, November 20** • 12:00-1:30 p.m.
**Saturday, December 14** • 9:30-11:00 a.m.
**Thursday, January 9** • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
**Tuesday, February 11** • 10:00-11:30 a.m.

What will remain the same is our outstanding service and enthusiasm that you expect from Library staff! In addition, the Library will continue to have the same hours of business, as well as Interlibrary Loan and holds’ services. Books and materials can be returned at Haines or any of the five convenient remote book drops situated throughout the community. District 303’s The Daily Bean Coffee Shop will set up shop in the lobby, and our Friends of St. Charles Public Library’s lobby book sales will continue at Haines. The building is one level, accessible to all and has ADA-compliant restrooms. Make sure to stop by, borrow a new bestseller, grab a coffee and say hello!

Our website, scpld.org, will feature the latest news on the renovation. Here you can find presentations, layouts, frequently asked questions and more. I also lead monthly behind-the-scenes tours at the Library, so join us, ask questions and please make sure to let us know how we can be of service to you.
St. Charles Public Library and Explore More Illinois: Your Passport to Cultural Events

The St. Charles Public Library is excited to announce its partnership with Explore More Illinois. This program offers St. Charles Public Library cardholders, 18 and older, instant online access to discounted tickets to museums, park districts, historical societies, performing arts centers and other attractions across the state of Illinois.

Explore More Illinois can be accessed at any time from any computer, tablet or smartphone. Visit exploremore.quipugroup.net, and log in using a valid library card number and PIN to review and reserve offerings by attraction and date.

Current attractions include the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (Springfield), Chicago Children's Museum, and Discovery Center Museum (Rockford). To see a complete list of offerings, please visit exploremoreillinois.org. New listings are added on a regular basis so be sure to check back frequently.

Explore More Illinois is a service of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS), which provides a number of different programs and services for Illinois libraries and library users. For more information, feel free to contact the St. Charles Public Library at 630-584-0076.

Save the Date:

Books & Brunch

A Signature Event Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation

Saturday, April 4, 2020
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
St. Charles Country Club ▪ $55 per person

Featured Author Scott Turow

As part of its Books and Brunch Fundraiser, the St. Charles Public Library Foundation is thrilled to present lawyer and internationally-acclaimed author Scott Turow. He is the author of 11 fiction and three nonfiction books, including Presumed Innocent and Burden of Proof.

Autograph signings, raffles, and book giveaways, as well as a delicious brunch, are included in this exclusive event. Tickets go on sale January 2, 2020 online and at the Library. Seating is limited. All proceeds support the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Computer Classes

All classes are two days unless otherwise stated
Class size is limited to 10 people • Technology Center

For complete class descriptions, please visit any service desk or our website at scpld.org/computer-classes. Successful completion of Computer & Internet Basics is a prerequisite for all other computer classes offered OR ask at the Reference Desk for our checklist to see if you are confident enough with basic computer skills to skip this requirement. Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only. REGISTER online, by phone or in person.

For January classes, registration begins Sunday, December 15 • noon

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St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays • 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
*unless otherwise noted

The St. Charles Writers Group is a creative writing workshop that meets the second and 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. Questions? Contact Denise Blaszynski at 630-584-0076, ext. 240. DROP IN

December 14: The public is invited to the Annual Holiday Reading by group members
December 28: Your Reading and Writing Story: Literacy Narratives
January 11: Lessons from Dreyer’s English (CCR)
January 25: Dave Goodwin: Writing and Publishing a Mystery Novel
February 8: Intro to Poetry
February 22: Narrative, Story, or Plot?

Great Decisions

Thursdays • 7:00 p.m. • Bisbee Conference Room
January 16 – State of the State Department and Diplomacy
(2019 briefing book)
February 20 – Climate Change and the Global Order
(2020 briefing book)

Great Decisions is America’s largest discussion program on world affairs. The Great Decisions discussion group is intended to stimulate a discussion of foreign policy issues. Participants may check out a copy of the briefing book at the Library. Participants should be ready to discuss the article prior to participation. DROP IN
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What the Staff is Reading

- **Watership Down**
  Richard Adams • FIC ADAMS
  The compelling tale of a band of wild rabbits on a treacherous journey, struggling to hold onto their place in the world. This classic adventure story of courage and loyalty is a wonderful read for all ages.

- **Lady in the Lake**
  Laura Lippman • FIC LIPPMAN
  Maddie Schwartz, age 37, reevaluates her life as a 1960s housewife focused exclusively on her son and husband, and pursues her passion for journalism in this riveting historical thriller that also provides a fascinating look at an era of societal change.

- **A Curious Beginning**
  Deanna Raybourn • FIC RAYBOURN
  Fans of spunky Victorian heroines, witty dialogue and a dash of romance will enjoy the first book in the Veronica Speedwell mystery series. Set in and around London, there’s some danger, a liberated heroine, and a slightly mysterious and rather cranky hero. Great fun and excellent on audio.

- **Bruno, Chief of Police**
  Martin Walker • FIC WALKER
  The first in a delightful mystery series featuring a constable (and eligible bachelor) in a small village in southern France. Mysterious deaths, French food and wines, and interesting characters plus the history of the region during WWII, the Resistance and other historical events including the famous cave paintings.

- **How to Be an Antiracist**
  Ibram X. Kendi • 305.8 KEN
  A candid approach to understanding and uprooting racism and inequality in our society and ourselves. His framework is truly useful in making sense of how to move the cultural conversation forward. Would be a great book to discuss.

- **Read before you watch**
  The movie *Just Mercy* will be out in December and is based on the book *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson (353.48 STE). This powerful book is also available as a set to use for discussion through our Book Club Service.

2nd Tuesday
Book Discussion

The Library offers two book discussion groups: **Mornings** at 10:00 a.m. and **Evenings** at 7:00 p.m. in the Bisbee Conference Room. If you are a SCPL cardholder and need a copy of the title, please check with Reference or Reader Services Desk staff. **DROP IN**

For more information on book discussions visit: [scpld.org/book-discussions](http://scpld.org/book-discussions)

**December 10**
- **Morning**
  - **Snow Hunters**
    by Paul Yoon
    FIC YOON

- **Evening**
  - **Good Talk: A Memoir in Conversations**
    by Mira Jacob
    741.5 JAC

**January 14**
- **Morning & Evening**
  - **American Spy**
    by Lauren Wilkinson
    FIC WILKINSON

**February 11**
- **Morning & Evening**
  - **Unhoneymooned**
    by Christina Lauren
    FIC LAUREN

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Business Programs

**Business Taxes: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly**

*Thursday, December 5 • 7:00–8:30 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room*

Small business owners have experienced their first year under the new tax code and in a few months, will be filing tax returns reflecting the second year of business under the new code.

Harry Eng, CPA, Enrolled Agent, SCORE Certified Master Business Mentor and partner in St. Charles firm, Fox Valley Tax Solutions, will explain what has happened, the successes and failures, and what you can do to better your tax situation as a small business operator. [REGISTER or DROP IN](#)

**Pursuing a Better Investment Experience**

*Thursday, January 9 • 7:00–8:30 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room*

Learn the ten decisions that you can make as an investor to target long-term wealth in the markets. Jorie Pitt, CFP and Lead Financial Planner from AHC Advisors in St. Charles, will discuss what drives market returns and how you can better position yourself to capture those returns over time. [REGISTER or DROP IN](#)

**DIY PR: Ten Tips for Success**

*Tuesday, February 4 • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room*

Discover the secrets of how easy it is to get your news and press releases published in the local media. Entrepreneur Lauren Milligan, owner of ResuMayDay, and Aimee Barrows, News Editor at the Kane County Chronicle, will discuss how to compose a great pitch, polish a video presentation, and become the media’s go-to source. Join this panel of industry experts to learn tips for success and to have your questions answered about navigating the world of public relations and media. [REGISTER or DROP IN](#)

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

*Huntley Meeting Room • 6:30–8:45 p.m.*

December 9: Michelle Rademacher, Founder of Reach People 4 Careers

*TUG will not meet on December 23*

January 13: Sarah Breithaupt presents “The Mindful Job Search”

January 27: Conor Cuneen, author, and humorist presents “SHEIFGAB! Staying Sane, Motivated and Productive in Job Search”

February 10* • February 24** “Speaker & program TBD

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. [REGISTER or DROP IN](#)

**Taming the Teardown Trend**

*Thursday, January 9 • 1:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room*

The Chicago area has been an epicenter of the teardown trend: the replacement of first-generation housing with new, larger homes. Communities struggle with the impacts this trend brings, including the loss of housing diversity and community character, increased storm water runoff and the removal of mature trees. Proponents argue that teardowns increase property tax revenues and provide the kind of housing that buyers prefer. Jean Follett, one of the country’s leading experts on this topic, will help us take a thoughtful look at the big picture to understand how to tame teardowns. [REGISTER](#)

**Friends' Potluck**

*Saturday, February 15 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • Huntley Meeting Room*

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 prior to their regular meeting. Guests are always welcome. [DROP IN](#)

**Atoms to the Cosmos: Exploring the Universe at Fermilab**

*Tuesday, February 25 • 7:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room*

Fermilab is dedicated to exploring our universe from the depths of the atom to the extremes of the cosmos. Join Scientist Emeritus Dr. Paul Mantsch as he explains how the realms of the atom and the cosmos are intimately connected to each other... and to us. The presentation will feature the story of discovery at Fermilab: past, present, future. [REGISTER](#)
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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Motown: Music that Moved the World
Wednesday, February 5 • 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Celebrate Black History Month with a musical journey to the Motor City. In Detroit in the 1960s, Motown Records produced hits as efficiently as the Ford Motor Company produced automobiles—110 Top Ten hits to be exact. It was the “Sound of Young America” sung by performers like The Supremes, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder. Using audio and visual content, music historian Gary Wenstrup will trace the amazing musical journey from the power soul of “Dancing in The Streets” and “I Heard It Through the Grapevine” to the psychedelic soul of “Cloud Nine” and “What’s Going On” to the pop soul of The Jackson 5. Timeless music that moved us then and moves us now. REGISTER

December 15: EYSO Maud Powell String Quartet and Sterling Brass Quintet *
The Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra’s acclaimed Chamber Music Institute presents the Maud Powell String Quartet and the Sterling Brass Quintet as they perform classical chamber works.

January 12: Lakeshore Rush *
Lakeshore Rush is comprised of extraordinary musicians from Chicago who delight audiences of all ages with riveting contemporary and classical standards and forgotten masterpieces. They will perform compositions written in the late 19th through the 21st centuries including works by Claude Debussy, Gian Carlo Menotti, Phillip Glass, Pierre Jalbert, Astor Piazzolla, and Chicago-based composer Marc Mellits.

January 26: Songs of the Roaring 20s
The Roaring Twenties are back! The “Flapper Age” comes alive musically with Matt and Cynthia Gruel. This delightful duo will perform tunes like “It Had to Be You”, “Ain’t Misbehavin’”, “Chicago, That Toddlin’ Town”, “Blue Skies”, “Bye Bye Blackbird”, “Sweet Georgia Brown” and many more. Hear fascinating stories about Prohibition, Al Capone, Fats Waller, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Betty Boop, Zelda Fitzgerald and Chicago in the 20s. “Grab a mug and cut a rug, I mean the joint is jumpin’!”

February 2: Kourosh Dini *
Kourosh Dini is a classically trained pianist exploring a calm, organic path of writing, mimicking nature. A blend of romantic, classical, and modern music, his works create a relaxing ecology of sound nurtured over decades.

February 16: Damsels and Divas: A Musical Revue
From Leonard Bernstein to Sara Bareilles, from classic to modern, from damsels to divas, AnDréa James, soprano, and Valerie Heinkel-Bollero, pianist, collaborate on this exciting recital. They explore some of the great classics of the musical theater genre as well as many of the new pieces to currently grace the stage. Romantic or heart-rendering, glitzy or witty, triumphant or tragic, these songs have one thing in common: they move us. These are the showstoppers that inspire us, stick with us, and that keep us coming back.

Sundays • 2:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
*Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation
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ADULT PROGRAMS

GENEALOGY Series

Keeping Track of People: Census Records
Thursday, January 30 • 7:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Taken every ten years since 1790, the United States federal census contains unique information that can tell you interesting details about your ancestors. Professional genealogist Jane Haldeman will show us what you can learn about your family using these historically fascinating sources. State and Special Censuses will also be covered, in addition to the 1940 Census. REGISTER

New Resources for British Isles Research
Thursday, February 27 • 7:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Learn what new primary and secondary sources have been available for British Isles research and how to use them. Professional genealogist Paul Milner will explain how to keep up to date on the constantly changing face of British Isles research by reviewing recently-released original records, new indexes, books and web sites. REGISTER This program is in partnership with the Kane County Genealogical Society.

GARDENING Programs

Seed Swap and Seed Library Kick-off
Saturday, January 25 • 2:00–3:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Celebrate National Seed Swap Day with our fifth annual seed swap! This will also be your first chance to get seeds from our heirloom seed library. You do not have to bring seeds to take seeds, but it is encouraged. Heirloom and open-pollinated seeds are preferred. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer seed and gardening questions. REGISTER or DROP IN

Microgreens
Tuesday, January 28 • 6:30–8:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room

Join Master Gardeners to learn how you can grow microgreens at home year round. Participants will plant a tray of microgreens to take home for growing and harvesting. Microgreens are nutrient dense edible seedlings that can be enjoyed in salads, soups, smoothies or as a replacement for any green and can be grown during times of the year when you can't grow outdoors. You'll learn what types of seeds are best suited for microgreens, planting and growing conditions, and how to harvest. REGISTER

Herbology 101
Wednesday, February 12 • 7:00–8:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room

This program details a variety of topics including the use, growing and care of herbs with information on harvesting. It is a general program for those who are curious about herbs, but do not know where to start and those who want to plant to a few herbs in their garden. Presented by Backyard Patch Herbs. REGISTER
TEEN PROGRAMS

Ugly Sweater Cake

Friday, December 6 • 4:00–6:00 p.m. • STC Underground
Get in the holiday spirit with an Ugly Sweater Cake! A professional baker will teach you how to cover your own mini sweater cake with fondant icing and make festive decorations. This program will take place at the STC Underground. REGISTER with the St. Charles Park District.

Anime Club

Tuesdays • December 10 • January 14 • February 11
6:00–8:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
Every second Tuesday of the month get loud and geek out with anime, snacks, and activities! Cosplay is always welcome. DROP IN

Exam Cram

Tuesday, December 17 • 5:00–7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18 • 5:00–10:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 19 • 5:00–10:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Study for finals with us! Free pizza, snacks and drinks provided courtesy of the Friends of St. Charles Public Library. We stay open until 10:00 p.m. for the late night crammers. DROP IN

Inclusion Game Night

Thursday, January 16 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
People of all abilities -- and their families, friends, and caregivers -- are invited to socialize and play cards and board games in a relaxed setting. REGISTER or DROP IN

Bob Ross’ Painting

Wednesday February 12 • 4:00–7:00 pm. • STC Underground
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 how to create a landscape masterpiece. Painting supplies will be provided free of charge. This program will take place at the STC Underground. REGISTER with the St. Charles Park District.

Sewing for Cosplay

We are offering two learn-to-sew programs presented by Sewing 4 Fun. You will need to purchase fabric to use. Please register with an email address and we will contact you with information about which fabric to purchase.

Capes & Cloaks

Wednesday, January 29 • 4:00–7:00 p.m. • Part 1
Wednesday February 5 • 4:00–7:00 p.m. • Part 2
Learn to how to sew a basic cloak or cape which can be easily modified for a variety of anime and fantasy costumes. This is a two-part class and you must attend both classes. REGISTER

Kimonos

Wednesday February 26 • 4:00–7:00 p.m. • Part 1
Thursday, February 27 • 4:00–7:00 p.m. • Part 2
Learn how to sew you very own kimono which can be easily modified for a variety of anime and fantasy costumes. This is a two-part class and you must attend both classes. REGISTER

Lincoln Book Award Kick-off Party

Thursday, February 20 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Cast your votes for your favorite Lincoln Award Nominees + pizza, crafts, movies and more! We are teaming with St. Charles East and St. Charles North High School to vote for our favorite Lincoln Award Nominees. Copies of the nominated books will be available at both high schools and the St. Charles Public Library. Drop in anytime between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. for voting, snacks and fun! Voting runs February 15–March 15. DROP IN

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Drop-In Story Time

All Ages • Mondays–Thursdays • December 2–February 27
10:00–10:30 a.m. • Huntley Meeting Room

This program is filled with stories, music and movement. DROP IN

Get up and move, BABY!

Ages 0-2 • Mondays • December 2–February 24
3:00–3:30 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room

A playtime for meeting other children and caregivers! DROP IN

Family Bilingual Story Time / Cuentos Bilingue para la Familia

All Ages • Helen Gale Story Room

Mondays • 6:00–7:00 p.m. • December 2 • January 20 • February 24
Saturdays • 10:00–11:00 a.m. • December 14 • January 11 • February 8

Thirty minutes of stories, songs, nursery rhymes, finger plays and movement and 30 minutes of craft. Presented in Spanish and English. Treinta minutos de cuentos, canciones, rimas, juego de los dedos y movimiento y 30 minutos de manualidades. Presentado en español e ingles. DROP IN

My First Story Time

Ages 0-24 months • Tuesdays • December 3–February 25
9:30–10:00 a.m. • Helen Gale Story Room

Lap sit story time for parents/caregivers and children, with songs, stories, and play. Simple sign language will also be covered. REGISTER

2 & 3 Year Old Story Time

Tuesdays OR Wednesdays • December 3–February 26
10:30–11:00 a.m. • Helen Gale Story Room

Interactive story time for children and their parents/caregivers, which include songs and stories. REGISTER

Story Time for 4 - 6 Year Olds

Tuesdays • December 3–February 25
1:30–2:15 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room

Interactive story time for independent children including songs, stories, and play. Children should be comfortable attending on their own. Caregiver may be asked to attend dependent on theme. REGISTER

St. Charles Public Library

EARLY LITERACY

Stories and Snacks Drop-In Story Time

All Ages • Tuesdays, December 3–February 25
6:30–7:00 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room

This program is filled with stories, music, movement, and a special bedtime snack. Pajamas are encouraged! DROP IN

Chicka Chicka BOOM BOOM ABC Day!

Ages 1-5 • Wednesday, December 4
4:30–5:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room

Meet us at the top of the coconut tree for this awesome day full of ABCs! DROP IN

Sensory Stories and Play

All Ages • Thursdays • December 5–February 27
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room

An extra wiggly story time followed by a time to play with other children and meet other caregivers. Designed with sensory differences in mind and open to all. DROP IN

Stories at the Nature Center

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Big Sibling Boot Camp

Ages 1-5 • Wednesday, January 8
4:30–5:15 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Practice becoming a big sibling! Learn with baby dolls, read stories about being a good helper, and make a small ‘gift’ for your new sibling! Open to anyone who has or will have a new sibling. REGISTER

Creek Bend Nature Center, LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve

After the program, explore the Nature Center and walk the trails. Cosponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Kane County. DROP IN
YOUTH PROGRAMS

Used Book Sale! Everything for Kids
Friday, December 6 • 9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 7 • 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
All children’s materials must go! Books, movies, audio, games and much more will be available for purchase just in time for the holidays. Purchases support Junior Friends of the Library special projects. Sponsored by the Junior Friends. DROP IN

Stuffed Animal Sleepover
All Ages • Drop off Friday, December 20 at 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Pick up Saturday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m.
Helen Gale Story Room
Pick out the animal friend you can be without overnight. Come to the ASK ME Desk to drop off on Friday before 6:00 p.m. On Saturday, view a slide show of all the overnight animal antics at 10:00 a.m. DROP IN

Jim Gill’s Sing-a-thon of Celebrated Songs!
All Ages • Friday, December 27
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Get ready to sing, clap, dance and spin along during this visit by award-winning musician and crowd-favorite Jim Gill. REGISTER

Glowing Noon Year’s Party
All Ages • Tuesday, December 31 • 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Families, bring in the New Year with a glow-in-the-dark dance party, complete with a countdown to noon! DROP IN

I ❤️ Winter Reading
Infants-Grade 8
Thursday, January 2—Friday, February 14
Sign up for Winter Reading in Youth Services starting Thursday, January 2. Complete a reading log to receive a prize and an entry into a raffle. Drop off logs at any time and complete as many as you wish. Winter Reading will end on Friday, February 14 with a day of LOVEly activities during Happy Hearts Valentine’s Day Celebration.

Elephant and Piggie Visit the Library
All Ages • Saturday, February 1
10:00-11:00 a.m. OR 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Helen Gale Story Room
We know that waiting is not easy... but Gerald and Piggie are coming to our Library! Stop by during one of our two sessions for a meet and greet. Don’t forget to bring your camera. DROP IN

Black History Month Movie Celebration
Friday, February 7: Black Panther (PG-13, 2018)
Friday, February 28: Queen of Katwe (PG, 2016)
5:00-7:15 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
In honor of Black History Month, join us in watching a movie and eating snacks. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult for PG-13 movies, otherwise children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. DROP IN

Happy Hearts Valentine’s Day Celebration!
All Ages • Friday, February 14 • 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Youth Services Department
Let’s celebrate the end of Winter Reading and friendship! We would LOVE it if you stopped by for crafts and activities. DROP IN

Beach Party
All Ages • Wednesday, February 19
3:30-4:30 p.m. • All Ages • Huntley Meeting Room
Cold weather getting you down? Come to our indoor beach party to kick back and enjoy tropical refreshments, beach music and other fun activities! Bring your favorite beach towel. DROP IN

Leap Day Celebration
All Ages • Saturday, February 29 • 2:00-2:29 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Join us for a special 29-minute hopping celebration of Leap Year. Costumes are encouraged for this weird day which feels like we’ve entered an alternate dimension. Come ready to leap. It only happens once every four years! DROP IN

Movie Night
Grades 4-8 • Fridays • December 20* • January 17 • February 21
4:30-7:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
Watch a recent release on the big screen! Pizza, lemonade and popcorn compliments of Classic Cinema will be served. Registration closes at 9:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the movie or when filled. *Movie Night SPECIAL! We will be watching Elf (PG) and making gingerbread creations in addition to our regular program. REGISTER

Program Registration
Registration for all Library programs, with the exception of computer classes, begins Wednesday, November 20 at 9:00 a.m. Register online at scpld.org, by phone at 630-584-0076 x1 or in person.
**STEAM programs**

**Express Yourself!**
Grades K-5 • Tuesdays • December 3 • January 14 • February 11
4:00-5:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
Come create your own beautiful arts & crafts masterpiece in our open crafts session! DROP IN

**Full STEAM Ahead-Engineering**
Ages 3-Grade K with Caregiver • Huntley Meeting Room
Thursdays • December 5 • January 9 • February 13
6:00–6:45 p.m.
An interactive program where participants will work together to create and learn. Please only register for one date. REGISTER

**Find the “Picasso” in You!**
Grades 1–5 • Fridays • December 6 • January 17 • February 7
3:30–4:30 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
Each month learn about one of the many great artists in history. Then use them as inspiration to sketch, paint, and sculpt your own masterpieces. REGISTER

**Winter Science Experiments**
Grades 2-6 • Wednesday, December 11
4:00-4:30 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
Become a scientist! Hypothesize, build and test wacky science experiments. REGISTER

**Foodie Families**
Ages 3-7 with Caregiver • Thursday, December 12
3:30-4:30 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
Calling young bakers! Children and adults decorate a cookie together. Please register everyone attending. REGISTER

**Little Artists**
Ages 4–6 • Fridays • December 13 • January 10 • February 14
10:30–11:00 a.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
Listen to a story then create an exciting art project! REGISTER

**Full STEAM Ahead-Electricity**
Grades 1-3 • Thursdays • December 19 • January 16 • February 20
Helen Gale Story Room • 6:00–7:00 p.m.
An interactive, independent program where students will work together to create and learn. Please only register for one date. REGISTER

**Be Internet Awesome!**
Grades 3-6 • 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 2 AND Friday, January 3
Technology Center
In this fun, two-day session, learn about internet safety and digital citizenship and then test your skills in Google’s Interland game. REGISTER

**OZOBOT Coding**
Grades 2-3 • Monday, January 6
10:00–11:00 a.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Learn simple line coding using colors with our fun mini robots! REGISTER

**Foodie Kids with Chef Ruth Ann**
Grades K-2 • 4:00–5:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
Tuesday, January 7: Let’s Warm Up With Hot Chocolate!
Tuesday, February 25: Let’s Go Bananas!
Grades 3-5
4:00-5:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
Wednesday, January 8: Let’s Warm Up With Hot Chocolate!
Wednesday, February 26: Let’s Go Bananas!
Have some fun learning about how to cook and prepare yummy recipes with Chef Ruth Ann Seney, a family and consumer science teacher for over 30 years, who has taught hundreds of students how to cook. REGISTER

**Learn to Code with Scratch**
Grades 2-3 • Friday, February 28 • 10:00–11:30 a.m. • Technology Center
Grades 4-6 • Friday, February 28 • 2:00–3:30 p.m. • Technology Center
Start coding and play with the Scratch coding language! This program is designed for students unfamiliar with Scratch and is a repeat of the fall session. Bring an email address to make an account. There is no school for D303 on this date. REGISTER

**How Many is 100?**
Grades K-2 • Wednesday, January 15
4:00–4:45 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
Use your skill and imagination to count, sort, group and create with the number 100. REGISTER
YOUTH PROGRAMS

Cultural Literacy Series
A program series featuring characters from different racial, ethnic, religious, ability, economic, LGBTQ, and neurodiverse backgrounds.

Diverse Voices Story Time

Saturdays • January 4 • February 1
3:00-3:30 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
Join us to read stories about people from diverse backgrounds; best for ages 4 to 8 with caregiver. DROP IN

Diverse Voices Book Club

Grades 3-8
Wednesday, January 22: Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
Wednesday, February 26: New Kid by Jerry Craft
6:30-7:30 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room A
Discuss titles written by people of all different backgrounds about all kinds of experiences. Books will be available for registrants to check out at the Youth Services ASK ME Desk. REGISTER

Diverse Voices Book Club for Adults

Wednesday, January 22: Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
Wednesday, February 26: New Kid by Jerry Craft
6:30-7:30 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room B
For kids’ literature lovers, get together with other adults to discuss children’s literature from diverse voices. Books will be available for registrants to check out at the Adult Services Reference Desk or the Youth Services ASK ME Desk. REGISTER

Anime Night

Grades 6-8 • 6:00–7:30 p.m.
Helen Gale Story Room
Thursdays • December 12
January 9 • February 13
Nani?! Middle schoolers now have their own night of anime! Each month we’ll watch anime while sampling Asian snacks. DROP IN

Video Game Night

Grades 6-8 • Thursdays • January 23 • February 27
6:00–7:30 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
Middle schoolers, try out some of the Library’s Switch games! Games and remotes provided. DROP IN

Babysitter Training

Ages 11-15
Thursday, January 2 AND Friday, January 3
9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
FEE: $45 in Library district
$65 outside Library district
This two-day training will cover all aspects of babysitter responsibilities and includes babysitter resources. Must attend the entire training both days and pass all observable skills to obtain Red Cross certification. Please bring a sack lunch. Grant funding provided by the Friends of St. Charles Public Library. REGISTER

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Library Board Meetings

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
December 11, 2019
January 8, 2020
February 12, 2020

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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
Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)
Tuesday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m. (New Year’s Eve)
Wednesday, January 1 (New Year’s Day)
Monday, February 17 (President’s Day)

Schedule

December 2019 -February 2020
Patron Comments

Here at the St. Charles Public Library, we strive to provide optimal services to our most important customers – YOU! Our goal is to continue to seek the best ways to offer quality materials, programming and outreach. When we have made you happy, then we know that our efforts are on the right track. Here are some of the wonderful comments that we have received from our patrons:

"Friendly staff, security guard said ‘Hello’ and asked about my day. Bravo! Very clean facility, quiet and helpful staff. Proud to be a resident of St. Charles and to use this wonderful facility."

"I’m responsible for arranging events for my group to attend and we’ve been really excited about the offerings at your library this year. There’s been such a great variety of adult programs that are of interest to our group: music, history, cooking and art."

"The Book Club Service is an amazing, worthwhile addition to the system! Our book club has been together for 24+ years, and this has been a real time-saver. Thanks."

“Through their engaging and meaningful programming, SCPL’s Outreach team are quite literally a lifeline to the world outside of Pine View Care Center.”

“We moved here about 12 years ago from a place with a bad library. What a delight to realize a library could be friendly and helpful and a place you want to visit. We come all the time and are so glad we’ve gotten to know you.”