Discover Your Library
St. Charles Public Library News and Event Guide

25 Things You Should Know About Your Library

1. Test drive an iPad. Borrow a digital projector, Wi-Fi hotspot, laptop and other tech with your St. Charles Library card!

2. Beyond the walls. The Library is more than a building. We’re at the Farmers Market, the St. Patrick’s Day Parade and the Senior Expo. We deliver books and materials to the homebound, visit memory care facilities, participate in back-to-school nights and more.

3. Story time. Age specific and multi-age sessions every week. Plus, sensory-friendly, bilingual and pajama story times too!

4. Digital. Our digital collection is even larger than our physical one. You’ll find nearly 400,000 items in the Library, and more than 500,000 eBooks, eAudiobooks and other materials on stcharleslibrary.org (plus nine million songs ready to stream or download).

5. 50,000 Library visitors per month. 1.4 million items circulated every year, and 28,000 visits to stcharleslibrary.org each month.

6. Manage your Library account from home. Search our catalog, place holds, download materials and more.

7. Artists. Our Mezzanine gallery showcases a local artist of the month. Stop in and see incredible works, or become one of the exhibitors.

8. 55,092 people live in the Library District which includes St. Charles, Wayne and portions of South Elgin and West Chicago.

9. Hola! Shalom! Salut! Hallo! Konichiwa! Our huge variety of online language learning resources will teach you more than how to say “Hello!” Perfect for students, international travelers, exchange student host families and more.

10. Checked-out materials will automatically renew. We will notify you via email when an item needs to be returned. We renew Library cards automatically as well!

11. Entertainment. With an SCPL card and a smart device, you can browse more than 100 magazine titles. Download music and keep it forever or stream movies, documentaries and TV shows.

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Applauding our Library Card Design Contest Winners

After a rousing week of public voting in mid-September, we congratulate our winners of the Library Card Design Contest:

- **Julia Johnson** for “Fox Reading by the River” in the Kid Category
- **Tommy Hofmeyer** for “Carnegie Sketch” in the Teen Category
- **Rebecca Repta** for “Fox in the Forest” in the Adult Category

A tip of the hat to our other finalists for their excellent work as well: Sarah Forsell, Hayden Lund, Nena Rohaidzam, Thea Loppnow, Jessica Hofmeyer and Adair Allen!

Our three new cards are now available along with a freshly-redesigned fourth option. Pick out a favorite style for you, or get a different one for each member of the family! We welcome new and existing cardholders to stop by the Circulation Desk and obtain a new card. For more information, call 630-584-0076 ext. 0.

Save Money, Shop Smarter with Your St. Charles Library Card

It’s the season of dazzling discounts, generous gifting, and perhaps a few of those “just for me” purchases.

Before shopping with your credit card, use the power of your St. Charles Library card. Cardholders enjoy full access to consumerreports.org and exclusive, expanded content not available in the magazine’s print editions. With consumerreports.org, you’ll find unbiased product reviews and recommendations for everything from blenders to new cars and thousands of products in between.

Make your best possible buying decisions: visit our website: stcharleslibrary.org, click on Research & Learning and select Articles & Databases from the drop-down menu. Then scroll down and double-click on Consumer Reports. You’ll need to enter your Library card number and the default password: CHANGEME (which you can change upon signing in for the first time). Give it a try. You’ll see why Consumer Reports has served as an independent consumer advocate—testing products for safety, functionality, reliability and value since 1936.

St. Charles Library Offers Free Notary Service

From time to time, we all have contracts and agreements requiring the official witness of a notary public. The St. Charles Library offers this service free of charge, but does require advance notice to ensure we have a certified associate available when needed.

In this age of fraud and identity theft, a notary serves as a valuable, independent witness to the signing of an agreement or contract by the proper parties. While the process itself is simple, a notarized document provides a powerful risk-management tool for individuals as well as businesses. To schedule your free notary service, call the Library at 630-584-0076.
What the Staff Is Reading

Dead Man’s Bones by Susan Wittig Albert
・ FIC ALBERT
The 14th in a popular, leisurely cozy mystery series set in the southwest features an intelligent female sleuth, ingenious plot twists, and lots of fascinating information about herbs. The audio version is especially good. If you like to start series at the beginning, the first is Thyme of Death.

The Aeronaut’s Windlass by Jim Butcher
・ FIC BUTCHER
This action-packed series opener from Butcher has a steampunk-y feel, but the intricate and intriguing world will also appeal to fans of science fiction, fantasy and even Napoleonic-era historical fiction. Filled with adventure, suspense and witty characters, it is a fantastic read. Highly recommended for Naomi Novik and Brandon Sanderson fans.

What She Knew by Gilly MacMillan
・ FIC MACMILLAN
A grieving mother looks for her missing child in this menacing story filled with red herrings and potential suspects. Compelling and intense!

Trains and Lovers by Alexander McCall Smith
・ FIC MCCALL SMITH
Set on a train between Edinburgh to London, this is an enjoyable quick read. The pace of the story itself conjures up the feel of the train’s rhythm, as each character shares his/her own experiences involving trains and their personal relationships. There’s the comfort of anonymity here, similar to sitting next to strangers on an airplane for hours and discussing life’s little details with no concern for future ramifications.

The Sport of Kings by C.E. Morgan ・ FIC MORGAN
Delve into this majestic and ambitious work of literary fiction that follows a family through the decades as they contend with family demons, racial prejudice, and Kentucky horse racing culture. Richly atmospheric, and the writing is astonishing.

Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam by Steve Sheinkin ・ J 959.7043 SHE
This is a rich and engaging work of narrative nonfiction with a behind the scenes account of the presidential machinations associated with the Vietnam War and the story of Daniel Ellsberg, the whistleblower who released the Pentagon papers to the press. Sheinkin makes history come alive and provides access to a part of the story that those who lived through those years would not have known at the time. A fantastic audiobook, too!


For more, see our “Staff Picks” blog.

Register for Adult Programs
online at events.stcharleslibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp, at the Reference Desk or by calling 630-584-0076 ext. 1.

Monthly Introductory Computer Classes

Overview of Windows 10
Tuesday, January 3 ・ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 1)
Wednesday, January 4 ・ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 2)

Computer & Internet Basics
Monday, January 9 ・ 6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 1)
Tuesday, January 10 ・ 6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 2)

Introduction to MS Word 2013
Wednesday, January 11 ・ 6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 1)
Thursday, January 12 ・ 6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 2)

eBay: Buying and Selling
Monday, January 16 ・ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 1)
Tuesday, January 17 ・ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 2)

Introduction to Quickbooks 2016
Wednesday, January 18 ・ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 1)
Wednesday, January 25 ・ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 2)

Overview of Windows 10
Monday, January 23 ・ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 1)
Tuesday, January 24 ・ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 2)

Notes:
▶ Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.
▶ A $10 refundable cash deposit is required at the time of registration.
▶ REGISTER at the Adult Reference Desk.
▶ Class size is limited to 10 people.
▶ Class cancellations will be posted in the Library and on our website.

For complete class descriptions, please visit the Reference Desk or our website: www.stcharleslibrary.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.

January registration begins Sunday, December 18 at noon

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EVENTS FOR ADULTS

February registration begins Sunday, January 15 at noon

Overview of Windows 10
Wednesday, February 1  •  6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 1)
Thursday, February 2  •  6:30–8:30 pm (Part 2)

iPad / iPhone for Beginners
Monday, February 6  •  6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 1)
Tuesday, February 7  •  6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 2)

Android for Beginners
Wednesday, February 8  •  6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 1)
Thursday, February 9  •  6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 2)

Apps of Windows 10
Monday, February 13  •  6:30–8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Quickbooks 2016
Wednesday, February 15  •  6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 1)
Wednesday, February 22  •  6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 2)

MS Word 2013: Beyond the Basics
Tuesday, February 21  •  6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 1)
Thursday, February 23  •  6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 2)

Digital Camera & Photo Editing Basics
Monday, February 27  •  6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 1)
Tuesday, February 28  •  6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 2)

High Performance Interviewing
Thursday, January 12  •  7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Join author Jim Starkey and receive a copy of his book, “High Performance Interviewing.” This clear, concise guide can help you put your career on a new trajectory – a more senior executive level, a geographical move or a novel direction. High Performance Interviewing is designed to make you better than your competition. While written for senior executives, the concepts are pertinent to any job interview scenario and can be applied with success by students or by CEOs. REGISTER

Powerful Presentations: Public Speaking Made Easy
Thursday, February 2  •  6:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Public speaking. For many of us, it’s our biggest fear. Leah Hoppes and Sean Matthew Whitfield of Vision Force Marketing will teach you how to control your nerves, engage your audience and command attention – whether you’re speaking at a conference, closing an important sales call, presenting to coworkers or toasting the newlywed couple. They’ll even share the Top 10 Mistakes Even Good Presenters Make. We’ll help you add poise and polish to your next presentation. REGISTER

Online Computer Classes
If your schedule doesn’t match ours, try some online courses available through the Library’s website:

Atomic Training
This online video training is broken down into small “bites” of just a few minutes so you may watch just what you need of the tutorials on the most popular software.

Learning Express Library
Learn at your own pace with basic through advanced interactive tutorial courses which include audio and captions.

Lynda.com
Leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals.

Gale Courses
Hundreds of courses focused on professional development, technology skills and personal enrichment. Six-week long courses are taught entirely online by instructors and new sessions begin every month.

Smile!
Attendance at programs and events sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library may be recorded through photographs or video. These images may be used for Library promotional purposes or posted on the Library’s website. Please notify a Library staff member if you or your family members do not want to be photographed.

Special Accommodations
Requests for special accommodations must be made 48 hours in advance of a Library event. If assistance is needed in using the Library, please inform a Library assistant at the Circulation Desk.

Fees
Fees are charged in the case of materials, services or facilities provided for primary or exclusive use by individual patrons and for which patron-specific costs are incurred by the Library. When the Library incurs such fees and the individual subsequently fails to use the service without prior notification, the individual will be charged for the expense.
St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays  ■  9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

The St. Charles Writers Group is a workshop for writers 18 years and over that meets the second Saturday of each month. There is no fee for membership. Facilitator is Richard Holinger. Questions? Contact Denise Blaszynski at 630-584-0076, ext. 240.

December 10 – Holiday reading open to the public
January 14 – Character rules: Creating character
February 11 – Studying the art and craft of dialogue

Historical Look at Polish Pottery

Tuesday, December 6  ■  7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Rebecca Gengler of Polish Pottery located in Big Rock, IL will share the rich history and artistry of Polish stoneware at this special presentation. Learn about the 400-year-old traditional stoneware made in Boleslawiec, Poland that is world famous and sought all over the world. Every piece is handmade and made for everyday kitchen use. Select pieces will be available for purchase at this event. REGISTER

Chicago Pop Culture Con

Saturday, November 26  ■  9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 27  ■  9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Pheasant Run Mega Center, 4051 E Main St

Come visit the St. Charles Public Library at the Chicago Pop Culture Convention! We will be teaching and discussing tabletop gaming. Stop by and see our extensive 100+ board game collection available for attendees to play.


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Sunday Concert Series

Sundays 2:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

* December 11 – Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra featuring the Maud Powell String Quartet and the newest Honors Chamber Ensemble, the Earl Clemens Wind Quintet.

* January 8 – Experience a delightful trip down memory lane as Sweet Reminder performs some of the songs you love by the crooners you remember. Laugh and sing along with a selection of treasures from the 30s, 40s and 50s.

* January 22 – Harpist Jaina Krueger and Violinist Ashley Fitzwater will perform classical pieces by composers Pescetti, Fauré, Piazzolla and Tournier.

* February 26 – Scott Metlicka, flute/piccolo and Constance Hughes, piano will perform an array of music from composers including Bach, Bizet, Godard and Chicago composer John LaMontaine.

* Designates a classical concert funded through donations to the St. Charles Public Library Foundation. DROP IN

January 5 – Love Me Tender:
Award-winning vocalist Maureen Christine, saxophonist Michael Bazan and accordionist Don Stille return to the library to perform sophisticated songs from the 50s and 60s.
EVENTS FOR ADULTS

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 **DROP IN**

December 13

Morning
**Dear Committee Members**
by Julie Schumacher • FIC SCHUMACHER

Evening
**Tinkers**
by Paul Harding • FIC HARDING

January 10

Morning & Evening
**Saving Simon: How a Rescue Donkey Taught Me the Meaning of Compassion**
by Jon Katz • 636.182 KAT

February 14

Morning
**Homegoing**
by Yaa Gyasi • FIC GYASI

Evening
**So Big**
by Edna Ferber • FIC FERBER

Fascinating Women of History
**Mamie Eisenhower: The Hostess in Chief**

Wednesday, December 14 • 1:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Mamie was America's beloved First Lady from 1953 until 1961. She was also an Army Wife, Mother and Grandmother. Visit with Mamie, as presented by Ellie Carlson, as she relates her life as Ike's wife, our First Lady and "just a good friend," which is how she most wanted to be remembered. Learn from Mamie about living in Panama and the Philippines between the world wars and about her loving relationship with Ike which weathered horrible rumors and long separations.

**REGISTER**

Board Game Nights

**Wednesdays • 6:00–8:30 p.m.**
December 14 • Huntley Meeting Room
No January Game Night
February 15 • Carnegie Community Room

Join us to play games like Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride and other modern board games. Meet up with fellow board gamers. Bring a favorite game to teach new players or grab one from our collection.

**REGISTER or DROP IN**

Cooking at the Library:
**Clean Eating with Chef Cherise**

Wednesday, January 11 • 7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

It’s easy to appreciate a healthy diet when everything tastes delicious! Chef Cherise will explain the methods behind the clean eating movement and teach you knife skill techniques that will make preparing all those fruits and vegetables a breeze. The Chef’s program will include Oats 'n Flax Granola, Tangy Vegetable Salad and Organic Berry Crumble. Tasty bites and recipes will be shared. **Registration is limited to 65 participants. REGISTER**

Painting Workshop:
**Winter Cardinal**

Tuesday, January 24 • 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

A cardinal in the snow will be our inspiration for this fun hands-on painting workshop. First you’ll draw with pencil on watercolor paper. Then you'll learn to paint with watercolor pencils using several different techniques under Christine Thornton's guidance. **This program is limited to 30 participants. REGISTER**

Great Decisions

**Thursdays • 7:00 p.m.**

Great Decisions is America’s largest discussion program on world affairs. The Great Decision 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**

January 19 – **Cuba and the U.S. (2016 Briefing Book)**
• Carnegie Community Room

February 16 – **The Future of Europe (2017 Briefing Book)**
• Huntley Meeting Room

Seed Swap and Seed Library Kickoff

Saturday, January 28 • 1:00–2:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Join us to celebrate National Seed Swap Day and our third 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 also encouraged. **REGISTER or DROP IN**
- **Finding Your Roots in Naturalization Records**
  Wednesday, February 1 • 7:00 p.m.
  Carnegie Community Room

  Genealogy speaker and author Steve Szabados presents ways of finding your immigrant ancestors’ naturalization papers to see the beginning of your roots in America. Traditional and online sources will be reviewed. [REGISTER](#)

- **Emigration and Immigration**
  Thursday, February 16 • 7:00 p.m.
  Carnegie Community Room

  Genealogist Jacquie Schattner will guide us through the process of finding one's ancestor's emigration from their country of origin and immigration to the United States. Why did they leave? What was the voyage like? Learn the interesting details of your ancestors' journey to their new life here. A list of over 30 websites and other resources will be provided. [REGISTER](#)

- **Ancestry.com Primer**
  Tuesday, February 28 • 7:00 p.m.
  Carnegie Community Room

  Genealogist Caron Primas-Brennan will review the Ancestry.com site, including the Ancestry Trees; discuss what is to offer beginners as well as more advanced genealogy researchers; and compare what is available through the free site and the paid subscription. Whether you are just starting out and want to host a tree at Ancestry, or have been researching for years but want more information online, this is the session for you. [REGISTER](#)

  **Two more genealogy programs are planned for March of 2017. Details will appear in the March-May copy of Discover Your Library.**

- **Pastry Chef Rose Deneen Presents Chocolates from Around the World**
  Tuesday, February 7 • 7:00 p.m.
  Huntley Meeting Room

  Pastry Chef Rose Deneen shares her exploration of chocolates from around the world, including Belgium, Germany, Italy and more! A tasting of a variety of chocolates, as well as sweet treats prepared with the international chocolates will be provided. Samples and recipes will be provided. [REGISTER](#)

- **The Eastland Disaster: An Unparalleled Tragedy**
  Thursday, February 23 • 1:00 p.m.
  Carnegie Community Room

  The S.S. Eastland was a Chicago-based passenger ship used for tours. On July 24, 1915, the ship rolled over while tied to a dock in the Chicago River. A total of 844 passengers and crew were killed in what was to become the largest loss of life from a single shipwreck on the Great Lakes. Using motion picture videos from 1915, photographs and a firsthand narrative delivered by descendants of a survivor, this 45-minute program explains how and why it happened, the nation's response and how it could have been avoided. This program is presented by the Eastland Disaster Historical Society, and co-sponsored with the St. Charles History Museum. [REGISTER](#)
**Young Adult Events**

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**Anime Club**

**Tuesdays • 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

Watch anime, eat snacks and hang out with fellow otaku. There’s always something to do: crafts, board games, video games and trivia. **DROP IN**

- **December 13 • Huntley Meeting Room**
- **January 10 • Carnegie Community Room**
- **February 14 • Huntley Meeting Room**

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**Exam Cram 2017**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

**January 16, 17, 18 • 5:00–10:00 p.m.**

**Huntley Meeting Room**

Open late. Stop by, study, bring a friend or two. Pizza at 7:00 p.m. Snacks and drinks all night thanks to Library Friends. Reference help and Wi-Fi for your laptop always available. **DROP IN**

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**High School Volunteers**

Applications for the winter/spring session, which runs from Monday, February 6 – Friday, May 5, will be available online or at the Reference Desk on Friday, December 16 and must be returned by Friday, January 27.

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**Starred Reviews**

- **Kids of Appetite** by David Arnold
  
  **YA FIC ARNOLD**
  
  Victor Benucci and Madeline Falco have a story to tell. It begins with the death of Vic’s father. It ends with the murder of Mad’s uncle. The Hackensack Police Department would very much like to hear it. But in order to tell their story, Vic and Mad, sitting in separate police interrogation rooms, must tell about the misfits who brought them together and sparked their journey and all the chapters in between.

- **The Crown** by Kiera Cass
  
  **YA FIC CASS**
  
  Long-awaited and wonderfully romantic, the fifth and final book of the Selection series is here. Twenty years have passed since America Singer and Prince Maxon fell in love, and their daughter is the first princess to hold a Selection of her own. But sometimes the heart has a way of surprising you...and now Eadlyn must make a choice that feels more difficult—and more important—than she ever expected.

- **The Reader: Book One of Sea of Ink and Gold** by Traci Chee
  
  **YA FIC CHEE**
  
  Sefia’s father drilled her on what to do if they were ever in danger, but she never expected to return home one day and find him brutally murdered. She escapes with one vital thing: a heavy square wrapped in cloth containing bound pages with intricate symbols. Amid magic, fighting rings, swashbuckling pirates, assassins, and a kingdom beset by war, where books are illegal, Sefia searches to track down who kidnapped her Aunt Nin and what really happened to her father.

- **100 Days of Cake** by Shari Goldhagen
  
  **YA FIC GOLDHAGEN**
  
  Seniors at Cove High School might be mapping out every facet of their future, but Molly Bryne just wants to spend the rest of the summer (maybe the rest of her life) hanging out with her cute coworker at FishTopia. Molly’s been struggling with depression, above and beyond industry-standard teen angst. Crushing on her therapist isn’t helping, and neither is her mom, who is convinced that baking the perfect cake will cure her—as if icing alone can magically make her rejoin the swim team or care about the SATs.
a few things worth living for. and helps Parker discover there just might be claims to be quite a bit older than she looks, request: 'treat me like a teenager. '  Zelda silver-haired young woman with an unusual changes when he meets Zelda, a mysterious loner, Parker has little interest in school, track of his thoughts by journaling.  A father die five years ago.  He communicates Parker hasn't spoken since he watched his town; an oddball in a school full of jocks and his classmates or his future.  But everything happens when he meets Zelda, a mysterious silver-haired young woman with an unusual request: 'treat me like a teenager. '  Zelda claims to be quite a bit older than she looks, and helps Parker discover there just might be a few things worth living for.

You've Got to Read This!

Charlie Cook's Favorite Book by Julia Donaldson  
JE DONALDSON
Travel along with Charlie Cook as he sits in his cozy armchair reading his favorite book about a pirate who finds a book about Goldilocks, who is reading her favorite book about a knight, who is reading his favorite joke book... This treat for the ears and eyes holds hidden delights as you follow Charlie's gang through each of their favorite books to where their adventure ends!

Space Taxi: Archie Takes Flight by Wendy Mass  
J MASS
It is Take Your Child to Work Day, and Archie Morningstar gets to spend the whole night with his dad. It doesn't take Archie very long to discover that his dad is no ordinary taxi driver. It seems that Dad drives a space taxi, and he takes aliens all across the universe! Archie is in for an adventure that is truly, out of this world!

Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures by Jackson Pearce  
J PEARCE
Pip Bartlett’s everyday life is full of magical creatures such as unicorns, griffins, pegasai and more. However, no one believes that she has the ability to understand and speak with all these creatures. When Pip goes to stay with her aunt, a veterinarian for magical creatures, she encounters a mystery of flammable Fuzzles suddenly invading everyone’s underwear drawers. Pip may be the only person who can discover the truth.

101 Freaky Animals by Melvin Berger  
J 590 BER
From the armadillo to the stink bug, and from the ghost crab to the smelly hoatzin, the reader is taken on an incredible journey through the air, under the sea, and on land to discover some of the earth's most unusual animals in this fascinating book about 101 amazing creatures.

Crossover by Kwame Alexander  
J 811.6 ALE
This novel in verse is told by Josh Bell, a basketball superstar who loves his family and his long dreads as much as he loves basketball. His twin brother, JB, is also on the team, which makes sense when you realize that their dad was a professional ball player in his day. But when the inseparable Josh and JB drift apart, Josh's feelings get hurt, and he makes a choice that he regrets.

Valiant by Sarah McGuire  
JH MCGUIRE
When Saville's father is overcome by sickness, she dresses as a young man and pretends to be his apprentice in order to survive. When rumors of giants coming to conquer the city prove true and she outwits them to save her friend, Saville is thrust into the spotlight as the 'hero' the city needs. Saville fears her secret will be discovered as she is thrown into castle politics while the city schemes to save itself from an army of giants.

For more suggestions, visit You've Got to Read This! on our website under Kids, then Books for Kids.
Youth Services:
Registration Information

Most Youth Services events require registration.

- A child’s, student’s or parent’s St. Charles Library card is required. Grandparents may register grandchildren for events with the symbol [G].
- Child or student must be the appropriate age or grade to be registered. Each person attending an event must be registered.
- Registration is on a first-come basis and continues until filled. Drop-in participation may be available.
- Families living outside the Library District may attend certain events for a fee on a space available basis. Check in 10 minutes before the event. All attendees must meet the age/grade requirements.
- For your child’s safety, a parent or adult must accompany all children seven (7) years of age and under while in the Library. Please review the “Keeping Safe in the Library” brochure with your child.

Registration ensures that you will be contacted if an event is cancelled or delayed.

Winter/Spring Registration Dates

events.stcharleslibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp

In-person, online and phone event registration begins:
- Winter – Saturday, November 19
- Spring – Saturday, February 25

Grandparents — look for this symbol for events for you and your grandchildren to attend!

YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS INFANT–AGE 5

Age-Specific Story Times

The early childhood story times through age two encourage the adult to participate with the child by serving as a role model, leading the child’s hands through a fingerplay or showing him/her how to bend and stretch. Siblings may attend. Register each child and adult. Participation is limited to registered children and parent/caregiver. An adult may bring up to two children. Ask about accommodations for twins or triplets. REGISTER

Infant with Parent/Caregiver

Mondays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.
Session A: January 16–February 13
Session B: February 27–March 20

One Year Old with Parent/Caregiver

Mondays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.
Session A: January 16–February 13
Session B: February 27–March 20

Thursdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.
Session A: January 19–February 16
Session B: February 23–March 23

Two Year Old with Parent/Caregiver

Tuesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.
Session A: January 17–February 14
Session B: February 21–March 21

Wednesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m.
Session A: January 18–February 15
Session B: February 22–March 22

Three & Four Year Olds

Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.
Session A: January 17–February 14
Session B: February 21–March 21

This story time fosters a love of books and reading and develops good listening skills. To encourage the child’s self-reliance, we ask that the child be comfortable attending the program alone.

Multi-Age Story Time

Infant–Age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Tuesdays, January 10–March 21
9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, January 11–March 22
9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Open attendance; just show your St. Charles Public Library card.

Storytellers will present stories and songs that will tickle, delight and amuse. Children and adults attend together. To ensure an enjoyable story experience for everyone attending, each session will have a total capacity of 40 children and adults. Please arrive early as we will begin to distribute tickets each day 10 minutes before the story time. Door opens five minutes before the event begins. DROP IN

Families living outside the Library District may attend for $2 per person on a space available basis.
Four & Five Year Olds and Half-Day Kindergarten Students

Tuesdays, 1:30–2:15 p.m.
Session A: January 17–February 14
Session B: February 21–March 21

Thursdays, 10:30–11:15 a.m.
Session A: January 19–February 16
Session B: February 23–March 23

This story time will inform, delight and stimulate on a higher level the listening and motor skills of a more mature pre–K child, as well as engage and enrich students in half-day Kindergarten.

Stories at the Nature Center

Infant–5 years with Parent/Caregiver

Fridays, December 2 • January 20 • February 3
10:30–11:00 a.m.

Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve, 37W700 Dean Street

You are invited to hear stories at Creek Bend Nature Center. After the program, explore the Nature Center, walk the trails and enjoy nature at its best. Cosponsored with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County. REGISTER

Families outside the Library District: Register with the Forest Preserve by email at programs@kaneforest.com

Sensory-Friendly Story Times

Child with Parent/Caregiver

Saturdays, December 3 • January 14 • February 4
10:30–11:00 a.m.

These story times are especially for children with autism, sensory processing or other developmental needs. The stories and activities will include sensory elements of repetitious language, music and movement to engage the child through age seven. We encourage the adult to participate with the child by serving as a role model, leading the child or showing him/her how to participate. Siblings may attend. Register each child and adult that will be attending. Register for one or for all. REGISTER

Families living outside the Library District may attend for $2 per person on a space available basis.

Bilingual Spanish Story Time

Child, infant–age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Saturday, December 10 • 10:30–11:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 14 • 1:30–2:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, December 13 • January 24 • February 21
6:30–7:00 p.m.

Bilingual Spanish Story Time is a sharing of books, fingerplays, activities and songs in both Spanish and English. We encourage the adult to participate with the child by serving as a role model, leading the child or showing him/her how to participate. Siblings may attend. Register each child and adult that will be attending. Register for one or for all. REGISTER

Cuentos en Español e Inglés

Para infantes y niños de hasta 5 años de edad acompañados de sus padres o cuidadores.

El sábado, Diciembre 10 • 10:30–11:00 a.m.
El sábado, Enero 14 • 1:30–2:00 p.m.

Los Martes • Diciembre 13 • Enero 24 • Febrero 21
6:30–7:00 p.m.

Durante los Cuentos en Español e Inglés compartiremos libros, juegos, actividades y canciones en los dos lenguaje, Español e Inglés. Nosotras incentivamos la participación del adulto con su niño, sirviendo de modelo a seguir, dirigiendo al niño/niña como participar. Los hermanitos pueden venir. Regístrese cada niño/niña y el adulto que vendrá. Regístrese para uno o para todos. REGISTRESE

Stories Live!

Child, infant–age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Thursday, December 29 • Three Little Kittens
Saturday, January 7 • Great Big Enormous Turnip
Friday, February 17 • Too Much Noise
10:00–10:30 a.m. OR 11:00–11:30 a.m.

Your favorite stories will come alive as the storyteller tells and then explores with you the various ways to share the story again through puppetry, fingerplay, song and more. These early literacy story experiences are offered throughout the year. We encourage you to attend each multiple times over the years, as children will experience a story differently at each age/stage of development. REGISTER
INFANT – AGE 5

**Puppets with the Junior Friends**
Child, infant–age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Wednesday, December 21
10:30–10:50 a.m. OR 11:30–11:50 a.m.

Drop in for a puppet show presented by our Junior Friends student storytellers in the Helen Gale Story Room. Children and adults attend together. An announcement will be made for seating five minutes before the show begins. DROP IN

**Pajama Story Time**
Child, infant–age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Thursday, December 15 • Wednesday, December 28
Thursday, January 5 • Wednesday, January 18
Thursday, February 2 • Wednesday, February 15
6:30–7:00 p.m.

An evening of stories under the stars in the Helen Gale Story Room. Come dressed in your favorite pajamas and bring along your blanket or a stuffed toy. REGISTER

**Hidden Book**
Saturday, December 17–Saturday, December 31
Somewhere on the shelves in Youth Services, a special book will be hidden three times a day: morning, afternoon and evening. You had so much fun this summer hunting for the hidden book we will bring it out again during winter break. A sample book will be on display at the ASK ME Desk. Find the book and select your reward from the prize basket at the ASK ME Desk. DROP IN

**New Year’s Eve Celebration & Concert with Joel Frankel**
Family

Saturday, December 31
11:00 a.m.–Noon OR 1:00–2:00 p.m.

Join us as we ring in 2017 at each of the concerts. There will be lots of energetic fun as Joel Frankel rocks the room with his award-winning songs that will have everyone clapping, singing and dancing. Recordings and books will be available for purchase. Watch as the book drops down to kick off the New Year! Register to guarantee your spot. REGISTER or DROP IN

Families living outside the Library District may attend for $2 per person on a space available basis.

**24th Annual Family Read-Aloud Book Club**

Enroll at the ASK ME Desk December 20–January 31

The Family Read-Aloud Book Club encourages lifelong literacy and motivates families to share reading aloud as a daily tradition. Book Club will run for 10 weeks beginning Tuesday, December 20 ending Tuesday, February 28. Record time spent as a family reading aloud and receive rewards! Rewards include books dedicated to the family, autographed children’s books, certificates to local businesses and canvas book bags. Receive your family book log and details when you enroll. REGISTER

Thank you to the following local businesses for their support of the Family Read-Aloud Book Club:
Model Train Display

Family
Saturday, January 28 • 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 29 • Noon–4:30 p.m.

All Aboard! The Midwest Division of the Train Collector’s Association will return with their hands-on train layout. You may bring one of your own Lionel cars for a free tune-up. DROP IN

Families living outside the Library District are invited.

Book Character Visit

To be announced—watch our website

Come for a story and a visit with your favorite costumed book character. Bring your camera. In partnership with Barnes & Noble of Geneva. REGISTER or DROP IN

Reading Gone Wild

Sunday, February 26 • 1:00–2:30 p.m.

In partnership with the St. Charles Park District
Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, 3795 Campton Hills Drive

Animals love stories too! Bring a book to read to the animals of Hickory Knolls and enjoy a fun way to share a story with the entire family. Peter Rabbit, Olly the lizard and other friends will be joined by local therapy dogs. Storytellers from the Library will kick off this cozy event with a medley of stories. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Used Book Sale! Everything for Kids

Sponsored by the Junior Friends
Saturday, January 21 • 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Hundreds of books to choose from for all ages and reading levels. Money earned supports Junior Friends of the Library special projects.

The Friends of the Library will have used magazines available for 25¢ each and may be purchased individually or in bundles from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

Library Tour & Hunt

Attention Leaders! Bring your Scouts to the Library for a hands-on workshop that introduces you to all Youth Services has to offer. Scouts become familiar with where resources and collections are located, as well as how the Library is organized, gain quick tips on how to locate resources and learn about the various services, including digital. Customized hunts have Scouts using clues to seek out locations and answers in the department. Leader may schedule a date by contacting A. Denise Farrugia at 630-584-0076 ext. 236 or via email at adfarrugia@stcharleslibrary.org SCHEDULE

Animal Winter Survival

Grades K–2
Thursday, December 8 • 4:30–5:15 p.m.

Winter weather brings many challenges for native animals. How do they stay warm? How do they find food? Discover the amazing strategies animals have developed to make Illinois home in all four seasons. Do you have what it takes to survive? Presented by staff from Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, St. Charles Park District and joined by a special animal guest. REGISTER

LEGO® Workshops for Students

These hands-on workshops include elements of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) learning. All creations will be displayed in Youth Services until the next event and also be posted on the Kids Facebook page.

You Play with LEGO®

Grades K–2

Monday, December 12
Thursday, January 24
Wednesday, February 22
4:30–5:15 p.m.

Bring your imagination. We have all you will need to create with LEGO® bricks. REGISTER

You Design with LEGO®

Grades 3–8

Monday, December 12 • Race to the Finish Line
Thursday, January 24 • The Future
Wednesday, February 22 • Fairy Tales
4:30–5:30 p.m.

Use your imagination in designing and building a LEGO® creation in the designated theme. Creations that meet the criteria will be judged on creative interpretation of theme; complexity; thought process behind the design; and completion within the designated 45-minute time. Awards will be presented. Work as an individual or as a member of a team. Think ahead and come with your plans. REGISTER
Movie Nights
Grades 4–8
Fridays, December 16 • January 13 • February 24
4:30–7:00 p.m.
Watch a recent release on the big screen. Titles will be posted at the ASK ME Desk. Pizza provided by Gino’s East; popcorn and lemonade will be served. Registration closes at 9:00 p.m. the Thursday before the movie. REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY DEADLINE.

Board Games
Grades 4–8
Thursday, December 22 • 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Join us to play games—Blokus, Chess, Life, Sorry and more. Bring a favorite game or play one from our collection. Pizza and lemonade will be served. Registration closes at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday. REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY DEADLINE.

Big Chill
Scientific Disciplines – Physics & Chemistry
Grades K–8
Monday, January 16 • 10:30 a.m.–Noon
And you thought winters in Chicago were cold. Dr. Arthur Friedman of Eureka Discoveries, will take you into the world of the really cold—not bone-chilling cold—more along the lines of interplanetary cold. See how ordinary substances display extraordinary properties at super-cold temperatures. Welcome to the world of liquid and solid nitrogen. REGISTER.

Monarch Award Nominees
Each year students cast a vote for their favorite book from the nominated titles for three Illinois Children’s Choice Awards: Monarch for students in grades K–3; Rebecca Caudill for students in grades 4–8; and Bluestem for students in grades 3–5. Titles on the nominated lists are found in the Youth Services’ Award Nominees area. Join us as we explore and talk about this year’s nominees. Be ready to vote for your favorite this spring. The Library will be a polling place for students who have not already voted at school.

Monarch Marathon
Grades K–3
Tuesday, January 31 • 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Take a quick dash through this year’s nominees before voting begins. Fun activities related to the books will keep you giggling. REGISTER or DROP IN.

Benjamin Franklin & the Levitating Frog
Scientific Discipline – Physics: Electricity & Magnetism
Grades K–8
Friday, February 10 • 4:30–6:00 p.m.
Everyone is both fascinated and terrified by the awesome power of electricity. Dr. Arthur Friedman, Eureka Discoveries, will explore the world of electricity and magnetism with experiments that will have a magnet floating in midair, a burned-out fluorescent light tube mysteriously turning on and other hair-raising encounters. This event is sure to be electrifying! REGISTER.

Fiber Art: Felting
A Russell Series Event for Grades K–8
Saturday, February 25 • 2:00–3:30 p.m.
Natasha Lewis from Esther’s Place, a fiber arts studio, will demonstrate the creative process of wool, fibers and felting, one of the oldest forms of material. Students will learn about our woolly heritage and create a wet felted flower using wool grown in Illinois. Adults may attend. REGISTER.

Marshmallow Mania
STEM
Grades 3–5
Thursday, January 26 • 4:30–5:15 p.m.
Are you up for the challenge? This fun STEM event will have you playing with your food. Using marshmallows you will learn about simple machines as you experiment as an engineer to build machines that will send marshmallows flying through the air. Presented by staff from Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, St. Charles Park District. REGISTER.
Junior Friends of the Library

Grades 6–8

Middle school students are eligible to volunteer weekly in Youth Services. If you are interested, we recommend placing your name on the waiting list at the ASK ME Desk. We contact students on the waiting list each April, August and December. REGISTER

Viral Web Clips

Grades 6–8

Wednesday, January 25 • 4:30–5:30 p.m.

It’s Friday the 13th and we have gathered a bunch of weird and very funny viral web clips. Tell your friends and hangout to watch a marathon of clips and eat snacks. There will be plenty of laughing out loud. DROP IN OR REGISTER

Origami

Grades 6–8

Monday, February 13 • 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Explore the traditional Japanese art of paper folding. We will guide you in creating your own Ninja star and then you may select from additional examples to create more to take home. REGISTER

FOR ADULTS

Every Child Ready to Read

Especially for Parents, Grandparents, Preschool Educators and Child Care Providers—Adults Only

Monday, January 30 • 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Reading is one of the most important gifts you can give your child. Learn what you can do at home to develop your child’s pre-reading skills. Get suggestions for age-appropriate books and resources, as well as easy ways to include these skills in your daily activities. In just 90 minutes, discover how to best use your time to read and interact with your child. Your workshop leaders have received training to help you help your child be ready to read. REGISTER

Adults living outside the Library District: Register at the ASK ME Desk for $5 per person beginning January 16.

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Library Board Meetings

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Carnegie Community Room

December 14
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