

Discover Your Library

St. Charles Public Library News and Event Guide



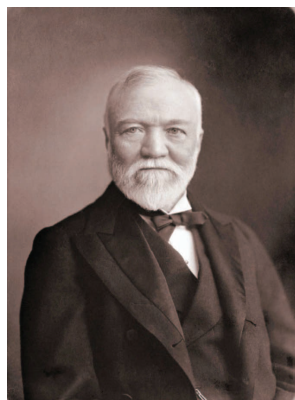
Original Carnegie Library

St. Charles Public Library's Carnegie Building: Then and Now

The historic Carnegie Library building—it is the heart of our current Library and an integral part of the city's history. It connects our past with our exciting future as a vital resource to the community. The Carnegie has seen a lot of changes since it opened to the public in 1908. As society progressed, the Library, too, expanded and evolved to meet the needs of St. Charles residents. While technology, services and resources have changed over the years, one thing remains constant: the importance of the Carnegie building.

As part of the 1908 Carnegie Library building, the Carnegie Community Room located on the second floor, first known as Library Hall, offered a place for St. Charles residents to meet and share experiences. The Hall held Library programs, community organization meetings, high school dances, and kindergarten and elementary school classes, which were offered on a temporary basis.

A Carnegie library is a library built with money donated by Scottish-American businessman and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Mr. Carnegie donated \$12,500 to build a new library in St. Charles.



Andrew Carnegie



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Original Carnegie Library fireplace

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Celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month this September



Throughout the month of September, we are celebrating National Library Card Sign-up Month with Marley Dias, this year’s honorary chair. At just 16 years old, she is the founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks, an author, executive producer and activist. Her mission as well as ours: encourage people of all ages to get a library card, to experience new stories and make changes to empower themselves.

The Library has the resources you need to empower yourself with connections to technology, career and homework assistance, educational programming, research and so much more. Having access to information not only transforms lives, it makes communities stronger. Start on your new journey by signing up for a library card, if you don’t already have one.

It’s easy to get your St. Charles Public Library card. Stop by the Library and request one in person or if you are a resident in the Library district, you can obtain a card online. Visit our website at scpld.org to learn more or to start the online process.

To recognize National Library Card Sign-up Month, the Library has fun giveaways, contests and more planned all month long. In addition to these events, we are excited to offer new and existing cardholders the chance to win a grand prize that encourages exploration, discovery and growth: a Chicago CityPASS package. This package gives you and three guests admittance to five of Chicago’s world-renowned museums and includes transportation passes. Look for more contest details available in September.

Join Marley Dias and the St. Charles Public Library to discover all the benefits that a library card can provide. Whether you get a library card this September or you are a long-time patron, we want you to be excited about being a card holder. It’s your ticket to diverse and empowering experiences.

St. Charles Public Library’s Carnegie Building: Then and Now

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Carnegie Quiet Room

Though the second floor was closed to the public and used for office and storage from the 1940s to the late 1990s, it regained new life with its 1998 renovation. The Library Board hoped to recreate as closely as possible the ambiance of the original room. Having achieved that, the doors were once again open to the community for popular adult programming, concerts and lectures.



Original grandfather clock

When planning the 2021 renovation, integrating the Carnegie into day-to-day library life was key. As you enter the Library, the entrance to the Carnegie is now visible. The main floor of the Carnegie is now the Quiet Room and features local history, genealogy, magazines, newspapers and two quiet study rooms. The furnishings have been returned to the space to make the room inviting and warm. During the renovation, the original exterior windows were discovered and restored, and glass panels were placed in the original main entrance, adding a special touch to the Carnegie Quiet Room.



Original exterior wall discovered during renovation.



Carnegie Community Room

The second floor of the Carnegie remains the Carnegie Community Room and will continue to host concerts and historic programming. The finishes were updated to maintain the look of the original decor. Access to the Carnegie has been enhanced by creating a ramp and entrance that makes the room accessible to all.

The next time you are at the Library, visit the Carnegie. See how the renovation has preserved an important part of Library history while still being welcoming to modern-day patrons.

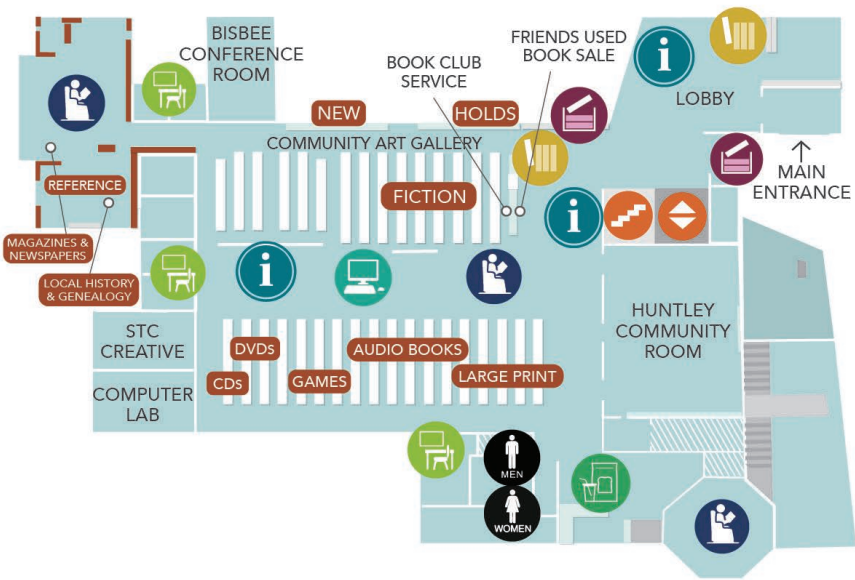


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Discover Your New Library
Building Map

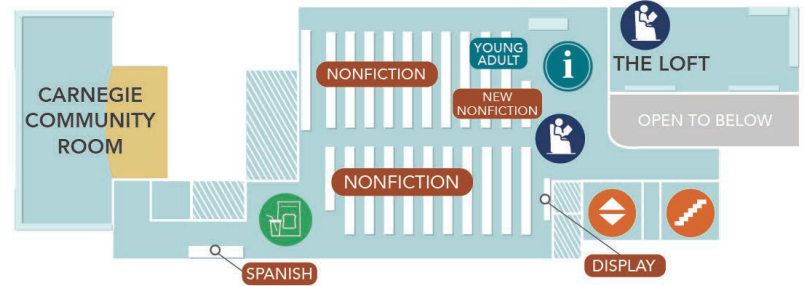
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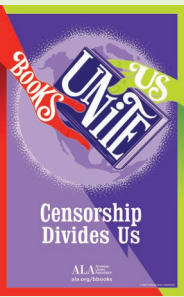
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Level 2



Banned Books Week:
Highlighting the Importance
of Information



Banned Books Week is September 26–October 2. Join us, the American Library Association and inaugural Honorary Chair Jason Reynolds as we highlight the importance of free and open access to information. This year's theme: Books Unite Us.

Censorship Divides Us.

We support the freedom to seek and express ideas, no matter how unpopular. For all readers—young people in particular—books offer both shared and differently-lived experiences that help develop empathy and understanding of our world. We encourage you to read, discuss and form your own views of books that are considered controversial. Help us recognize all the ways in which books unite us during Banned Books Week.

For a list of banned books, visit scpld.org/challenged-banned-books.

Friends of St. Charles
Public Library Meeting

Monday, October 4 ■ 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

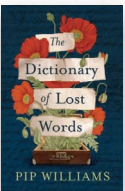
The Friends of St. Charles Public Library is an adult organization that raises funds to provide special programs and equipment that is beyond the Library's regular budget. Join the group at their regular meeting. Guests are always welcome. **DROP IN**

Friends of St. Charles Public Library
Fall Book Sale

Friday, October 22 ■ 2:30-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 23 ■ 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 24 ■ 12:00-3:00 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

Don't miss this opportunity to purchase great books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks and more at bargain prices while supporting the Friends of St. Charles Public Library. For more information, visit scpld.org/friends. **DROP IN**

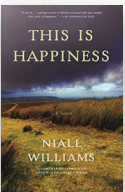
What the Staff is Reading



The Dictionary of Lost Words

Pip Williams ■ FIC WILLIAMS

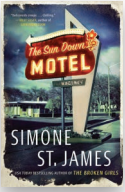
A fascinating glimpse into the past, an interesting main character and thought-provoking themes that examine “who tells the story” of history - and who is left out.



This Is Happiness

Niall Williams ■ FIC WILLIAMS

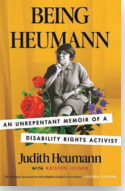
Set in a remote Irish village that is finally receiving electricity, this charming homage to love, family, friendship and redemption has characters you will love.



The Sun Down Motel

Simone St. James ■ FIC ST JAMES

Upstate New York, 2017. Every small town has a place like the Sun Down Motel, but are they all full of so many secrets? A nice little mystery, plus a few ghosts to go around.



Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir
of a Disability Rights Activist

Judith Heumann ■ 362.4 HEU

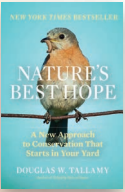
This will open your eyes in terms of the long struggle to implement protections for disabled peoples' rights and the many things we often take for granted.



On Juneteenth

Annette Gordon-Reed ■ 394.263 GOR

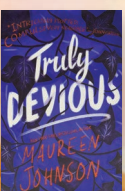
The Pulitzer Prize-winning author concisely weaves history with a captivating blend of memoir and personal reflection to illuminate this unique celebration.



Nature's Best Hope

Douglas W. Tallamy ■ 635.951 TAL

In a conversational tone, the author invites you to take a different look at nature in your yard and neighborhood. An empowering, inspiring book.



Truly Devious

Maureen Johnson ■ YA FIC JOHNSON

The start of a new series set at a prestigious Vermont school features a suspenseful, attention-grabbing mystery with no clear solution.



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

Cookbook Club



Each month, experience recipes, sample scrumptious foods and discover cookbooks with our new Cookbook Club. Patrons are asked to try at least one to two recipes from the cookbook and come with reviews to discuss... samples are optional! *This program is open to St. Charles Public Library card holders ages 18 and older. Program is limited to 12 attendees.* **REGISTER**

Wednesday, September 15 ■ 10:00 a.m. ■ Bisbee Conference Room
Amá: A Modern Tex-Mex Kitchen
by Josef Centeno and Betty Hallock ■ 641.5979 CEN

Friday, October 22 ■ 6:00 p.m. ■ Bisbee Conference Room
Sababa: Fresh, Sunny Flavors from My Israeli Kitchen
by Adeena Sussman ■ 641.5676 SUS

Tuesday, November 16 ■ 2:00 p.m. ■ Bisbee Conference Room
Sister Pie by Lisa Ludwinski ■ 641.8652 LUD

2nd Tuesday Book Discussion

Carnegie Community Room

The Library offers two book discussion groups: Mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Evenings at 7:00 p.m. **DROP IN**

September 14 ■ Morning & Evening
The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett ■ FIC BENNETT

October 12 ■ Morning & Evening
The Only Good Indians by Stephen Graham Jones ■ FIC JONES

November 9 ■ Morning & Evening
Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell ■ FIC OFARRELL



Diverse Voices Book Club for Adults

Wednesdays ■ 6:30-7:30 p.m. ■ Bisbee Conference Room

October 6: A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée

November 10: Each Tiny Spark by Pablo Cartaya
Get together with other adults to discuss children's literature from diverse voices. A complimentary copy of the book will be available to registrants while supplies last. Meets at the same time as Diverse Voices Book Club for grades 3-8. **REGISTER**

Fascinating Women of History

Georgia O'Keeffe with Leslie Goddard

Thursday, September 2 ▪ 1:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room



In this living-history performance, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., portrays Georgia O'Keeffe, the legendary artist and modernist. As O'Keeffe reflects on her life, she discusses her intense closeness to flowers, nature and the landscape around her homes in New Mexico. [REGISTER](#)

Meet Marie Antoinette with Martina Mathisen

Wednesday, November 10 ▪ 1:00 p.m. ▪ Huntley Community Room

History comes to life in the character of Marie Antoinette who engages the audience with a costumed first-person narrative for an interactive presentation. Educational entertainer Martina Mathisen will reveal the truth behind this very much misunderstood queen, from a teen bride enveloped in pure opulence to the most hated woman in France. [REGISTER](#)

St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays ▪ 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. ▪ Huntley Community Room

The St. Charles Writers Group is a workshop for novice or experienced writers that meets twice a month. The group is open to all those 18 years of age or older looking for a community of writers and seeking to improve their writing. All genres are welcome. For more information, visit our website at scpld.org/st-charles-writers-group. [DROP IN](#)

September 11: A Swim in a Pond in the Rain by George Saunders
Book Discussion, Part I

September 25: A Swim in a Pond in the Rain by George Saunders
Book Discussion, Part II

October 16: Responding to Writing

October 30: Oui ou Non: Incorporating Other Languages

November 13: Poems of Gratitude

November 27: What's the Story with Backstory?

Never Forget 9/11/2001 Virtual Program



Saturday, September 11 ▪ All Day

In commemoration of the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the 9/11 Memorial & Museum presents a film highlighting first-person accounts of the deadliest terrorist attacks in world history and their aftermath. Please register to receive a link to the video. [REGISTER](#)



Awesome Australia

Monday, October 4 ▪ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ▪ Carnegie Community Room

G'day, mate! With his tapestry of original photographs and a deep well of stories, world traveler Brian Michalski illuminates ten months of backpacking and working in the Land Down Under. While visiting exotic destinations including the Australian Outback, Great Barrier Reef and Tasmania, you'll also learn about the country's fascinating history, grand traditions, chic urban life, charming slang, deadly animals and Aboriginal influences. [REGISTER](#)



Board Game Night

Third Wednesday ▪ 6:00-8:30 p.m.

September 15 ▪ Huntley Community Room

October 20 ▪ Carnegie Community Room

November 17 ▪ Huntley Community Room

Join us to play Catan, Ticket to Ride and other modern games. Meet up with fellow board gamers. Bring a favorite game to teach new players or grab one from our collection. Find us on Meetup.com under Board Games @ St. Charles Public Library. [REGISTER](#) or [DROP IN](#)

Great Decisions

Thursdays ▪ 7:00 p.m. ▪ Bisbee Conference Room

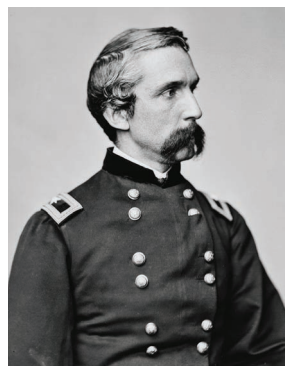
September 16: China in Africa

October 21: The Two Koreas

November 18: The World Health Organization's Response to COVID-19

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. Be ready to discuss the article prior to participation. For more information, visit our website at scpld.org/great-decisions. [DROP IN](#)

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain



**Wednesday, September 29 ▪ 7:00 p.m.
Huntley Community Room**

A college professor from Maine with no military training is put in a position during the second day of the Civil War battle of Gettysburg. His decision will change the course of the battle and the entire war. Join Professor Gary Midkiff for a biography of Chamberlain, including how he became an abolitionist, how he served the Union Army after Gettysburg, and his public career after the war ended. [REGISTER](#)

Gardening Programs

Canning Demonstration: I Can! So Can You Can



**Thursday, September 9 ▪ 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Huntley Community Room**

Join Kathy Jankovic, former culinary arts instructor at Geneva High School, as she demonstrates the steps of canning. Learn how canned produce can be used to create healthy dishes, such as homemade Italian and Mexican sauces. [REGISTER](#) *This program is being presented by The Just Food Initiative of the Fox Valley.*

Gardening with Nature

Thursday, October 21 ▪ 7:30-8:30 p.m. ▪ Online via Zoom

How can you garden in harmony with the natural world on a budget? Consider adding native and sustainable plants to your palette! During this program, we'll explore the value and challenges of incorporating native and sustainable plants into formal, vegetable, and container gardens and discuss economical ways to get results. [REGISTER](#)



Genealogy Workshop with Caron Brennan

Wednesdays ▪ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ▪ Online via Zoom

September 22: Foundation of Genealogy Research

October 6: Using FamilySearch.org

October 20: Using FamilySearch Wiki and Family Tree

November 3: Ancestry.com

November 17: Research Your Family History Using the Internet

December 1: Organizing for Genealogists

This is a series of six workshops developed for those with a wide range of genealogical research experience and expertise. The series will begin with a session on basic genealogical research and record keeping then build upon that foundation to explore other research opportunities and tools useful for genealogist and family historians. It is not required that you take all six sessions. [REGISTER](#)

Books, Bites and Brews

Thursday, October 7 ▪ 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Riverlands Brewing Company, 1860 Dean Street, Unit A, St. Charles



Join us at our book club, especially for adults 21 and over---Books, Bites and Brews---held at Riverlands Brewing Company. Pizza will be provided by the Library. Participants are responsible for their own drinks and literary opinions. Our October read will be **The Other Mother** by Carol Goodman. [REGISTER](#)

Sunday Concert Series

Sundays ▪ 2:00 p.m.

Carnegie Community Room ▪ DROP IN



**October 17:
Tatiana Shustova ***
Celebrate the 210th birthday of Franz Liszt with his works and other classical favorites with a concert by pianist Dr. Tatiana Shustova. She will perform Romeo and Juliet suite pieces by S. Prokofiev and Schubert-Liszt piano transcriptions.

**This concert is funded by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.*



**November 5:
Maureen Christine**
Let Freedom Ring! Award-winning vocalist Maureen Christine pays tribute to America and our Armed Forces as she presents a patriotic concert "Let Freedom Ring!"

Billy Joel: The Piano Man

Wednesday, October 27 ▪ 7:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Though Billy Joel has not released a new rock album in over 27 years, he remains one of the world's most popular live performers. Using performance and interview video clips, music historian Gary Wenstrup will trace the arc of Billy's career from his humble beginnings in Hicksville, NJ...to his slow rise to fame...to his long string of hits and finally to his current status as one of the world's most successful touring acts. [REGISTER](#)



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Business Programs

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

September 13 ■ September 27 ■ October 11 ■ October 25
November 8 ■ November 22

Hybrid: Attend in person or Online via Zoom
6:30–8:00 p.m. ■ *Speaker & program TBD

Please join TUG Career Services, and our Business Reference Librarian Chris Flood as they welcome speakers who present the latest updates on career management, job-seeking skills, education and training. September meetings will be hybrid programs: accessible in person or via Zoom; October and November will be in person if conditions permit. [REGISTER](#) or [DROP IN](#)

Small Business Bonanza

Wednesday, September 22 ■ 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Learn about all the exciting resources the Library has to offer the local business community. Business Librarian Chris Flood will give attendees a tour of the renovated meeting rooms, highlight the technology available to borrow and provide a quick overview of electronic resources. [REGISTER](#) or [DROP IN](#)



Long Term Care Insurance: What, Why, When and How

Wednesday, October 6 ■ 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Hybrid: Huntley Community Room OR Online via Zoom



Long Term Care Insurance is a complex, and important subject. Jorie Pitt, local CFP(R) from Mission Wealth, will be joined by Robert Barnes, President of Integrated Insurance Consulting, for a complete overview of everything you might need

to know about selecting a long-term care insurance policy. [REGISTER](#) or [DROP IN](#)

Retirement: Plan Your One Year Countdown

Wednesday, November 3 ■ 6:30-8:00 p.m.

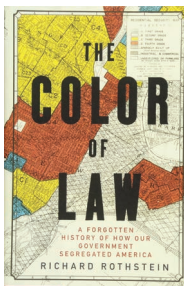
Hybrid: Huntley Community Room OR Online via Zoom

Learn about the important steps to take in the year before your retirement to ensure your best outcomes with Jorie Pitt, local CFP(R) from Mission Wealth. Should you delay Social Security for more money in the future? Keep your money in your employer's 401K or move it to an IRA? The program offers trusted, non-sales focused information. [REGISTER](#) or [DROP IN](#)

The Color of Law and Reversing Segregation with Richard Rothstein

Wednesday, October 13 ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

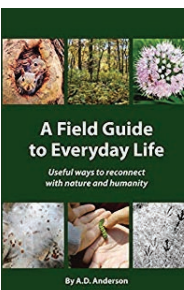
Author and researcher Richard Rothstein presents on the policies that led to racial segregation in American communities, and what can be done to reverse these practices and work towards racial equity. *Co-sponsored by multiple Illinois libraries and held in partnership with Racial Awareness in the North Shore (RAIN), Together is Better Alliance (TiBA).* [REGISTER](#)



Author Visit: A.D. Anderson

Thursday November 4 ■ 7:30-8:30 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

In *A Field Guide to Everyday Life: Useful Ways to Reconnect with Nature & Humanity*, author A.D. Anderson collaborates with a host of colleagues, including locally and nationally recognized leaders in the conservation movement who contributed to her book, to encourage better living. Enjoy finding out about this book and others during this program. [REGISTER](#)



In-Person Computer Basics Classes - Mornings

Wednesdays ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m. ■ Computer Lab

Our IT Educator will cover the basics so you can feel confident using your laptop, tablet or phone. [REGISTER](#)

September 15: Introduction to Facebook and Instagram

September 22: Using Library Digital Resources

October 6: Windows 10 Basics

October 13: Mac Basics

October 20: iPhone and iPad Basics

October 27: Android Basics

In-Person Computer Instruction - Evenings

Tuesdays ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m. ■ Google Apps

Thursdays ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m. ■ Microsoft Apps

Computer Lab

Join us for small group instruction with our IT Educator. Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only. Please see our website for the topics covered in each class. [REGISTER](#)

Google Docs

October 5: Introduction

October 12: Beyond the Basics

Google Sheets

September 14 ■ November 16: Introduction

September 21 ■ November 30: Using Conditional Formatting

September 28: Charts & Tables

Google Slides

September 7 ■ November 9: Animating Text Boxes, Shapes & Images

October 26: Creating Fliers, Cards, Invitations & More

November 2: Using Templates

Microsoft Word

October 7: Introduction

October 14: Beyond the Basics

October 21: Advanced Features

Microsoft Excel

September 16 ■ November 18: Introduction

September 23: Using Conditional Formatting

September 30: Charts & Tables

Microsoft PowerPoint

September 9 ■ November 11: Animating Text Boxes, Shapes & Images

October 28: Creating Fliers, Cards, Invitations and More

November 4: Using Templates

Buying a Computer 101

Tuesday, October 19 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m. ■ Computer Lab

Looking for a new computer? From Macs to PCs and laptops to desktops, Mike Gershbein from Very Smart People will cover everything you need to look for to buy the right computer for your needs. [REGISTER](#)

Self-Study Computer Classes via Email

Learn how to use Google Docs, Sheets, Slides or Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint with computer instructional videos delivered to your email inbox. Please see our website, scpld.org/computer-classes, for details. All videos offer closed captioning. Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only. Emails are sent out on Mondays. [REGISTER](#)



Maker Mondays

STC Creative

STC Creative is a space for making. Join our classes to try out a craft, learn 3D design software or tackle a DIY project. Class topics and times vary. Please see the events calendar for more details.

Party Decorations

September 13 ■ 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. ■ [DROP IN](#)

String Art

September 20 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m. ■ [REGISTER](#)

Macrame Basic Knots

September 27 ■ 10:00–11:30 am. ■ [REGISTER](#)

Shrinky Dinks

October 18 ■ 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. ■ [DROP IN](#)

Fabric Wreath

November 1 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m. ■ [REGISTER](#)

Creative Gift Wrapping

November 8 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m. ■ [REGISTER](#)

Book Art

November 15 ■ 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. ■ [DROP IN](#)



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ACT Practice Test

Saturday, September 4 • 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room • Please register by August 30

Take a free ACT practice test in an ACT environment. Students should plan on bringing a pencil, calculator and a snack. Parents will receive an email with a general summary of their child's test score within a few days. Interpretation of test results will be on Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. Presented by Huntington Learning Center in Geneva.

REGISTER

College Application Process

Tuesday, September 14 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom

Juniors and seniors will learn the ins and outs of the college application process, including typical components of college applications the timeline and logistics of the college application process, tips on personal statements/essays, and basic financial aid information. Presented by Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC).

REGISTER

Financial Aid Process

Tuesday, September 21 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. OR

Wednesday, September 29 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom (please register for one session)

This virtual presentation outlines the general financial aid process and provides insight on how financial aid works, how to apply for it, student eligibility and how it can be used to help pay for college. It introduces the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) along with summarizing state and federal aid programs among other topics. Presented by Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC).

REGISTER



Don't Pay the College Sticker Price!

Monday, October 4 • 7:00 p.m. Online via Zoom

Learn how to maximize need-based financial aid eligibility, target the right colleges for merit-based financial aid and exploit tax-saving opportunities from Certified Financial Planner Joe Orsolini.

REGISTER

Understanding College Financial Aid—and How You Can Benefit from It

Wednesday, October 6 • 7:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom

This workshop from My College Planning Team includes more of a deep dive on financial strategies for affording college (with less focus on academic strategies, although it still touches on some of the most important ones).

REGISTER

How to Virtually Visit a College Campus: Interact with Colleges from Home

Wednesday, October 20 • 7:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom

The process of choosing a college is complicated enough without worrying about the impact of a pandemic on the process. Tom Jaworski from Quest College Consulting will discuss ways of exploring college offerings remotely.

REGISTER

Five Steps to Effective College Essays

Thursday, October 21 • 7:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom

With more colleges going "test-optional" this year, your college essay is more important than ever before. Our virtual college essay writing workshop helps students understand the influence of college essays, how to "find your essay voice", decide impactful topics, and write for selective and non-selective colleges. This mini-boot camp prepares students of any writing ability to confidently launch their essays. Presented by Stephanie Kennedy, professional college coach and former admission counselor.

REGISTER



Making Your College Search Count

Wednesday, October 27 • 7:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom

This presentation will help students and their parents navigate the college search process, particularly in light of the changes the pandemic has thrown at them. Presented by Julie Nelson, Regional Recruitment Director at Xavier University.

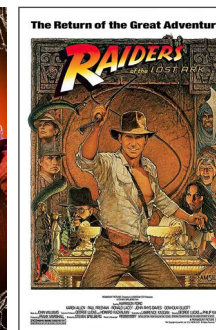
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Movies in the Park

Fridays • Pottawatomie Park • 8 North Avenue, St. Charles

**September 10 • 7:30 p.m.
Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG)**

**October 8 • 6:30 p.m.
Hocus Pocus (PG)**



Grab a blanket and join us for FREE outdoor movies at the Pottawatomie Park Amphitheater! Movies will start around dusk. Concessions will be available for purchase. Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library in partnership with the STC Underground and the St. Charles Park District.

DROP IN

Batman Day

Saturday, September 18 • 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. • Grades 9-12

Come study and hang out in the brand-new Loft for Batman Day. We'll have flicks, games and comics for anyone who needs a break from studying. Snacks and drinks will also be provided. *NOTE: Only high school students are allowed in The Loft.*

DROP IN

Mini-Trebuchet

Wednesday, October 6 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**STC Underground at the Baker Community Center (lower level)
101 S. 2nd Street, St. Charles**



Have you ever heard of a trebuchet? These devices were used in the Middle Ages to hurtle giant stones hundreds of yards. In this class, we will be building our own miniature versions of these historic mechanisms. All supplies will be included.

REGISTER

Escape Room in The Loft

Thursday, October 28 • 6:30–8:00 p.m. • Grades 9-12

Join us in The Loft to put your mind to the test with an escape room experience played at a table with your friends. *NOTE: Only high school students are allowed in The Loft.*

REGISTER



Teen Grab and Go Kits

T-Shirt Tote Bags

Monday September 13–Monday September 20 • Grades 9-12

Pick up your kit in The Loft the week of September 13-20

Learn how to upcycle t-shirts into a no-sew tote bag! This Grab and Go Kit will include an old Library event t-shirt and instructions.

REGISTER

**If registering online, please look at September 13 on the calendar.*

Paracord Bracelets

Monday, October 4–Monday October 11 • All day • Grades 9-12

Pick up your kit in The Loft the week of October 4-11

Learn how to craft your own paracord bracelet and how to tie various knots with this kit. **If registering online, please look at October 4 on the calendar.*

REGISTER

Paper Plate Woven Bowls

Monday, November 8–Monday November 15 • Grades 9-12

Pick up your kit in The Loft the week of November 8-15. *

Learn how to turn a paper plate into a colorful woven bowl. Your beautiful creation is perfect for holding your treasures or to give as a gift. **If registering online, please look at November 8 on the calendar.*

REGISTER

Day of the Dead

**Tuesday November 2 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Huntley Community Room**

Celebrate Día de los Muertos / Day of the Dead! Learn about this special holiday and the tradition of honoring deceased loved ones. Our celebration will include games, crafts and traditional refreshments.

REGISTER or **DROP IN**



Volunteering

As we welcome volunteers back into the Library, please check online for high school volunteer opportunities scpld.org/teen-volunteers.



Program Information

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

All Ages Story Time

All Ages ■ Mondays-Wednesdays: September 1–November 30
10:00-10:30 a.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room
Join us for a story time for kids and grownups alike. Please register everyone attending. Let's have fun together! [REGISTER](#)



Virtual Story Time

All Ages ■ Thursdays
September 2–November 18
10:00–10:20 a.m. ■ YouTube
Join us on YouTube for a story time that you can watch again and again throughout the week! A new story time is posted each Thursday.

Twinleaf Tales

All Ages
Fridays ■ September 3 ■ October 1 ■ November 5 ■ 10:00–10:30 a.m.
Hickory Knolls Discovery Center ■ 3795 Campton Hills Dr, St. Charles



Join us for nature-inspired stories and a take-and-make craft kit. Head outside on your own after the program to play on Hickory Hideout, the nature play area, or enjoy a short hike. Please register all attending children with the St. Charles Park District online at stcnature.org/twinleaf-tales or by phone at 630-513-6200. *In partnership with the St. Charles Park District.* [REGISTER](#)

Sensory Story Time

All Ages ■ Saturdays: September 4, October 2, November 6
10:00–10:30 a.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room
Join us for a hands-on story time with music and movement! [REGISTER](#)

My First Story Time

0-24 months ■ Tuesdays: September 7–November 30
9:30–10:00 a.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room
Lapsit story time for parents/caregivers and children. We will sing songs, read stories and play together. Simple sign language will also be covered. Come as you are! [REGISTER](#)

Two- & Three-Year-Old Story Time

Ages 2-3 ■ Tuesdays, September 7–November 30
10:30-11:00 a.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room
An interactive story time for children and their parents/caregivers, which include songs and stories. [REGISTER](#)

Starrytime

All Ages ■ Tuesdays: September 7–November 30
6:30–7:00 p.m. ■ YouTube
Get your bedtime wiggles out and wind down with this virtual evening story time filled with music, stories and movement. Missed the premiere or want to watch again? Starrytime will be available on the Library's YouTube channel for one week.

Stories with the Nature Center

All Ages ■ Wednesdays
September 9 ■ October 13 ■ November 10
10:30-11:00 a.m. ■ LeRoy Oakes Nature Center
37W700 Dean Street, St. Charles
Join us at the Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve for fun stories and a take and make kit. After the program, explore the Nature Center and walk the trails to discover the great outdoors and don't forget to look for the StoryWalk! *In Partnership with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.* [DROP IN](#)

Cubelet Robots

Pre-K: Ages 4-6
Tuesday, September 14 OR Wednesday, September 15
4:00–4:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room
Let's build some simple robots with Cubelets--robotic blocks that help teach important problem-solving skills. [REGISTER](#)

Baby Prom

Ages 0-2 ■ Friday, September 24
3:00–4:00 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room
A party for our youngest library friends. Wear your fanciest outfit and join us for some fun! [REGISTER](#)



Pumpkin Party

Ages 3-5 ■ Friday, October 22
10:00–10:30 a.m. OR 3:00–3:30 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room
Celebrate this fun time of year with pumpkin crafts and activities! Practice preschool skills like cutting and gluing. [REGISTER](#)

Music Makers

All Ages ■ Friday, November 19
10:00–10:30 a.m. OR 3:00–3:30 p.m.
Helen Gale Story Room
Let's make some noise! We will play instruments and learn about body percussion. [REGISTER](#)



Cubelet Robots

Grades K-1: Thursday, September 9
Grades 2-3: Wednesday, October 6
Grades 4-5: Wednesday, November 3
4:00–4:45 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room
Let's build some simple robots with Cubelets--robotic blocks that help teach important problem-solving skills. [REGISTER](#)



Junior Historians

All Ages ■ Fridays: September 10, October 8, November 12
11:00 a.m. ■ YouTube
Take a step back in time and learn about the rich history of our city! Junior historians will learn about the history of St. Charles through tours and interviews. Visit the St. Charles History Museum to pick up a Grab and Go Kit for a fun activity related to the month's video topic! *This program is presented in partnership with the St. Charles History Museum and the St. Charles Historic Preservation Commission.*

Art in the Afternoon

Grades 1-3 ■ Mondays: September 20, October 18, November 15
4:00–4:45 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room
Have fun creating art projects that use various techniques. [REGISTER](#)

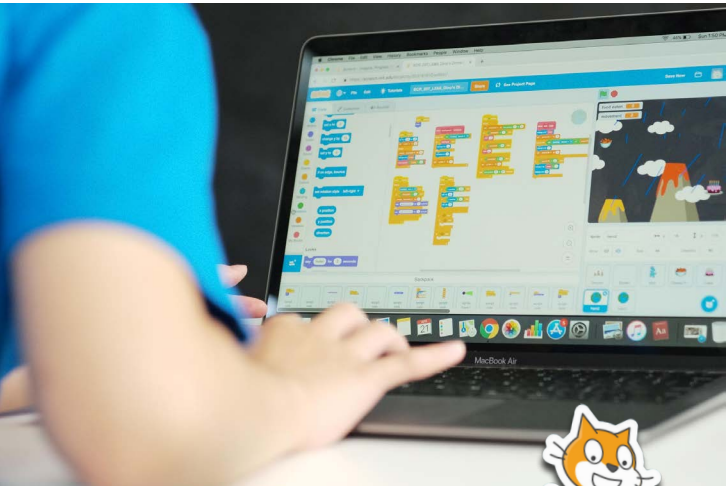
Coding Unplugged

Grades K-2: Saturday, September 25
Grades 3-5: Saturday, October 23
4:00–4:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room
You don't need a computer to have fun coding! Play some games while learning simple coding skills. [REGISTER](#)



Diverse Voices Book Discussion

Grades 3-8
October 6: A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramee
November 10: Each Tiny Spark by Pablo Cartaya
6:30–7:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room
Discuss titles written by people of different backgrounds and experiences. Meets at the same time as Diverse Voices Book Club for adults. [REGISTER](#)



Scratch Coding: Haunted House

Grades 4-8 ■ Friday, October 8
2:30–4:30 p.m. ■ Computer Lab
It's a day off of school! Intermediate Scratch users will be led in coding their own haunted house. We will go step-by-step, troubleshoot errors and play with fun additions to our self-created games! Please come with your username and password so we can hop right into coding. [REGISTER](#)



Parachute Fun

Grades K-2 ■ Thursday, October 14
4:00–4:20 p.m. OR 4:30–4:50 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room
Join us for a few games with the large indoor parachute! [REGISTER](#)

Beginning Crochet

Grades 3-5 ■ Friday, October 29
3:30–4:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room
Learn the basics of crochet by making friendship bracelets; yarn and crochet hooks provided. Caregivers who would like to learn are also welcome to attend. Please register all participants. [REGISTER](#)

LEGO Marble Mazes

Grades K+ ■ Monday, November 22
10:00–10:30 a.m. OR 1:00–1:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room
Create marble mazes using LEGO! How a-MAZE-ing will your creations be? [REGISTER](#)



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StoryWalk®

All Ages ■ New stories posted September 1, October 1, November 1
LeRoy Oakes, 37W700 Dean St, 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. *In partnership with the Kane County Forest Preserve District.* **DROP IN**

Worm Races

All Ages ■ Friday, September 3

10:00–10:30 a.m. ■ Terrace Garden

Let's get a wiggle on! Fastest wins! Connect with your inner bookworm and stop in for some LIVE worm races! We'll provide the worms; you provide the cheers! **DROP IN**

Firefly Theater Presents: Forest Chorus

All Ages ■ Monday, September 13

4:00 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Join Firefly Family Theatre for an original show that includes music, interactive movement, puppets and more! **REGISTER**

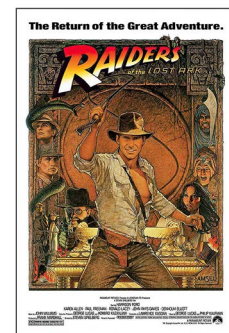
Movies in the Park

All Ages

Friday, September 10 ■ 7:15 p.m. ■ Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG)

Friday, October 8 ■ 6:30 p.m. ■ Hocus Pocus (PG)

Pottawatomie Park Amphitheater



Grab a blanket and join us for FREE outdoor movies at the Pottawatomie Park Amphitheater! Concessions will be available for purchase. *Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library in partnership with the STC Underground and the St. Charles Park District.* **DROP IN**



Miss Katelyn's Neighborhood

All Ages ■ Thursdays: September 16

October 21 ■ November 18

9:00 a.m. ■ YouTube

Let's explore our neighborhood together! Join Miss Katelyn as she meets local business owners to learn about what goes on behind the scenes.



Smarty Pants

All Ages ■ Monday, October 11

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Join Smarty Pants for award-winning balloon twisting and a one-of-a-kind show! After the show, kids can take photos with Smarty Pants and the big balloons! **REGISTER**

Not So Scary Campfire

All Ages ■ Thursday, October 14 ■ 7:00–7:45 p.m.

Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, Firepit

3795 Campton Hills Dr, St. Charles

The Library will share delightful tales, with just the right mix of spooky and fun, to get even the littlest of ghouls giggling. End the evening with a Halloween toasted ghost, aka roasted marshmallow. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Bring your camping chairs or blanket. *In partnership with the St. Charles Park District. Register with the Park District online or by phone, 630-513-6200.* **REGISTER**

Flashlight Scavenger Hunt

All Ages ■ Wednesday, October 27

6:00–8:00 p.m. ■ Terrace Garden

Stop by the Youth Services desk for a scavenger hunt map and see if you can find all the hidden things in the Terrace Garden! **DROP IN**

Illinois Family Reading Night

All Ages ■ Thursday, November 18 ■ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Miller Haase Community Room and Youth Services

Join the Library for Illinois Family Reading Night! Start the evening with reading, and end it with hot cocoa! **DROP IN**

November is DINOvember!

All November long, look for the hidden T-Rex in the Youth Services department. Tell the Youth Services desk where you find the T-Rex to receive a sticker prize! Check out our YouTube channel for a new, fun Dinosaur video.



Middle School Programs

Junior Friends

Grades 6-8 ■ Thursdays ■ September 2 ■ October 7 ■ November 4

6:00–7:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Meeting 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

Grades 6-12

Sign up by: Friday, September 10 ■ Sunday, October 10

Wednesday, November 10

Lit Loot pick up between the 15-25 of each month ■ Lobby

Sign up by the 10th of each month at 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 St. Charles Library card is required for this program. **REGISTER**



Anime Night

Grades 6-8 ■ 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Thursdays: September 16, October 21, November 18

Helen Gale Story Room

Just for middle schoolers! Nani?! Watch anime and enjoy different aspects of Asian culture from activities to snacks. **DROP IN**

Movie Night

Grades 6-8 ■ 4:30–7:00 p.m.

Fridays ■ September 17 ■ October 15 ■ November 19

Miller Haase Community Room

During the program, participants vote for the movie they would most like to watch. The movie with the most votes will be shown! The movie choices may include PG-13 titles. Please turn in a completed permission slip to allow your child to watch PG-13 movies. Permission slips may be found at the Youth Services desk or on the Library's online event calendar. Registration closes at 9:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the movie or when filled. **REGISTER**

Intro to Cricut Design Space

Grades 6-8 ■ Monday, October 11

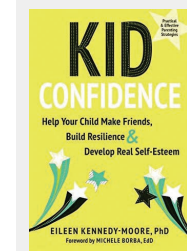
2:00–3:00 p.m. ■ STC Creative

Learn the basic steps of creating and cutting a design on the Cricut, a smart cutting machine you can use to take your craft projects to the next level. **REGISTER**



Just for Grown Ups

Parenting Book Club



Thursday, October 14:

Kid Confidence by Eileen Kennedy-Moore

8:00–8:45 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

A book club just for parents, from the comfort of your own home! There's no need to find a babysitter! Join other parents to discuss a book related to being a parent. Books are available to pick up at the Library. A link to the program will be emailed to you the day before the program. **REGISTER**

Diverse Voices Book Discussion

October 6: A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramee

November 10: Each Tiny Spark by Pablo Cartaya

6:30–7:30 p.m. ■ Bisbee Conference Room

Get together with other adults to discuss children's literature from diverse voices. A complimentary copy of the book will be available to registrants while supplies last. **REGISTER**



Grab and Go Kits

Grab and Go Kits are available in person on the lower level beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the release day until we run out. All kits are on the Maker Table and all kits are **Tech Free** unless otherwise noted.

Sensory Fine Motor Activity

Ages 3+ ■ Saturdays ■ September 4 ■ October 2 ■ November 6

Explore your senses and build your motor skills with a take home activity!

Crafternoon

Ages 3-8 ■ Saturday, September 25

Get crafty with a kit from the Library! Instructions are available on our YouTube channel.

Grab and Go STEAM

Grades K-8 ■ Saturday, November 20

Visit the Library to pick up an interactive STEAM kit with all supplies and instructions included.



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St. Charles Library Board



St. Charles Public Library's Board of Trustees, July 17, 2021

Library Board Welcomes New Trustee

A new member was elected to the Library's Board in the 2021 Consolidated Election held this past April. Mary Kruse replaces Mary Louise Gobel as a trustee and will serve from May 2021 - May 2027. Mary is a proud resident of St. Charles since moving here in 2016 with her husband, a life-long St. Charles resident. After graduating from Loyola University Chicago with a degree in political science and peace studies, she began her career working with non-profit organizations. Having previously worked with several arts and human service organizations, Mary currently manages donor stewardship for a private high school in Arlington Heights, is a board member with the St. Charles Park District Foundation, and now joins the Library. We welcome Mary and look forward to working with her to continue to provide quality services and resources to the community.

Board of Trustees Welcomes Back Returning Members

The Library is happy to announce that Trustees Michael J. Hill and Claudia Frost will continue to serve on the Board for another six-year term, from May 2021 through May 2027. We look forward to continuing to work with them on creating policies that shape the Library and benefit the community.

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

Monday, September 6	Labor Day
Wednesday, November 24 at 6:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve
Thursday, November 25	Thanksgiving Day

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Library Board Meetings

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
September 8, 2021 (Annual Meeting)
October 13, 2021
November 10, 2021

