

Discover Your Library

St. Charles Public Library News and Event Guide

It's Back-to-School Season

Library is here to support everyone's educational needs, from early childhood through adult learners. The Youth Services and Research & Reading desk staffers are ready and able to aid with research, direct students toward online homework help, and help everyone find the resources for academic success.



In-person, we offer programs and resources for students, such as:

- Award book programs; including our new, virtual Caudill Award book club for Grades 4 through 8
- Reading to Rover, which helps early readers practice their skills with friendly canine companions
- Junior Friends allows middle school students to start volunteering
- Lit Loot gives students in middle and high school a book recommendation to help them explore new genres and read something for fun
- Practice college entrance exams
- Programs for prospective higher-education students and their parents
- Study rooms and quiet spaces
- Computers, Chromebooks, hotspots, digital projectors and other tech equipment to checkout

Come to the Library to unwind after a full day of school. Try out:

- Showing off your virtual bowling skills in our Switch Bowling League for Grades 2 through 8
- Fandimonium - Trivia Night for Grades 6 through 8 to test your pop culture knowledge
- Coding some excellent dance moves in a Robot Dance Party for Grades K through 5
- Visiting The Loft to play games, study with your high school friends, or use our computers and read comics

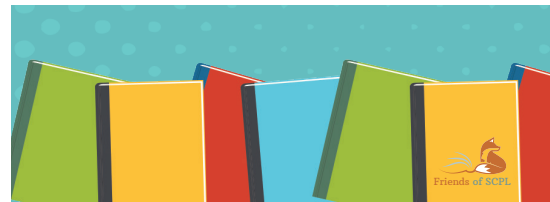
Online, we offer research databases, homework help and language learning. Our databases offer specialized information for all ages-from kindergarten to graduate school. One-on-one live online tutoring is available from Brainfuse and Tutor.com for students of all ages, from grade school to adult learners. Check out Learning Express Library for test prep of all kinds for high school students and adults. Mango Languages and Pronunciator are great tools for learning and practicing languages.

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Educational support extends beyond the Library itself. Youth Services staff members help educators in their classrooms via Teacher Loans. Upon request, Library staff pull materials based on chosen topic(s) and check them out to a special Teacher Card. We provide educators additional curriculum support without having them come to the Library. Teacher Cards and Loans are available to all teachers within our Library District.

Our Youth Services Outreach staff visits schools to provide programs and promote library services. We offer monthly story times at many of our local preschools, after-school educational programs, reading program promotion, book talks, Back-to-School/Family Nights and more for our elementary and middle school students. Visits and specialized programs are also available for Scout troops, daycares and other groups by request. Please contact the Youth Services Department at (630) 584-9390 with questions or to arrange a visit.



Friends of St. Charles Public Library Fall Book Sale

Friday, October 21 ■ 2:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 22 ■ 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 23 ■ 12:00-3:00 p.m.

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.
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The Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation established in 1993 to provide support for the Library through tax-deductible donations. Contributions may be made payable to the St. Charles Public Library Foundation and sent to:
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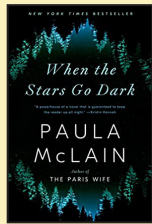
What the Staff is Reading



The Companions

Katie M. Flynn ■ FIC FLYNN

This mesmerizing debut is set in the near future. A nationwide viral outbreak puts the populace under quarantine. Those who perish can upload their consciousness into an artificial host—raising important questions about the nature of humanity.



When the Stars Go Dark

Paula McLain ■ FIC MCLAIN

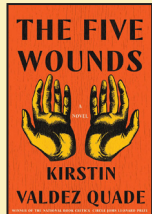
After San Francisco Missing Persons Detective Anna Hart experiences her own personal tragedy, she returns to Mendocino to grieve. As soon as she arrives, she learns that a local teenage girl has gone missing. Delving into the case, Anna also tries to solve a mystery from the past. McLain's novel ties these fictional cases to the real-life Polly Klaus tragedy.



True Biz

Sara Novic ■ FIC NOVIC

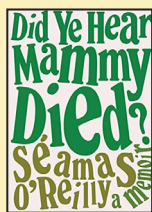
At a residential school for the Deaf, a transfer high school student who is just learning ASL becomes the catalyst for changes in relationships and repercussions. A coming-of-age story with moving insights into Deaf culture.



Five Wounds

Kristin Valdez Quade ■ FIC QUADE

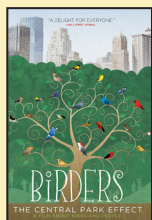
This is the award-winning family saga of the Padilla family. The book is beautifully written and filled with empathy for a family struggling to get by, each member absorbed by their own life. The author also paints a vivid picture of their small community in New Mexico.



Did Ye Hear Mammy Died?

Séamas O'Reilly ■ B OREILLY

A heartbreaking—and yet mostly hilarious—memoir about a boy growing up during the Irish Troubles. Séamas is a "half orphan" with ten boisterous brothers and sisters and a loving but understandably beleaguered father. If you like audiobooks, the author does a fabulous job reading his own work.



Birders: The Central Park Effect

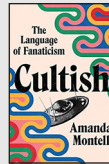
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In this documentary, a diverse group of opinionated New Yorkers reveals how a hidden world of beautiful wild birds in the middle of Manhattan has upended and magically transformed their lives.

2nd Tuesday Book Discussion

The Library offers two book discussion groups: Mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Carnegie Community Room and Evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Bisbee Conference Room. For more information, email Readers@scpld.org.

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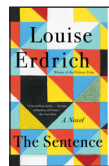


September 13

Morning & Evening

Cultish: The Language of Fanaticism

Amanda Montell ■ 306.44 MON



October 11

Morning & Evening

The Sentence

Louise Erdrich ■ FIC ERDRICH



November 8

Morning & Evening

Maus: A Survivor's Tale: I. My Father Bleeds History

Art Spiegelman ■ GN MAUS V.1

and



Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood

Marjane Satrapi ■ GN 955.05 SAT

Books, Bites and Brews

Thursday, October 6 ■ 7:00 p.m.

Penrose Brewing Company, 509 Stevens Street, Geneva

Join us at our book club for adults 21 and over, held at a local

brew pub. Pizza will be provided by the Library.

Participants are responsible for their own drinks

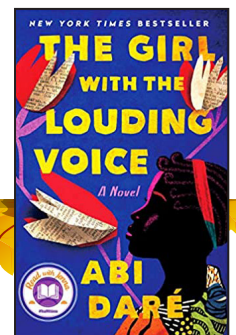
and literary opinions. Our October read will be

The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Daré.

Copies of the book are available five weeks prior

to discussion. *St. Charles Public Library*

cardholders only. **REGISTER**



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Technology Programs

Wearable Technology

Thursday, September 8 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room

Mike Gershbein from Very Smart People (VSP) will share wearable technology such as the Apple Watch and Fitbit with us and discuss how wearables will affect our lives as they interact with the world around us.

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Build a Website

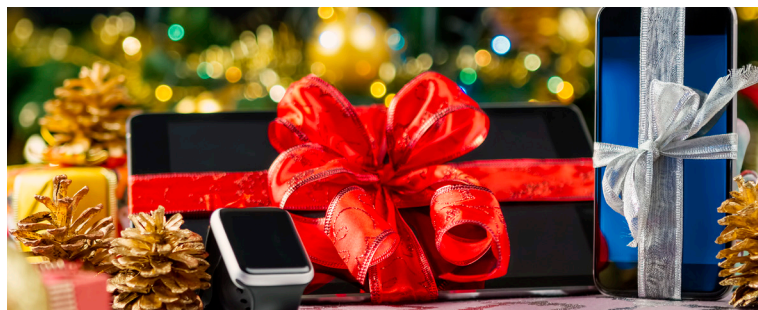
Thursday, October 20 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m. ■ Computer Lab

Learn how to prepare and launch a website using an easy-to-use publishing platform like Weebly or Squarespace. Mike Gershbein from VSP will provide instruction. **REGISTER**

Holiday Tech Gifts

Thursday, November 3 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Find out all the hottest gadget gifts available this holiday season. From smart homes and smart phones to tech toys and oddities, Mike Gershbein from VSP will share lots of cool options for your family's (or your own) wish list! **REGISTER**



Computer Instruction - Mornings

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

Join us for small group computer instruction with our IT Educator. *Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.* **REGISTER**

September 7: Intro to Facebook & Instagram

September 14: Digital Library Resources on Your Phone or Tablet

September 21: iPad & iPhone Introduction

October 19: Android Phone & Tablet Introduction

November 9: Intro to Canva

Computer Instruction - Evenings

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September 15: Microsoft Word Introduction

September 22: Google Docs Introduction

September 29: Microsoft Excel Introduction

October 6: Google Sheets Introduction

November 10: Intro to Canva

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Maker Tool Orientation

An introduction to the maker tools available in STC Creative.

Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.

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Cricut Design Space

Tuesday, September 6 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 28 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 12 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 13 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 17 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.

AccuQuilt Fabric Cutter

Monday, September 26 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 27 ■ 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Monday, October 17 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 30 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Glowforge Laser Cutter

Wednesday, October 26 ■ 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 27 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Friday, October 28 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 2 ■ 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 4 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 5 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.



Maker Classes-Mornings

Mondays ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m. ■ STC Creative

Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.

Space is limited. REGISTER

September 12: Ombre String Art: Create a canvas of ombre graduated shading using nails and embroidery thread

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October 3: Halloween Themed Votives: Use a simple image transfer technique to create a spooky and fun votive candle holder

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November 7: Medical Alert Seatbelt Cover: Customize a seatbelt cover with heat transfer vinyl to alert first responders to medical conditions

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October 25: Halloween Themed Votives: Use a simple image transfer technique to create a spooky and fun votive candle holder

November 8: Medical Alert Seatbelt Cover: Customize a seatbelt cover with heat transfer vinyl to alert first responders to medical conditions

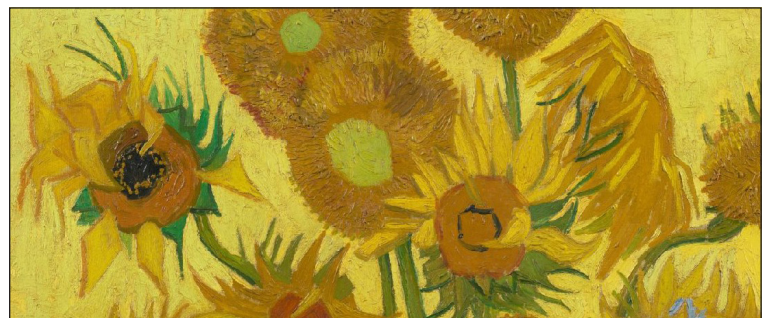
November 29: Medical Alert Seatbelt Cover: Customize a seatbelt cover with heat transfer vinyl to alert first responders to medical conditions



Fall Flower Arrangement Workshop

Tuesdays ■ October 4 ■ October 18 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m. ■ STC Creative

Join floral designer Sharon Powers in STC Creative for instruction on how to make a beautiful fall flower arrangement. Flowers and supplies will be provided. Please register for only one date. *Open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.* **REGISTER**



Paint and Sip

Monday, November 14 ■ 9:30–11:30 a.m. ■ Sunflowers, Tea and Coffee
Tuesday, November 15 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m. ■ Sunflowers and Mocktails
STC Creative

Paint along with artist Maria Ananieva as she guides us through painting Vincent van Gogh's *Sunflowers*. Step-by-step instruction, art supplies and beverages will be available. Please register for only one date. *Open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.* **REGISTER**



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Adult Programs

St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays ■ 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Huntley Community Room (unless otherwise noted)

A workshop for novice or experienced writers that meets the second and the fourth Saturday of each month. The group, facilitated by Lisa Macaione, is open to all those 18 years of age or older looking for a community of writers and to improve their writing. All genres are welcome. **DROP IN**

September 10: Book Discussion Part I: The Plot by Jean Hanff Korelitz

September 24: Book Discussion Part II: The Plot by Jean Hanff Korelitz

October 8: The All-Knowing Narrator

October 22: Poe's Poetry (Carnegie Community Room)

November 12: Writing **Grammar Moses** with Jim Baumann

November 26: Zinsser's "Writing About Places"

Tomorrow Will Be a Better Day

Tuesday, September 6 ■ 7:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Author Ramesh Shah shares his experiences as an immigrant coming to the United States in 1967. See America through the wide-eyed wonder of a young man experiencing, for the first time, things most westerners take for granted, such as a spring mattress, a hot shower and fast-food restaurants.

REGISTER

Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle Experience

Thursday, September 8 ■ 1:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Join curator Margaret Schlesinger as she takes you on a tiny tour of Colleen Moore's enchanted Fairy Castle at the Museum of Science & Industry in Chicago. Here is your chance to see inside and up close the hand-painted artwork and delicately crafted miniature artifacts as if you were five inches tall. You'll also get a glimpse of the conservation project completed in 2014 and a "behind-the-fairytales" story of how the castle came to be.

REGISTER



Get Cooking with the Library!

Stone Fruit Custard Tart

Thursday, September 8 ■ 6:30-8:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

Join cooking instructor Kristyn Slick for a 90-minute virtual class where you will cook along in your own kitchen as she cooks in hers. This layered stone fruit tart is a late-summer showstopper yet surprisingly simple to make. You will receive a Zoom link and recipes ahead of the class. You can purchase ingredients and gather your kitchen equipment from the provided recipes.

REGISTER



Genealogy Programs

Genealogy in the Afternoon

Thursdays ■ 1:00-4:00 p.m. ■ Computer Lab

September 15 ■ October 20 ■ November 17

Do you need a few quiet hours to work on your family tree? Are you looking for help breaking down a brick wall? Stop by the Library on Thursday afternoon to use the time to search the Library's databases in our Computer Lab or look through the Library's vast collection of research materials. Our Genealogy Librarian and Program Coordinator will be there to answer questions or guide you in the right direction. Stay for a few minutes or a few hours.

REGISTER or DROP IN

Kickstart Your German Research

Tuesday, October 25 ■ 7:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

A large percentage of people in the United States can claim German ancestry. Professional genealogist Teresa Steinkamp McMillan will discuss historical German geography, naming patterns, migration trends and guidelines for German family history research.

REGISTER

Great Decisions

Thursdays ■ 7:00 p.m. ■ Bisbee Meeting Room

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 and should be ready to discuss the article prior to participation. **DROP IN**

September 15: Xi's China takes on the Quad

October 20: Topic TBD

November 17: Topic TBD



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Adult Programs

Sunday Concert Series

Sundays ■ 2:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room

**This program is sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.*

**October 2: Ryan Carney:
Homecoming Performance***

Cellist Ryan Carney will share a fun and elegant repertoire that spans over 300 years ranging from baroque and classical cello sonatas to famous melodies by The Beatles, jazz standards and more. **DROP IN**

**October 16: Mark Dvorak's
Tribute to Pete Seeger**

Chicago-based Folk singer Mark Dvorak will perform Pete Seeger's best-known songs, including "If I Had a Hammer" and other favorites. **DROP IN**

November 6: Brad Conroy*

An afternoon of classical guitar with Brad Conroy. Enjoy an intimate performance of music which spans centuries and continents. **DROP IN**



Board Game Night

Wednesdays ■ 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Join us to play games like **Settlers of 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.

REGISTER or **DROP IN**

September 21 ■ Huntley Community Room

October 19 ■ Carnegie Community Room

November 16 ■ Huntley Community Room

Watergate at 50

Thursday, September 29 ■ 6:30 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the worst scandal in U.S. Presidential history – and the criminal behavior at the core of the scandal almost went undetected. Professor Gary Midkiff will focus on the Watergate scandal and the ultimate downfall of the Nixon presidency. *This program is sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.*

REGISTER



Cuisine Quest: Southeast Asia and India

Thursday, October 6 ■ 7:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Brian Michalski whisks you off to Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, India and more on this whirlwind tour of iconic regional cuisine and little-known delights. By experiencing frenetic local markets, cooking classes and indulging in street food, Brian blends firsthand anecdotes while sharing tidbits about regional agriculture and sustainability. Satisfy your cravings with take-home recipes and restaurant recommendations. **REGISTER**

Lake Michigan Lighthouses

Thursday, October 13 ■ 1:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Travel Lake Michigan's coast to learn the history and legends of the lighthouses that guided ships through its treacherous waters. Travel expert Nancy McCully will be our guide. **REGISTER**

Create a Pumpkin Centerpiece

Tuesday, October 25 ■ 3:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Create a beautiful fall centerpiece using pie pumpkins, mums and sunflowers. We provide the supplies; you bring the creativity. Space is limited to 30 attendees. *This program is open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders ages 18 and older until August 31. If space is available after August 31, non-cardholders may register.* **REGISTER**

Adult Grab and Go Kit: Needle Felted Acorns

Monday, November 7 - Monday, November 14

Pick up at the Research & Reading Desk

Festive acorns are a great introductory lesson for those interested in learning the beautiful craft of needle felting! In this fall grab and go kit are all the materials needed to create several acorns, including acorn caps, wool fiber in a variety of colors, a felting foam pad and a felting needle. Detailed instructions are provided to help you create the lovely assortment of acorns, along with a small wood bowl to add to your fall décor. **REGISTER**



Adult Programs



Fascinating Women of History The Intricate Riddle of Life – Debra Miller portrays Mary Shelley

Thursday, October 27 • 1:00 p.m. • Huntley Community Room

It is June 16, 1848, and you have traveled to London and are seated in the parlor of 24 Chester Square, where you await the lady of the house—50-year-old Mary Godwin Shelley. Debra Miller portrays Mary Shelley, the daughter of social revolutionaries William Godwin and Mary Wollstonecraft, wife of romantic poet Percy Shelley, and mother of Frankenstein and his monster. *This program is sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.* **REGISTER**

Heroes on the Air

Tuesday, November 1 • 7:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Radio historian Steve Darnell, host of “Those Were the Days,” will put the spotlight on those heroes who made their way from comic strips and comic books to radio in the 1930s. This audio-visual presentation will include Little Orphan Annie, Dick Tracy and Superman, as well as some legendary heroes who began in radio...and went on to conquer the world.

REGISTER

Sears Homes of Chicagoland

Tuesday, November 15 • 1:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

From 1908 to 1942, Sears Roebuck and Company sold ready-to-build kit homes through catalogs. Despite the rash of teardowns in the Chicago area, some of these houses have survived. Learn about the Sears homes still standing in the Chicagoland area and how to identify them. Presenter Lara Solonickne is the creator of the Sears Homes of Chicagoland website (sears-homes.com). She is an architecture enthusiast who enjoys uncovering the hidden stories behind old houses. **REGISTER**



Business Programs

Starting a Food Business

Tuesday, September 20 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

This program, with Sybil Ege, President and CEO of “The Business of Food,” is ideal for those contemplating a food business, as well as for those who have already started (probably in their home kitchen) and are thinking about how to grow their business. Topics covered will include general rules and regulations for small businesses; Illinois Cottage Food Law for home kitchen users; commercial kitchen users; retail vs. wholesale; selecting distribution channels; pricing products; and building your brand.

REGISTER or **DROP IN**

Don't Fall Back – Update That Resume

Tuesday, October 4 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

The clocks might fall back, but you should spring ahead with an improved resume. Join Career Advancement Coach and ResuMAYDAY founder Lauren Milligan to update and polish your resume. With real-world examples and class exercises, you'll learn what you need to know for resume relevancy and leave with a better resume.

REGISTER or **DROP IN**

Planning for Medicare – Making Wise Healthcare Choices in Retirement

Wednesday, November 2 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Whether you are a few years shy of your 65th birthday or you already have Medicare coverage, this is a topic you need to understand for the sake of your wallet and your health. St. Charles resident Ryan Madigan (President of Boomer Benefit Planning) will share the latest updates on Medicare, including an overview of Medicare benefit options, strategies for maximizing benefits and resources for making the right decisions. **REGISTER**



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COLLEGE PREP

College Essays

Thursday, September 8 ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

The most daunting part of college application can be the essay. What should the topic be? Who reads it? Why am I writing this? Are there topics to avoid? Having read more than 30,000 essays over the course of her career, Julie Nelson, Assistant Dean of Admission at Xavier University, has the answers to these questions and more. Join her for a look at the good, the bad and the ugly of college essay writing. **REGISTER**

Being a First-Generation College Student

Thursday, September 15 ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

Transitioning to college can be a challenge for many students, but for first-generation college students, it holds additional challenges and issues. Common questions and various campus resources available to help support students will be discussed. Strategies and suggestions from others that have successfully navigated the college experience as a first-generation college student will also be shared. Presented by Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). **REGISTER**

What Does Test Optional Really Mean?

Tuesday, September 27 ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

Covid-19 brought the cancelation of standardized tests. Many colleges joined the growing list of universities with a test-optional admission policy. Thomas Jaworski of Quest College Consulting, will help families learn what it means for a college to review an application without standardized test scores, and identify the pros and cons of submitting these exams. **REGISTER**

Lit Loot

Grades 6-12

Sign Up: September 5 ■ October 5 ■ November 5

Pick Up: September 10-20 ■ October 10-20 ■ November 10-20

Keep the loot! Return the book! Your Lit Loot will be available to pick up from the 10th through the 20th of the month. Sign up by the 5th at 9:00 p.m. to receive a free, customized subscription box! Each box will contain a book specially selected for you and a few goodies based on the theme of the month. *A St. Charles Library card is required for this program.*

REGISTER

Anime Club

**Grades 6-12 ■ Tuesdays ■ September 13 ■ October 11 ■ November 8
6:00-8:00 p.m. ■ STC Underground at the Baker Community Center
(lower level) ■ 101 S. 2nd Street**

Every second Tuesday of the month get loud and geek out with anime, snacks and activities! Cosplay is always welcome. All programs at the STC Underground are open to all middle & high school teens who reside within St. Charles School District boundaries. Students must submit a completed Code of Conduct signed by themselves AND a parent or legal guardian. This form can be found at: [Form.123formbuilder.com/6063758/form](https://formbuilder.com/6063758/form). Questions? Please visit <https://stcunderground.com/> or call 630-513-4380. **DROP IN**



Young Adult Programs

College Application Process

Thursday, September 29 ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

Learn the typical components of college applications, the timeline and logistics of the application process, tips on personal statements/essays and basic financial aid information. Also learn about helpful resources to prepare for standardized tests often required for college admissions. Presented by Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). **REGISTER**

Your College Search:

Campus Visits and College Fairs

Wednesday, October 5 ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

How can you get a feel for a campus and its people? Learn insider tips and tricks in this educational and entertaining program to help you find your best match schools. Julie Nelson, Assistant Dean of Admission at Xavier University, has been guiding students through the college search and selection process for almost 30 years. Come with your questions and leave ready to start exploring colleges! **REGISTER**

Scholarships, Grants & Loans

Wednesday, November 30 ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

This workshop will uncover the best college cost-reduction strategies and reveal little-known assets, borrowing and savings methods. Learn insider information on scholarships, grants and loans to help make your college planning both successful and affordable. **REGISTER**



Sculpted Pumpkin Night Light

Grades 9-12 ■ Ages 13-17

Wednesday, October 12 ■ 3:00-5:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

To celebrate Halloween, we're making spooky pumpkin night lights with recycled materials, paint and air-dry modeling clay. In this class, teens will be taught several sculpting techniques, as well as creative recycling. Class will be lots of messy fun, so wear an old shirt. Due to the nature of the products and tools used, this program is not for children under 13 years old. **REGISTER**

Haunted Stacks

Ages 8-Adult ■ Saturday, October 29

7:00-8:30 p.m. ■ Main Entrance

Ever wonder what the Library is like after dark? Find out what goes bump in the night as you wind your way through the fiction stacks during this free haunted event. Attend in groups of up to five people. This program is not intended for young children. Last group access is at 8:20 p.m.

DROP IN

Young Adult Programs



Hot Cocoa Bombs

Ages 13-17 ■ Wednesday, November 9

3:00-5:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

This hands-on class will have you melting chocolate and filling special molds with your choice of delicious ingredients. You'll also learn how to seal and decorate each bomb with drizzles and sprinkles. To be prepared for the festive fun, we suggest attendees wear an old t-shirt. **REGISTER**



Young Adult Grab and Go Kits

All supplies included. Available while supplies last. Must be age 13-17.

Comic Book Magnets

Monday, September 19 – Monday, September 26

Are you a SUPER FAN of Marvel or DC comics? Join the fun and make your own superhero magnets! In this Grab and Go kit you'll learn the secrets to using Mod Podge and recycled comics. Teens can pick up their kit in The Loft the week of September 19-26. If registering online, please check September 19 on the calendar. **REGISTER**

Steampunk Skull Keychain

Monday, October 17 – Monday, October 24

For this ghoulish season, teens are invited to create their own steampunk skull keychain. All supplies are in the kit, including polymer-based clay, steampunk metal gear & cogs, keychain attachment and vibrant mica powder for an extra spooky effect. Teens can pick up their kit in The Loft the week of October 17-24. If registering online, please check October 17 on the calendar. **REGISTER**

Needle Felted Pokéball

Monday, November 14 – Monday, November 21

Are you an extreme Pokémon fan and collector? Here's your chance to create your very own felted Pokéball. This grab and go kit includes all the supplies and needle felting instructions. Teens can pick up their kit in The Loft the week of November 14-21. If registering online, please check November 14 on the calendar. Must be age 13-17. **REGISTER**

Middle School Programs

Junior Friends

Grades 6-8 ■ Thursdays ■ September 1 ■ October 6 ■ November 3

6:00-7:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Join this program specifically to reach your volunteer goals while helping your community. Meets the first Thursday of every month to plan, share and lend a hand! **DROP IN**

Junior Historians: Mystery at the Museum

Grades 6-8 ■ Friday, September 2 ■ 1:30-3:00 p.m.

St. Charles History Museum, 215 E. Main St, St. Charles

Historical objects have been stolen from the History Museum! The items have been recovered, but are they the real deal or forgeries? Learn about how to authenticate real objects and get to the bottom of the mystery! *This program is in partnership with the St. Charles History Museum.*

REGISTER

Field Day!

Grades 6-8 ■ Saturday, September 3

2:00-2:45 p.m. ■ Southwest Parking Lot

Do it for a ribbon! Compete in challenges that use physical or mental prowess to squash the competition. Create your own team of three people or come as an individual and join a team.

REGISTER



Lit Loot

Grades 6-12 ■ Sign up by: September 5 ■ October 5 ■ November 5

Pick up: September 10-20 ■ October 10-20 ■ November 10-20

Keep the loot! Return the book! Your Lit Loot will be available to pick up from the 10th through the 20th of the month. Sign up by the 5th at 9:00 p.m. to receive a free, customized subscription box! Each box will contain a book specially selected for you and a few goodies based on the theme of the month. *A St. Charles Library card is required for this program.*

REGISTER

Sew Easy: T-Shirt Bag

Grades 6-8 ■ Friday, September 16 ■ 5:00-7:30 p.m. ■ STC Creative

Bring your own blank t-shirt to turn into a bag. Each person will receive sewing supplies and instructions on a few basic hand sewing stitches. Use the STC Creative's heat press to add a premade design to your new bag.

A St. Charles Library card is required for this program. **REGISTER**

Fandomonium: Trivia Night

Grades 6-8 ■ Friday, October 14

6:30-7:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Test your fan knowledge! Team up with others to compete in a trivia showdown. Snacks will be provided. **REGISTER**

Digital Art

Grades 6-8 ■ Monday, November 7 ■ 1:00-3:00 p.m. ■ Computer Lab

Try your hand at digital art. We will work step-by-step on the same project so you can test out some new skills while making art. **REGISTER**



Program Information

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

Early Literacy & Story Times

Twinleaf Tales

All Ages with Caregiver

Fridays ■ September 2 ■ October 7 ■ November 4

10:00-10:30 a.m. ■ Hickory Knolls Discovery Center

3795 Campton Hills Dr., St. Charles

Enjoy nature-inspired stories, music and movement at the Hickory Knolls Discovery Center. Register all attending children with the St. Charles Park District at stcnature.org or by phone at 630-513-6200. *Co-sponsored with the St. Charles Park District.* **REGISTER**

Terrace Garden Water Paint

Ages 0-5 with Caregiver ■ Friday, September 2

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. ■ Terrace Garden

Come to the Terrace Garden to paint with brushes and water! **DROP IN**

Starrytime

All Ages ■ Tuesdays ■ September 6 & 20 ■

October 4 & 18 ■ November 1 & 15

6:30 p.m. ■ Posted on YouTube

New stories posted on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month!



Sensory Story Time

All Ages, 7 and under with Caregiver

Saturdays ■ September 10 ■ October 8 ■ November 12

10:00-10:30 a.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Join us for a hands-on story time with music and movement. Feel welcome to bring sensory tools to story time; a limited number of fidgets/headphones will be provided. Please register all attending. **REGISTER**

My First Story Time

Ages 0-2 with Caregiver ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Mondays ■ September 12–November 14 ■ 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays ■ September 14–November 16 ■ 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Lap sit story time for parents/caregivers and children. Please register everyone attending. **REGISTER**

Drop-In Story Time

All Ages with Caregiver ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Mondays ■ September 12–November 14 ■ 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Thursdays ■ September 15–November 17 ■ 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Fridays ■ September 16–November 18 ■ 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Saturdays ■ October 22, 29 & November 26 ■ 10:00-10:30 a.m.

This program is filled with stories, music and movement. Each week focuses on a new theme. Space is limited. **DROP IN**

2–3-Year-Old Story Time

Ages 2-3 with Caregiver ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Mondays ■ September 12–November 14 ■ 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays ■ September 13–November 15 ■ 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Let's have a blast singing, dancing and making some pretend soup!

REGISTER

Stories Under the Stars

All Ages with Caregiver

Tuesday, September 13 ■ Thursday, October 13

6:30-7:00 p.m. ■ Terrace Garden

Enjoy an evening story time in the Terrace Garden and a chance to show off your favorite pajamas! In the event of inclement weather, this program will be canceled. **DROP IN**

Stories at the Nature Center

All Ages with Caregiver ■ Wednesdays ■ September 14

October 12 ■ November 9 ■ 10:30-11:00 a.m.

LeRoy Oakes Nature Center ■ 37W700 Dean St., St. Charles

Children are invited to hear stories at the Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve. After the program, explore the Nature Center and walk the trails to discover the great outdoors; don't forget to look for the StoryWalk®! *This program is in partnership with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.* **DROP IN**

Baby Prom

Ages 0-2 with Caregiver ■ Saturday, September 17

10:30-11:30 a.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

A party for our youngest Library friends. Wear your fanciest outfit and join us for some fun! **REGISTER**



Early Literacy & Story Times

Under the Stars Dance Party!

Ages 3-6 with Caregiver ■ Friday, September 23

6:00-7:00 p.m. ■ Terrace Garden

Join us for a dance party under the stars! Bust a move on the Terrace Garden dance floor and light up the night sky with glow sticks. Weather permitting. [REGISTER](#)

Language Lab Story Times

All Ages with Caregiver ■ Saturdays

10:00-10:30 a.m. Miller Haase Community

Join us for bilingual story times presented by Language Labs on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.! Speakers of all languages are welcome. [REGISTER](#)

ASL (American Sign Language) ■ September 24 ■ October 15

Russian ■ September 17 ■ November 19

Spanish ■ October 1 ■ November 5

It's Fall Y'all!

Ages 0-5 with Caregiver ■ Friday, October 14

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ■ Youth Services Department

It's fall y'all and we want to celebrate! Drop by the Library for some fall-themed activities just for little ones five and under. [DROP IN](#)



Not So Scary Stories Around the Campfire

All Ages ■ Thursday, October 27

**7:00-7:45 p.m. ■ Hickory Knolls Discovery Center Firepit
3795 Campton Hills Dr., St. Charles**

The Library will share stories around the campfire, with just the right mix of spooky and fun for everyone. End the evening by toasting marshmallows around the campfire. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your camping chairs or blankets. *In partnership with the St. Charles Park District. Register with the Park District online at stcparks.org or by phone at 630-513-6200.* [REGISTER](#)

Scarves and Songs

Ages 0-5 with Caregiver ■ Saturday, November 26

3:30-4:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Join us for songs and rhymes with scarves! [DROP IN](#)

Student Programs

Switch Bowling League

Grades 2-8 ■ Wednesdays ■ September 7 ■ 14 ■ 21

7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Let's get the ball rolling! Join other bowlers for Nintendo Switch Bowling. Leave no pins standing and you might get a prize! [DROP IN](#)

Graphic Novel Book Club

Grades 3-5 ■ Thursday, September 8

7:00-7:45 p.m. ■ Online Via Zoom

Read a graphic novel and then join us on Zoom to talk about the book! Book selection: **Where's Halmoni?** by Julie Kim. [REGISTER](#)

Reading with Rover

Grades 1-4 ■ Wednesdays ■ September 14 ■ October 12 ■ November 9

3:30-4:30 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Bring books or select from ours and read aloud for 15 minutes to a specially trained therapy dog. Please only register for one time slot per date. [REGISTER](#)

Let's Explore the Monarch List!

Grades K-2 ■ Saturday, September 17

3:00-4:00 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Join us for a drop-in program where we'll do crafts and activities related to some of the books on the 2023 Monarch list! [DROP IN](#)



Let's Explore the Bluestem List!

Grades 3-5 ■ Tuesday, September 20

6:00-7:00 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Join us for a drop-in program where we will do crafts and activities related to some of the books on the 2023 Bluestem list!. [DROP IN](#)



DIY Musical Instruments

Grades K-2 ■ Tuesday, September 27

4:00-4:45 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Come make and decorate your very own musical instrument! [REGISTER](#)

Student Programs

Harry Potter Potions

Grades 3-6 • Friday, September 30

4:00-4:45 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room

Have a magical time creating Snape's Slime while sipping a mystical fortune-telling drink! [REGISTER](#)

Mini Air-Dry Creations

Grades K-5 • Saturday, October 1

4:00-4:30 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room

Design a mini creation using air dry clay! [REGISTER](#)

Escape Team

Grades 3-8 • Monday, October 10

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. • Youth Services Desk

Think you're smart enough to complete an escape challenge? Check out a Library iPad and a folder of clues to go on an adventure without leaving the Library! Play with two or more players. Ask at the Youth Services desk to participate. [DROP IN](#)

Bee Bot Coding

Grades K-2 • Tuesday, October 11

4:00-4:45 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room

Let's play and learn some basic coding skills with Bee Bots, cute bee robots you code where to go. [REGISTER](#)



Caudill Book Club

Grades 4-8 • Thursday, October 13

7:00-7:45 p.m. • Online Via Zoom

Do you love reading new books? Looking for people to talk books with? We'll read a book from the Caudill Award list and then meet on Zoom to talk about it! Book Selection: *Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston. [REGISTER](#)

Un-Paper Towels

Grades 3-5 • Friday, October 21

3:30-4:30 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room

Learn the basics of sewing while making an environmentally friendly reusable un-paper towel out of fabric. [REGISTER](#)

Robot Dance Party

Grades K-5 • Saturday, October 29

3:00-3:45 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room

Design a paper costume for the Library Ozobot robot. After, use markers and color coding to watch the robots dance with some music! [REGISTER](#)

Color Science

Grades K-2 • Saturday, November 5

3:30-4:00 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room

Let's learn about the colors of the rainbow using science! [REGISTER](#)

DIY Backpack Charms

Grades 4-8 • Thursday, November 10

6:30-7:00 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room

Come make a cute, beaded pom-pom charm to decorate your backpack! [REGISTER](#)



LEGO House Build

Grades 3-8 • Monday, November 21

2:00-2:45 p.m. • Build • Miller Haase Community Room

2:45-9:00 p.m. • Viewing • Helen Gale Story Room

Come design a house with LEGOs. Each group will receive a bottom plate and be assigned a room to work on. We will connect the plates and see what kind of home we build! Register one person from your building group. Groups can be kids or kids and adults. Group maximum of three. Individuals can be groups of one. [REGISTER](#)

DIY Loom Potholders

Grades 2-5 • Wednesday, November 30

7:00-7:45 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room

Using a small loom, create a simple potholder you can use for cooking or to give as a gift! [REGISTER](#)



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Family Programs

StoryWalk®

All Ages ■ September 1 ■ October 1 ■ November 1

LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve on the Randall Rd. Trail

Come and 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.*

Express Yourself

All Ages ■ Saturdays ■ September 3 ■ October 8 ■ November 12

3:00-4:00 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Come create your own beautiful arts and crafts masterpiece in our open craft session! **REGISTER**

Story Time in a Bag

All Ages ■ Beginning Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

September 16–November 18 ■ Youth Services Desk

All the supplies you need to create a story time at home! Bags are available at the Youth Services desk starting on Fridays, while supplies last. Return the book, keep the rest! *A St. Charles Library card is required for this program.* **DROP IN**

Big Blue Block Party

All Ages ■ Sundays ■ September 18 ■ October 16 ■ November 20

12:00-4:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Bring the family for creative and constructive fun with our Big Blue Blocks. Kids of all ages will enjoy building, pretending and role-playing with large scale foam blocks. Join the Block Party for cooperative and creative play in the Helen Gale Story Room! **DROP IN**

Pirate Treasure Hunt

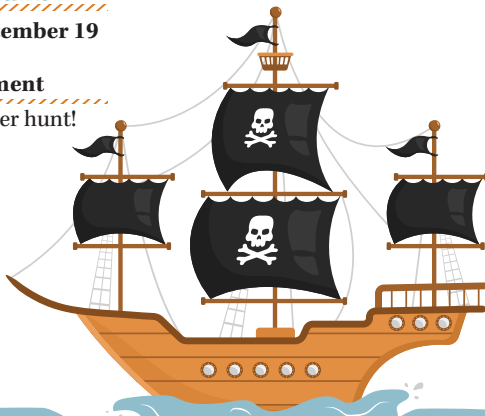
All Ages ■ Monday, September 19

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Youth Services Department

A pirate-themed scavenger hunt!

DROP IN



Family Pumpkin Decorating Contest

All Ages ■ Wednesday, October 5

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. ■ Youth Services Desk

Families and individuals are welcome to submit a pumpkin decorated as their favorite book character! All submissions are due to the Library's Youth Services desk on Wednesday, October 5 to be entered into the contest. Please provide character name and book title at drop off. Vote for your favorite pumpkin during Scarecrow Weekend at the Library during open hours, Friday, October 7 through Sunday, October 9. **Carved pumpkins must be fake, no real pumpkins with cuts, carvings or similar will be accepted.*



Smarty Pants Big Balloon Show

All Ages ■ Thursday, October 6

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

Join Smarty Pants for award-winning balloon twisting, lots of jokes and a one-of-a-kind show. After the show, feel free to take pictures of the balloon creations. Space is limited. **DROP IN**

Animals Around the World

All Ages ■ Monday, October 10

3:00-4:30 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Participants will learn about animals from five continents and how their physical characteristics give them the ability to thrive in their unique habitats. The audience will have an opportunity to pet, hold or view up close all the animals. Animals include a fruit bat, snake, skunk, opossum, hedgehog, parrot, gecko, bearded dragon and tarantula. Space is limited. **DROP IN**

Adopt a Plush Donut

All Ages ■ Friday, October 14

3:00-3:30 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Celebrate National Dessert Day by coming to adopt a plush donut! Take home a donut friend and adoption certificate. Check out our YouTube page for a short donut video starting October 1. **REGISTER**

Terrace Garden Scavenger Hunt

All Ages ■ Wednesday, October 26 ■ 5:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Terrace Garden

Bring a flashlight and visit the Youth Services desk for a scavenger hunt map. Find all 10 hidden objects and receive a sticker prize! **DROP IN**

Family Portraits

All Ages ■ Saturday, October 29 ■ 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 30 ■ 12:30-2:30 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Come to the Library for a professional portrait of your family. Sessions will last 15 minutes per family and images will be sent via email after the program! **REGISTER**

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Trick or Treat Parade

All Ages ■ Monday, October 31

10:30-11:15 a.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Join us for some Halloween fun at the Library! We'll gather for a story and then go trick-or-treating around the building. **DROP IN**

No School Day Movie

All Ages Monday, November 21

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Huntley Community Room

School might be out, but the Library is open! Join us for an all-ages screening of **The Bad Guys** (PG). **DROP IN**

Handmade Bookmarks

All Ages ■ Wednesday, November 23

2:00-3:00 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Create paper bookmarks to take home or give to our Youth Services desk for other readers! Maybe someone will choose your design to take home with their next book? Drop in anytime during the hour. **DROP IN**

Loose Parts Play!

All Ages ■ Sunday, November 27

12:00-4:45 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Stop by the Library to make some unique, impermanent designs. From mini pom-poms to straws, use random items to play, draw and imagine. Learn how to use everyday objects to make something special. **DROP IN**



Parent Programs

Parenting Book Club

Adults ■ Thursday, October 20 ■ 8:00-8:45 p.m. ■ Via Zoom

A book club just for parents, from the comfort of your own home! There's no need to find a babysitter, or even finish the book! Join other parents and caregivers to discuss **Hunt, Gather, Parent: What Ancient Cultures Can Teach Us About the Lost Art of Raising Happy, Helpful Little Humans** by Michaela Doucette, PhD. A link to the Zoom meeting will be emailed to you before the event. **REGISTER**

Early December
**COMING
UP**

In early December, grades 4-8 are invited to host a booth at our Youth Flea Market! Books, small toys, homemade crafts and other items with a \$10 limit can be sold. Sign up as an individual or a small group to sell your wares. Keep an eye out for the winter *Discover Your Library* newsletter for more information.

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Hidden Dinosaur

All Ages ■ November 1-30 ■ Youth Services Desk

All November long, look for the hidden T-Rex in the Youth Services department. Tell the desk staff where you find it and receive a sticker prize!

Dinosaur Meet and Greet

All Ages ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Wednesday, November 2 ■ 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 29 ■ 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Your dinosaur pals are back for another Dinovenber! Stop in and meet them. Color a dinosaur coloring sheet while you wait! **DROP IN**



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September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Let your imagination
sing at the library.



Celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month this September

Having fun is easy when you've got a library card for access to information, new technologies, resource sharing, education, services, programs and much more. Throughout the month of September, we are celebrating National Library Card Sign-up Month with this year's honorary chairs Tony Award-winning performer, actress, singer-songwriter and philanthropist Idina Menzel and her sister, author and educator Cara Mentzel.

During Library Card Sign-Up Month, please come and explore all the Library has to offer, including new children's books, access to technology and educational programming.

The Library has the resources to help, support, educate and inspire creativity in our community in new and engaging ways. Having access to the Library's resources can help you find your voice and encourages empowerment, exploration, discovery and growth.

So start your new singing journey with a St. Charles Public Library card. It's easy to do. Stop by the Library and request a card in person, or if you are a resident in the Library district, you can obtain one online at scpld.org.

*"The library is where your imagination sings.
Get your library card and 'check it out' today."
— Cara Mentzel*

To recognize National Library Card Sign-up Month, the Library has fun giveaways, events and more planned all month long. In addition to events, we are excited to offer new and existing cardholders the chance to win a grand prize: a gift card that can be used on tickets for Paramount Theatre, Copley Theatre and RiverEdge Park events in Aurora.

Whether you get a library card this September or are a long-time patron, we want you to find your voice.

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 5
Labor Day
Wednesday, November 23
Closing at 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 24
Thanksgiving

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Library Board Meetings

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

September 14, 2022
October 12, 2022
November 9, 2022

Friends of St. Charles Public Library Meeting

Monday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m.

*Meetings to be held at the Library at
One S. Sixth Avenue, St. Charles, IL.*

