



# Discover Your Library

## St. Charles Public Library News and Event Guide

### Career Online High School: Helping You Attain Your Diploma with Flexibility and Ease



The St. Charles Public Library is proud to partner with Reaching Across Illinois Library Systems (RAILS) to offer qualified community members the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma through the Career Online High School (COHS) program. The COHS program was founded in 2010 and certified as the world's first online private school district in 2011. As one of 17 libraries in the state of Illinois to provide this free program, we are excited to help participants seek new opportunities and transform their lives.

Career Online High School is specifically designed to help adults re-enter the education system and prepare them for post-secondary career education or workforce. Through this program, St. Charles Public Library cardholders ages 21 and older have the chance to earn a real diploma—not a GED. The curriculum is fully-accredited and consists of 18 credit hours. Fourteen credit hours cover standard high school courses, such as

language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. Four additional credit hours are dedicated to one of nine career-focused courses that students can choose—such as office management, homeland security, childcare and education, and food and customer service to name a few.

*"I just wanted to extend my deepest thanks to the STC library and all who supported me and this life-changing program. I hope our stories can inspire so many more to complete their education. Knowledge is power, and it's never too late. Thank you again."*

*COHS graduate Stevie P.*

In addition to earning a high school diploma, graduates also receive a certificate of study in their chosen career area.

Starting an educational program can seem daunting, but COHS offers individualized support from certified instructors and academic coaches who are available to assist students every step of the way. Coursework is 100 percent online and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All that is needed is access to the internet via desktop, laptop or tablet. For those who don't have an internet connection, the Library has computer workstations available to complete classwork.

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## Career Online High School

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Flexibility in planning study times is key for adults who have busy work and family schedules. The COHS program lets students self-pace and work on classes as their time allows. They have up to 18 months to complete their studies; however, it is possible to graduate faster by transferring in previously-earned high school credits. Depending on how many credits are transferred, participants can earn their high school diploma in as little as five months.

To learn more, visit [scpld.org/cohs](http://scpld.org/cohs) or call us at 630-584-0076 x1. Our staff is happy to explain the program in more detail and answer any questions that prospective students



may have. The COHS program puts participants on the right path to attaining their goals. As Adult Reference Librarian and COHS Program Manager Sutton Skowron states, “The benefits of this program extend far after our students graduate. With a COHS degree, our students can move their lives forward and work toward achieving their dreams.”



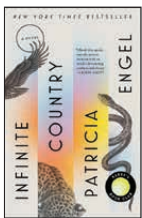
## WHAT THE STAFF IS READING



### **Black Buck**

Mateo Askaripour ■ FIC ASKARIPOUR

This fast-paced, skewering satire explores ambition, race, corporate culture, greed, and most of all, what gets lost on the way to the top. A romp of a read from a debut author.



### **Infinite Country**

Patricia Engel ■ FIC ENGEL

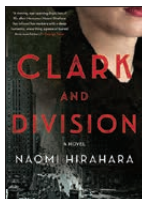
Young parents overstay their visas and then choose who stays as undocumented in America, and who returns to the violence of war-torn Columbia. With repercussions years later for their children, this is a story of finding home and of dreams deferred.



### **Breathe the Sky**

Michelle Hazen ■ FIC HAZEN

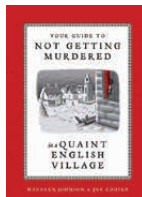
An unexpected bit of wonderfulness if you appreciate sensitive portrayals of working through trauma.



### **Clark and Division**

Naomi Hirahara ■ FIC HIRAHARA

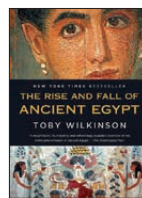
Set primarily in 1944 Chicago, an eye-opening and poignant mix of historical fiction and mystery about a young woman searching for the truth about her older sister's death, and the incarceration of her Japanese American family at Manzanar during World War II.



### **Your Guide to Not Getting Murdered in a Quaint English Village**

Maureen Johnson ■ 818.6 JOH

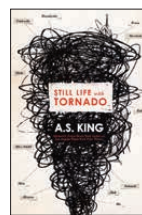
This delightfully funny illustrated guide is perfect for cozy British mystery fans and anyone who has ever marveled at how many people manage to get killed in the same small towns on BBC television shows.



### **The Rise and Fall of Ancient Egypt**

Toby Wilkinson ■ 932 WIL

In this fascinating work, one of the world's renowned Egyptologists tells the story of this great civilization, from its birth as the first nation-state to its final absorption into the Roman Empire—three thousand years of wild drama and unforgettable characters.



### **Still Life with Tornado**

A. S. King ■ YA FIC KING

Sixteen and artistically gifted, Sarah is having an existential crisis—or maybe she's just trying to survive the tornado of violence and denial that is her parents' marriage. Insightful, heartbreaking and ultimately hopeful.



### **The False Prince**

Jennifer A. Nielsen ■ J NIELSEN

It's hard to put down this suspenseful story of a boy who, with the help of a devious nobleman, would be king. Filled with intrigue and strong characters, it's a great book for kids and adults.

## SCPL Display Cases

The St. Charles Public Library is pleased to offer its lobby display cases to nonprofit organizations and community groups who wish to inform or highlight a program. The display case on the main floor has four locked glass cabinets and is located across from the Welcome Desk. Examples of displays include community services and programs, or historical material, educational or cultural collections. The display case can be reserved for a one-month period. For more information or to schedule a month, please contact Denise Blaszyński at [dblaszynski@scpld.org](mailto:dblaszynski@scpld.org).



The Youth Services department has three different displays: one put together by staff that highlights department information and local resources for parents and caregivers; one that children can reserve to display their personal collections; and one that currently holds an iSpy display. Displays offer patrons the opportunity to interact passively with resources in the department. Young patrons interested in displaying their collections can fill out an application with a parent or guardian on our website.

## 2nd Tuesday Book Discussion

**Bisbee Conference Room unless otherwise noted**

The Library offers two book discussion groups: Mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Evenings at 7:00 p.m. For more information, email [Readers@scpld.org](mailto:Readers@scpld.org). Please check [scpld.org/book-discussions](http://scpld.org/book-discussions) for updates and meeting locations. **DROP IN**



**March 8**

**Morning**

**Piranesi**

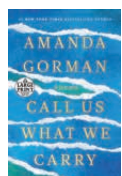
Susanna Clarke ■ FIC CLARKE  
Carnegie Community Room



**Evening**

**1984**

George Orwell ■ FIC ORWELL  
Bisbee Conference Room



**April 12**

**Morning & Evening**

**Call Us What We Carry**

Amanda Gorman ■ 811.6 GOR



**May 10**

**Morning & Evening**

**The Signal Flame**

Andrew Krivak ■ FIC KRIVAK

## 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**

**March 12** – Why We Write: Responding to Didion

**March 26** – To Make a Long Story Short

**April 9** – The Senses in Poetry

**April 23** – Literary Analysis: The Best American Poetry 2021

**\*Carnegie Community Room**

**May 14** – Social Media and the Writer

**May 28** – Before “The End”: Considering the Conclusion

## Great Decisions

**Thursdays ■ 7:00 p.m.**

**Bisbee Conference Room**

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



**March 17:** Outer Space Policy

**April 21:** Climate Change

**May 19:** Putin's Russia



## Program Information

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## Business Programs



### Financial Literacy and Investing for Women: Celebrating International Women's Day

Tuesday, March 8 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room (or Online via Zoom if necessary)

In honor of International Women's Day (March 8), Lotus Women's Institute founder Anita Knotts will share the financial advice that every woman should know. International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, and the mission of Lotus Women's Institute is to help women own their financial security through education. Please join us for topics including financial literacy and investing for women. **REGISTER**

### Medigap Tool: Discover Your Best Medicare Supplement Plan and Explore Options with a Free Report

Wednesday, April 6 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Get help navigating the Medicare and Medigap maze. Join Business Reference Librarian Chris Flood and a Weiss Financial Ratings representative for a discussion about Medicare. Learn about the hidden costs of Medicare, choose the correct Medicare Supplement Insurance Plan and compare rates. The Library subscribes to a database that offers a free Medigap tool, Weiss Financial Ratings, and with a St. Charles Library card, you can get immediate access to your own 80+ page, information-packed Buyer's Guide & Cost Calculator, customized just for you. **REGISTER**

# Weiss Ratings

### Student Loans: Big Changes

Wednesday, May 4 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

The suspension of payments for federal loans is scheduled to end May 1. Financial educator Karen Chan will tell you what you need to know and how to respond. The new Limited Time Waiver for Public Service Loan Forgiveness could give you credit for prior payments that didn't qualify; learn what steps you need to take. You will also learn how to choose the best repayment plan for your situation. **REGISTER**



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

Mondays • 6:30-8:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom

Please join TUG Career Services and Business Reference Librarian Chris Flood as they welcome speakers who present the latest updates on career management, job-seeking skills, education and training. Join us on the second and fourth Monday of every month. Programs will be via Zoom.

**REGISTER**

March 14: Lauren Milligan: Taking ATS to the Next Level –  
Insider Secrets to Unlock Resume Keywords

March 28 • April 11 • April 25 • May 9 • May 23

\*Speaker & program TBD



## Researching Your Family History with MyHeritage

Thursday, March 10 • 7:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom

MyHeritage Library Edition is one of the largest, most internationally diverse genealogy databases of its kind. It's been around for several years but still isn't well known. Professional genealogist Caron Brennan will show us what MyHeritage has to offer and why you should consider using it for your genealogical research. **REGISTER**

## Genealogy in the Afternoon

Thursdays • March 24, April 21, May 19 • 1:00-4:00 p.m. • Computer Lab

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 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**

## Publishing Your Genealogy Using Windows

Thursday, May 12 • 7:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Have you written a rough draft of a book or a story of your family history? Are you considering self-publishing in the future? In this presentation, professional genealogist Jacquie Schattner will teach us about templates, layouts, ideas to add interest to your family history manuscript, preparing and inserting photos, three ways to source, indexing and tips to create a beautiful cover. Included are details on editing your manuscript and where to find help when you need it. There are five steps to elevate your original manuscript to be publish-ready. Complete the steps, and you will be thrilled with the results. **REGISTER**



## Friends Used Book Sale

Friday, April 22 • 2:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 23 • 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 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. **DROP IN**

## FASCINATING WOMEN OF HISTORY



### Just Jane: A Visit with Jane Austen\*

Thursday, March 17  
1:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Jane Austen visits you from the autumn of 1815. Jane, as portrayed by Debra Ann Miller, visits with you at this, the most vibrant and hopeful time of her life. Drawing from her letters, juvenilia and novels, this 45-minute performance delves into the personal life of one of the most beloved and intriguing novelists of the 19th century. **REGISTER** \*This program is sponsored by the Eastside Book Club in loving memory of Carol Holmes.

## Women in Space Exploration

Thursday, April 7 • 7:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Women have been involved in getting people to space for decades. Michelle Nichols from the Adler Planetarium will explore several of these historic, though largely unknown, trailblazers. **REGISTER**

## Lucille Ball: Queen of Comedy

Tuesday, May 17 • 7:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Lucille Ball is celebrated as one of classic television's top comedienesses. In addition to a career spanning radio, television and film, Ball also possessed a strong business acumen that impacted classic television. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek for a special "Hometowns to Hollywood" tribute to Lucille Ball, as she discusses her career, legacy and early years in a multimedia presentation. **REGISTER**



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## Community Seed Event

We're excited to announce our first-ever Community Seed event this spring and summer. Together, we will learn to grow and preserve the Inciardi paste tomato. We will have workshops and free seeds, and the Master Gardeners will host an Inciardi seedling sale.

The Inciardi tomato has a remarkable story. This paste tomato was first brought to America from Sicily by Henry Inciardi and family. The seeds were sewn into their clothes to prevent them from being confiscated at Ellis Island. Henry Inciardi settled in Chicago working for General Electric, and the family continued growing the seeds for decades. After it nearly went extinct, the tomato was brought back by a handful of local gardeners, notably Vicki Nowicki, founder of the Downers Grove Seed Library, who continued to grow and save the seeds. Today, it is grown almost exclusively in the Chicagoland area and is said to make one of the best tomato sauces.

Free Inciardi seeds will be available starting March 5 at our Seed Swap, in our Seed Library, at the St. Charles History Museum and the University of Illinois Extension Office. Follow our social media for updates on seeds, plants, programs and who can grow the best tomatoes in St. Charles.



### Seed Swap

**Saturday, March 5 • 9:30-11:30 a.m. • Huntley Community Room**

Join us to swap seeds with local gardeners. This will be your first chance to get seeds from our heirloom seed library. You do not have to bring seeds to take seeds, but it is encouraged. Heirloom and open-pollinated seeds are preferred. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer any questions. [REGISTER](#)

### Tomato Plant Sale

**Saturday, May 14 • 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**University of Illinois Extension Office Kane County  
535 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles**

Master Gardeners will be selling Inciardi tomato seedlings. Get in on the fun, and join our Community Seed effort! Our Seed Library will also be available with free seeds. [REGISTER](#)

### Seed Starting

**Wednesday, March 23 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Via Zoom**

Starting your own seedlings is a great way to save money and grow varieties of flowers, vegetables and other plants not usually found in stores or garden centers. A University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener will present tips on starting your own plants from seed, including soil preparation, container selection, lighting options and troubleshooting. [REGISTER](#)

### Seed Saving

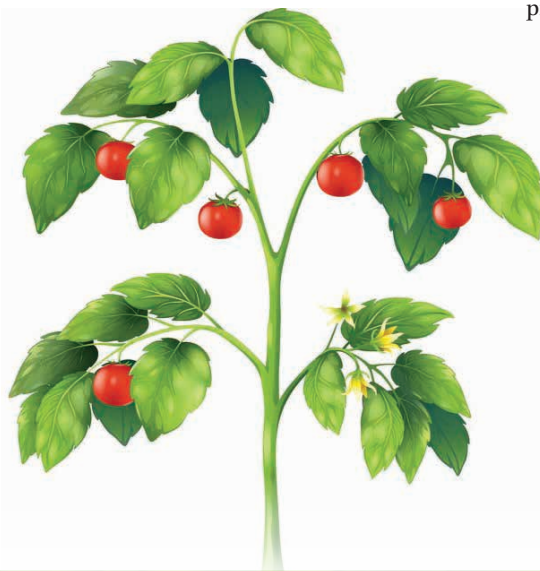
**Tuesday, April 12 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • Via Zoom**

A University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener will discuss how to save seeds from your own garden. Find out which seeds are worth the effort and which are not, along with methods of cleaning and storing your seeds. [REGISTER](#)

### Tomato Clinic

**Tuesday, May 3 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • Via Zoom**

Tomatoes are a garden favorite and easy to grow, but they can succumb to a variety of ailments. Prevent disappointing yields by learning how to identify common disease symptoms, nutritional disorders and insect pests. Growers will be armed with a prescription for tomato success. [REGISTER](#)



### Grab n' Go Kits

All materials and instructions included. Available while supplies last.

### Seed Starter Kit

**For Adults**

**Monday, March 7–Monday, March 14  
All day**

Get a jump start on summer gardening with a seed starter kit from the Library! If registering online, find March 7 on the events calendar. [REGISTER](#)



## Board Game Night

Wednesdays ▪ 6:00-8:30 p.m.

March 15 ▪ Carnegie Community Room

April 20 ▪ Carnegie Community Room

May 18 ▪ Huntley Community Room

Join us to play games like 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 for more information under Board Games @ St. Charles Public Library.

**REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

## Lincoln's Gettysburg Address\*

Tuesday, March 29 ▪ 6:30 p.m. ▪ Huntley Community Room

President Abraham Lincoln delivered one of the most famous speeches in United States history at the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery on November 19, 1863. Professor Gary Midkiff will explain the events that led to the request for Lincoln to give the speech, the way in which he constructed it, the dramatic choice of words and phrases in it, and finish with a dramatic reading. He will examine the context of the speech and why the speech still speaks to us today. **REGISTER**

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## All Together Now: Upstander Training for the Fox River Valley

Tuesday, March 29 ▪ 7:00 p.m. ▪ Online via Zoom

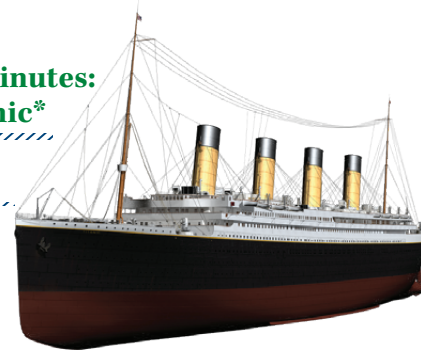
Learn a variety of strategies to interrupt bigotry, racism, and hate—to be an active upstander instead of a passive bystander. Are you wondering how to respond to hatred and racism in person or online? Have you ever heard a microaggression or witnessed something offensive but didn't know what to say or do? If you want to support people targeted by racism and bigotry but don't know how, this workshop will build awareness and give you tools for safe and effective ways to stand up and intervene when you see someone targeted. This workshop is facilitated by equity and inclusion specialist Rina Campbell (M.Ed) of Campbell Consulting. *This program is proudly presented in partnership with multiple Illinois public libraries.* **REGISTER**

## One Hundred and Sixty Minutes: The Race to Save the Titanic\*

Tuesday, April 5 ▪ 1:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Author William Hazelgrove tells the story of the amazing heroism and astounding incompetence in the race to rescue the Titanic, as more than 28 ships from four different countries raced to her rescue. One hundred and sixty minutes. That is all the time rescuers would have before the largest ship in the world slipped beneath the icy Atlantic on April 15, 1912. **REGISTER** *\*Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.*



## Highlights of The Art Institute of Chicago\*

Wednesday, April 13 ▪ 7:00 p.m. ▪ Online via Zoom

As one of America's greatest comprehensive museums, The Art Institute of Chicago proudly displays collections that represent the history of civilization. Art historian Jeff Mishur covers a selection of museum highlights from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. This lecture offers a chance to learn the stories behind works by artists such as Monet, Seurat, Toulouse-Lautrec, van Gogh, Picasso, Wood, Hopper, Cassatt and others. **REGISTER** *\*Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.*

## Books, Bites and Brews

Thursday, April 14 ▪ 7:00 p.m.

Pollyanna Brewing Company ▪ 106 S. Riverside Ave, St. Charles

Join us at our book club for adults 21 and older. Pizza will be provided by the Library. Participants are responsible for their own drinks and literary opinions. Our April read will be **The Prince and the Dressmaker** by Jen Wang. Copies of the book are available five weeks prior to discussion. St. Charles Public Library cardholders only. **REGISTER**

## Frances Badger: Artist Discussion

Tuesday, April 26 ▪ 1:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Kay Krans from the Manitowish Waters Historical Society discusses Frances Badger, a prominent Chicago artist and muralist during FDR's Work Progress Administration (WPA) program in the 1930s. Badger's art was influenced by the beauty of the area and Ojibwa wild rice harvesting. Two of Badger's paintings hang in the Library. **REGISTER**



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# Adult Programs

## White House Wedding: The 20th Century \*

Tuesday, May 10 ■ 1:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

In the 20th Century, five daughters of Presidents married at the White House, including Alice Roosevelt, Jessie Woodrow Wilson, Eleanor Randolph Wilson, Lynda Bird Johnson and Tricia Nixon. Karen Hall will discuss the five weddings of "American royalty," including how their weddings represented changing American values about this celebratory custom. **REGISTER** \*Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.

## Senior Housing 101

Tuesday, May 24 ■ 7:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Rick Graffagna of Senior Solutions presents this informative and educational seminar about how to find senior properties, types of senior housing, funding, what to consider as you search and more. Graffagna will also discuss financial strategies for older adults and caregivers beginning the search for future living arrangements. Senior Services is a family-owned and operated business focused on helping you and your family find the best and most suitable living and/or care arrangements. In addition, they are a resource and advocate helping provide or find answers to the most pressing senior-related questions that you may face. **REGISTER**

## Sunday Concert Series

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

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#### March 13: Music for Soprano, Cello and Piano

Soprano Megan Bell is joined by cellist Richard Bell and pianist Chaiyi Lee for an hour of music by composers Bach, Brahms, Previn and Schubert.



#### March 27: F-PLUS: New Works for Violin, Clarinet and Percussion\*

The program will include works written for F-PLUS by Chicago Symphony Mead Composer-in-Residence Jessie Montgomery, Matthew Barnson, Liza Sobel, the world premiere of "Fleet Feather" by Philadelphia-based composer Charles Peck, and works by Christopher Stark and Kevin Puts.

#### April 10: The Alba Quartet Celebrates Mozart\*

The Alba quartet (flute, violin, viola, cello) performs a program of the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and his contemporaries interspersed with fun facts about the man and his life (and death!)

#### May 1: AnDréa James and Valerie Bollero

*"Not" All By Myself: When Pop Steals from the Classics*

What do Celine Dion and Rachmaninoff have in common? What about Elvis and Bach? Or Billy Joel and Beethoven? Classical music has been inspiring pop music for decades through its melodies and chord progressions. This new collaboration from singer AnDréa James and pianist Valleri Bollero explores the connection between the classics and some of our greatest pop songs.



## Cut the Cable Cord

Thursday, May 26

6:30–8:00 p.m.

Computer Lab



Looking to cutting the cord? Learn about some of the alternatives to traditional cable or satellite TV such as Amazon, Apple and Netflix. Join Mike Gershbein from Very Smart People to learn about the best services as well as streaming devices like Roku and Apple TV. **REGISTER**

## Computer Basics - Mornings

Wednesdays ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Computer Lab

Join us for small group computer instruction. Our IT Educator will cover the basics so you can feel confident using your laptop, tablet or phone. Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only. **REGISTER**

March 9: iPad & iPhone Basics

March 16: Android Phone & Tablet Basics

March 23: Facebook & Instagram Basics

April 13: Mac Basics

April 20: Library Digital Resources on Your Tablet or Phone

May 4: Intro to Microsoft Word

May 18: Intro to Microsoft Excel

## Computer Instruction - Evenings

Thursdays ■ 6:30–8:00 p.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**

March 3: Microsoft Excel - Intro

March 10: Google Sheets - Intro

March 17: Microsoft Excel - Conditional Formatting

March 24: Google Sheets - Conditional Formatting

April 7: Microsoft Word Lesson 1

April 14: Microsoft Word Lesson 2

April 21: Google Docs Lesson 1

April 28: Google Docs Lesson 2

May 5: PowerPoint - How to Design Printables

May 19: Google Slides - How to Design Printables



## STC Creative

STC Creative is a do-it-yourself makerspace where you can craft using traditional tools, and new and emerging technologies. STC Creative supplies access to technology and tools and equipment to help the community bring creations to life.

To use a maker tool, you must first complete either an in-person class or view online demonstration videos posted to Niche Academy. Select tools are operated by Technology Help Desk staff, others are for patrons to use independantly. Please see the Library website for links to Niche Academy videos and our STC Creative & Equipment Policy.

Begining March 1, reservations can be made by calling the Technology Help Desk at (630) 584-0076, ext. 208.

STC Creative is open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.



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GLOWFORGE • 28" VINYL CUTTER • SOUND STUDIO • RODE PODCAST EQUIPMENT



## Maker Mondays

10:00–11:30 a.m. • STC Creative

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

Space is limited. **REGISTER**

**March 7:** Brother ScanNCut Canvas Workspace Tutorial

**March 14:** Cricut Design Space Tutorial

**March 21:** Paper Quilling for Beginners

**April 4:** Screen Printing with Stencils

**April 11:** Cricut Design Space Tutorial

**April 18:** Slow Stitching- A Mindful DIY Craft

**May 2:** Tissue Paper Flowers

**May 9:** Photo Buttons and Magnets

**May 16:** Brother ScanNCut Canvas Workspace Tutorial



## Maker Repeats

Tuesdays • 6:30–8:00 p.m. • STC Creative

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# Young Adult Programs

## Teen Writers Group

Grades 9-12 ■ Thursdays ■ March 3, April 7, May 5  
6:00-7:30 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room

Calling all teen writers! Discuss what you've been reading, any pieces you're working on, and participate in activities and discussions that can help hone your writing skills. Teens are encouraged to bring any pieces they are working on to share (but it is not required). **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

## YA Bookclub: East, North and Anywhere

Grades 9-12 ■ Tuesday, March 8 ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
Carnegie Community Room ■ *The Companion* by Katie Alender

The Lincoln Award book discussion is in partnership with St. Charles East and North High Schools. This discussion is open to all high school students. Pick up a copy at the Library, or students of St. Charles East or North High Schools may request copies from their LRC. Pizza and drink will be provided (in accordance with public health guidelines).



*The Lincoln Award is designed to encourage teens to read for personal satisfaction and become familiar with authors of young adult and adult books. Students who read at least four of the nominees are welcome to vote online for their favorite title. **REGISTER***

## Anime Club

Grades 9-12 ■ Wednesdays ■ March 9, April 13, May 11 ■ 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
STC Underground Baker Community Center (lower level)  
101 S. 2nd Street, St. Charles

Every second Wednesday 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 and high school teens, including private school and home-schooled students who reside within St. Charles School District boundaries. Students must submit a completed Code of Conduct signed by themselves AND a parent or legal guardian. This form can be downloaded and printed from [stcunderground.com/info/](http://stcunderground.com/info/)*

*For questions or to register please visit [stcunderground.com](http://stcunderground.com) or call 630-513-4380. **DROP IN***

## It's Time: How to Stand Up to Bigotry, Racism & Hate in 2022

Ages 14-19 ■ Thursday, March 10 ■ 4:00-5:30 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

Have you ever seen someone else get bullied? What did you do about it? In this teen-only training, equity and inclusion specialist Rina Campbell will provide you with strategies to combat hate and bigotry in our community. **REGISTER** \*Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, this program may be changed or canceled at any time. Registrants will be contacted with any updates prior to the event.



## Manga Book Club

Grades 9-12 ■ Mondays ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Bisbee Conference Room  
March 14: *I Want to Eat Your Pancreas* by Yoru Sumino

April 11: *The Gods Lie* by Kaori Ozaki

May 9: *She and Her Cat* by Makoto Shinkai

Come and discuss the month's chosen manga book. Ask at the Research & Reading desk for a copy. Drinks and snacks may be provided (in accordance with public health guidelines). **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

## Star Wars Day Movie Screening

Grades 6-12 ■ Wednesday, May 4  
6:00-8:30 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Enjoy a classic Star Wars film on the big screen. Activities, snacks and drinks may be provided (in accordance with public health guidelines). **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**



## Free Comic Book Day

Grades 9-12 ■ Saturday, May 7 ■ All Day  
Research & Reading Desk, Upper Level

It's back! Come join the celebration known as Free Comic Book Day. It doesn't matter if you're a lifelong collector or new reader; there is a comic for everyone! Stop in and pick your free comic(s) from Marvel, DC or various independent publishers. Our comics are courtesy of Graham Cracker Comics. Please visit them at 640 Randall Rd., St. Charles to score even more free comics. While supplies last. **DROP IN**

## SAT Practice Test

Grades 9-12 ■ Saturday, May 7 ■ 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room

Take a free SAT practice test in an SAT 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 and an invite for a virtual presentation on the interpretation of test results. Presented by Huntington Learning Center in Geneva. **REGISTER**



## Teen Grab n' Go Kits

Grades 9-12 • The Loft

### Seed Starter Kit

**Pick-up:** Monday, March 7–Monday, March 14

Wonder if you have a green thumb? Join the fun and learn about planting, tending and harvesting with your own seed starter kit. If registering online, find March 7 on the calendar.



### Spring Chick Succulent Planter

**Pick-up:** Monday, April 11–Monday, April 18

Decorate a bright spring chick pot and top it off with your very own succulent. Pots, paint, feathers and a real succulent plant will be provided. If registering online, find April 11 on the calendar.

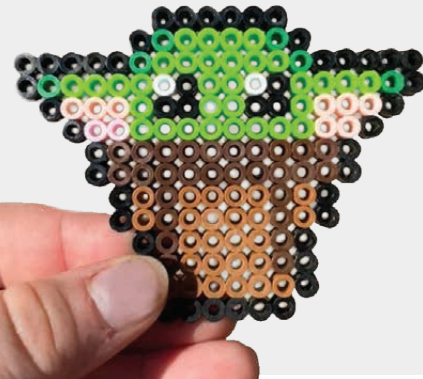


### Yoda Perler Bead Magnet May the Force (4th) Be With You!

**Pick-up:**

Monday, May 2–  
Monday, May 9

Bring your Jedi crafting skills to create a Perler Bead Yoda magnet. Kit includes beads, template and magnet to get you started. If registering online, find May 2 on the calendar.



## Lit Loot

Grades 6-12

**Sign up by:** March 5 • April 5 • May 5

**Pick up:** March 10-20 • April 10-20 • May 10-20

Sign up by the fifth 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 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 • Thursdays: March 17, April 21, May 19  
6:00-7:30 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room

Watch anime and enjoy different activities each month. Participants are expected to stay in the room for the duration of the event to prevent distractions. Attendees will vote on which anime they would like to watch at the start of the program. Feel free to cosplay. No weapons, food or drink permitted. [REGISTER](#)

## Junior Friends

Grades 6-8 • Thursdays: March 3, April 7, May 5  
6:00-7:30 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room

Join this 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](#)

## DIY Stickers

Grades 6-8 • Fridays: March 11, April 8, May 13  
5:00-7:30 p.m. • Computer Lab & STC Creative

Test out some of the new STC Creative equipment and walk away with your own sticker, great for water bottles, laptops or notebooks. All three dates are the same program repeated; please register for only one session. [REGISTER](#)

## Babysitter Training

Ages 11-15 • Wednesday, March 30 AND Thursday, March 31  
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room  
FEE \$30 in Library District/\$45 outside Library District

This two-day training will cover all aspects of babysitting responsibilities and includes babysitting resources. Students must attend the entire training workshop both days and successfully pass all observable skills to obtain Red Cross certification. *Grant funding provided by the Friends of St. Charles Public Library.* [REGISTER](#)



## Program Information

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## Twinleaf Tales

All Ages with Caregiver

Fridays: March 4, April 1, May 6  
10:00-10:30 a.m.

Hickory Knolls Discovery Center  
3795 Campton Hills Dr., St. Charles

Enjoy nature-inspired stories and a take-and-make craft kit.

Register all attending children with the St. Charles Park District at [stcnature.org/twinleaf-tales](http://stcnature.org/twinleaf-tales) or by phone at 630-513-6200.

Co-sponsored with the St. Charles Park District. [REGISTER](#)



## Spanish Story Time Presented by Language Labs *Cuentos para la familia con Language Labs!*

All Ages with Caregiver ■ Saturdays: March 5, April 9, May 7

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

Todas las edades con cuidador ■ Sábados ■ Sala comunitaria Miller Haase

Join us for a story time presented by Language Labs. The presenter will share songs and stories in Spanish.

Speakers of all languages are welcome!

*Este tiempo de cuentos es presentado por Language Labs. El presentador compartirá canciones e historias en español. ¡Los hablantes de todos los idiomas son bienvenidos!*

[REGISTER](#) [REGISTRARSE](#)



## Preschool Activities to GO!

Preschool Ages 4-6 ■ Mondays: March 7, April 4, May 2

9:00 a.m. ■ Youth Services

Looking for something to do at home with your preschooler? The Library has you covered. Stop by and pick up a literacy activity while supplies last.

**DROP IN**

## Story Time in a Bag!

All Ages ■ Mondays: March 7–May 16 ■ 10:00 a.m.

Main Level ■ Holds Shelf

All the supplies you need to create your own story time at home. Each bag comes with a book to check out, active song lyrics and a link to a Spotify playlist of our favorite songs. Each week is a different story time. Return the book and keep the rest. A St. Charles Library card is required for this program. One bag per family. [REGISTER](#)



## My First Story Time

Ages 0-24 months ■ Tuesdays OR Wednesdays

March 8–May 18 ■ 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Huntley Community Room

A lapsit story time for parents/caregivers and children. Please register everyone attending. [REGISTER](#)



## All Ages Story Time

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

Tuesdays OR Wednesdays: March 8–May 18

Saturdays: March 19 & 26 ■ April 2, 23 & 30 ■ May 21

Join us for a story time for kids and grownups alike. Please register everyone attending. Let's have fun together! [REGISTER](#)

## 2 & 3 Year Old Story Time

With Caregiver ■ Tuesdays OR Wednesdays

March 8–May 18 ■ 10:30-11:00 a.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Interactive story time for children and their parents/caregivers. Please register everyone attending. [REGISTER](#)

## Starrytime

All Ages ■ Tuesdays: March 8–May 17

6:30 p.m. ■ On 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.





## Stories with the Nature Center

All Ages with Caregiver

Wednesdays: March 9, April 13, May 11  
10:30–11:00 a.m.

LeRoy Oakes Nature Center  
37W700 Dean St., 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. *In partnership with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.* **DROP IN**



## Virtual Story Time

All Ages ■ Thursdays, March 10–May 19

10:00–10:30 a.m. ■ Online via Zoom

Join us for a LIVE virtual story time from your living room. A link to join the program will be emailed the day before. **REGISTER**

## Sensitive Story Time

All Ages, 7 and Younger with Caregiver

Saturdays: March 12, April 16, May 14 ■ 4:00–4:30 p.m.

Miller Haase Community Room

Join us for a calm story time with dim lights, quiet music and familiar stories. Feel welcome to bring sensory tools; a limited number of fidgets/headphones provided. Please register all attending. **REGISTER**

## Sensory Story Time

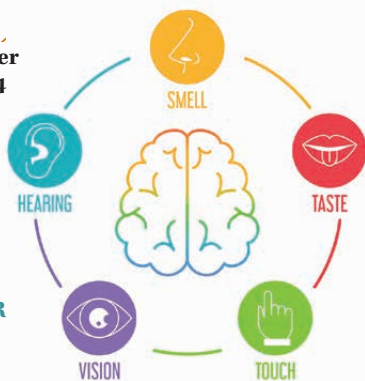
All Ages, 7 and Younger with Caregiver

Saturdays: March 12, April 16, May 14

10:00–10:30 a.m.

Miller Haase Community Room

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



## April Showers Fun!

Ages 0-5 with Caregiver ■ Friday, April 29

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. ■ Youth Services

April Showers bring...tons of fun! Drop by the Library for some sensory activities just for little ones five and under. **DROP IN**

## Student Programs

### Reading with Rover

Grades K-3 ■ Wednesdays: March 9, April 13 OR May 11

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

Bring your books or select from ours and read aloud for 15 minutes to a specially-trained therapy dog. Reading with Rover will inspire children to discover the joy of reading while developing literacy skills and confidence in a fun environment. Children must be able to read independently.

**REGISTER**

### Junior Historians

Grades 3-8 ■ Fridays: March 11, April 8, May 13

11:00 a.m. ■ Posted on 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. *This program is presented in partnership with the St. Charles History Museum and the St. Charles Historic Preservation Commission.*

### Hands on Art

Grades 3-5 ■ Mondays: March 14, April 11, May 9

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

Have fun creating art projects that use various techniques. **REGISTER**

### Art in the Afternoon

Grades K-2 ■ Mondays: March 21, April 18, May 16

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

Have fun discovering and imagining art in unique ways. A variety of materials, tools and methods will be used to create your own individual masterpieces. **REGISTER**

### Write Your Own Comic!

Grades K-5 ■ Saturday, March 26

4:00–4:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Learn fun facts behind some popular comic book characters and have fun creating your own comic strip adventure. **REGISTER**



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# Youth Programs



## Diverse Voices Book Discussion for Grades 3-8

**Thursday, April 14: Thanks a Lot, Universe** by Chad Lucas

**Thursday, May 26: Aru Shah and the End of Time** by Roshani Chokshi

**6:30-7:30 p.m. • Online via Zoom**

Discuss titles written by people of different backgrounds and experiences. Register for an emailed link to join the program. Books will be available for checkout via SCPLD Book Club Service at the Youth Services Desk. Meets at the same time as Diverse Voices Book Discussion for Adults.

**REGISTER**

## Don't Try This at Home!

**Grades 4-8 • Friday, April 15 • 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom**

NIU STEM Outreach is presenting a virtual show on your day off from school. Explore the world of science, technology, engineering and math from the comfort of your own home. Time will be available at the end of the program for questions. **REGISTER**

## Andertoons Draw Your Own Critter Collection!

**Grades K-5 • Thursday, March 31 • 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Miller Haase Community Room**

Join artist Mark Anderson to create and draw your very own collectible cartoon critters. Then, we'll decide who would win in a cartoon critter clash. **REGISTER**

## Squishy Circuits

**Grades 2-5 • Saturday, April 2 • 4:00-4:45 p.m.**

**Miller Haase Community Room**

Get creative with circuitry! Build squishy circuits using Play-Doh, battery packs and light bulbs. What can you design? **REGISTER**



## T-Rex on the Loose

**All Ages • Tuesday, March 1 • Friday, April 1  
Sunday, May 1 • 9:00 a.m. • Posted on YouTube**

Dinosaurs in the library? Oh no OR oh yeah? Video posted on the Library's YouTube channel every month.

## Express Yourself!

**All Ages • Fridays: March 11, April 8 and May 13**

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

Come and truly express yourself in our open arts and crafts session. Make whatever you want, however you want, with the variety of supplies we have available. **REGISTER**

## Star Wars Days!

**All Ages • Wednesday, May 4 and Thursday, May 5**

**All Day • Youth Services**

Light side or dark side? You decide! Join us for May the 4th and Revenge of the 5th. Drop-in activities include: post-it mural, scavenger hunt and voting booth for Who-Would-Win - Jedi or Sith? Stop in after 3:00 p.m. for a Grab and Go kit, while supplies last. Wednesday's kit features a Rebel Alliance theme, while Thursday's kit features the Galactic Empire. Can't make it in?

No problem. Try our virtual Star Wars escape room "Into the Trash Chute"! **DROP IN**



## Garden Gallery Chalk Art

**All Ages • Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15**

**All Day • Terrace Garden**

Add your chalk designs to our Terrace Garden to transform it into a gallery. Chalk will be provided for artists. *Weather permitting.* **DROP IN**

## Lizards at the Library!

**All Ages • Wednesday, May 18 • 4:00-4:30 p.m. • Terrace Garden**

Join staff from the Hickory Knolls Discovery Center as they exhibit some slithery and scaly friends. In case of rain, this program will be held in the Miller Haase Community Room. **REGISTER**

## Miss Katelyn's Neighborhood

**All Ages • Friday, May 20 • 9:00 a.m. • Posted on 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.

## PoetTree

**All Ages • April 1-April 30 • Youth Services Department**

April is National Poetry Month. To celebrate, visit Youth Services' PoetTree all month long. Supplies will be provided to write a short poem to hang from the PoetTree. **DROP IN**



## Grab and Go Kits

Grab and Go kits are available in person in Youth Services, on the lower level, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the release day until we run out. Found on the Maker Table, all kits are Tech Free! unless otherwise noted. **DROP IN**



### Sensory Fine Motor Kit

**Ages 3+ • Saturdays • March 5 • April 2 • May 7**  
Explore your senses and build your motor skills with a take-home activity!



### Bookventure Kits!

**Grades K-5 • Fridays • March 4 • April 15**  
Go on a reading adventure with this take-home kit featuring crafts and activities related to book suggestions.



### Animal Activity Kits

**Ages 3+ • Thursdays**  
Let's pretend and learn about different animals with this activity kit.  
**March 10:** Frogs  
**March 24:** Crabs  
**April 7:** Spiders  
**April 21:** Flamingos  
**May 12:** Lions  
**May 26:** Rattlesnakes



### Bring Nature Home

**All Ages • Saturday, March 19**  
Bring a bit of nature home by planting Shrubby St. John's Wort in your yard. Native to the Chicago region, this plant will attract pollinators and help our local ecosystem.



### DIY Beaded Keychains

**Grades K+ • Fridays**  
**March 25 • April 22 • May 27**  
Make an awesome keychain out of beads. Each month's kit will be a different creation.



### Mystery Kits- Spring Break Edition!

**Various Ages • Monday, March 28**  
We've brought back some of our favorite kits. All kits are labeled by age group and will have instructions and supplies inside.

## Parent Programs

### Parenting Book Club

**Thursday, March 10: Let Them Be Kids** by Jessica Smartt

**Thursday, April 14: Finding Magic in the Mess** by Dr. Steven Fonso

**8:00-8:45 p.m. • Online via Zoom**

There's no need to find a babysitter. Join other parents and caregivers to discuss a book related to being a parent. **REGISTER**



### Diverse Voices Book Discussion for Adults

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**Thursday, May 26: Aru Shah and the End of Time** by Roshani Chokshi

**6:30-7:30 p.m. • Online via Zoom**

Get together with other adults to discuss children's literature from diverse voices. Register for an emailed link to join the program. Books will be available for checkout via SCPLD Book Club Service at the Youth Services Desk. Meets at the same time as Diverse Voices Book Discussion for Grades 3-8. **REGISTER**

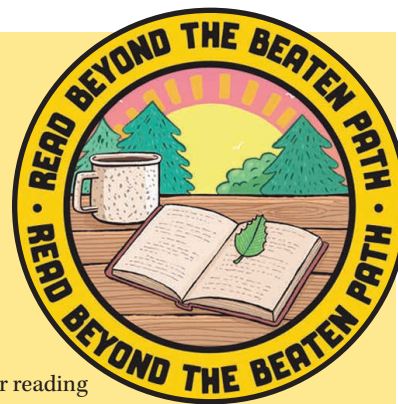
## READ BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH

**SUMMER READING 2022**  
**BEGINS TUESDAY, MAY 31**  
**ENDS SUNDAY, JULY 31**

Read Beyond the Beaten Path, this year's summer reading program, will begin Tuesday, May 31, and end Sunday, July 31.

Look for more information about summer reading on our website at [scpld.org/reading-programs](http://scpld.org/reading-programs).

We will use READsquared to track reading. READsquared is available through our website, [scpld.org](http://scpld.org), or as a downloadable app for iPhone and Android devices.



### Summer Reading Bubble Dance Party

**All Ages • Tuesday, May 31 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Terrace Garden**

Visit the Terrace Garden for a bubble dance party to celebrate the beginning of summer reading! *Weather permitting.* **DROP IN**



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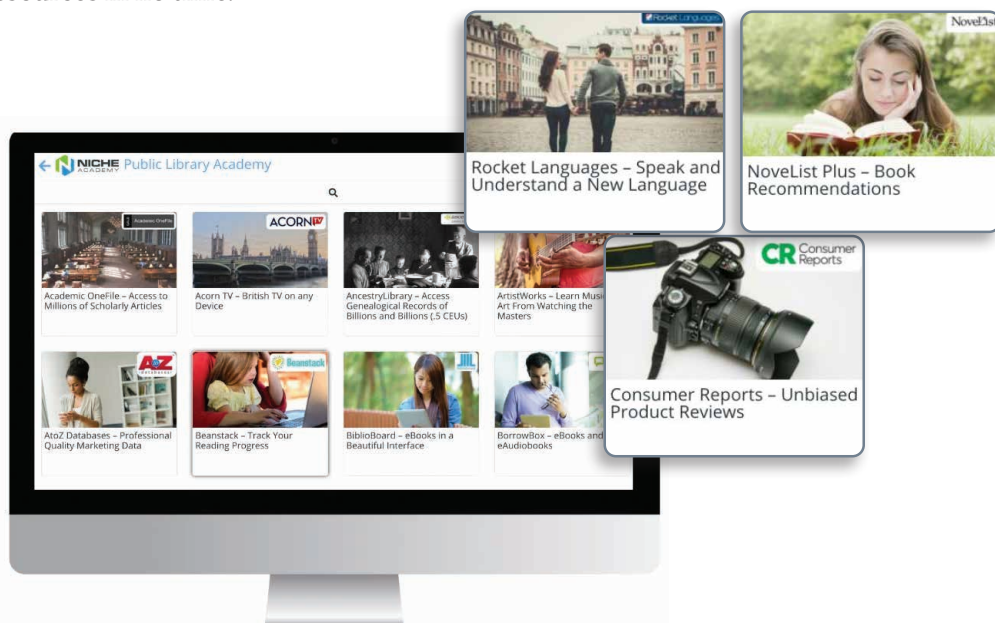
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## Navigate Articles and Databases with Niche Academy Tutorials

The Library is pleased to offer our patrons a wide variety of articles and databases to help with research projects, get resume and job search assistance, find legal forms and more. However, we know that figuring out how to navigate these services can sometimes be overwhelming. To assist patrons in familiarizing themselves with some of our more popular databases, the Library has introduced a new online tutorial tool through Niche Academy. Scroll through the Articles and Databases section of our website, and you'll see that certain database descriptions include a link titled, "Show me how it works!" By clicking that link, visitors are connected to a video that provides an overview of the service and how to use it.

These ready-to-use training tools are available on our website 24 hours a day and seven days a week, so you can explore databases when and where it is convenient for you. Learn at your own pace by reviewing the tutorial as many times as you like, and stop and start the video as needed to repeat important information. Each training tool includes information about the specific database that you are interested in exploring, and it explains how to navigate the source in a straight-forward and user-friendly manner.

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Saturday	9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Noon–5:00 p.m.

### Closings

Sunday, April 17  
Easter

Monday, May 30  
Memorial Day

### Library Board Members

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### Library Board Meetings

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

March 9, 2022  
April 13, 2022  
May 11, 2022

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

