



Discover Your Library

St. Charles Public Library News and Event Guide

Meet New Library Director, Kate Buckson



*St. Charles Public Library Director,
Kate Buckson*

Following a nationwide search, the St. Charles Public Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Kate Buckson to the position of Library Director effective November 7, 2022.

"St. Charles has a wonderful new building and a fantastic staff," Buckson said. "I look forward to building strong and rewarding relationships with the staff, board and throughout the community."

Buckson comes to the library with an almost 20-year career in libraries, which began at the Westmont Public Library. For the past seven years, she served as the executive director of the La Grange Park Public Library District and is eager to apply her skills in a larger library setting.

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Buckson holds a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Wayne State University, along with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Northern Illinois University. Buckson believes that modern libraries must be a reflection of the people they serve, offering a wide range of services, resources and staff to meet the needs of the community. As a dedicated leader, Buckson said that she will look to the input of residents, the expertise of Library team members, and current research and trends to create and uphold the vision and long-term goals for the Library.

Keep an eye on our website for updates on our upcoming open house, where the community will have an opportunity to meet Kate Buckson and welcome her to St. Charles.



Equipment Available for Checkout

Did you know the Library has computers and equipment available to check out?

• Hotspots

A Wi-Fi hotspot is a device that allows you to connect your mobile-enabled devices (e.g. laptop, smartphones, tablets, etc.) to the Internet. The hotspot is portable so you can connect your device almost wherever you go.

• Laptops

We offer Chromebooks, MacBooks and Windows laptops in a variety of sizes that all come with webcams.

• eReaders

An eReader is an electronic device designed explicitly for reading books. It uses a special kind of display—called E Ink—that's much easier to read than traditional computer screens. You can even read in bright sunlight, just like a regular book.

• Gaming Consoles and Controllers

We have a PS4, Xbox One and Nintendo Switch available for week-long checkouts.

• Cables and more!

No more searching through a big box of cords. We have a large variety of cables and can help you find the right one you need.



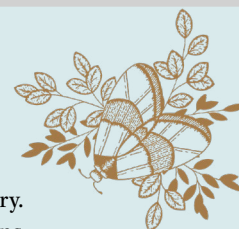
Learn more about our extensive equipment collection and how you can check them out on our website www.scpld.org/equipment-services.

Friends of St. Charles Public Library



Unveiling Sculpture

On October 3, 2022, the Friends of St. Charles Public Library hosted an unveiling of artist Danielle Casali's mosaic sculpture at the Library. Casali's sculpture features a Luna Moth decorated with constellations and is connected by book quotes about stars. It is made out of stained glass and mirror mosaic on Pal Tiya, foam and steel. The sculpture is located at the top of the terrace garden next to the snack stop patio. We welcome this beautiful addition to the Library's landscape.



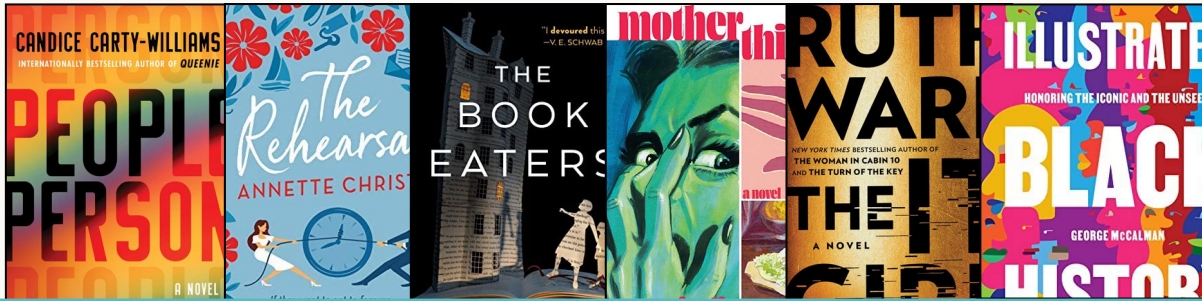
Magazine Sale

Saturday, January 7 ■ 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Don't miss this opportunity to purchase magazines at a great price. **DROP IN**





What the Staff is Reading

People Person • Candice Carty-Williams • FIC CARTY-WILLIAMS

An aspiring lifestyle influencer saddled with a terrible boyfriend, 30-year-old Dimple Pennington has never felt so alone in her life until a dramatic event brings her half-siblings crashing back into her life, forcing them all to reconnect with the absent father they never really knew.

The Rehearsals • Annette Christie • FIC CHRISTIE

After a disastrous rehearsal dinner, Megan Givens and Tom Prescott vow to call their wedding off, until they wake up the next morning stuck together in a time loop, destined to relive the worst day of their lives.

The Book Eaters • Sunyi Dean • FIC DEAN

Part of The Family, a secret line of people for whom books are food, Devon, raised on a carefully curated diet of fairytales and cautionary stories, discovers that real life doesn't always come with happy endings when her son is born with an insatiable hunger for human minds.

Motherthing • Ainslie Hogarth • FIC HOGARTH

A darkly funny domestic horror novel about a woman who must take drastic measures to save her husband and herself from the vengeful ghost of her mother-in-law.

The It Girl • Ruth Ware • FIC WARE

After John Neville, the man convicted of killing her best friend April 10 years earlier, dies in prison, expectant mother Hannah Jones, after new evidence surfaces proving his innocence, reconnects with old friends to solve the mystery of April's death and realizes they all have something to hide—including a murder.

Illustrated Black History • George McCalman • 973.0496 MCC

A gorgeous collection of 145 original portraits that celebrates Black pioneers—famous and little-known—in politics, science, literature, music, and more—with biographical reflections, all created and curated by an award-winning graphic designer.

Books, Bites and Brews

Thursday, December 1 • 7:00 p.m.

Art History Brewing • 649 W. State St., Geneva

Thursday, February 2 • 7:00 p.m.

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

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 December read will be **The Enlightenment of the Greengrass Tree** by Shokoofeh Azar. Our February read will be **One of Us is Lying** by Karen M. McManus. Copies of the book are available five weeks prior to discussion. *St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.* **REGISTER**

2nd Tuesday Book Discussion

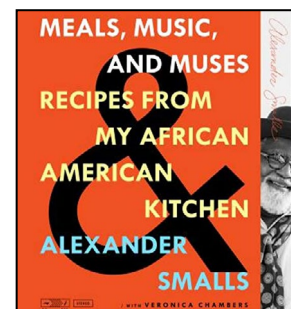
The Library offers two book discussion groups: **Mornings** at 10:00 a.m. in the Carnegie Community Room and **Evenings** at 7:00 p.m. in the Bisbee Conference Room. For more information, email Readers@scpld.org.

REGISTER or **DROP IN**

December 13 **Small Things Like These** • Claire Keegan • FIC KEEGAN

January 10 **Mercy Street** • Jennifer Haigh • FIC HAIGH

February 14 **Watergate** • Thomas Mallon • FIC MALLON



Dewey Dishes Cookbook Club

Tuesdays • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Each month, experience new recipes, sample delicious foods and discover cookbooks with our Cookbook Club. Try one or two recipes from the cookbook and come with your review to discuss . . . you may also bring the food you made to share with the group. Space is limited. **REGISTER**

January 24: **Modern Comfort Food** by Ina Garten

February 28: **Meals, Music, & Muses: Recipes from my African American Kitchen** by Alexander Smalls



Program Information

Registration for all Library programs begins Monday, November 21 at 9:00 a.m. Register online at scpld.org, by phone at 630-584-0076 x1 or in person.

Technology Programs

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**

December 14: Intro to Facebook & Instagram

January 4: iPad & iPhone Basics

January 11: Android Phone & Tablet Basics

February 8: Intro to Canva - Online Design Tool

February 15: Intro to Microsoft Word

February 22: 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**

December 1: Intro to Canva - Online Design Tool

December 29: Excel - Drop Down Lists and Conditional Formatting

January 5: Intro to Google Sheets

January 12: Intro to Microsoft Word

January 19: Microsoft Word Advanced Skills

January 26: Digital Library Resources on Your Tablet or Phone

February 16: iPad & Phone Basics

February 23: Android Phone & Tablet Basics

Computer Instruction - Afternoons

Fridays ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m. ■ Computer Lab

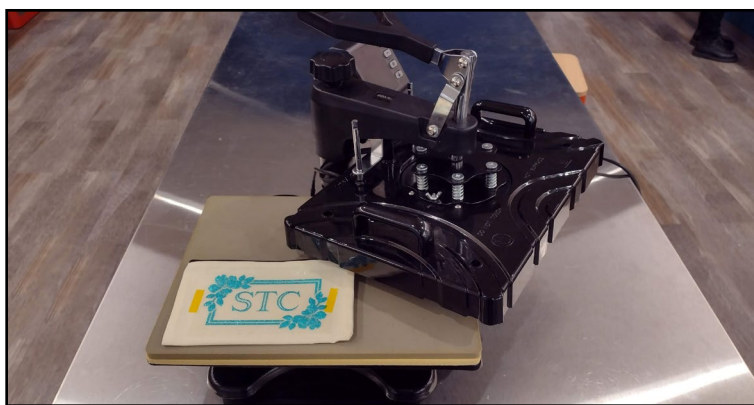
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December 2: Intro to Facebook & Instagram

December 30: Digital Library Resources on Your Tablet or Phone

February 10: iPad & Phone Basics

February 17: Android Phone & Tablet Basics



Maker Tool Orientation

Orientations provide you with an introduction to the maker tools available in STC Creative. STC Creative can be reserved for personal use by patrons who have attended orientation classes or who have watched tutorial videos in Niche Academy. Please see the Library website for links to Niche Academy. *Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.* Space is limited. **REGISTER**

Cricut Design Space

Thursday, December 8 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 18 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

AccuQuilt Fabric Cutter

Monday, December 19 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 28 ■ 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Brother Canvas Workspace

Thursday, December 15 ■ 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 1 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

HeatPress

Tuesday, December 27 ■ 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 27 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Button Maker

Wednesday, December 21 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 21 ■ 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Maker Classes in STC Creative

Beginners and experienced makers, crafters and DIY enthusiasts will enjoy our handmade projects. Crafting supplies provided. *Open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only. Space is limited. REGISTER*

Weaving: Warp a small loom and learn three weaving techniques. Medium-weight yarn will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own yarn if you have color preferences.

Monday, December 5 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 6 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Monday, December 12 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13 ■ 4:30–6:00 p.m.

Block printing: Carve your own 4" x 6" stamp. Learn how to transfer a design, carve a block, and make a print.

Tuesday, January 3 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Monday, January 9 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Monday, January 16 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 17 ■ 4:30–6:00 p.m.

Mindful Mending: Learn techniques for mending or embellishing your favorite, well worn, pair of jeans with visible stitches. We will practice three stitching techniques. Swatches of denim and embroidery thread will be provided for you.

Monday, January 23 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 24 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Monday, January 30 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31 ■ 4:30–6:00 p.m.

Paper Quilling: Use paper quilling, also known as paper filigree or scroll work, to make a card.

Monday, February 6 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Monday, February 13 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14 ■ 4:30–6:00 p.m.



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Adult Programs



Get Cooking with the Library Holiday Peppermint Patties with Bill the Baker

Wednesday, December 7 • 7:00 p.m. • Huntley Community Room
Peppermint patties are so versatile during the holidays—give as gifts, bring to gatherings to share. Bill the Baker will demonstrate how to make these delicious candy treats and will explain the science behind tempering chocolate. *This program is open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders through November 30. If there is still space after that date, non-cardholders can register.* **REGISTER**



Classroom Kitchen Seasonal Series

Thursdays • 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. 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**

■ **January 12: Tour of Soups**

■ **February 9: Mardi Gras**

Elegant Valentine's Cupcake Bouquet

Tuesday, February 14 • 1:00-3:00 p.m. • Huntley Community Room

In this hands-on Valentine's Day class, you will learn from a professional pastry instructor how to color buttercream, properly fill a pastry bag, pipe beautiful rosettes and use a few display tricks to create a cupcake bouquet. Cupcakes and supplies will be provided. *This program is open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only. Space is limited to 30.* **REGISTER**

Board Game Night

**Wednesdays • December 21 • January 18 • February 15
6:00-8:30 p.m. • 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

No-Sew Blankets for Your Pet or Anderson Animal Shelter

Monday, January 9–Monday, January 16 • Research & Reading Desk

All it takes is a little fabric and a few snips to make a fuzzy fleece pet blanket. Choose to make a blanket for a dog or cat. Once complete, keep it for your own pet or bring back to the Library and it will be donated to Anderson Animal Shelter. *Pick up at the Research & Reading desk Monday, January 9 through Monday, January 16. This program is for St. Charles Public Library cardholders ages 18 and older. Space is limited to 30.* **REGISTER**

Old vs. Historic

Thursday, January 12 • 1:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

The Fox Valley has a lot of mature buildings. Some of these buildings are historic and provide unique character to the community. Some of them are, well, just old. Al Watts, Community Engagement Director of Preservation Partners of the Fox Valley, will explain what criteria are necessary for a building to be historic and thus worth preserving. **REGISTER**

Fascinating Women of History Flying High: Betty the Pan Am Stewardess

Tuesday, January 17 • 1:00 p.m. • Huntley Community Room

Fasten your uniform buttons and get ready to travel back to the golden age of air travel. In this historical portrayal, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., takes you on an exciting, true story about the real-life stewardesses for Pan Am, the most glamorous U.S. airline. *The program is open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders until November 30. If there is still space available after November 30, non-cardholders can register.* **REGISTER**



James Webb Space Telescope

Thursday, February 2 • 7:00 p.m. • Huntley Community Room

Take a deep look into the first reveal images from the James Webb Space Telescope. Mark Christensen with the Fox Valley Astronomical Society will explain how images are captured and processed, and what scientific discoveries are being generated. **REGISTER**

AARP Tax Preparation Service

Fridays • February 3 • 10 • 17 • 24 • Huntley Community Room

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE at 10:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. • Noon

Trained volunteers will be offering free tax preparation help for anyone with individual Federal and State of Illinois returns. Returns prepared will be filed electronically. No library card required. Please bring the following documents to your appointment: a photo ID; Social Security card for everyone filing, including dependents; W-2s; all documents relating to income, expenses and banking. If filing a joint return, both spouses must be present. More information will be available on the Library's website. To schedule your one-hour session, call 630-584-0076, ext. 1 **REGISTER**

Needle Felted Gnome Workshop

Tuesday, February 7 • 6:30-8:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Join fiber artist, Natasha Lehrer Lewis, for instruction on how to make an adorable, felted gnome. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited. *St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.* **REGISTER**



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SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES

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

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

December 11: Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra*

Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra's acclaimed Chamber Music Institute presents the Maud Powell String Quartet and Sterling Brass Quintet as they perform classical chamber works.

January 8: Quatuor Mona *

The Mona Quartet was born from a diverse group of young women from all over the world. Uniting Latvian, French, American and Korean backgrounds, they have thus created their own musical language.

January 29: Lakeshore Rush*

Lakeshore Rush is comprised of extraordinary musicians from Chicago who delight audiences of all ages with riveting contemporary and classical standards and forgotten masterpieces.

February 5: Ariana Duo *

This flute and harp duo presents the finest in classical music and is equally at home with popular compositions.

February 19: K & A Trio

The K & A Trio is a fun, energetic three-person group, consisting of vocals, piano, violin, and bass.

Movies at the Library: The Lady Eve

Wednesday, January 18 ■ 2:00-4:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Join us for a classic movie on our big screen. This month's feature is the screwball comedy classic: "The Lady Eve." Released in 1941, Henry Fonda and Barbara Stanwyck star in this whip smart romantic comedy. Come join us for the film and snacks and refreshments. **REGISTER**

The Music of Carole King

Wednesday, February 8 ■ 7:00 p.m. ■

Huntley Community Room

Carole King was writing pop hits in her teens such as "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow" and "One Fine Day." Music historian Gary Wenstrup will trace the musical journey of Carole King. This is an amazing story of a young, earnest songwriter whose mix of gently rocking pop, folk and soul music touched and warmed us all. **REGISTER**



African Americans' Music at the Movies *

Wednesday, February 22 ■ 7:00-8:15 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Narrator John LeGear examines some of the many ways African American writers, musicians and performers have enriched "The American Experience" for all of us who live and thrive here. Please join us for this lyrical and informative multi-media presentation, one that reveals the beauty and genius of truly outstanding performances. **This program is sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.* **REGISTER**

Business Programs

Inflation Investing & Tax Planning Strategies

Tuesday, December 6 ■ 6:30-8:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Kyle Long, CPA, of Long Planning, LLC, will provide details on the various investing and tax planning opportunities available in today's bear market and inflationary environment. More specifically, how to position your finances and investment strategy to not only survive, but to thrive in bear markets or recessions. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

New Year, New Resume

Wednesday, January 25 ■ 6:30-8:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room

A career coach from the workNet Center in Batavia will share what's new in resumes, and how to update (or create) your resume. The workNet Center is an integrated workforce system that serves as a one-stop shop for job seekers and employers in Kane County, and provides job seekers with high-quality career services, education and training, and supportive services to obtain skills for in-demand occupations and to stay employed. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

One-to-One Resume Review

Monday, January 30 ■ 10:00-11:30 a.m. ■ Study Room Five

Monday, February 27 ■ 4:00-5:30 p.m. ■ Study Room Five

A career coach from workNet Batavia will meet with you in a study room to review your resume one-to-one. Must book an appointment; unscheduled time slots will be canceled 24-hours in advance. Appointments are available on the half-hour. **REGISTER** (three appointment per day)

Database Solutions: Target Key Contacts

Wednesday, February 8 ■ 6:30-8:00 p.m. ■ Online Via Zoom

The library's databases can help you improve your work performance. This program focuses on generating sales leads for various industries and specific companies, both locally and nationally. Databases featured: AtoZ Databases, Mergent Intellect and Winmo. **REGISTER**

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 on 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**

December 10: Holiday Stories

December 17: The public is invited to the Annual Holiday Reading by group members

January 14: Be Original: Avoiding Clichés and Dead Metaphors

January 28: Prologues and Epilogues

February 11: "Internal Dialogue," "She Thought...Or Did She?" (Carnegie Community Room)

February 25: Interviewing Subject

Only Murders in the Library

Grades 6-Adult ■ Sound Studio

Do you love mysteries? The Library is starting a podcast to highlight mystery books in our collection. We want you to share your favorites with us and our community. If you're interested in being a guest on our show, please contact Darcy at dtatlock@scpld.org or Nick at nchaney@scpld.org. You'll be given a list of questions ahead of time, so you'll know what to expect. All recording will take place in the STC Creative sound studio at the Library.

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**

■ **January 19:** The renewed climate agenda (2022 Briefing Booklet)

■ **February 16:** Topic TBD (2023 Briefing Booklet)



Edible Flowers

Tuesday, January 24 ■ 6:00-7:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

More than 20 flowering plants will be discussed and shown with harvesting, preserving, and preparing information for enjoying the edible bounty of flowers. Plant lists will be included with a few recipes. Presented by Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh, owner of Backyard Patch Herbs, who has 20+ years of experience growing and using herbs. In case of severe weather, this program will take place Wednesday, February 1. **REGISTER**

Basic Backyard Chicken Keeping

Wednesday, January 25 ■ 6:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Designed for curious folks who are considering getting chickens, as well as for those who already have their own birds. Learn how to find local laws, choose and raise chicks and care for adult birds. Presented by Jennifer Murtoff of Home to Roost LLC. Home to Roost provides compassionate, homespun consulting and emergency care for backyard chickens in the Chicagoland area. **REGISTER**

Gardens in Winter

Tuesday, January 31 ■ 6:30-8:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

Winter is the forgotten season in the garden, but it doesn't have to be. With a little planning, our winter gardens can be beautiful. Proper plant selection can make the garden a wonderful place even in the coldest season. Find out which plants can provide winter interest. This presentation is given by horticulturist Sharon Yiesla, owner of "Sharon Yiesla, Horticultural Services". **REGISTER**

Seed Swap & Seed Library Kickoff

Saturday, February 18 ■ 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Join us to swap seeds with local gardeners. This will also be your first chance to get seeds from our heirloom seed library. You do not have to bring seeds to take seeds, but it is encouraged. Heirloom and open-pollinated seeds are preferred. Please label seeds to the best of your ability. **REGISTER**

Growing Greens Indoors

Tuesday, February 21 ■ 6:00-7:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

Join Julia Zoltowsky, Horticulture Educator, and Curator of Horticulture at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, as she goes over the basics of growing different kinds of greens indoors all year round. Learn about different types of grow set-ups, tools to use, crops to try out and other tips and tricks to keep the greens going all year long. **REGISTER**

Hydroponics 101

Wednesday, March 1 ■ 6:00-7:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

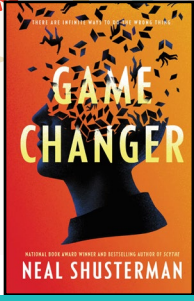
Join Julia Zoltowsky, Horticulture Educator, and Curator of Horticulture at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, as she shares about different types of hydroponic systems from buckets to large scale shipping container farms, basic nutrients and tools one may utilize, troubleshooting, as well as crops to plant and harvest in your system. Get an inside look at the nuances of setting up a hydroponic system for growing lettuce at a unique location like the zoo. **REGISTER**



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Young Adult Programs



Lincoln Award Book Club

Thursdays ■ 6:00-7:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room or Bisbee Meeting Room

Join us for Lincoln Award book discussions in partnership with St. Charles East and North High Schools. This discussion is open to all high school students regardless of the school. Pick up a copy at the Library, or students of East or North high schools may request copies from their LRC. Pizza and drink will be provided. 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**

December 8: Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley ■ Carnegie

January 12: Game Changer by Neal Shusterman ■ Bisbee

February 9: The Loop by Ben Oliver ■ Bisbee

Anime Club

Grades 6-12 ■ Tuesdays ■ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

STC Underground at the Baker Community Center (lower level)

101 S. 2nd Street ■ St. Charles

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, including private 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 found at: <https://stcunderground.com/> or call 630-513-4380. **DROP IN**

December 13: Homemade Pocky

January 10: Candy Sushi

February 14: Movie Night

Pop Tart Gingerbread Houses

Grades 9-12 ■ Wednesday, December 14

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

Come join the holiday cheer and build your very own festive gingerbread house...but with Pop Tarts. In this hands-on class, teens will dive into the popular trend of Pop Tart art. The class will teach how to make professional-grade royal icing for strong house construction. A full assortment of candies, sprinkles and decorative bites will be on hand to decorate and make your house truly special. This delicious class can be messy, so wear an old shirt. **REGISTER**

Exam Cram



■ Sunday, December 18 ■ 12:00-5:00 p.m.

■ Monday, December 19 ■ 5:00-9:00 p.m.

■ Tuesday, December 20 ■ 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Study for finals with us. Free pizza, snacks, and drinks provided courtesy of the Friends of St. Charles Public Library. The Loft will also be open. **DROP IN**

Teen Advisory Board

Grades 9-12 ■ Wednesdays ■ January 18 ■ February 15

6:00-7:00 p.m. ■ The Loft

Have your voice heard about what you want out of your Library. You'll have the potential to help plan future programs, vote on improvements to The Loft, and to give feedback on the current set-up. Drinks and snacks will be provided. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

Young Adult Grab and Go Kits

All supplies included. Available while supplies last. Must be Grades 9-12.

No-Sew Blankets for Your Pet or Anderson Animal Shelter

Monday, January 9-Monday, January 16 ■ All Day

All it takes is a little fabric and a few snips to make a fuzzy fleece pet blanket. You can choose to make a blanket for a dog or cat. Once complete, keep it for your own pet or bring it back to the Library and it will be donated to Anderson Animal Shelter. Teens in Grades 9-12 must register under the Teen No-Sew Pet Blankets. **REGISTER**

Diamond Bead Painting Bookmark

Monday, February 13-Monday, February 20 ■ All Day

Try your hand at the new Zen-inspired Diamond Bead Painting craft. All the necessary tools are provided to help you create your own sparkling bookmark, including a faux leather bookmark, diamond beads, point drill pen, bead plate, glue clay and tassel. Teens can pick up their kit in The Loft the week of February 13-20. If registering online, please check February 13 on the calendar. Kits only available for those in high school. **REGISTER**

Middle School Programs

Junior Friends

Grades 6-8 ■ Thursdays ■ December 1 ■ January 5 ■ February 2
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](#)

Lit Loot

Grades 6-12 ■ Sign up by: December 5 ■ January 5 ■ February 5
Pick up: December 10-20 ■ January 10-20 ■ February 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. *St. Charles Library card is required for this program.*

[REGISTER](#)

Youth Flea Market

Grades 4-8 ■ Saturday, December 10

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Sign up to host a 1/2 table booth selling books, small toys, homemade crafts and other items. No food, please. Sign up as an individual or as a small group to sell your wares. Prices on items must be \$5 or below. Please bring your own change. Anyone is welcome to drop in and browse. Maybe you'll find a great gift. [REGISTER](#)

D&D

Grades 6-8 ■ Thursdays ■ December 15 ■ February 23
4:30-7:30 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Join us on a campaign. We will learn the basics of the game then go on a quest together. All supplies, including characters and snacks, will be provided but feel free to bring your own dice. Space is limited. [REGISTER](#)

Elf Movie Night & Cookie Decorating

Grades 4-8 ■ Friday, December 16

6:15-7:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Get in the holiday mood as we watch *Elf* (PG) and decorate ugly sweater cookies. Add a little more sugar to the mix with a nice cup of hot cocoa. All supplies will be provided. [REGISTER](#)

Fandimonium: Hello My Name Is

Grades 6-8 ■ Friday, January 13

6:00-6:45 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Join us for "Hello My Name Is", a 20 Questions/Guess Who game featuring your favorite characters from Percy Jackson to Harry Potter to Stranger Things and beyond. Snacks will be provided. [DROP IN](#)

Silent Disco Dance Party

Grades 6-8 ■ Friday, February 10

6:30-7:30 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Join other middle school students in a silent dance party. We'll have headphones, playlists and glowsticks. You bring your blacklight reactive clothing and dancing feet. [REGISTER](#)



GlowForge Box

Grades 6-8 ■ Wednesday, February 15

6:00-7:30 p.m. ■ STC Creative

Put together a small wooden box pre-cut on the GlowForge and learn to design a lid to fit. Your lids will be cut while you work on designing decorations for your box, which we'll use the sublimation printer and heat press to apply. Limited space available. [REGISTER](#)

Jam-Packed Journaling

Grades 6-8 ■ Friday, February 24

4:30-6:00 p.m. ■ St. Charles History Museum

Make your own journal and find out the best way to record your past for future generations! See an example or two of primary sources, such as journals of important local historical figures. [REGISTER](#)

Only Murders in the Library

Grades 6-Adult ■ Sound Studio

Do you love mysteries? The Library is starting a podcast to highlight mystery books in our collection. We want you to share your favorites with us and our community! If you're interested in being a guest on our show, please contact Darcy at dtatlock@scpld.org or Nick at nchaney@scpld.org. You'll be given a list of questions ahead of time, so you'll know what to expect! All recording will take place in the STC Creative sound studio at the Library.



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Early Literacy & Story Times



Twinleaf Tales

All Ages with Caregiver ■ Fridays ■ December 2 ■ January 6 ■ February 3
10:00-10:30 a.m. ■ Hickory Knolls Discovery Center
3795 Campton Hills Dr. ■ St. Charles

Drop in for nature-inspired stories, music and movement at Hickory Knolls.
Register at stcnature.org. Co-sponsored with the St. Charles Park District.

REGISTER

Stories at the Nature Center

All Ages with Caregiver ■ Wednesdays ■ December 14 ■ January 11 ■
February 8 ■ 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. After the program, explore the Nature Center and walk the trails to discover the great outdoors and don't forget to look for the StoryWalk®. This program is in partnership with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County. **DROP IN**

Starrytime

All Ages ■ Tuesdays ■ December 6 ■ January 10 ■ February 7
6:30 p.m. ■ Posted on YouTube

Get your bedtime wiggles out and wind down in this virtual evening story time filled with music, stories and movement.



Preschool STEAM Story Time

Ages 3-5 with Caregiver ■ Thursday, December 8
10:00-10:45 a.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Join us for stories, songs and hands on activities as we explore STEAM concepts (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math). **REGISTER**



Boredom Buster Idea Fair

Ages 2-5 with Caregiver ■ Tuesday, December 13 ■
Wednesday, December 14 ■ Saturday, December 17
10:00-11:30 a.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Drop by the Library to learn some fun activities that you can recreate at home with everyday objects. This showcase is meant for you to try and observe easy to replicate activities that will bust the winter boredom of your young child.

DROP IN



Artsy Toddler

Ages 2-3 with Caregiver ■ Thursday, December 15
10:00-10:45 a.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Art activities are important for developing impulse control, hand-eye coordination and fine motor dexterity in toddlers. Join us for this process-based art program where we guide your little ones in creating their very own masterpieces! Come dressed for some messy fun. **REGISTER**

Family Drop In Story Time

All Ages, seven and under with Caregiver
Miller Haase Community Room
Mondays ■ January 9-February 13 ■ 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Thursdays ■ January 12-February 16 ■ 10:00-10:30 a.m.

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

My First Story Time

Ages 0-2 with Caregiver ■ Miller Haase Community Room
Mondays ■ January 9-February 13 ■ 6:00-6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays ■ January 10-February 14 ■ 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays ■ January 11-February 15 ■ 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Lapsit story time for parents/caregivers and children. Please register baby only. **REGISTER**

Early Literacy & Story Times

Two & Three Year-Old Story Time

Ages 2 & 3 with Caregiver

Tuesdays ■ January 10-February 14

Wednesdays ■ January 11-February 15

10:30-11:00 a.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

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

Little Crafters

Ages 3-5 with Caregiver ■ Fridays ■ January 13 ■ January 27 ■ February 10

10:30-11:00 a.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Have fun hearing a story and creating a simple craft with your preschooler. Each week explores a different theme. [REGISTER](#)

Language Lab Story Times

All Ages with Caregiver ■ Saturdays

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

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

Russian ■ January 14

Spanish ■ January 28

Spanish ■ February 11



Starrytime: LIVE!

All Ages, seven and under with Caregiver

6:30-7:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Tuesday, January 17 ■ Thursday, February 16

Come join us in person for a special LIVE version of our popular virtual story time! [DROP IN](#)



Sensory Story Time

All Ages, seven and under with Caregiver

Saturdays ■ January 21 ■ February 4 ■ February 18

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](#)

Winter Blues Family Night

Ages 3-6 with Caregiver ■ Friday, January 27

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

Have the winter blues? Join us for a night of tropical fun as we read, sing and make crafts that remind us of warmer places. [REGISTER](#)

Caregiver Craft Time

Ages 0-2 with Caregiver ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Thursday, February 23 ■ 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 25 ■ 1:00-1:30 p.m.

Create a take home activity for your baby while your baby plays with friends. [REGISTER](#)

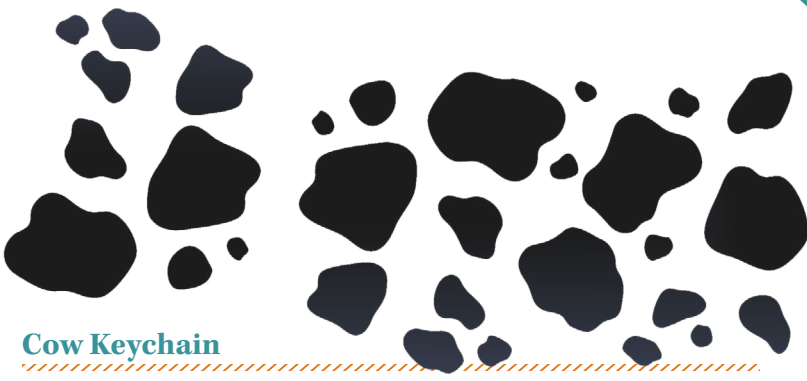
We Built This City!

Ages 3-6 with Caregiver ■ Friday, February 24

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

Come to the Library as we read about cities and make a city of our very own. [REGISTER](#)





Cow Keychain

Grades 3-8 ■ Wednesday, December 7

6:00-6:45 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Come learn how to make a beaded keychain cow. [REGISTER](#)

Youth Flea Market

Grades 4-8 ■ Saturday, December 10

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Sign up to host a 1/2 table booth selling books, small toys, homemade crafts and other items. No food, please. Sign up as an individual or as a small group to sell your wares. Prices on items must be \$5 or below. Please bring your own change. Anyone is welcome to drop in and browse. Maybe you'll find a great gift. [REGISTER](#)

Holiday Gift Wrapping Party!

Grades K-5 ■ Tuesday, December 13

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

Drop by anytime to wrap your holiday gifts! We'll provide wrapping paper, supplies to decorate gift bags and a book option so you can pick out a gift if needed. All you need to bring is yourself and a gift or select a book to wrap.

DROP IN



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Get in the holiday mood as we watch *Elf* (PG) and decorate ugly sweater cookies! Add a little more sugar to the mix with a nice cup of hot cocoa. All supplies will be provided. [REGISTER](#)

Mario Kart 8 Racing

Grades 2-8 ■ Wednesday, December 21

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

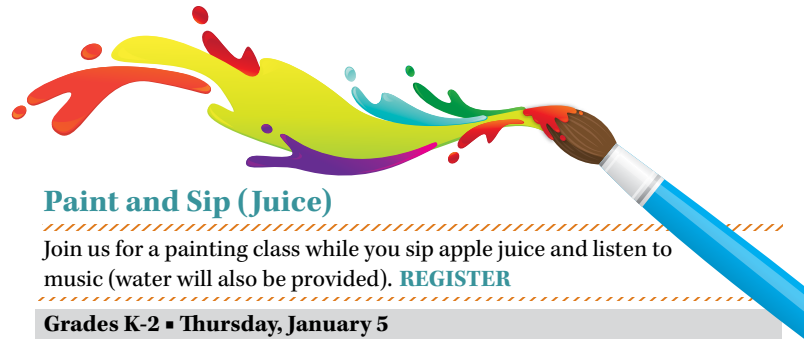
Test your driving skills in Mario Kart 8 for Switch. Hold on to 1st place and earn a prize. [DROP IN](#)

3D Printing

Grades 3-5 ■ Wednesday, December 28

1:00-3:00 p.m. ■ Computer Lab, Main Level

Learn about the STC Creative 3D Printer and make a 3D printed design using Tinkercad. Participants will need to create a Tinkercad account using an email address. Space is limited. [REGISTER](#)



Paint and Sip (Juice)

Join us for a painting class while you sip apple juice and listen to music (water will also be provided). [REGISTER](#)

Grades K-2 ■ Thursday, January 5

1:00-1:45 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Grades 3-5 ■ Thursday, January 5

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

Music BINGO

Grades 3-8 ■ Friday, January 6th

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

We play the song, you mark the card! Join us to test your music knowledge and play for a chance to win cool prizes. [REGISTER](#)

Create Your Own Squishie

Monday, January 16 ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Grades K-2 ■ 1:00-1:45 p.m.

Grades 3-5 ■ 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Grades 6-8 ■ 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Ever wanted to design your very own squishie? Come in, pick your favorite and decorate. Participants will leave with one squishie toy, decorated to their heart's content. Limited space available. [REGISTER](#)



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Student Programs

Switch Bowling League

Grades 2-8 ■ Wednesdays ■ January 18 ■ February 1

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, January 19th

7:00-7:45 p.m. ■ Via Zoom

Read a graphic novel and then join us on Zoom to talk about the book.

Book: **The Tea Dragon Society** by K. O'Neill. **REGISTER**

Drop In LEGO Build

Grades K-8 ■ Wednesday, January 25

6:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Build with us. Builders seven and under must be accompanied by an adult. **DROP IN**

No-Sew Heart Pillow

Grades 3-6 ■ Friday, February 3

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

Create a no-sew fleece heart pillow. It makes a fun gift for Valentine's Day.

REGISTER

Sky High Keva Plank Build

Grades K-8 ■ Saturday, February 4

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Build skyscrapers at the Library. Measure your building and see who can reach the highest heights. Builders seven and under must be accompanied by an adult. **DROP IN**

Silent Disco Dance Party

Grades 3-5 ■ Friday, February 10

4:30-5:30 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Join other elementary school students in a silent dance party. We'll have headphones, playlists and glowsticks. You bring your blacklight reactive clothing and dancing feet. **REGISTER**

Caudill Book Club

Grades 4-8 ■ Thursday, February 16

7:00-7:45 p.m. ■ 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. **REGISTER**

Wax Resist Watercolor Art

Grades K-5 ■ Wednesday, February 22

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

Use crayons and watercolors to create paintings using wax resist techniques. **REGISTER**

DIY Window Decals

Grades K-8 ■ Wednesday, February 22

6:00-7:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Join us anytime during the hour to design your own window decal! We will be using permanent markers. Artists seven and under must be accompanied by an adult. **DROP IN**

Robot Mazes

Grades K-2 ■ Saturday, February 25

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

Can you code the Library Ozobot robots through different mazes? Can you create your own maze? **REGISTER**

Art Show

Grades K-8 ■ Youth Services Desk

Pick Up: Wednesday, February 1 ■ 4:00-9:00 p.m.

Return Before: Wednesday, February 15

Create a painting to showcase at the Library. Pick up art supplies on February 1 from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Return your dry canvas to the Youth Services desk by February 15. Your art will be on display from February 15 through February 28 in the lower-level Snack Stop. Pick up your art from March 1-4. *St. Charles Public Library card required.*

Family Programs

StoryWalk®

All Ages ■ Thursday, December 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, seven and under with Caregiver ■ Saturdays ■ December 3 January 21 ■ February 18 ■ 3:00-3:45 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. **DROP IN**

Big Blue Block Party

All Ages ■ Sundays ■ December 18 ■ January 22 ■ February 12

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

Build, pretend and role-play with large scale foam blocks. **DROP IN**

Family LEGOs and DUPLOs

All Ages ■ Friday, December 23

2:00-4:00 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Build with us. Drop by the Library to free build with LEGOS and DUPLOS.

Builders seven and under must be accompanied by an adult. **DROP IN**

No School Day Movie Screenings

All Ages ■ 10:30 a.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

School might be out, but the Library is open! Join us for a no school day movie screening. All ages welcome. **DROP IN**

Wednesday, December 28: Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG)

Monday, January 9: Lightyear (PG)

Noon Year's Eve Party

All Ages, seven and under with Caregiver ■ Saturday, December 31

11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Join us as we count down the clock to the New Year. We will have music for a dance party and a special surprise at noon. **REGISTER**

I ♥ Winter Reading Tie-Dye

All Ages ■ Wednesday, January 4

1:00-3:00 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Celebrate the beginning of Winter Reading by making a heart patterned tie-dye. Please bring your own shirt to dye, all other supplies and instructions will be provided! Each person will leave with a hand-dyed shirt and instructions on how to rinse and clean their item. **DROP IN**

Silent Disco Dance Party

All Ages ■ Saturday, February 11

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

Join other families in a silent dance party! We'll have headphones, playlists and glowsticks. You bring your blacklight reactive clothing and dancing feet. **REGISTER**

Songs & Stories of African People by Shanta

All Ages ■ Saturday, February 18

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

Join Shanta Nurullah, Chicago-based multi-instrumentalist and storyteller, for a family event celebrating the songs and stories of people of the African Diaspora. **DROP IN**

Invasive Species Scavenger Hunt

All Ages ■ Monday, February 20-Sunday, February 26

Youth Services Department

It's Invasive Species Awareness Week! Do a scavenger hunt in the Youth Services department while also learning about invasive species in our area and get a nature-themed prize. **DROP IN**

I ♥ Winter Reading

Tuesday, January 3-Tuesday, February 14

Sign up for winter reading at the Library or online using READSquared®, starting Tuesday, January 3. Complete three hours of reading to earn a prize book of your choice, a commemorative button and an entry into a raffle. Every additional three hours read earns another raffle entry. The last day to log reading for prizes is Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14. The last day to pick up prizes is Wednesday, March 1.

**READSquared is available through our website, scpld.org or as a downloadable app for iPhone and Android.*



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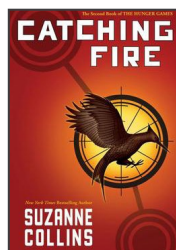
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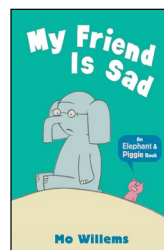
Top Books of the Year



Adult



Young Adult



Youth

New Library Open for One Year

It's been one year since our grand re-opening, and our patrons are enjoying the new building.

- STC Creative
- Drive-up window
- Community Art Gallery
- Terrace Garden
- Refreshed community garden
- Expanded parking lot
- Automated Material Handler System

New Technology

We were excited to bring new technology this year.

- Glowforge
- SimpleScan
- 3D filament printer
- Wireless access expanded to enhance coverage
- Firewall update

Community Seed Library

- Expansion of garden-related programs
- Launched first community seed event
- Increased popularity resulted in all seeds "checked out" for the first time in eight years

Charlemagne Award

The St. Charles Public Library received the Civic Award at the 100th Annual Charlemagne Awards event. The Civic Award recognizes members for enhancing the image of the community. The Library was acknowledged for having "been in business" for over 100 years and for also receiving a Community Image Award recognizing the Library's renovation and expansion project.

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

Saturday, December 24
Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 25
Christmas Day
Monday, December 26
In observance of the Christmas holiday
Sunday, January 1
New Years Day
Monday, January 2
In observance of the New Years Holiday

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Library Board Meetings

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

December 14, 2022
January 11, 2023
February 8, 2023

Friends of St. Charles Public Library Meeting

Saturday, February 11 at 9:30 a.m.

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

