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St. Charles Public Library News and Event Guide

St. Charles Writers Group

A Collaborative Workshop for Local Writers



Members of the St. Charles Writers Group at their annual holiday reading

The St. Charles Writers Group is a creative writing workshop which meets twice a month and is open to all those 18 years of age or older. Founded in 1995, after the St. Charles Public Library sponsored an Illinois Arts Council's Short Term Artists Residency (S.T.A.R.) in poetry, the group was led by Rick Holinger. In 2017, Holinger retired from the Writers Group after 21 years. Since then, the group has been facilitated by Lisa Macaione.

"Everyone has a story to tell," Macaione says. "The St. Charles Writers Group is where you can learn how to tell that story you've always wanted to write, continue with a writing project you've started, or simply exercise your creative side. Meeting with others who are writing is great motivation."

Are you looking to improve your writing skills with a group of like-minded writers? The workshop includes a discussion, lecture, book discussion or writing exercise that relates to the writing process. Participants are encouraged to contribute their own ideas, questions and insights. Topics include everything from publishing tips to novel plots, from poetic forms to writing good dialogue. The group offers a friendly space for helpful critique, as well as encouragement for your writing goals.

There is no fee for membership; the only requirement is a commitment to writing and a commitment to support your fellow writers. To view upcoming dates and topics, please visit our website at <https://www.scpld.org/programs-events/st-charles-writers-group/> or contact our Programs and Public Relations Coordinator, Denise Blaszyński, at dblaszynski@scpld.org.



What the Staff is Reading

Now is Not the Time to Panic ■ Kevin Wilson ■ FIC WILSON

Twenty years after secretly causing panic in her hometown through written word and artwork, along with a fellow loner named Zeke, famous author, mom and wife Frances Eleanor Budge gets a call that brings her past rushing back, threatening to upend everything.

The Ballad of Perilous Graves ■ Alex Jennings ■ FIC JENNINGS

In a fantastical version of New Orleans, where music is magic, failed magician Perilous Graves and his sister, when nine songs of power escape from the magical piano that maintains the city's beat, must capture these ballads to save the home they love.

Bet On It ■ Jodie Slaughter ■ FIC SLAUGHTER

The first time Aja encounters the man of her dreams, she's having a panic attack in the grocery store. The second time, he's being introduced to her as her bingo buddy's semi-estranged grandson. From there, all it takes is one game for her to realize that he's definitely going to be a problem. And if there's anything she already has a surplus of, it's problems.

White Horse ■ Erika T. Wurth ■ FIC WURTH

A gritty, vibrant debut novel about an Indigenous woman who must face her past when she discovers a bracelet haunted by her mother's spirit.

The Enigma of Room 622 ■ Joël Dicker ■ FIC DICKER

While at Hotel Verbier, a luxury resort in the Swiss Alps, Joël Dicker, Switzerland's novelist extraordinaire, finds his expertise in the art of the thriller put to the test when he investigates the hotel's long-unsolved murder case with the help of a beautiful fellow guest.

Things to Look Forward to: 52 Large & Small Joys for Today & Every Day Sophie Blackall ■ 158.1 BLA

A message of hope and solace in hard times and of joyful anticipation at times of new beginnings - whether you're grieving a loss or starting a new chapter — and for all the days in between — **Things to Look Forward To** is full of gentle reminders of the objects, occasions, gestures and ideas that warm our hearts.



Local Authors Collection

St. Charles Public Library is proud to support the creative works of our local residents. We currently feature over 25 local authors at the Library with genres ranging from fiction, poetry, nonfiction, inspirational and more. Check out what your neighbors have written by exploring our collection of books by local authors on display in our lobby!



Lucky Day Collection

Our Lucky Day collection features popular fiction and nonfiction titles for you to check out. You can find the collection on the display cube next to our Research and Reading desk on the main level. Each book has a green sticker with a four-leaf clover symbol on the side, so it's easily recognizable. As of January, Lucky Day books now have a loan period of one week instead of three weeks. Because these items are in high demand, we're reducing the loan period so that more patrons have the opportunity to check out the newer items before they leave the display. These books will still be non-holdable and non-renewable. Our Lucky Day collection is updated weekly, so be sure to check back often for the latest popular materials.

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**

March 11: "Breathed into Life": Third-Person Limited

March 25: Writers Q & A Session

April 8: Be Ada Limón, 24th Poet Laureate of the United States

April 22: Le Mot Juste: Finding the Right Word (Carnegie Community Room)

May 13: The Shape of a Story

May 27: Gone but Not Forgotten: Letter Project

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. **DROP IN**

March 14 **Bad Blood** ■ John Carreyrou ■ 338.7681 CAR

April 11 **Hester** ■ Laurie Lico Albanese ■ FIC LICO ALBANESE

May 9 **The Violin Conspiracy** ■ Brendan Slocumb ■ FIC SLOCUMB

Great Decisions

Thursdays ■ March 16 ■ April 20 ■ May 18

7:00 p.m. ■ Bisbee Meeting 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. Topics selected by group members a month prior to discussion. **DROP IN**



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. *St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.* **REGISTER**

March 28: **Oh She Glows for Dinner: Nourishing Plant-Based Meals**
by Angela Liddon

April 25: **The Mexican Home Kitchen** by Mely Martinez

May 23: **Eat a Little Better: Great Flavor, Good Health, Better World**
by Sam Kass

Books, Bites and Brews

Thursday, April 6 ■ 7:00 p.m.

Blue Raptor Tap House ■ 304 Spruce St., South Elgin

Join us at a local brew pub to discuss edgy, forward-thinking books at our book club geared toward adults in their 20s-40s. Pizza will be provided by the Library. Participants are responsible for their own drinks and literary opinions. Our April read will be **Riverman** by Ben McGrath. For adults 21 and over. *St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.* **REGISTER**

Summer Reading 2023: Find Your Voice!

Monday, May 22-Saturday, July 29

Explore how you can Find Your Voice with this year's summer reading program. Log your books and special activities in our brand new bingo card online or at the Library from Monday, May 22–Saturday, July 29. Look for more information about summer reading on our website at scpld.org/programs-events/reading/. We use **READsquared** to track reading. **READsquared** is available through our website or as a downloadable app for iPhone and Android devices. Sign up and track online or visit the Research & Reading Desk for a paper bingo card!



Program Information

Registration for all Library programs begins Tuesday, February 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**

March 8: Android Phone and Tablet Basics

April 12: Read, Listen and Watch Library Apps

May 10: iPad & iPhone Basics

May 31: Intro to Canva - Free Online Design Tool

Computer Instruction - Evenings

Thursdays ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m. ■ Computer Lab

Join us for small group computer instruction with our IT Educator.

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March 9: Intro to Canva - Free Online Design Tool

March 16: Excel - Pivot Tables for Beginners

May 18: Intro to Google Docs

Computer Instruction - Afternoons

Fridays ■ 1:00–2:30 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: Intro to Facebook and Instagram

March 24: Read, Listen and Watch Library Apps

April 21: iPad & iPhone Basics

May 5: Intro to Canva - Free Online Design Tool

Consumer Tech: What's All the Buzz About?

Carnegie Community Room

Join us to discuss technology topics to help you better understand computer jargon, the interplay of devices and privacy concerns. **REGISTER**

Browsers and Search Engines: How to Choose One and Why it Matters

Wednesday, March 1 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 2 ■ 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Cloud Storage: One Drive, Google Drive and iCloud

Wednesday, April 5 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 6 ■ 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Stay Private Online (Presented by Mike Gershbein from VSP)

Thursday, May 4 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.



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, March 23 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

AccuQuilt Fabric Cutter

Wednesday, April 19 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 25 ■ 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Brother Canvas Workspace

Friday, April 14 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Monday, May 22 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

HeatPress

Wednesday, March 22 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 13 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Sublimation Printer

Monday, May 8 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 9 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Button Maker

Thursday, April 20 ■ 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.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**

AccuQuilt Block Swap: The AccuQuilt mix-and-match sets can be combined to make 72 different blocks. Use the AccuQuilt machine to cut enough fabric to sew six blocks, one for yourself and five to swap. Cut your fabric in STC Creative, sew your pieces at home and return to the Library for the second meeting date to swap your quilt blocks with other program participants. Participants need to provide their own material and sewing machine.

Monday, March 6 and March 27 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 7 and March 28 ■ 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 3 and April 24 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 4 and April 25 ■ 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2 and May 23 ■ 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3 and May 24 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

String Art: String art is created by winding colorful embroidery thread around small nails to create wonderfully detailed designs. Using hardcover books and nature inspired designs, we will spend two crafting sessions creating an intricate string art project. Prior experience with string art is helpful.

Monday, March 13 and March 20 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 14 and March 21 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.



Spring Wreath: Learn how to make felt flowers with the Cricut. We will attach the felt flowers to a gold hoop to make a cheerful spring wreath.

Monday, April 10 ■ 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Monday, April 17 ■ 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Stickers, Decals and Temporary Tattoos: Learn how to use the print then cut feature of Cricut Design Space. Choose a design, print it on special sticker, decal or tattoo paper, then use the Cricut to expertly cut out your image.

Friday, May 12 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Monday, May 15 ■ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 16 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 19 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.



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Adult Programs

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 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. [REGISTER](#)

Tenacious Tour du Mont Blanc

Wednesday, March 8 • 7:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Trek 105 miles through the Alps as Brian Michalski guides us along Europe's world-famous Tour du Mont Blanc. As we journey through France, Italy and Switzerland, we will gain practical planning tips and learn about cultural tidbits, challenges along the trail, accommodation logistics and more, all seen through the lens of Michalski's original photography. [REGISTER](#)

Heroes on the Air

Tuesday, March 14 • 7:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Radio historian Steve Darnall, host of "Those Were the Days," will put the spotlight on those heroes who made their way from comic strips and comic books to radio in the 1930s. This audio-visual presentation will include **Little Orphan Annie**, **Dick Tracy** and **Superman**, as well as some legendary heroes who began in radio. [REGISTER](#)

Board Game Night

Wednesdays • 6:00-8:30 p.m.

March 15 • Huntley Community Room

April 19 • Carnegie Community Room

May 17 • 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](#)



Invisible Warriors

Invisible Warriors shares the individual experiences of a small group of elegant ladies who represent the 600,000 Black women who fled lives as domestics and sharecroppers to work in factories and U.S. government offices during World War II. These patriotic pioneers share their wartime memories, recounting their battles against racism at home, Nazism abroad and sexism everywhere.

Stream **Invisible Warriors** at your convenience on YouTube after you register for either the live introduction to the film or the closing Q&A session, both featuring the film's producer Gregory S. Cooke. This program is proudly presented in partnership with over 50 Illinois public libraries and the College of DuPage. [REGISTER](#)

• **Invisible Warriors: An Introduction to the Film**
Sunday, March 5 • 2:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom

• **Virtual Screening: Invisible Warriors**
Sunday, March 5 – Wednesday, March 15 • Online via YouTube

• **An Evening with Documentary Historian Gregory S. Cooke**
Wednesday, March 15 • 7:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom

SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES

Sundays • 2:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room • [DROP IN](#)

March 5: West Suburban Flute Orchestra

Enjoy a beautiful afternoon of flute orchestra, performed by a select ensemble from the West Suburban Flute Orchestra—the largest flute orchestra in the U.S. with a roster of 140+ flute players. The orchestra utilizes the full spectrum of the flute family—from piccolo to contrabass flute.

March 19: Seventies Sweetheart Concert with a special tribute to Olivia Newton John

Award-winning vocalist Maureen Christine, joined by musician Michael Bazan and pianist Doug Larkin, will perform those fabulous hits from the 70s, including a special tribute to Olivia Newton John.



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Genealogy Programs

Genealogy in the Afternoon

Thursdays ▪ March 16 ▪ April 20 ▪ May 18

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 time to search the Library's databases in our Computer Lab or look through the Library's vast collection of research materials. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

Getting the Most Out of Your AncestryDNA

Friday, March 17 ▪ 1:00-2:30 p.m. ▪ Computer Lab

You spit in the tube, mailed it to Ancestry and now you have your AncestryDNA® results...What do they mean? How do you get more out of that list of DNA Matches? This workshop, presented by professional genealogist Jane Haldeman, will focus on what you can learn from looking at the Matches Predicted Relationship, the amount of Shared DNA, the Matches' tree and Shared Matches to help determine who might be the Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCAn). *Prerequisite: you must have the results of an AncestryDNA test and an account with Ancestry.com to participate. This program is limited to eight participants.* **REGISTER**

So, You've Found Your German Town of Origin, Now What?

Tuesday, May 16 ▪ 7:00 p.m. ▪ Online via Zoom

Finding your ancestor's town of origin can be exciting, indeed. Once this piece of information is found, you might be left wondering how to get records from the other side of the ocean. This lecture, presented by genealogist Teresa McMillin, focuses on how to get records for German towns. Highlights include: verifying the location of the town, strategies for identifying misspelled town names, finding historical jurisdictions, finding records, useful aids for reading records and tips for hiring a professional genealogist in Germany. **REGISTER**



Cooking Programs



Classroom Kitchen Seasonal Series

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**

Thursday, March 16: Irish Cookery

Wednesday, April 12: Chinese Takeout

Wednesday, May 17: Plant-Based Cooking



Bill the Baker Makes Bagels & Spreads

Thursday, March 23 ▪ 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Learn the secrets to making chewy New York-Style bagels! During this presentation, Bill the Baker will explain the entire bagel-making process from start to finish, demonstrating how the dough is mixed and shaped into bagels. Bill will make three different kinds of cream cheese, two sweet varieties and one savory. At the conclusion, enjoy a slice of bagel and three kinds of cream cheese. *This program is open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders. Space is limited to 40 attendees.* **REGISTER**



Delicate Corsage Mini Cakes

Friday, May 12 ▪ Huntley Community Room

1:00-2:30 p.m. OR 6:00-7:30 p.m.

In celebration of Mother's Day, come spend a lovely afternoon or evening at the Library and learn how to create delicate corsage mini cakes. You will learn from a professional pastry instructor how to construct scrumptious little cakes and properly pipe various buttercream designs. Cake and all supplies will be provided for this hands-on class. *Space is limited to 28. Class is open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only, ages 18 and older. Attendees must register individually.* **REGISTER**

Adult Programs



The History of Ukrainian Easter Eggs

Thursday, April 6 ■ 1:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Pysanky eggs are nothing like the simple vinegar-dyed eggs you might have made as a kid. These eggs are decorated with a hot wax and indelible dye technique that is tricky and time-consuming. Denise Blaszyński will share the history and symbolism behind these beautiful and elaborate eggs and demonstrate the process used to create them.

REGISTER

Fascinating Women of History Noble Discontent: Louisa May Alcott

Tuesday, April 11 ■ 1:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Poet and author, abolitionist and nurse, patriot and suffragist: Louisa May Alcott was so much more than the author of *Little Women*. In this performance, the audience meets with this prolific American author as portrayed by Debra Miller at the height of her health and success. We learn of the hopes, the heartbreaks and the experiences of Louisa May Alcott's life from which she drew inspiration for her novels, short stories and poems. **REGISTER**

Women on the Supreme Court

Tuesday, April 18 ■ 7:00-8:30 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room

Join an interactive discussion with Professor/Attorney Tauya Forst and Attorney/Adjunct Professor Richard Forst as they discuss the only six women appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States. Feel free to come and engage as we share how the Lady Justices have impacted the bench. **REGISTER**

Touring the Gardens of Southern England

Wednesday, May 3 ■ 1:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

This garden tour will take you from the beautiful and well-known Chelsea Garden show in London to Hever Castle, Hampton Court Palace, Kew Gardens, Sheffield Park, Goodenstone Park and more. This slide lecture is presented by Brock and Ruth Ann Seney, avid travelers and gardeners. **REGISTER**

The Historical Wizard of Oz

Thursday, May 4 ■ 1:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Just hearing the name "Oz" conjures up fantastic images, adventures and heartfelt memories. Many of us can recite the plot of the famous story, but how many of us know what went into creating it? Librarian Laura Keyes will separate fact from fiction as she shares the fantastic story of this amazing man, who created *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*.

REGISTER



Four Years that Changed America

Wednesday, May 10 ■ 7:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room

Each year is important in the life of our nation. A few years are exceptional—so full of critical events that we can summarize those events and say that year changed our country forever. Join Professor Gary Midkiff for a presentation about 1789, 1865, 1933 and 1968. He will explain the exceptional events that happened during these years and why the events have had such lasting impact. **REGISTER**

Grab and Go Kits for Adults

Dazzling Decoupage Eggs

Monday, March 27-Saturday, April 8

Pick up at the Research & Reading Desk

A perfect craft to say "Hello Spring!" are dazzling decoupage eggs. You'll receive complete instructions on how to use Mod Podge with decorative paper, napkins and other pretty embellishments. All supplies are included in this kit to make two lovely eggs. *This grab and go kit is open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only ages 18 and older. Patrons must register individually.* **REGISTER**

Colorful Button Monograms

Monday, April 24-Saturday, May 6

Pick up at the Research & Reading Desk

A bright, vibrant craft to bring a little cheer into your day are colorful button monograms. You will have complete instructions on how to properly overlap and mount colorful various-sized buttons into your specific first name monogram letter. All supplies are included in this kit to make one framed monogram letter. *This grab and go kit is open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only ages 18 and older. Patrons must register individually.* **REGISTER**



Business Programs

Plan de Negocios

Tuesday, March 21 ▪ 6:00-8:30 p.m. ▪ Huntley Community Room

Únase con Tia Juarez, fundadora de Mpresaria, en un taller interactivo para ayudarlo a crear un plan de acción estratégicamente para su negocio. Este taller es ideal para la etapa de ideas hasta empresarios establecidos.

REGISTRARSE

Business Planning for Small Business Owners

Wednesday, March 22 ▪ 6:00-8:30 p.m. ▪ Huntley Community Room

Join Tia Juarez, founder of Mpresaria, for a hands-on workshop to help you create a strategic action plan for your business. This workshop is great for idea stage to established entrepreneurs. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

One-to-One Resume Review

Monday, March 27 (three appointments)

Monday, April 24 ▪ (three appointments)

Monday, May 22 ▪ (three appointments)

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**

Best Practices for Managing your Meta Business Suite

Wednesday, April 12 ▪ 6:30-8:00 p.m. ▪ Online via Zoom

Want to maximize your time spent managing your small business' social media? Do you post consistently, engage with your followers and know which of your posts drive the most engagement? Join Marie Galvan and learn how to manage all your business activity on Facebook, Messenger and Instagram from one place with Meta Business Suite. **REGISTER**

Morningstar Investment Research Center Demonstration

Wednesday, May 3 ▪ 6:30-8:00 p.m. ▪ Huntley Community Room

Please join a representative from Morningstar for an overview of the company's database, Morningstar Investment Research Center. It's an easy-to-navigate database to help both novice and veteran investors reach their investment goals. It's the one-stop tool for collecting financial information, getting reliable portfolio analysis, learning about investment options and getting the most up-to-date financial news commentary.

REGISTER or **DROP IN**



AARP Tax Preparation Service

Huntley Community Room

Fridays ▪ March 3 ▪ 10 ▪ 17 ▪ 24 ▪ 31 ▪ April 7 ▪ 14

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**

Avoiding Identity Theft & Consumer Scams

Wednesday, April 26 ▪ 7:00 p.m. ▪ Huntley Community Room

Learn about today's most common scams and steps to prevent being a victim of identity theft with the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

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Young Adult Programs

Fox Valley Teen Job & Volunteer Fair

Grades 9-12 ■ Saturday, April 8 ■ 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Batavia Public Library, 10 S. Batavia Ave., Batavia

Bring your resume and get ready to meet local businesses and organizations from the Fox Valley area that are looking for seasonal or part-time employees. There will be both employment and volunteer opportunities available. **DROP IN**

Young Adult Grab and Go Kit: Dragon's Egg

Grades 9-12 ■ Monday, April 3–Saturday, April 15

The Loft (upper level)

Want to add a little fantasy to your home décor? A dragon's egg is a great touch to bring the mystic and magic! In this grab and go kit, you are given step-by-step instructions and all supplies to create your very own custom dragon egg. Teens can pick up their kit at the desk outside of The Loft April 3-15. If registering online, please look at April 3 on the calendar. **REGISTER**



Young Adult Grab and Go Kit: Comic Book Coasters

Grades 9-12 ■ Monday, May 8–Saturday, May 20

The Loft (upper level)

Your favorite comic book heroes and villains make perfect coasters! This grab and go kit includes all supplies to create two iconic coasters, including comic book pages, mod podge, sponge brush and two slate bases. Step-by-step instructions are also included. Teens can pick up their kit at the desk outside of The Loft May 8-20. If registering online, please look at May 8 on the calendar. **REGISTER**



Exam Cram

Grades 9-12 ■ 5:00-9:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Tuesday, May 23 ■ Wednesday, May 24 ■ Thursday, May 25

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

Free Comic Book Day

Grades 9-12 ■ Saturday May 6 ■ 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Research & Reading Desk-Upstairs

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

Programs @ STC Underground

Baker Community Center (lower level)

101 S. 2nd Street, St. Charles

All programs at the STC Underground are open to all middle school and high school teens, including private schools 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: form.123formbuilder.com/6063758/form. For questions visit stcunderground.com or call 630-513-4380.

Lucky Charms Cocoa Bombs

Grades 6-12 ■ Wednesday, March 8 ■ 5:00-7:00 p.m.

This hands-on class will have you melting chocolate and filling special molds with your choice of delicious ingredients. You'll also learn how to seal and decorate each bomb with drizzles and sprinkles. Suggest attendees wear an old t-shirt. Please register on the St. Charles Park District website or call 630-513-4380. **REGISTER**

Anime Club

Grades 6-12 ■ Tuesdays ■ March 14 ■ April 11 ■ May 9 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Every second Tuesday of the month get loud and geek out with anime, snacks, and activities! Cosplay is always welcome. **DROP IN**

Mitsuwa Field Trip

Grades 6-12 ■ Saturday, April 15 ■ 1:00-4:00 p.m.

We're taking a field trip to the Japanese Supermarket, Mitsuwa! You'll be able to shop for Japanese foods, visit the food court for Pan-Asian cuisine and stop by the book store for English and Japanese language materials. The trip is free, but please bring money if you plan on eating and purchasing anything. Please register on the St. Charles Park District website or call 630-513-4380. We will leave from the STC Underground Teen Center located inside the Baker Community Center. **REGISTER**

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Grades 6-12 ■ Thursday, May 11 ■ 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Come challenge your friends and prove yourself with your main character. We will smash and bash through a double elimination tournament to determine the champ. Pizza and refreshments included, and prizes go to the winners.

Summer Reading 2023: Find Your Voice!

Monday, May 22-Saturday, July 29

Explore how you can Find Your Voice with this year's summer reading program. Log your books and special activities in our brand new bingo card online or at the Library from Monday, May 22 through Saturday, July 29. Prize pick up ends Saturday, August 12. Look for more information about summer reading on our website at scpld.org/programs-events/reading/

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Young Adult and Middle School Programs

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

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

Summer Reading Volunteer Training

Grades 6-12 ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Youth Services is looking for fun, enthusiastic volunteers to get kids excited about reaching their summer reading goals! Volunteers will help cover the summer reading desk during the busiest times each day. All volunteers are required to attend one of the training sessions to learn the rules of summer reading, how to register and log readers and some customer service skills. All volunteers should be comfortable talking to children and adults.

REGISTER

Wednesday, May 10 – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 11 – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 13 – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 14 – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Friday, May 19 – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Middle School Programs

Junior Friends

Grades 6-8 ■ Thursdays ■ March 2 ■ April 6 ■ May 4

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**

Middle School Movie Night

Grades 6-8 ■ Fridays ■ March 3 ■ April 7

5:00-7:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

It's the beginning of a long weekend! Kick it off with a free movie showing at the Library. Snacks and drinks will be provided. **Movies are rated PG-13. Parents agree to let their child view movies with this rating by allowing their child to attend this program.* **DROP IN**

90s Pixel Art

Grades 6-8 ■ Thursday, March 16

4:30-5:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Celebrate classic 90s icons with Perler bead creations! Patterns, beads and snacks provided. **REGISTER**

Babysitter Training

Ages 11-14 ■ Wednesday, March 29 AND Thursday, March 30

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room

DEPOSIT of \$20 due within seven days of registering. Registration limited to St. Charles Library cardholders only. This two-day training will cover all aspects of babysitting responsibilities and includes babysitter resources. Students must attend the entire training workshop both days and successfully pass all observable skills to obtain Red Cross certification. Training includes working with babies and younger children, CPR and First Aid. Grant funding provided by the Friends of St. Charles Public Library.

REGISTER

Glass Etching

Grades 6-8 ■ Thursday, April 13

4:30-5:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Learn the art of etching glass with a special chemical solution. Each person will go home with an etched glass project. **REGISTER**

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Program Information

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Early Literacy & Story Times



Twinleaf Tales

Ages 0 and up with Caregiver ■ Fridays ■ March 3 ■ April 7 ■ May 5
10:00-10:30 a.m. ■ Hickory Knolls Discovery Center
3795 Campton Hills Dr., St. Charles

Join us for nature-inspired stories, music and movement at Hickory Knolls Discovery Center. *This program is in partnership with the St. Charles Park District.* Register at the St. Charles Park District. [REGISTER](#)



Starrytime

All Ages ■ Tuesdays ■ March 7 ■ April 4 ■ May 2

Posted on YouTube

Enjoy a new story on the first Tuesday of the month. [Youtube.com/@SCPLD](https://www.youtube.com/@SCPLD)

Stories at the Nature Center

Ages 0-5 with Caregiver ■ Wednesdays ■ March 8 ■ April 12 ■ May 10
10:30-11:00 a.m. ■ Creek Bend 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](#)

Family Story Time

Ages 0-7 with Caregiver
Miller Haase Community Room ■ 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Mondays: March 6-April 10 and May 1-May 15
Thursdays: March 9-April 13 and May 4-May 18
Saturdays: March 18, April 1 & 15, May 13

This program is filled with stories, music and movement. [DROP IN](#)

My First Story Time

Ages 0-24 months with Caregiver ■ Helen Gale Story Room
Mondays: March 6-April 10 and May 1-May 15 ■ 6:00-6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays: March 7-April 11 and May 2-May 16 ■ 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays: March 8-April 12 and May 3-May 17 ■ 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Lapsit story time for parents/caregivers and children. Register child only.
[REGISTER](#)

Two- & Three-Year-Old Story Time

Ages 2 & 3 with Caregiver
Tuesdays: March 7-April 11 and May 2-May 16
Wednesdays: March 8-April 12 and May 3-May 17
10:30-11:00 a.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

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

Little Crafters

Ages 3-5 with Caregiver ■ Fridays ■ March 10 ■ March 24 ■ April 7
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](#)



Shamrocks and Rainbows! A Night of St. Patrick's Day Fun

Ages 3-6 with Caregiver ■ Friday, March 10
6:00-6:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Join us for a night of St. Patrick's Day fun. Make a rainbow collage and shamrocks too. Don't forget to wear green. [REGISTER](#)



Sensory Story Time

Ages 0-7 with Caregiver
Saturdays ■ March 11 & 25 ■ April 8 ■ May 6 & 20
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](#)

Firefly Family Theater Presents: Grow!

Ages 0-7 with Caregiver ■ Tuesday, April 18
10:00-10:45 a.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Join Spark the Firefly and all her friends as they learn about plants, what they need to grow and patience. [REGISTER](#)



Baby's First Art

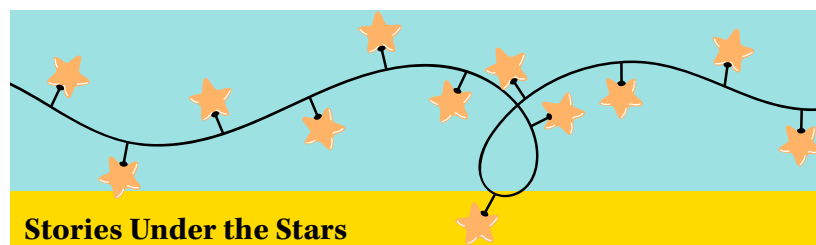
Ages 0-2 with Caregiver ■ Helen Gale Story Room
Friday, March 17 ■ 10:00-10:30 a.m. OR
Sunday, March 26 ■ 1:00-1:30 p.m.

Join us for an art activity made just for our littlest patrons. Dress for a mess. Please register for only one session. [REGISTER](#)

Artsy Toddler

Ages 2-3 with Caregiver ■ Thursday, April 27
10:00-10:45 a.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

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](#)



Stories Under the Stars

All Ages ■ Ages 0-7 with Caregiver ■ Thursday, May 18
6:30-7:00 p.m. ■ Terrace Garden

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

Spring Has Sprung!

Ages 0-5 with Caregiver ■ Friday, May 19
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ■ Youth Services Department

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



Student Programs



Switch Bowling League

Grades 3-8 ■ Wednesdays
March 1 ■ April 5 ■ May 3
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**

Marshmallow Engineering

Grades 1-5 ■ Saturday, April 1
3:00-3:45 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Test your engineering skills by building structures using toothpicks and marshmallows with a team. **REGISTER**

Braided Fleece Dog Toy

Grades 3-6 ■ Friday, April 14
4:00-4:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Create a fun fleece rope toy for your favorite furry friend. **REGISTER**

Caudill Book Club

Grades 4-8 ■ Thursday, April 20
7:00-7:45 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

Do you love reading new books? Looking for people to talk books with? We'll read a book from the Caudill Award list and then meet on Zoom to talk about it! Book: **The Benefits of Being an Octopus** by Ann Braden. A link will be emailed to you before the program. **REGISTER**

Tinker Challenge

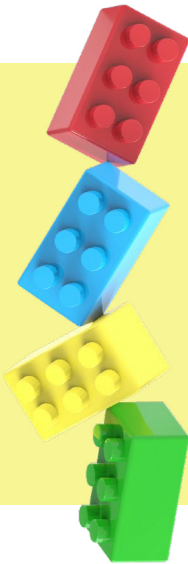
Grades K-2 ■ Tuesday, May 9
4:00-4:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Join us for an engineering challenge! Use your building and problem-solving skills. The Library will supply the materials; all you need to do is bring your ideas. **REGISTER**

LEGO Challenges

Grades K-8 ■ Wednesdays
5:00-8:30 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room
March 15: Marble Mazes
April 19: Bridge Building
May 17: Ocean Group Build

Join us each month for a new LEGO challenge! Builders seven and under must be accompanied by an adult. **DROP IN**



Graphic Novel Book Club

Grades 3-5 ■ Thursday, March 23
7:00-7:45 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

Read a graphic novel and then join us on Zoom to talk about the book. A link will be emailed to you before the program. Book: **Pilu of the Woods** by Mai Nguyen. **REGISTER**

Paint and Sip (Juice)

Grades K-2 ■ Tuesday, March 28
1:00-1:45 p.m. OR 3:00-3:45 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Join us for a painting class while you sip apple juice and listen to music (water will also be provided). Please register for only one session. **REGISTER**

Watercolor Pencils: Little Mermaids

Grades 3-5 ■ 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 31
Miller Haase Community Room
Come make little mermaids inspired watercolor pencil painting. **REGISTER**



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Preschool Fair

Caregivers ■ Monday, March 6

6:00-7:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Curious about preschools or childcare in the upcoming year? Don't know what to expect or where to start? Meet representatives from preschools and childcare centers in our community; each will be present to answer your questions about ongoing enrollment, fall sessions and beyond.

DROP IN

Express Yourself

Families ■ Saturdays ■ March 11 ■ April 29 ■ May 13

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

Families ■ Sundays ■ March 19 ■ April 16 ■ May 21

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

Drop in anytime to build, pretend and role-play with large scale foam blocks.

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No School Day Movie Screenings

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

Monday, March 27: *Strange World* (PG)

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

Under the Sea Dance Party

Families ■ 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 30

Miller Haase Community Room

Join us for a dance party and an ocean themed craft. **DROP IN**

Magic and Art by Dan Gogh!

Families ■ Wednesday, March 29

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

Artist-Magician Dan Gogh uses comedy, magic and art to unlock the mystery of creativity. Dan will be your guide to wacky colors, magical drawings and art tools that have a mind of their own. **REGISTER**

Loose Parts Play

Families ■ Saturday, April 15

1:00-4:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

'Loose Parts' is using random items for open ended play. Come play with us and learn more. **DROP IN**

Family Lotería Game Night

Families ■ Friday, April 21

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

Join us for a night of family fun - Lotería Style! Lotería is similar to Bingo, but with a lot more chance thrown in. This bilingual program will have cards in both English and Spanish. **REGISTER**

Library Skills Scavenger Hunt

Families ■ Sunday, April 23-Saturday, April 29

Youth Services Department

Call numbers, picture books and OPACs, oh my! Put your Library skills to the test in this Library Skills Scavenger Hunt. Solve the clues and win a sticker prize. Drop in anytime throughout the week. **DROP IN**

StoryWalk®

Families ■ New Story posted Monday, May 1

LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve on the Randall Rd. Trail

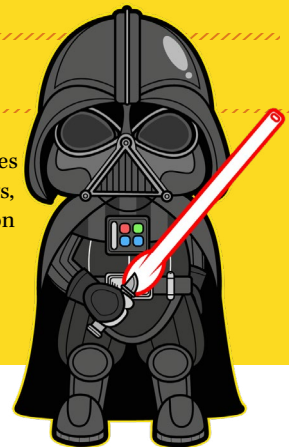
It's back! Come and enjoy the great outdoors and a great story! Located on the east side of LeRoy Oakes Forest preserve on the Randall Road Trail, enjoy a new story monthly. *The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*

Star Wars Days

Families ■ Thursday, May 4 ■ Friday, May 5

All Day ■ Youth Services Department

Celebrate May the Fourth and Revenge of the Fifth with the Library! Various passive activities will be in Youth Services throughout both days, with a special grab and go kit (for grades 2+) on Thursday at 3:00 p.m., while supplies last, and Star Wars button making (for all ages) on Friday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. **DROP IN**





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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

- Sunday, April 9
In observance of the Easter holiday
- Friday, April 28
Staff In-Service Day
- Monday, May 29
Memorial Day

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Library Board Meetings

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

March 8, 2023

April 12, 2023

May 10, 2023

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



Friends of St. Charles Public Library Spring Book Sale

Stop by the Friends' next book sale this spring!

- **Friday, April 21 • 2:30-7:30 p.m.**
- **Saturday, April 22 • 9:00-3:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, April 23 • 12:00-3:00 p.m.**

Each year, the Friends of St. Charles Public Library holds two used book sales; one in the spring and one in the fall. Funds raised from the Friends Book Sales benefit the Library by helping to alleviate the costs of books, essential items, programs and services. The Friends welcome book donations from patrons for the book sales. Call our Welcome Desk at 630-584-0076 for more details.

Want to become a Friend? If you have a love of books and a desire to help support your Library, you are just what the Friends are looking for! The Friends volunteer their time to assist during the book sales and other events throughout the year. For more information, please visit <https://www.scpld.org/about/friends/>

