

# Discover Your Library

## St. Charles Public Library News and Event Guide



### Beyond Books

#### *Borrow the Unexpected*



The St. Charles Public Library is your destination for its vast collection of books, magazines and movies, but do you know about our new Beyond Books collection? You'll find an expansive collection of unique items to borrow with your library card. This collection offers opportunities for creating, learning and discovering inspiration.



#### **Don't buy it, borrow it**

Whether you would like to try something before you purchase or just need to use the item one time, Beyond Books is a fantastic place to start. Try before you buy!



Some of the non-traditional items that you might be surprised to find include:

- Microscope—ideal for students from elementary to high school or hobbyists
- Record Player—to listen to your vinyl collection
- Blood Pressure Monitor—keep up with your systolic and diastolic blood pressure
- Pickleball Set—try out this popular sport
- Automatic Coin Counter—designed to make the process of coin counting easier
- Binoculars Set—perfect for birding, hiking or just exploring
- Sewing Machine—for a hobbyist or even a beginner
- Karaoke Machine—enjoy the fun of karaoke at home
- PlayStation 5—unleash new gaming possibilities that you never anticipated
- Anova Precision Cooker—chefs have been using the sous vide method for years, and now you can too
- Crochet Hooks—perfect for beginners and includes everything you need to get started



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### How to find the items

The Beyond Books collection is located near the Technology Help Desk. You can browse the collection in person or search the items in our catalog. Patrons can reserve items for 14 days with a St. Charles Public Library card.

The Beyond Books collection will continue to grow on a regular basis. Please let us know if you have ideas for items you'd like us to consider adding to the collection.

To learn more about our Beyond Books collection and how to check out items, visit our website [scpld.org/read-listen-watch/beyond-books](http://scpld.org/read-listen-watch/beyond-books)



# You're Invited

## BEYOND BOOKS Open House

Sunday, June 11, 2023  
2:00-4:00 p.m.

You'll have the opportunity to view the items  
in our Beyond Books collection.

*Refreshments will be served.*



# Books & Brunch

*A Signature Event Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation*



**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

**12:00–3:00 p.m.**

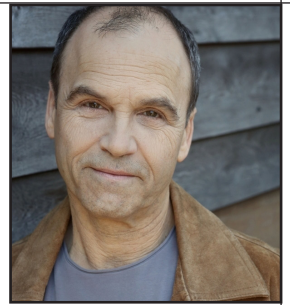
**St. Charles Country Club**

**\$65 per person**

The St. Charles Public Library Foundation is pleased to present Scott Turow, American lawyer and internationally-acclaimed author, as the keynote speaker at this year's Books & Brunch fundraiser.

**Tickets go on sale June 26**

**Visit [scpld.org/foundation](http://scpld.org/foundation)**



**Featured Author  
Scott Turow**

## What the Staff is Reading



**No Exit ■ Taylor Adams ■ FIC ADAMS**

Trapped at a Colorado rest stop with four strangers during a snowstorm, Darby Thomas must figure out which of them kidnapped the girl locked in a van parked next to Darby's car.

**By Her Own Design: A Novel of Ann Lowe, Fashion Designer to the Social Register ■ Piper Huguley ■ FIC HUGULEY**

The incredible untold story of how Ann Lowe, a Black woman and granddaughter of slaves, rose above personal struggles and racial prejudice to design and create one of America's most famous wedding dresses of all time for Jackie Kennedy.

**Ninefox Gambit ■ Yoon Ha Lee ■ FIC LEE**

Given the opportunity to redeem herself for past crimes, Captain Kel Cheris is tasked with retaking the Fortress of Scattered Needles, a star fortress under the control of heretics, a mission that requires her to partner with an untrustworthy ally.

**Something Wild & Wonderful ■ Anita Kelly ■ FIC KELLY**

When Alexei finally comes out to his conservative community, it does not go well. That's how he ended up on the Pacific Crest Trail, hoping he can figure out a new life plan. There he meets Ben Carvalho. Charismatic and outgoing, Ben's personality is opposite to Alexei's quiet demeanor. But no matter how determined Alexei is to hike the trail alone, it seems he and Ben can't avoid being drawn to each other.

**All This Could Be Different ■ Sarah Thankam Mathews ■ FIC MATHEWS**

This thoughtful debut follows a young Indian American woman who is grappling with graduating into a recession, working a grueling entry-level corporate job and trying to date Marina, a beautiful dancer who always seems just beyond her grasp.

**Fight Like Hell: The Untold History of American Labor  
Kim Kelly ■ 331.88 KEL**

This history of the labor movement examines the workers and organizers who risked their livelihoods to fight for fair wages, better working conditions and an eight-hour workday.



### Program Information

Registration for all Library programs begins Monday, May 22 at 9:00 a.m. Register online at [scpld.org](http://scpld.org), by phone at 630-584-0076 x1 or in person.

# Adult Programs

## Books, Bites and Brews

**Thursdays ■ 7:00 p.m.**

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. For adults 21 and over. *St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.*

### REGISTER

**June 1: Euphoria** by Lily King

**Brother Chimp Brewing ■ 1059 W. Orchard Rd., North Aurora**

**August 3: Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands** by Kate Beaton

**Plank Road Tap House, 39W149 Plank Rd., Elgin**

## St. Charles Writers Group

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

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

**June 10:** Dramatic Workshop with Kane Repertory Theatre,  
Featuring Gibson Cima

**June 17:** The public is invited to the Annual Summer Reading  
by Group Members

**July 8:** Interviewing a Subject: The Interview

**July 22:** Happy Birthday, Ernest Hemingway

**August 12:** Food Memories

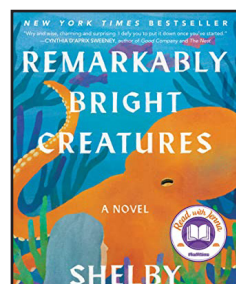
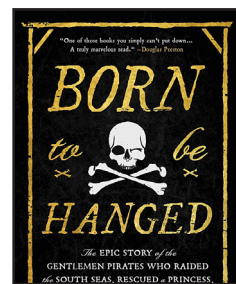
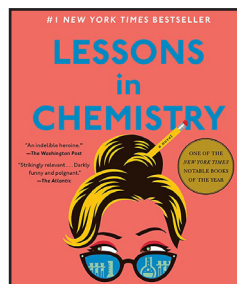
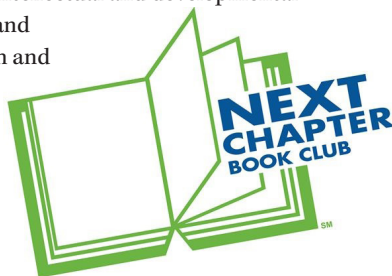
**August 26:** Writers Q&A Session

## Next Chapter Book Club

**Wednesdays ■ 12 Weeks ■ Starts July 12**

**10:00-11:00 a.m. ■ Study Room 5**

The Library is pleased to announce an exciting NEW affiliation with Next Chapter Book Club (NCBC) designed to promote literacy, social connections and inclusion for Adults (18+) with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Guided by trained staff and volunteers, members will read, listen and discuss a pre-selected novel. Space is limited to eight cardholders. When registering online, check July 12 on the calendar. If caregiver needs to attend for assistance, contact Amy Berger, at 630-584-0076 x287 or [aberger@scpld.org](mailto:aberger@scpld.org). **REGISTER**



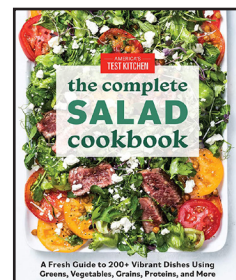
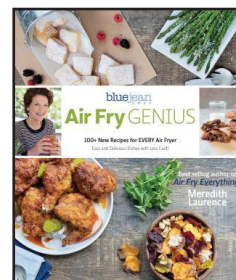
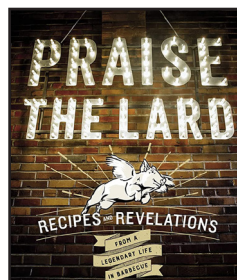
## 2nd Tuesday Book Discussion

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. **DROP IN**

**June 13 Lessons in Chemistry ■ Bonnie Garmus ■ FIC GARMUS**

**July 11 Born to be Hanged: The Epic Story of the Gentleman Pirates Who Raided the South Seas, Rescued a Princess, and Stole a Fortune ■ Keith Thomson ■ 910.45 THO**

**August 8 Remarkably Bright Creatures ■ Shelby Van Pelt  
FIC VAN PELT**



## Dewey Dishes Cookbook Club

**Tuesdays ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Huntley 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 reviews to discuss...you may also bring the food you made to share with the group. **DROP IN**

**June 27: Praise the Lard** by Mike Mills

**July 25: Air Fry Genius** by Meredith Laurence

**August 22: The Complete Salad Cookbook** by America's Test Kitchen



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## D-Day: June 6, 1944

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

U.S. Foreign Policy expert Gary Midkiff returns to deconstruct and discuss this historic event. The largest and most complex amphibious landing in military history was a success because of courage, training, luck, mistakes, planning and the differences between the decision-making processes of Dwight Eisenhower and Adolf Hitler. **REGISTER**

## Classic Movies at the Library

**Wednesdays ■ 6:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

Come watch a classic film on the big screen. Drinks and popcorn will be provided! **REGISTER**

**June 7 - Sweet Smell of Success (1957)**

**July 5 - An American in Paris (1951)**

**August 2 - The Treasure of Sierra Madre (1948)**

## Vincent van Gogh and Paris

**Thursday, June 15 ■ 7:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

In this slide lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur discusses Vincent van Gogh's years in Paris and will show examples of portraiture, landscape and still life. This lecture complements the Vincent van Gogh exhibit at The Art Institute, now through September 4, 2023. **REGISTER**

## Board Game Night

**Wednesdays ■ June 21 ■ July 19 ■ August 16**

**6:00-8:30 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

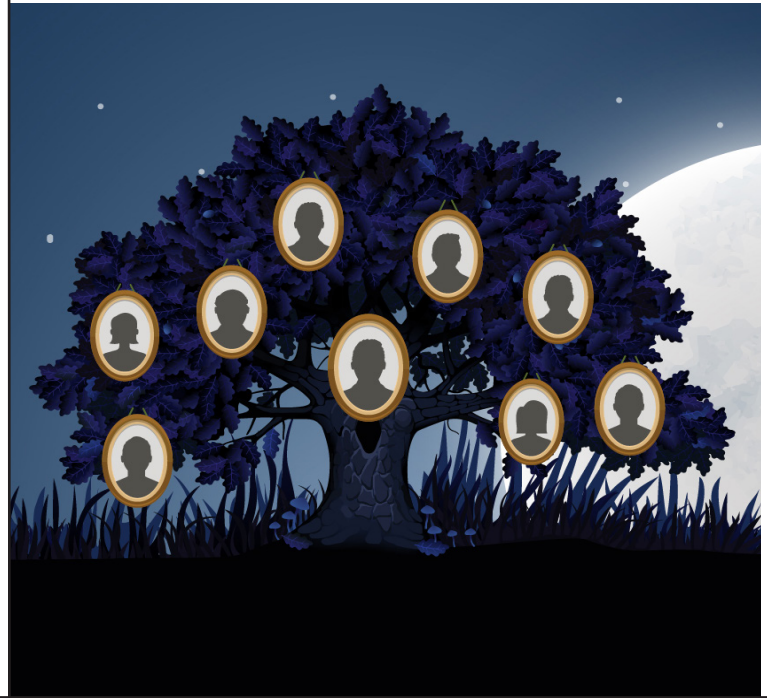
Join us to play **Catan**, **Ticket to Ride** and other modern games. Meet up with fellow board gamers. Bring a favorite game to teach new players or grab one from our collection. **REGISTER or DROP IN**

## Shady Characters:

### Nifty Plants for Shady Sites

**Thursday, June 29 ■ 7:00-8:00pm ■ Carnegie Community Room**

We love the cooling shade of trees, but what can we plant to bring color and life in the shade? Explore the colors and textures of shade-loving plants as we take a look at varieties and species for dry shade, moist shade, part shade and dense shade. Presented by Heather Prince, a trained horticulturist specializing in trees, shrubs and natives with a passion for connecting people with plants. **REGISTER**



## Genealogy Programs

### Genealogy After Hours

**Saturday, June 10 ■ 5:00-8:30 p.m.**

Genealogists will have exclusive use of the Library's genealogy materials and public computers, giving them access to many of our services for genealogy research. Use the time to search the Library's databases—we will have plenty of computers available or bring your own laptop. Bring your genealogy questions or Ancestry, FamilySearch or Family Tree Maker problems—professional genealogists and volunteers will be on hand to assist. Tours of our genealogy collection will be available. Registration is required and limited to 30 participants ages 18 and older. Sandwiches, snacks and beverages will be provided. **REGISTER**

### Genealogy in the Afternoon

**Thursdays ■ June 15 ■ July 20 ■ August 17**

**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**

## Get Cooking with the Library!

### Classroom Kitchen Summer Seasonal Series

Wednesdays ■ 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**



#### June 14: Summer Eats

A sun-inspired class focused on fresh seasonal fruits and veggies, whether from the produce aisle or your own summer garden.



#### June 21: Summer Food Tour of Mexico

We will make guacamole with homemade tortilla chips, chicken enchiladas with roasted corn salsa and individual tres leche cakes.



#### July 19: Summer Food Tour of Italy

We will be making Caesar salad with homemade croutons, individual Neapolitan pizzas and summer berry crostata.



#### August 16: Summer Food Tour of Japan

Steamed dumplings, yakitori (chicken skewers) and matcha white chocolate cookies will make an appearance.

## Trivia Night: Summer Reading Edition!

Thursday, June 29 ■ 7:00-8:30 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Test your pop culture knowledge with our Summer Reading Trivia Night! Snacks and drinks will be provided. You can attend by yourself or with a group of four to five people. For this program, please register by phone or in person at the Research & Reading desk. Space is limited. **REGISTER**

### Fizzy Mocktail Bombs

Friday, July 7 ■ 1:30-2:30 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Enjoy a flavorful, fizzy afternoon learning about the explosive new trend of Mocktail/Cocktail Bombs. Amy Berger will demonstrate how to make these small spheres of flavor. Enjoy trying these fun fizzy bombs and watch them bubble when added to mocktails. It will be a tropical party, including floral leis and a beach scene to take pictures. Space is limited to 50. *Event is open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only, ages 21 and older.* **REGISTER**

## Hooray for Grandparents! with Author Jay Payleitner

Friday, July 14 ■ 1:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Join Jay Payleitner, a national speaker and best-selling author of more than 30 books, as he reads a few favorite entries from his latest book, **Hooray for Grandparents!** You'll hear fresh strategies for giving love, receiving love, dispelling stereotypes and being a rock star to your entire family. Are you new to the role? Do your grandchildren live near or far? This long-time resident of St. Charles promises to stir up laughs, memories and maybe a few tears. **REGISTER**

## Barbie: The History of America's Most Famous Doll

Wednesday, July 26 ■ 1:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

She might be the most famous doll in the world. For more than 60 years, Barbie has been played with, analyzed, collected, criticized and loved. In this illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard delves into the history of Barbie and her inventor, the passionately creative Ruth Handler. Learn what inspired Handler to develop Barbie in 1959, how Barbie helped make Mattel one of the world's most successful toy companies, and what Barbie's impact has been on American culture. *This program is open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders until May 31. Non-card holders can register June 1.* **REGISTER**





## Adult Programs

### The History of Stevie Wonder

Thursday, August 3 • 7:00 p.m. • Huntley Community Room

Stevie Wonder produced a stunningly long list of huge hits during his decades-long career. Using performance and interview clips, music historian Gary Wenstrup will trace the arc of Stevie's amazing career to gain a deeper understanding of one of America's national treasures. We'll hear songs from the 60s, such as "My Cherie Amour," the 70s, such as "You Are The Sunshine of My Life," and "I Just Called To Say I Love You" from the 80s. **REGISTER**

### Coping with Vision Loss

Tuesday, August 22 • 10:30 a.m. • Huntley Community Room

Receive information on innovative aids for low vision available to help you read, write, view loved ones and regain the visual freedom you deserve. Sloan Morris will discuss vision loss, daily living skills and assistive technology. **REGISTER**

## Grab and Go Kit for Adults

### Pressed Flower Bookmarks

Monday, August 14 – Saturday, August 26

Pick up at the Research & Reading Desk

A lovely, pressed flower bookmark is the perfect handmade gift or unique treasure to add to your own collection. In this kit are complete instructions on how to place and seal delicate dried flowers onto transparent bookmarks. All supplies included to make two bookmarks. *This grab and go kit is open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only ages 18 and older.* **REGISTER**

## Business Programs

### Strategies for Claiming Social Security Benefits

Monday, June 12 • 6:30-8:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Starting your Social Security benefits may be as simple as filling out a form, but there are many choices to make. Join Financial Planner Karen Chan and learn rules and strategies for singles and married couples, how other income can affect your Social Security benefits and special options available to widows and widowers. **REGISTER**

### One-to-One Resume Review

Monday, June 26 (three appointments)

Monday, July 24 • (three appointments)

Monday, August 28 • (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**

### Identity Theft: Who's got your number?

### Robo de identidad: ¿Quién tiene tu número?

Tuesday, July 11 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Spanish

Tuesday, July 18 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. in English

Huntley Community Room

Please join Marlen Glenn for a program on recognizing and preventing identity theft. Marlen is the bilingual Financial Wellness Educator at the local not-for-profit KCT Credit Union. The program will be offered in Spanish on Tuesday, July 11, and in English on Tuesday, July 18.

Únase a Marlen Glenn para un programa sobre el reconocimiento y la prevención del robo de identidad. Marlen es la educadora bilingüe de bienestar financiero en la cooperativa de crédito KCT local sin fines de lucro. El programa se ofrecerá en español el martes 11 de julio y en inglés el martes 18 de julio. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**



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# Technology Programs



## 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, June 15 ■ 6:00–7:30 p.m.  
Friday, August 4 ■ 2:00–3:30 p.m.  
Monday, August 7 ■ 9:00–10:30 a.m.  
Monday, August 7 ■ 2:00–3:30 p.m.

### AccuQuilt Fabric Cutter

Wednesday, June 7 ■ 9:00–10:00 a.m.  
Friday, July 28 ■ 2:00–3:00 p.m.  
Thursday, August 10 ■ 6:00–7:00 p.m.

### Brother Canvas Workspace

Wednesday, June 21 ■ 9:00–10:30 a.m.  
Thursday, August 17 ■ 6:00–7:30 p.m.

### HeatPress

Friday, July 14 ■ 2:00–3:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 15 ■ 6:00–7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, August 24 ■ 6:00–7:00 p.m.

### Sublimation Printer

Thursday, June 29 ■ 6:00–7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, August 16 ■ 9:00–10:00 a.m.  
Friday, August 25 ■ 2:00–3:00 p.m.

### Button Maker

Friday, June 23 ■ 2:00–3:00 p.m.  
Thursday, July 20 ■ 6:00–7:00 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**

**Crochet a Plant Pocket:** This cute little plant pocket will work well with air plants or dried flowers. Please bring your favorite yarn and crochet hook. A pattern will be provided which we will work through together. Basic crochet skills are needed. The pattern is crocheted in the round and uses chain stitch, slip stitch, single crochet and double crochet.

Tuesday, June 6 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Monday, June 12 ■ 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Monday, June 12 ■ 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 13 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.

**Air Dry Clay Plant Pocket:** Use air dry clay to craft a small hanging vase perfectly sized for a small bunch of dried flowers. Materials and crafting tools will be provided.

Monday, June 19 ■ 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Monday, June 19 ■ 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Monday, June 26 ■ 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Monday, June 26 ■ 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.

**Fabric Stamping:** Choose from three stamp options and several color choices to make your own hand-stamped dish towel. Materials will be provided.

Monday, July 10 ■ 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Monday, July 10 ■ 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 11 ■ 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Monday, July 17 ■ 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Monday, July 17 ■ 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 18 ■ 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Monday, July 24 ■ 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Monday, July 24 ■ 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 25 ■ 6:00–7:30 p.m.

**Macrame Wall Hanging:** This is a great project for beginners! Using a square knot, half square knot, and a braid, we will macrame a small project that can be hung on a door or wall. Materials will be provided.

Monday, July 31 ■ 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Monday, July 31 ■ 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 1 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 2 ■ 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 8 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 9 ■ 9:00–11:00 a.m.



**Embroidered Corner Bookmark:** It's amazing what a few pieces of felt and some embroidery thread can make! Learn blanket stitch, detached chain stitch, and back stitch to make this cute DIY bookmark.

**Monday, August 21 ■ 9:00–11:00 a.m.**

**Monday, August 21 ■ 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, August 22 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, August 23 ■ 9:00–11:00 a.m.**

**Monday, August 28 ■ 9:00–11:00 a.m.**

**Monday, August 28 ■ 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, August 29 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, August 30 ■ 9:00–11:00 a.m.**

## Five-Minute Makes

Short on time? Drop in to STC Creative to learn about the space and create a quick craft using our machines. Materials will be provided. These are not a substitute for a full orientation. **DROP IN**



**Brother and Button Makers:** Make themed buttons in two different sizes.

**Wednesday, June 7 ■ 5:00–6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, June 15 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday, July 5 ■ 5:00–6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, August 24 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.**

**Cricut and Heat Press:** Choose a brightly-colored vinyl design to apply to an acrylic keychain.

**Wednesday, June 21 ■ 5:00–6:00 p.m.**

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

**Wednesday, August 2 ■ 5:00–6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, August 10 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.**

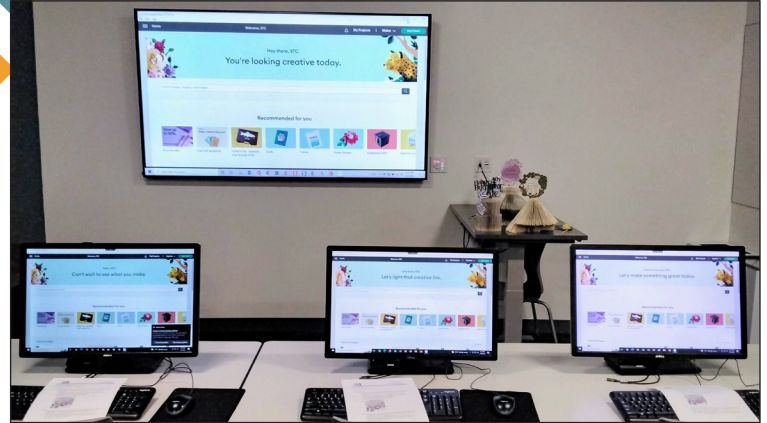
**GlowForge Laser Cutter:** Engrave a design on a drink coaster.

**Thursday, June 29 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.**

**Thursday, July 13 ■ 10:00–11:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday, July 19 ■ 5:00–6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, August 16 ■ 5:00–6:00 p.m.**



## Computer Instruction - Mornings

**Wednesdays ■ 9:00–10:30 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***

**June 14:** Introduction to Microsoft Word

**June 28:** Microsoft Word - Advanced Skills

**July 12:** iPad & iPhone Basics

**July 19:** Read, Listen & Watch Library Apps

**July 26:** Android Phone & Tablet Basics

## Computer Instruction - Evenings

**Thursdays ■ 6:00–7:30 p.m. ■ Computer Lab**

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**June 8:** Android Phone & Tablet Basics

**June 22:** Introduction to Microsoft Excel

**July 13:** Intro to Canva - Free online design tool

**July 27:** Excel - Pivot tables for beginners

**August 3:** Excel - Drop-down lists and conditional formatting

**August 31:** Microsoft Word - Advanced Skills

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**Fridays ■ 2:00–3:30 p.m. ■ Computer Lab**

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**June 9:** Intro to Facebook and Instagram

**June 16:** Microsoft Word-Advanced Skills

**June 30:** Introduction to Google Docs

**July 21:** Google Docs - Advanced Skills

**August 11:** iPad & iPhone Basics

**August 18:** Read, Listen & Watch Library Apps



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## Young Adult Programs



### Movies in the Park

Families ■ Pottawatomie Park ■ 8 North Ave ■ St. Charles

Friday, June 9: *Encanto* ■ 8:15 p.m. start time

Friday, July 14: *The Mitchells vs. the Machines* ■ 8:05 p.m. start time

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

*Please note: The amphitheater is on a slope, so please take care if using folding chairs. Blankets or towels are recommended. The movie screen may be difficult to see at the start of the movie, but will get brighter as the sun sets. No rain dates. Due to city noise ordinances, all movies must end by 10:00 p.m. Please be respectful of park neighbors when leaving after the movie.*

### Anime Club

Grades 6-12 ■ Tuesdays ■ June 13 ■ July 11 ■ August 8 ■ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

STC Underground ■ Baker Community Center (lower level)

101 S. 2nd Street, St. Charles

Every second Tuesday of the month watch anime, eat snacks and hang out with other anime and manga fans! Cosplay is always welcome.

Students must submit a completed Code of Conduct signed by themselves AND a parent or legal guardian. This form can be found at: <https://www.stcunderground.com/> For questions call 630-513-4380.

**DROP IN**

### OREO Cherry Bombs

Grade 9-12 ■ Monday, June 26

2:30-4:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Just in time for fireworks, teens will enjoy learning how to make OREO Cherry Bombs! This hands-on class will share how to make decadent fudge encased cherry balls, wrapped in white-chocolate ganache. All supplies are included. Must register with a teen St. Charles Public Library card. Sorry, adult and child library cards are not eligible. **REGISTER**

### Young Adult Grab and Go Kit: Neon Lights Bath Bombs

Grades 9-12 ■ Monday, July 31 – Saturday, August 12

Pick-up at The Loft (upper level)

Bursting with color and fizz, teens are sure to have fun making a Neon Lights Bath Bomb. In this Young Adult Grab n' Go kit all ingredients, instructions and a bath bomb mold are included. Teens can pick-up their kit at the desk outside of The Loft July 31 – August 12. If registering online, please look at July 31 on the calendar. Must register with a teen St. Charles Public Library card. Sorry, adult and child library cards are not eligible. **REGISTER**



## Middle School Programs

### D&D: Character Creation

Grades 6-8 ■ Wednesday, June 14

3:30-5:00 p.m. ■ Computer Lab

Join us for information on creating your own character for Dungeons and Dragons. **REGISTER**

### Dungeons and Dragons

Grades 6-8 ■ Thursday, June 15

2:00-5:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Join us for a full game of D&D! Recommended for those who have played the role-playing game before. **REGISTER**



## Junior Friends

Grades 6-8 ■ Thursdays ■ June 1 ■ July 6 ■ August 3  
6:00-7:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

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



## Bubble Tea!

Grades 6-8 ■ Friday, June 16  
3:00-3:45 p.m.

Miller Haase Community Room

Join other middle school students in making bubble tea to drink and create a cute craft to match! **REGISTER**

## Anime Night

Grades 6-8 ■ Friday, June 30

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

Watch *Demon Slayer* and enjoy an activity. Snacks provided. Feel free to cosplay. No weapons of any kind permitted. *\*Anime may be rated PG-13 or higher, parents agree to let their child view anime with this rating by allowing their child to attend this program.* **DROP IN**

## Quick Crafts

Grades 6-8 ■ Friday, July 14

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

Test out some of the crafty trends seen on social media in the last few months! **REGISTER**

## Creative Smartphone Photography

Grades 6-8  
Wednesday, July 5  
3:00-4:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

This interactive workshop is perfect for anyone with a smartphone who would like to learn more about how to create photos like a pro!

**REGISTER**

## Babysitter Training

Ages 11-14 ■ Monday, July 17 AND Tuesday, July 18  
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 Public 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**

## LEGO Builds

Grades 6-8 ■ Friday, August 11

5:00-6:00 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Free build with mini challenges throughout the hour! Snacks and prizes provided. **DROP IN**

## Squishies!

Grades 6-8 ■ Thursday, August 24

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

Another school year has begun. Decorate your own squishy to help relieve the stress! **REGISTER**



## Program Information

Registration for all Library programs begins Monday, May 22 at 9:00 a.m. Register online at [scpld.org](http://scpld.org), by phone at 630-584-0076 x1 or in person.



# Early Literacy & Story Times



## Water Painting

**Ages 3-6 ■ Thursday, June 1**

**11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. ■ Terrace Garden**

Come paint with water in our outdoor area! Join any time during the program. Weather permitting. **DROP IN**

## Twinleaf Tales

**Families ■ Fridays ■ June 2 ■ July 7 ■ August 4**

**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**

## Family Story Time

**All Ages with Caregiver ■ 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

**Mondays: June 5-July 24 ■ Huntley Community Room**

**Tuesdays: June 6-July 25 ■ Huntley Community Room**

**Saturdays: June 10 & July 1 ■ Miller Haase Community Room**

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

## Starrytime

**All Ages ■ Tuesdays ■ June 6 ■ July 4 ■ August 1**

**6:30 p.m. ■ Posted on YouTube**

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



## Sensory Seeking Story Time

**All Ages with Caregiver ■ Miller Haase Community Room**

**Thursdays: June 8 ■ July 13 ■ August 10 ■ 10:30 a.m.**

**Saturdays: June 17 and July 8 ■ 10:30 a.m.**

This small group story time is designed for children with sensory processing differences, specifically those who are seeking extra sensory input. **REGISTER**

## Stories Under the Stars

**Families, seven and under with Caregiver**

**Tuesdays: June 13, July 11, August 15**

**6:30-7:00 p.m. ■ Terrace Garden**

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

## Stories at the Nature Center

**Families ■ Wednesdays: June 14 ■ July 12 ■ August 9 ■ 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**

## Baby Playdate

**Ages 0-24 months ■ Thursdays: June 15 ■ July 20 ■ August 17**

**9:30-10:30 a.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

Drop by anytime during the hour for this special baby playtime! Babies will love exploring a variety of fun toys during this special time just for them. **DROP IN**

## Preschool Math Fun

**Ages 3-6 ■ Friday, June 16**

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

Numbers are all around us. Let's explore some simple math concepts together. **REGISTER**

## Toddler Play Date

**Ages 2-3 ■ Thursdays: June 22 ■ July 27 ■ August 24**

**9:30-10:30 a.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

Drop by anytime during the hour for this special toddler playtime! Toddlers will love exploring a variety of fun toys during this special time just for them. **DROP IN**

## Baby's Night Out

**Ages 0-24 months ■ Thursday, June 22**

**6:00-6:45 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

Join us for a night out with stories and fun activities for you and baby.

**REGISTER**

## Bluey Playtime

**Ages 3-6 ■ Saturday, June 24**

**10:00-10:45 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

Bring a grown-up of your choice to play pretend just like your favorite Australian dog family! **REGISTER**

## Pet Party!

**Ages 3-6 ■ Tuesday, July 11**

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

It's raining cats and dogs! Join us for a drop-in program all about your favorite pets. **DROP IN**

## Toddler's Day Out

**Ages 2-3 ■ Friday, July 14**

**10:30-11:15 a.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

Join us for a day out with stories and activities for your toddler and you!

**REGISTER**

## Baby Shark Party

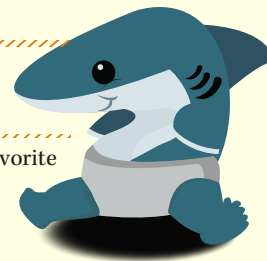
**Ages 3-6 ■ Friday, July 21**

**10:00-10:30 a.m.**

**Miller Haase Community Room**

Join us to celebrate Shark Week with our favorite little shark—Baby Shark!

**REGISTER**



## Worm Story Time

**Grades K-2 ■ Monday, August 7**

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

Let's read about wiggly worms and meet some real-life worms! **DROP IN**

## Rubber Ducky Bubble Party

**Ages 0-2 ■ Friday, August 11**

**10:00-10:30 a.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

Join us for bubbles and songs! **DROP IN**

## Not Yet Back to School

**Ages 0-5 ■ Monday, August 14**

**10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

Feeling left out because your 'big kid' went back to school? Come to the Library for some fun activities! **DROP IN**

# Student Programs

## Crafternoon

**Grades K-5 ■ Thursdays ■ June 1 ■ July 6 ■ August 10**

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

Craft the afternoon away! Stop by anytime during the program for this open crafting session. Come get creative with us. **DROP IN**

## Create a Bookmark!

**Grades K-2 ■ Monday, June 5**

**11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room**

Drop by any time during the hour to create your very own bookmark to use during Summer Reading! **DROP IN**

## Will It Float?

**Grades K-2 ■ Tuesday, June 13**

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

Will it float? Let's find out if you can build a LEGO boat that floats on the water! Join any time during the program. **DROP IN**

## Cupcake Creations

**Grades 3-5 ■ Thursday, June 8**

**1:00-1:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room**

Create your own unique cupcake masterpiece with frosting and fun toppings! Premade cupcake provided. Food items used in the program contain common allergens. **REGISTER**



# Student Programs

## Reading with Rover

Grades 1-3 ■ Wednesdays: ■ June 7 ■ July 26 ■ August 23  
3:00-4:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Bring your books or select one of ours to read to a specially trained therapy dog for 15 minutes. Children must be able to read independently.

**REGISTER**

## Craft Club

Grades K-2 ■ 6:00-7:00 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Tuesday, June 20: DIY Pop-Up Monster

Tuesday, July 25: DIY Watercolor Pencil Art

Tuesday, August 8: DIY Twirling Fidget Toy

Come join us for drop-in craft. While supplies last! **DROP IN**

## Block Party

Wednesday, June 21 ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Grades K-2: 1:00-1:45 p.m.

Grades 3-5: 3:00-3:45 p.m.

If you can dream it, you can build it! Use your imagination and let your creativity shine as you explore the Library's collections of blocks. Work collaboratively or alone and build something awesome!

**DROP IN**

## Recycled CD Decoration

Grades 3-5 ■ Thursday, June 22

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

Drop by anytime during the hour and create a decoration using recycled CDs. **DROP IN**

## Bubble Squishies

Grades 4-6 ■ Wednesday, July 12

3:00-4:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Interested in the nano tape crafts you've seen online? Drop in and try one out, making your very own clear squishy bubble! **REGISTER**

## Puzzle-Palooza

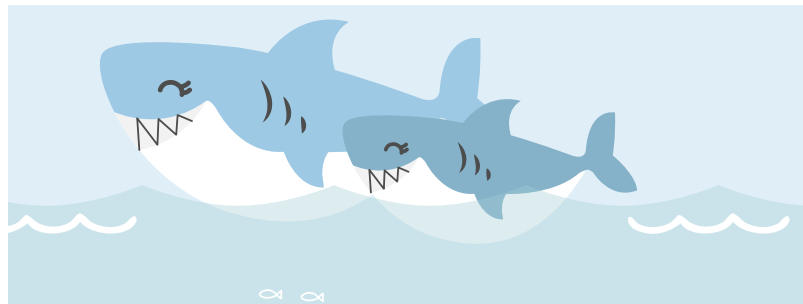
Wednesday, July 19 ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Grades K-2: 1:00-1:45 p.m.

Grades 3-5: 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Enjoy puzzles and words games at the Library!

**Drop In**



## Shark Craft Hangout

Grades 3-5 ■ Saturday, July 15

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

Happy Shark Week! Drop by to color, do a cool shark-themed watercolor painting or to just watch a shark livestream with some friends! We'll have fishy snacks and good vibes! **DROP IN**

## Make a Pet Shark

Grades K-2 ■ Monday, July 17

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

Celebrate Shark Week by making your own pet shark! Join any time during the program. **DROP IN**

## 3D Shape Design

Grades 3-5 ■ Monday, July 24

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

Can you design shapes using only playdough and toothpicks? Test your building skills! **REGISTER**

## Mini Library Paintings

Grades 3-5 ■ Tuesday, August 1

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. ■ Outside Lawn

Join us to create a mini still life painting of the Library or surrounding landscape. We will meet in the grassy area near 6th Ave and Illinois Ave. We will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your own chair if you prefer. Weather permitting, while supplies last. **DROP IN**

## BINGO for Books

Grades 3-5

Wednesday, August 2

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Miller Haase Community Room

Come to the Library and play BINGO and you may win a book to keep! **REGISTER**



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in the Library and adults must be  
accompanied by a child.*

## Flat Moolissa

**Families ■ Thursday, June 1-Thursday, August 31**  
**Youth Services Desk**

Moo-ve over Flat Stanley! Here comes Flat Moolissa! Moolissa is ready to explore outside the Library and she needs your help! Come to the Youth Desk to pick up your own Flat Moolissa starting June 1. Take her with you this summer and share your adventures with us through email or mail!

## StoryWalk®

**Families ■ New stories posted June 1, July 1, August 1**  
**LeRoy Oakes Forrest 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.

## Movie in the Park

**Families ■ Pottawatomie Park**

**Friday, June 9: Encanto (PG) ■ 8:15-10:00 p.m.**

**Friday, July 14: The Mitchells vs. The Machines (PG) ■ 8:05-10:00 p.m.**

Watch a movie on our giant 24-foot inflatable screen! Snacks for purchase will be provided by the STC Underground. In partnership with the St. Charles Park District. **DROP IN**

## Family Tie-Dye

**Families ■ Monday, June 12**

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

Drop in anytime with the whole family for tie-dying fun! Dye and rubber bands provided. Please bring your own clothing item to dye. Clothing with more cotton content will hold the colors better. **DROP IN**

## Silly Symphony Orchestra

**Families ■ Monday, June 19**

**6:00-6:30 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

Use your voice in the musical way and join us for a night of silly symphony fun! Make simple musical instruments and then perform in SCPLD's first ever silly symphony orchestra! **DROP IN**

## Mr. Freeze of Fermilab Science Adventures

**Families ■ Saturday, June 24**

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

A fun way to introduce young people to science, Mr. Freeze, aka Jerry Zimmerman, will inspire and educate with hands-on experiments and interactive activities. **REGISTER**

## Little Miss Ann Concert

**Families ■ Tuesday, July 18**

**11:00-11:45 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

Join Little Miss Ann and her fiddler, Anna, for award winning family music. Ann Torralba is a Chicago musician and teacher at the Old Town School of Folk Music who is excited to bring her tunes to the Library. **DROP IN**



## Disney Karaoke

**Families ■ Thursday, July 20**

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

Raise your voice and belt out your favorite Disney tune with our karaoke machine, then make a microphone to continue the fun at home! **DROP IN**

## Paint the Path

**Families ■ Saturday, July 29**

**10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ■ Outside Lawn**

Paint the sidewalk at the Library! Help fill in the design. Dress for mess! Paint and rollers will be provided. In case of bad weather, this event will be held the next day, Sunday, July 30. This program is in partnership with the St. Charles Arts Council. **DROP IN**

## Cardboard Challenge

**Families ■ Saturday, August 5**

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

We'll provide the cardboard; you provide the imagination! Cardboard, markers and other supplies will be provided. **DROP IN**

## Under the Stars Dance Party!

**Families ■ Friday, August 25**

**6:00-6:30 p.m. ■ Terrace Garden**

Join us for a dance party under the stars! Dance the night away on the Terrace Garden dance floor and bust a move under a sky full of stars! Weather permitting. **DROP IN**

## LEGO Community Build: Main Street

**Families ■ Saturday, August 26**

**1:00-5:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room**

Let's rebuild downtown! Stop by anytime during the program to add to our community build! Viewing available the following day. **DROP IN**



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## Monday, May 22-Saturday, July 29

Explore how you can Find Your Voice with this year's summer reading program. Read all summer long with the St. Charles Public Library. Sign up online at [scpld.readsquared.com](http://scpld.readsquared.com) or pick up a paper log. Download the READSquared app for iPhone and Android devices.

**KIDS:** Fill in the volume bar to match the time spent reading to earn prizes.

- Complete 500 minutes and spin the prize wheel
- Complete 1,000 minutes and win a book and gift certificate

**TEEN: Play Bingo**

- Complete 1 row and win a St. Charles Public Library knit cap
- Complete 2 rows and win a paperback book

**ADULT: Play Bingo**

- Complete 1 row and win a St. Charles Public Library tote bag
- Complete 2 rows and win a St. Charles Public Library mug

### 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

Tuesday, July 4  
In observance of Independence Day  
Friday, August 18  
Closes at 5:00 p.m. for Staff Appreciation Event

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### Library Board Meetings

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

June 14, 2023

July 12, 2023

No meeting in August

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



### Summer Reading Wrap Up Party

Friday, July 28 ■ 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of fun to wrap up Summer Reading! We will be hosting an ice cream social, karaoke and various activities for all to enjoy. You will also have a chance to win prizes! **DROP IN**