

# Discover Your Library

## St. Charles Public Library News and Event Guide

### Harvest New Ideas at the Library This Fall

Here at the Library, we love fall and we know that just because the weather is getting cooler, gardening season isn't over. Whether planting, harvesting, preserving or cooking, we want to help you make the most of the season.



Are you aware that the Library offers hundreds of periodicals and online home, garden and landscaping databases that you can access for free? These fantastic resources can help you with everything from building a greenhouse or garden bridge to learning more efficient ways to water your lawn and garden. To browse the home and garden databases, just visit our website and click "Learn and Research." For free access to periodicals such as **Fine Gardening**, **Midwest Living**, **Southern Living**, **Better Homes & Gardens** and many more, use the "Read, Listen and Watch" tab on our website, select "Stream & Download" and then **Flipster**.

Gardeners are always learning, so we maintain a partnership with the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners program. On September 27, these highly knowledgeable master gardeners will present the program **Selecting Trees and Shrubs** to teach you how to choose trees and shrubs for specific sites.

Fall is also the time to enjoy the fruits of your harvest. Whether you grow your own produce or find it at the local market, embrace the farm-to-table lifestyle that our community makes possible. It's easier than you think. Check out our collection of new cookbooks for recipes and to learn the latest methods for canning and preserving your garden harvest or farmer's market finds. Additionally, our online cooking databases, **AtoZ Food America** and **AtoZ World Food**, have hundreds of free recipes that you can access to make the most of your garden produce. Don't miss our fun fall cooking programs such as **Sunflower Truffles**, **Easy as Pie**, **Fancy Fall Cupcakes** and **Oktoberfest**. More information on these programs and others can be found inside.

Throughout the fall, the Library hosts a variety of seasonal programs for all ages. We offer **Pumpkin Decorating** for families, a convenient grab-n-go **Fabric Yo-Yo Pumpkin** kit for adults, and **It's Fall Y'all!** activities for the little ones, just to name a few. And while you're here, we invite you to take home a complimentary St. Charles Public Library garden kneeler pad.

# St. Charles Public Library



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## Youth Accessibility Collection

# You're Invited! OPEN HOUSE

This thoughtfully-curated collection includes adaptable seating, fine-motor tools, language development materials, sensory-focused equipment, weighted items and much more. The Library looks forward to providing opportunities for children and their families to try out items that aid in everyday living and celebrate inclusion and access. The Youth Accessibility Collection can be found in Youth Services.

*This collection was created with a generous donation from the Maholland family.*

**Saturday, October 21  
3:00-4:30 p.m.  
Miller Haase Community Room**

**Join us for demonstrations as we  
showcase our new youth collection!**

## 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**

A limited number of tickets are still available to the St. Charles Public Library Foundation's Books & Brunch fundraiser, featuring American lawyer and internationally-acclaimed author Scott Turow as the keynote speaker. **Visit [scpld.org/foundation](https://scpld.org/foundation)**

## Friends of St. Charles Public Library Fall Book Sale

**Friday, October 20 • 2:30-7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, October 21 • 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Sunday, October 22 • 12:00-3:00 p.m.**

Don't miss this opportunity to purchase great books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks and more at bargain prices while supporting the Friends of St. Charles Public Library.

For more information,  
**visit [scpld.org/friends](https://scpld.org/friends)  
DROP IN**



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# Adult Programs

## St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays ■ 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

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

**September 9:** Dramatist Workshop with Kane Repertory Theatre (Continued), Featuring Gibson Cima

**September 23:** Book Discussion Part I: **The Writing Class** by Jincy Willett

**October 14:** Book Discussion Part II: **The Writing Class** by Jincy Willett

**October 28:** Interviewing a Subject: The Write-Up

**November 11:** Waking Up and Other Tropes

**November 25:** Native American Writers

## Board Game Night

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

September 20 ■ October 18 ■ November 15

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**

## Great Decisions

Thursdays ■ September 21 ■ October 19 ■ November 9

7:00 p.m. ■ Bisbee Conference Room

The **Great Decisions** discussion group is intended to stimulate a discussion of foreign policy issues. Please check out a copy of the briefing book at the Library and be ready to discuss the article. September's topic is "War Crimes." **DROP IN**

## BOOK CLUBS

### 2nd Tuesday Book Discussion

Join us at either session to discuss the monthly books. **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**

**September 12:** **Beasts of a Little Land** by Juhea Kim

**October 10:** **Nowhere Girl: A Memoir of a Fugitive Childhood** by Cheryl Diamond

**November 14:** **No Two Persons** by Erica Bauermeister

### Many Worlds Book Club

Wednesdays ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Bisbee Conference Room

Come discuss a speculative fiction book in various genres with fellow genre enthusiasts. **DROP IN**

**September 20** ■ *Science Fiction* / **The Paradox Hotel** by Rob Hart

**October 18** ■ *Horror* / **Violet** by Scott Thomas

**November 15** ■ *Fantasy* / **Steel Crow Saga** by Paul Krueger

### Yarn Tales Book & Craft Club

Thursdays ■ 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Let's craft and chat! Bring your knitting or other craft and join our crafty novel discussion. **DROP IN**

**September 21:** **The Friday Night Knitting Club** by Kate Jacobs  
Huntley Community Room

**October 19:** **The Quilter's Apprentice** by Jennifer Chiaverini  
Carnegie Community Room

**November 16:** **Knit One, Kill Two** by Maggie Sefton  
Carnegie Community Room



### Dewey Dishes Cookbook Club

Tuesdays ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Try new recipes with our Cookbook Club. Make 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. **REGISTER**

**September 26:** **Dinner in One: Exceptional & Easy One-Pan Meals** by Melissa Clark

**October 24:** **New Native Kitchen** by Freddie Bitsoie

**November 28:** **Cook's Illustrated All Time Best Holiday Entertaining** by America's Test Kitchen

### Next Chapter Book Club

Wednesdays ■ 12 Weeks ■ October 4-December 20

10:00-11:00 a.m. ■ Study Room 5

Next Chapter Book Club is designed for adults (18+) with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Each Wednesday, we will read, listen and discuss a pre-selected story. All reading levels welcome. A library card is not required. Questions? Contact Amy Berger at 630-584-0076 x287.

**REGISTER**

### Books, Bites and Brews

Wednesday, October 4 OR Thursday, October 5 ■ 7:00 p.m.

**Sturdy Shelter Brewing, 10 Shumway Ave., Batavia**

**River Woman, River Demon** by Jennifer Givhan

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 older. SCPL cardholders only. Register for one session only. **REGISTER**



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## Classic Movies at the Library

**Wednesdays ■ 6:00 p.m. ■ All Movies Closed Captioned**

Come watch a classic film on the big screen. Drinks and popcorn will be provided! Moviegoers are encouraged to bring their own seat cushions to make their viewing experience more comfortable. **REGISTER**  
**September 6 ■ 12 Angry Men (1957) ■ Huntley Community Room**  
**October 4 ■ Frankenstein (1931) ■ Carnegie Community Room**  
**November 1 ■ All That Heaven Allows (1955) ■ Huntley Community Room**

## Music Movie Romance

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

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to experience dozens of the most artfully created movie scenes, love songs and dance tandems ever seen on the silver screen in one sitting? John LeGear will share this uplifting presentation of movie music classics. **REGISTER**

## Cuisine Quest: South and Central America

**Tuesday, September 12 ■ 7:00 p.m. Huntley Community Room**

Join Brian Michalski on his search for the most delectable dishes that Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Nicaragua and other countries have to offer. Gain insight into local agriculture, overlapping stylistic influences and how climate change impacts food security. *Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.* **REGISTER**

## Introduction to Knitting: For Beginners\*

**Friday, September 8 ■ 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room**

During this two-hour program, you will learn what knitting is all about, including basic tools and yarn, how to cast on and work the knit stitch, and where to find the best resources to continue your knitting journey. **REGISTER**

## Introduction to Crochet: For Beginners\*

**Friday, September 22 ■ 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room**

Learn why the craft of crochet is making a huge comeback. You'll get an overview of tools and terminology, try out basic stitches, explore various crocheted items and learn the best resources to continue your crochet journey. **REGISTER**

\* Programs taught by Julie Kroeyr of Fiberspectives. For beginners only.  
All supplies will be provided. Space is limited; open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only, ages 18 and older.

## It's Our Fox River Day

**All Ages ■ Saturday, September 16**

**All Day ■ Youth Services Department**

In support of *It's Our Fox River Day 2023*, learn about the Fox River with a scavenger hunt around the lower level of the Library. Complete the hunt and receive a packet of seeds. Visit The Friends of the Fox River website for more information about events that help, protect and restore the river. **DROP IN**

## Mandala Dot Rock Painting

**All Ages ■ Saturday, September 16**

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

Help add color to the celebration! Fun and relaxing, rock painting transforms natural beauty into colorful artwork that can be appreciated by all ages. **DROP IN**



## Sea Curiosities

**For Adults and Families ■ Tuesday, September 19**

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

Marine biologist Tim Kain will explore ocean habitats and the animals that reside there. Examine their life histories, biology and role in the sustainability and health of the ocean environment. **REGISTER**

## Selecting Trees and Shrubs

**Wednesday, September 27 ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room**

Trees and shrubs are the backbones of a well-landscaped garden. Learn how to select the proper trees and shrubs for specific sites. Presented by the University of Illinois Master Gardeners. **REGISTER**

## A Look Behind Orson Welles's "War of the Worlds" Broadcast

**Tuesday, October 3 ■ 1:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

On the eve of Halloween 1938, a young actor/director broadcasts a radio drama based on the novel *The War of the Worlds*. Laura Keyes will examine how much of the broadcast's impact was reality and how much has been exaggerated. *Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.* **REGISTER**

## The Chicago World's Fair, 1933-1934

**Saturday, October 14 ■ 1:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room**

Ninety years ago, the "City of Big Shoulders" held an international exposition like no other, the Chicago World's Fair. Join architect and art commentator Joseph Mada as he discusses how the city, against all odds, mounted this wondrous event during the Great Depression. *This program is in partnership with the St. Charles History Museum.* **REGISTER**

# Adult Programs

## Haunted Stacks

**Ages 7+ ■ Saturday, October 14**

**7:00-8:30 p.m. ■ Library Main Entrance**

Ever wonder what the Library is like after dark? Find out what goes bump in the night as you wind your way through the stacks during this free haunted event while the Library is closed. Activities and haunts for all ages, children through adult. **DROP IN**

## The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS)

**Tuesday, October 17 ■ 7:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room**

Join Tauya Forst and Richard Forst, Attorneys and Professors of Criminal and Justice Studies at the College of DuPage, for a relevant and timely discussion. They will reflect upon the history, case law, challenges and techniques that make the Supreme Court of the United States the final word. **REGISTER**

## Adult Grab 'n' Go Kit: Fabric Yo-Yo Pumpkin

**Pick up at Research and Reading Desk**

**Monday, October 23–Saturday, November 4**

Festive decor to smile about! This kit teaches you how to make yo-yo layers and assemble them into a pretty little pumpkin. Open to SCPL cardholders ages (18+). Patrons must register individually with their own card.

**REGISTER October 23 date**



## Lilly Pulitzer with Historian Leslie Goddard

**Tuesday, October 24 ■ 1:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

In the 1960s, Lilly Pulitzer changed fashion with her carefree shift dresses in whimsical, bold patterns. Historian Leslie Goddard brings to life the entrepreneur and fashion designer who launched a design revolution. This program is open to SCPL cardholders until August 31. If there is space available after August 31, non-cardholders can register. *Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.* **REGISTER**

## Night to Remember: True Adventures from a Local Paranormal Investigations Team

**Thursday, October 26 ■ 7:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room**

West Suburban Paranormal Investigations will show their equipment, tell stories of their investigations and share video and audio evidence that they've gathered. The group has covered almost 100 investigations, capturing nearly 1,000 pieces of evidence. **REGISTER**



## Genealogy Programs

### Genealogy Research at the Library

**Wednesdays ■ September 6 ■ October 25**

**5:30-8:30 p.m. ■ Computer Lab**

**Thursdays ■ September 21 ■ October 19 ■ November 16**

**1:00-4:00 p.m. ■ Computer Lab**

Do you need a few quiet hours to work on your family tree? Have you hit a brick wall? Stop by to use the time to search the Library's databases or look through our vast collection of research materials. Staff will be there to answer questions. **REGISTER or DROP IN**

### Thanks to Her: Finding Power and Inspiration in Your Family Photos

**Thursday, September 28 ■ 7:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room**

Author and former photojournalist Kathleen Geraghty will share her book, *Thanks to Her: Finding Power and Inspiration in Your Family Photos*, a metaphorical snapshot of women's lives from 1900 to the 1950s. Learn how exploring your family photos can add spiritual and emotional rocket fuel to the journey that is your life. *Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.* **REGISTER**

### Sharing Your Genealogy with Family and Friends

**Wednesday, October 4 ■ 7:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

You've done the research. You've unearthed the stories. How do you present your genealogy research to non-genealogist family and friends in an interesting way? Professional genealogist Caron Primas Brennan will look at ideas for sharing stories and findings through websites, books, videos, blogs and other methods. *Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.* **REGISTER**

### Storytelling Workshop

**Tuesday, November 28 ■ 6:30-8:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room**

Do you want to learn how to get the most from interviewing your family members? Sarah Lucas of Celebrating Stories, Ltd. will show you how. Join the workshop and discover great tools to help enrich, inspire and make the storytelling moment wonderful with your loved one. *Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.* **REGISTER**



## The Story of Smoky the War Dog

Thursday, November 2 • 1:00 p.m. • Huntley Community Room

Hear the true story of Smoky the War Dog, who helped save lives in WWII and earned medals for bravery. From a chance discovery at the bottom of an abandoned foxhole in Papua New Guinea, Smokey became a famous entertainer, a decorated war hero and the world's first official therapy dog of record. [REGISTER](#)

## The Kennedy Assassination

Thursday, November 16 • 7:00 p.m. • Huntley Community Room

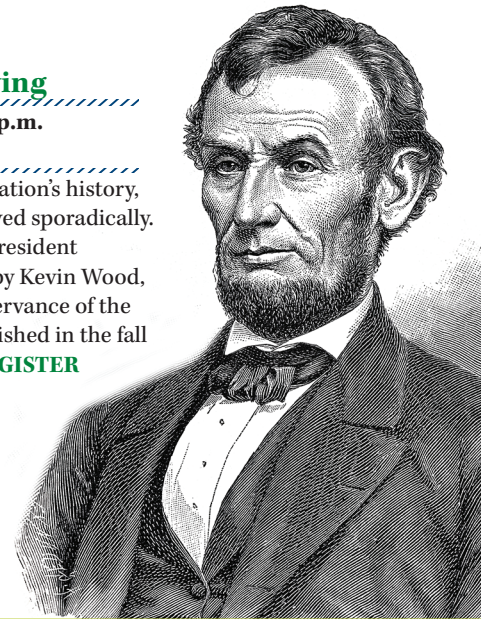
U.S. Foreign Policy expert Gary Midkiff returns to discuss the assassination of John F. Kennedy on the 60th anniversary. Uncertainty, innuendo and rumor continue to swirl around this dramatic moment in our history. He will cover what we know, what we might know and what the American public deserves to know. [REGISTER](#)

## Lincoln and Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 16 • 1:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

During the first 87 years of our nation's history, a day of thanksgiving was observed sporadically. Hear a firsthand account from President Abraham Lincoln, as portrayed by Kevin Wood, of how our national, annual observance of the Thanksgiving holiday was established in the fall of 1863, during the Civil War. [REGISTER](#)



## Get Cooking with the Library!

### Galettes with Bill the Baker

Wednesday, September 13 • 1:00 p.m. • Huntley Community Room

Learn the secrets to making what many people have called the "best galette they have ever had." Bill the Baker will show us how to mix and shape the dough to guarantee great results. Galettes can be sweet or savory, and we'll make one with fruit. This program is open to SCPL cardholders only, ages 18 and older. *Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.* [REGISTER](#)

### Sunflower Truffles

Monday, September 25 • 5:30-7:00 p.m. or

Tuesday, September 26 • 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Celebrate autumn with chocolate fun. Learn how to make truffles encased in sweet chocolate and how to pipe a chocolate sunflower base. Space is limited; program is offered twice. For SCPL cardholders only, ages (18+). Register for only one session. [REGISTER](#)

### Easy as Pie with Chef Cherise Slattery

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

Learn the techniques for making a delicious pie crust. Chef Cherise Slattery will cover mixing methods and explain how to use your pie crust to make quiche, crostata and hand pies. This program is open to SCPL cardholders only ages (18+). *Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.* [REGISTER](#)

### Colorful Fancy Fall Treats

Friday, November 17 • 1:00-2:30 p.m. or 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Let's celebrate delicious fall colors. Learn to create fancy fall treats with striped buttercream, floral swirls and filigree chocolate leaves. Space is limited; program is offered twice. Open to SCPL cardholders ages (18+). Register for only one session. [REGISTER](#)

### Classroom Kitchen Seasonal Series with Kristyn Slick

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 prior to the class. [REGISTER](#)

• Wednesday, September 13: **Tailgating**

• Tuesday, October 3: **Oktoberfest**

• Tuesday, November 14: **Sweet and Savory Streusel**



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# Adult Programs

## Concerts

**Sundays ■ 2:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room ■ Drop In**

*\*Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.*

**September 10: Daniela Bisenius and Gabriel Datcu**

This explosive violin and guitar program showcases the incredible musical chemistry between violinist Daniela Bisenius and guitarist Gabriel Datcu, two of Chicago's most celebrated artists. This concert is part of St. Charles Jazz Weekend.

**September 24: Vito Scalia**

Enjoy an afternoon of music and conversation with piano virtuoso Vito Scalia, who has devoted his life to the creating, performing and teaching of all forms of music throughout his career.

### Special Concert: Music of the West African Kora\*

**Thursday, October 12 ■ 6:30 p.m. Carnegie Community Room**

Sean Gaskell features songs on the kora, a 21-stringed West African harp. The kora is traditionally played by oral historians known as Griots. Many songs featured on the kora preserve an 800-year history dating back to the founding of the Mande Empire. This program is suitable for all ages. [REGISTER](#)

**October 1: Jim Green**

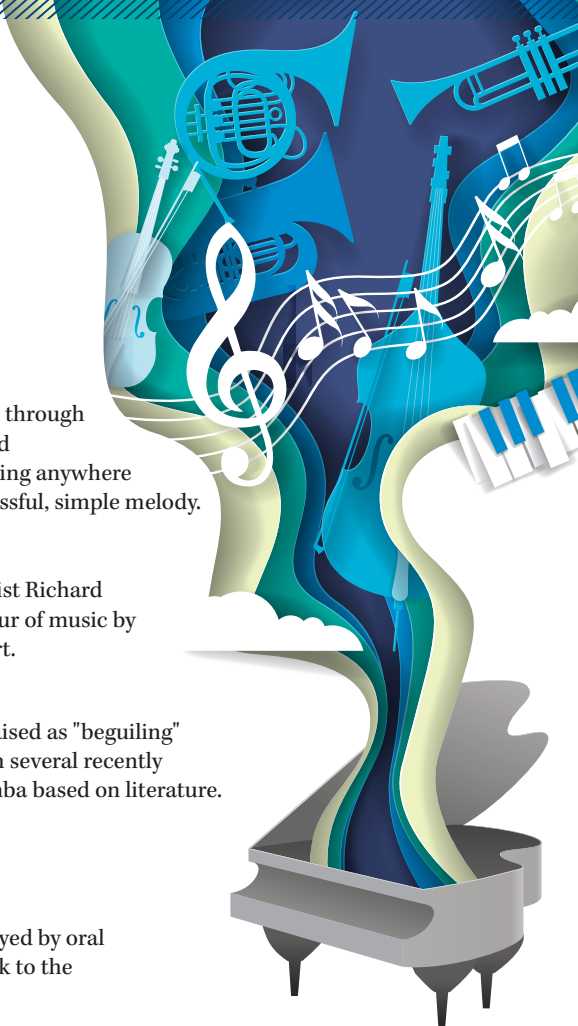
Jim Green's live performances weave through genres such as avant-garde, rock, and singer/songwriter, with sounds ranging anywhere from a full-driving rock band to a blissful, simple melody.

**October 15: Seraphin Trio\***

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

**November 5: Josh Graham\***

Dr. Josh Graham, a percussionist praised as "beguiling" by the Chicago Tribune, will perform several recently commissioned works for solo marimba based on literature.



## Business Programs

### Cybersecurity Practices for Small Businesses

**Wednesday, September 27 ■ 6:30-8:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

Learn how to safeguard your small business from cyber threats. Local IT expert Ed Sehr will provide insights into fundamental cybersecurity practices tailored for small businesses, covering topics such as common threats, password security, network practices, employee training, data backup strategies and incident response planning. [REGISTER](#)

### One-to-One Resume Review

**Monday, September 25 (three appointments)**

**Monday, October 23 ■ (three appointments)**

**Monday, November 27 ■ (three appointments)**

**4:00-5:30 p.m. ■ Study Room Five**

Meet with a workNet Batavia Career Coach for a one-to-one review of your resume. Scheduled appointments are available on the half-hour. E-mail your resume as a Word document to [cflood@scpld.org](mailto:cflood@scpld.org) at least one week prior to your appointment (appointment will be canceled if resume is not received in advance). [REGISTER](#)

### Financial Fitness 2023

Financial Fitness 2023, presented by BIG (Business Interest Group), is a collaborative series of virtual programs in October for Financial Planning Month. **Registration opens September 1 ■ 9:00 a.m. for all three programs.**

#### Investing Made Simple

**Tuesday, October 3 ■ 7:00-8:30 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom**

Financial educator Karen Chan will make stocks, bonds and mutual funds crystal clear. Learn how to put that information to use as she explains index funds and target retirement funds, and how they can simplify your investing. [REGISTER](#)

### Retirement Income Strategies for Today's Markets

**Wednesday, October 11 ■ 7:00-8:30 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom**

The past National President of the Financial Planning Association, Ed Gjertsen II, CFP, will guide you through the various strategies and challenges of navigating the important financial aspects of your retirement. [REGISTER](#)

### Terry Savage Talks Money

**Wednesday, October 18 ■ 7:00-8:30 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom**

Nationally recognized expert Terry Savage will provide a reality check on the volatile economy, financial markets and personal finance topics, and answer your questions for 45 minutes. As a registered investment advisor, Savage has no individual clients, nor does she represent any financial products. [REGISTER](#)



## 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 SCPL cardholders only. Space is limited.*

**REGISTER**

### AccuQuilt Fabric Cutter

Wednesday, September 27 ■ 9:30–10:30 a.m.  
Friday, September 29 ■ 1:00–2:00 p.m.  
Friday, October 27 ■ 1:00–2:00 p.m.

### Button Maker

Monday, October 2 ■ 1:00–2:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 3 ■ 6:30–7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 4 ■ 9:30–10:30 a.m.

### Brother Embroidery Machine

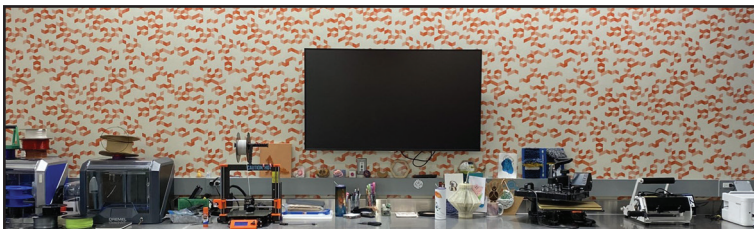
Monday, November 6 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 7 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 8 ■ 9:30–11:00 a.m.

### Cricut Design Space

Tuesday, September 5 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.  
Friday, September 8 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.  
Monday, October 16 ■ 9:30–11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, October 18 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.

### Heat Press & Sublimation Printer

Monday, September 18 ■ 9:30–11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, September 20 ■ 9:30–11:00 a.m.  
Friday, September 22 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.



## Computer Instruction - Mornings

**9:30–11:00 a.m. ■ Computer Lab**

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**Monday, September 25:** Intro to Microsoft Word

**Wednesday, October 11:** Excel - Drop Down Lists and Conditional Formatting

**Monday, October 23:** Advanced Microsoft Word

**Friday, November 3:** Intro to Canva, Online Graphic Design Tool

**Monday, November 13:** Read, Listen & Watch Using Library Apps

## Computer Instruction - Afternoons

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

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**Friday, September 15:** Intro to Excel Spreadsheets

**Wednesday, October 25:** Learn More about PowerPoint

**Wednesday, November 1:** Intro to Canva, Online Graphic Design Tool

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# Young Adult Programs

## Build Your Own Terrarium

Grade 9-12 ■ Tuesday, September 5

4:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Stuart Hopkins, of Hopkins Terrariums, will guide you as you build your own one-of-a-kind, self-contained ecosystem. Space is limited. **REGISTER**

## College Prep

### College Essays

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

The most daunting part of the college application can be the essay. After having read more than 30,000 essays in her career, Julie Nelson, Assistant Dean of Admission at Xavier University, will answer your essay questions.

**REGISTER**

### College Admission Process: From Start to Finish

For Students and Parents ■ Tuesday, September 19

7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

From test options and deadlines to the financial aid process and scholarship searches, the college admissions process has changed dramatically in recent years! Thomas Jaworski of Quest College Consulting will share his expertise to help families navigate the college admissions process. **REGISTER**

### Your College Search: Campus Visits and College Fairs

Tuesday, September 26 ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

Get insider tips and tricks in this educational and entertaining program to help you find your best-match schools. Presented by Julie Nelson, Assistant Dean of Admission at Xavier University. **REGISTER**

### Scholarships, Grants, Loans

Thursday, September 28 ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

Uncover the best college cost-reduction strategies and little-known asset, borrowing and savings methods. Learn insider information on scholarships, grants and loans to help make your college planning both successful and affordable. Presented by My College Planning Team. **REGISTER**

## Young Adult Grab 'n' Go Kits

### Dragon's Eye Pencil Sharpener

Grades 9-12 ■ Pick up at The Loft

Monday, September 11-Saturday, September 23

Can you look a dragon in the eye? Become a dragon master by sculpting a mystical dragon's eye for a pencil sharpener. Kit only for SCPL high school cardholders. **REGISTER**

### Legend of Zelda Nightlight

Grades 9-12 ■ Pick up at The Loft

Monday, November 6-Saturday, November 18

Hey gamers! Learn how to create a gemstone "rupee" nightlight with Perler beads. Kit only for SCPL high school cardholders. **REGISTER**

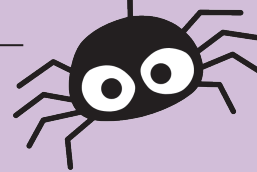
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Grades 3-12 ■ October 1-October 31

Youth Services Department

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All Ages ■ Saturday, September 16

All Day ■ Youth Services Department

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**DROP IN**

## Programs @ STC Underground

Baker Community Center (lower level) ■ 101 S. 2nd St.

To attend programs at the STC Underground, 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.

### Anime Club

Tuesdays ■ September 12 ■ October 10 ■ November 14 ■ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

### Spooky Donuts

Wednesday, October 25 ■ 6:00-7:00 p.m.

From creepy spiders to spooky ghosts, these treats might seem frightful but they are hard to resist. A full array of colorful glazes and crawly decorations will be on hand to create your very own monstrous treat.

**DROP IN .**



## Haunted Stacks

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**7:00-8:30 p.m. • Library Main Entrance**

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## Campfire Cones and Scary Stories

**Grades 6-12 • Thursday, October 19 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • Terrace Garden**

Enjoy the cool fall weather with a warm treat and chilling tales! Sit around a fire listening to spooky stories and eating a delicious snack, warmed by the flames. Food will be provided. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on. Weather permitting. **DROP IN**

## Mandala Dot Rock Painting

**All Ages • Saturday, September 16**  
**1:00-3:00 p.m. • Huntley Community Room**

Help add color to the celebration! Fun and relaxing, rock painting transforms natural beauty into colorful artwork that can be appreciated by all ages. **DROP IN**

## Lit Loot

**Grades 4-8 • Lobby Hold Shelf**  
**Sign up: September 5 • October 5 • November 5**  
**Pick up: September 10 • October 10 • November 10**

Keep the loot! Return the book! Lit Loot will be available to pick up from the 10th-20th of the month. Sign up by the 5th at 9:00 p.m. to receive a free subscription box. Each box contains a book specially selected for you and goodies based on the monthly theme. A SCPL card is required. **REGISTER**

## Crafting with the Library at the STC Underground

**Grades 6-8 • Wednesdays • 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**Baker Community Center (lower level) • 101 S. 2nd St.**

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<https://www.stcunderground.com/>

**REGISTER with the St. Charles Park District**

**September 6:** Book Loom

**October 4:** Shrunk Charms

**November 1:** Sunset Painting

## Junior Friends

**Grades 6-8 • Thursdays • September 7 • October 5 • November 2**  
**6:00-7:30 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room**

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



## Video Game Night

**Grades 6-8 • Wednesdays • September 20 • October 25 • November 29**  
**7:00-8:00 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room**

Test out new games on the Library's Nintendo Switch! **DROP IN**

## Pudding Pictionary

**Grades 6-8 • Thursday, September 28**  
**5:00-6:00 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room**

Get messy! Use pudding as your Pictionary palette. Work in teams to score points. Pudding snacks provided. **DROP IN**

## Hunger Games Watch Party

**Grades 6-8 • Tuesday, November 21**  
**4:30-7:00 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room**

Watch the first **Hunger Games** (PG-13) movie on dual screens while enjoying themed snacks and activities.

*Parents agree to let their child view movies with this rating by allowing their child to attend this program.* **DROP IN**



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# Early Literacy & Story Times

## Twin Leaf Tales

Families ■ Fridays ■ September 1 ■ October 6 ■ November 3  
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. *In partnership with the St. Charles Park District. Register with the Park District online or by phone.* [REGISTER](#)

## Starrytime

Families ■ Tuesdays ■ September 5 ■ October 3 ■ November 7  
6:30-7:00 p.m. ■ Posted on YouTube

Enjoy a new story on the first Tuesday of the month! [DROP IN](#)

## Toddler Art

Ages 2-3 with Caregiver ■ Thursdays, September 7  
10:00-10:30 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](#)

## Little Crafters

Ages 3-6 with Caregiver ■ Fridays ■ September 8 ■ October 20  
November 17 ■ 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 child only. [REGISTER](#)

## Family Story Time

All Ages with Caregiver

Mondays: September 11-November 13

Thursdays: September 14-November 16

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

This program is filled with stories, music and movement! Each week focuses on a new theme. Space is limited. [DROP IN](#)

## My First Story Time

Ages 0-23 months with Caregiver ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Mondays: September 11-November 13 ■ 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: September 12-November 14 ■ 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: September 13 – November 15 ■ 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Connect with your baby for an interactive and engaging story time session full of songs, rhymes and stories! [REGISTER](#)

## 2 & 3-Year-Old Story Time

Ages 2-3 with Caregiver

Tuesdays: September 12-November 14

Wednesdays: September 13-November 15

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

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



## Stories and Snacks

Families ■ Tuesdays ■ September 12 & 26 ■ October 10 & 24  
November 14 ■ 6:00-6:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

This program is filled with stories, music, movement and a special bedtime snack. Pajamas and plush friends welcome! [DROP IN](#)

## Stories at the Nature Center

Families ■ Wednesdays ■ September 13 ■ October 11 ■ November 8  
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 the StoryWalk.® *This program is in partnership with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.* [DROP IN](#)

## Sensory Seeking Story Time

All Ages with Caregiver

Thursdays ■ September 14 ■ October 5 ■ November 2

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

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

[REGISTER](#)

## It's Fall Y'all!

Ages 0-5 with Caregiver

Friday, September 15 ■ 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Youth Services Department/Helen Gale Story Room

It's fall y'all, and we want to celebrate! Drop by the Library during the program for some fall-themed activities just for little ones five and under.

[DROP IN](#)

## Brown Bear, What Do You See?

Ages 0-23 Months with Caregiver ■ Friday, September 29

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

Let's read this classic book together and make a simple craft. [REGISTER](#)



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## Baby Rhymes and Songs

**Ages 0-23 Months with Caregiver • Saturday, October 7  
10:00-10:30 a.m. • Miller Haase Community Room**

Come and enjoy classic baby rhymes and songs and learn some new ones too. Perfect for baby and you! [REGISTER](#)

## Flying Bird Kites

**Ages 3-6 with Caregiver • Friday, October 13  
10:00-10:30 a.m. • Huntley Community Room**

Learn about birds and make a flying bird kite craft to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day! [DROP IN](#)

## Pumpkin Collage

**Ages 2-3 with Caregiver • Friday, October 27  
10:00-10:30 a.m. • Miller Haase Community Room**

Practice fine motor skills and make a pumpkin craft with us. [REGISTER](#)

## Friends with Feelings

**Ages 3-6 with Caregiver • Friday, November 3  
4:00-4:30 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room**

Join us as we create a space to talk about feelings big and small through books, songs and mindfulness exercises. [DROP IN](#)

## Baby & Me

**Ages 0-23 Months with Caregiver •  
Monday, November 20**

**9:30-10:00 a.m. • Helen Gale Story Room**

Enjoy baby playtime with toys and early literacy activities. [REGISTER](#)

## Toddler Time

**Ages 2-3 with Caregiver • Saturday, November 25  
10:30-11:00 a.m. • Helen Gale Story Room**

Join us for stories, songs and a special craft to take home! [REGISTER](#)

## Student Programs

### Bee Bot Coding Fun!

**Grades K-2 with Caregiver • Tuesday, September 5  
6:00-7:00 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room**

Drop by during the hour with your school friends and family to experiment with our Bee Bots and try out some coding challenges! [DROP IN](#)

### Weekday Intermission

**Grades K-8 • Wednesdays • September 6–November 15  
5:30-7:30 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room**

Take a break from your busy week and unwind at the Library! Each Wednesday, there will be a different activity like building, crafts and games. [DROP IN](#)

### Bluestem Book Club

**Grades 3-5 • Thursdays • September 14 • October 12 • November 9  
6:00-6:45 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room**

Join us each month to discuss a different Bluestem nominee! We'll provide snacks and fidgets to use while we discuss. September book selection is **Long Distance** by Whitney Gardner. October and November book selections will be decided by participant votes. [REGISTER](#)

### Homeschool Hangout

**Ages 5-12 with Caregiver • Tuesdays • September 19 • October 17  
November 14 • 1:00-2:00 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room**

Join other homeschooling families each month for homeschool hangouts at the Library! Explore different topics each month and connect with other homeschool families in the area. This program is for homeschoolers ages five to twelve years with caregiver. Siblings welcome! [DROP IN](#)

### Colorful Fall Tree Window Mural

**Grades K-2 • Wednesday, September 20  
4:00-5:00 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room**

Come in and help us create a fall tree window mural. We will trace, cut, color and tape our art to the window for all to see. [REGISTER](#)

### Upper Elementary Finger Painting

**Grades 3-5 • Thursday, September 21  
4:00-4:30 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room**

Finger painting is for older kids too! Join us for some finger painting fun! Don't forget to dress for the mess. [DROP IN](#)





# Student Programs



## Coding with Cubelet Robot Blocks

**Grades 3-5 ▪ Saturday, September 23**

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

Work in teams to code the Library's Cubelet robot blocks to do different things! [REGISTER](#)

## Two-Sentence Horror Stories

**Grades 3-12 ▪ October 1-October 31 ▪ Youth Services Department**

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## Squishy Circuits

**Grades 3-5 ▪ Monday, October 23**

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

Using playdough, a battery pack and some tiny light bulbs, learn about how circuits work and make cool designs. [REGISTER](#)

## Spooky Slime

**Grades K-2 ▪ Wednesday, October 25**

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

Roll up your sleeves and learn how to make spooky slime. With this Halloween-themed activity, children will have fun, get messy and learn about how to create slime! [REGISTER](#)

## STEAM Fun

**Grades K-2 ▪ Saturday, November 4**

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

Drop in and explore STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) activities at the Library. Bring your curiosity and have some fun exploring. [DROP IN](#)

## Weird But True Trivia

**Grades 3-5 ▪ Monday, November 13**

**4:00-5:00 p.m. ▪ Huntley Community Room**

Work in teams and test your weird but true knowledge with a trivia competition. The Library will have a limited number of books available for check out beginning October 23, so you can prepare or stop by the Youth Services desk for a "study guide" of information that could show up during trivia. [DROP IN](#)

## Let's Explore the Monarch Books!

**Grades K-2 with Caregiver ▪ Tuesday, November 14**

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

Let's learn more about the Monarch Award Books from someone who helped choose the books on the list! Listen to some book talks and make a craft. [REGISTER](#)

## Geometric String Art

**Grades 3-5 ▪ Monday, November 20**

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

Come join us as we create some amazing geometric string art! Drop in during the hour, while supplies last. [DROP IN](#)

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## StoryWalk®

**Families ■ New stories posted September 1 ■ October 1 ■ November 1**

**LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve on the Randall Rd. Trail**

Enjoy the great outdoors and a new story monthly! Located on the east side of LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve on the Randall Road Trail. *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.*

## Matching Games

**Families ■ Friday, September 1**

**9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room**

Come and play different matching games! **DROP IN**

## Talk Like a Pirate Day!

**Families ■ Tuesday, September 19**

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

Drop in for some piratey activities! Also test your treasure-hunting skills with our pirate-themed scavenger hunt, which will be running all day long! **DROP IN**

## Papel Picado Art

**Families ■ Wednesday, September 27**

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

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and create beautiful cut tissue paper art called Papel Picado, a traditional Mexican decorative craft. Turn your Papel Picado into banners you can decorate your home with! **DROP IN**

## Big Blue Blocks!

**Families ■ Thursday, October 5 ■ Friday, November 24**

**9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room**

Come build with our Big Blue Blocks! **DROP IN**

## Relaxing Coloring

**Families ■ Friday, October 6**

**9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room**

Drop in during the program for some relaxing coloring time while you listen to music. **DROP IN**

## LEGO Building

**Families ■ Monday, October 9**

**9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room**

Join us for a day of LEGO! **DROP IN**

## Pumpkin Decorations

**Families ■ Friday, October 20**

**9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room**

Create silly pumpkin faces out of paper! **DROP IN**

## Not So Scary Stories Around the Campfire

**Families ■ Thursday, October 26 ■ 7:00-7:45 p.m.**

**Hickory Knolls Discovery Center Firepit**

**3795 Campton Hills Dr., St. Charles**

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

## Pumpkin Ball!

**Families ■ Saturday, October 28**

**10:00-11:00 a.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

You're invited to the Pumpkin Ball! Dress up and dance under the pumpkin disco lights. Craft, dance and party during a morning full of pumpkin fun! **DROP IN**

## Trick or Treat Parade

**Families ■ Tuesday, October 31**

**10:30-11:00 a.m. ■ Huntley Community Room**

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

## Hidden Dinosaur

**Families ■ November 1-30 ■ All Day**

**Youth Services Department**

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

## DiNovember Obstacle Course

**Families ■ Wednesday, November 1 ■ 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Youth Services Department / Helen Gale Story Room**

Pretend to be a dinosaur and go through our dino-themed obstacle course! **DROP IN**

## Illinois Family Reading Night

**Families ■ Thursday, November 16 ■ 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Youth Services Department/Miller Haase Community Room**

Drop in to celebrate Illinois Family Reading Night at the Library! Feel free to join us in your PJs and enjoy hot cocoa, snacks, activities and a special selection of great family read-alouds. Additionally, every family will go home with a free book! **DROP IN**

## Dance Party!

**Families ■ Tuesday, November 21**

**9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room**

Dance Party in the Helen Gale! Stop by to enjoy music, a light show and scarves! **DROP IN**



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# September is LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH



## A Library Card is ELEMENTAL!

Spark your creativity. Dive into a new hobby. A library card is your most important tool – it's elemental, really. We're celebrating National Library Card Sign-up Month this September with the characters from Disney and Pixar's animated movie Elemental. The two stars of the movie, fiery Ember and go-with-the-flow Wade, are eager to get their library cards. They want everyone to follow their lead.

From borrowing books, eBooks and museum passes to getting homework help, learning new skills or attending story time, a library card helps you do more of what you enjoy. Make a splash when you use your library card to tinker in our STC Creative space. Fire up some fun when you check out new games and sports equipment from our Beyond Books collection. Getting a library card is an elemental first step towards lifelong learning, achievement and growth.

During National Library Card Sign-up Month, stop by the Library to explore everything we have to offer. We'll have fun events, programs, giveaways and more happening all month long. You can sign up for your library card in person or you can get one online at [scpld.org](http://scpld.org). If Wade and Ember can do it, you can too!

**Get in Your Element!**  
**Sign Up for a Library Card!**

### Hours

Monday–Thursday	9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Noon–5:00 p.m.

### Closings

Monday, September 4  
In observance of Labor Day  
Friday, November 10  
Staff Training  
Wednesday, November 22  
Closing at 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 23  
Thanksgiving

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Bonnie J. Dauer, Trustee  
Claudia Frost, Trustee  
Shane Hampton, Trustee  
Allison Lanthrum, Trustee

### Library Director

Kate Buckson

### Library Board Meetings

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

September 13, 2023  
October 11, 2023  
November 8, 2023

### Friends of St. Charles Public Library Meeting

Monday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m.

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

