



Discover Your Library

St. Charles Public Library News and Event Guide

Winter READING

JANUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 18



Winter Reading is now for all ages!

Sign up for Winter Reading at the Library or online using READsquared* starting Tuesday, January 2. All ages are invited to play bingo for a chance to win prizes! Fill in your board by reading and doing activities inside or outside the Library. The last day to play is Sunday, February 18.

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

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Play online through
READsquared
or pick up a
bingo sheet
at the Library!



Play bingo with us this winter!

Adults/Young Adults

Play bingo for a chance to win a cozy reading prize bundle! Complete at least one line of bingo to be entered into the grand prize drawing. Each successive bingo increases your chance of winning.

Kids (Birth – 8th grade)

Complete five activities in a row to earn a bingo. Each bingo earns you a raffle ticket for a Target gift card. Receive a treasure chest prize for each of the first two bingos. Complete all 12 bingos and earn a book! Age-specific bingo cards are available!

Friends of St. Charles Public Library



Magazine Sale

Saturday, January 6 ■ 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

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

DROP IN

Craft Fair

Saturday, February 17 ■ 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

All ages are welcome to stop by the Library's teen craft fair. Browse and purchase homemade arts and crafts made by local high school students. **DROP IN**



Simplify Your Holiday Shopping with Consumer Reports

Your holiday shopping can be hassle free with your library card and Consumer Reports. With Consumer Reports, you can save both time and money while discovering the ideal gifts. This fantastic resource offers unbiased reviews, comprehensive buying guides and valuable savings tips across a wide array of categories. Here's a sneak peek at what Consumer Reports covers:

- **Electronics:** From top-notch televisions to the latest cell phones and tablets, plus must-have computer accessories.
- **Appliances:** Whether you need a reliable coffee grinder, a sleek refrigerator or an efficient air fryer, Consumer Reports has you covered.
- **Home and Garden:** Find reviews on everything from sturdy drills to powerful snow blowers and high-quality cookware for your kitchen.
- **Items for Children:** Ensure your little ones are safe and happy with trusted reviews on car seats, strollers and baby monitors.
- **Cars, Food, and More:** Consumer Reports dives into an array of products, including cars, food items, money-related products and much more!

Ready to get started? Visit our website at scpld.org to explore this user-friendly database. With unlimited access* to ratings and reviews for thousands of products and services, you can confidently navigate the holiday shopping season. Let Consumer Reports be your go-to guide, making your holiday shopping a breeze!

**St. Charles Public Library card and pin are required for remote access.*



Genealogy: Discover Your Family History

The Library is here to help you with your genealogy research. Whether you're just getting started or you've been researching your family for decades, you can find useful resources at the Library. The Library provides access to many genealogy databases, from Ancestry and FamilySearch to historical newspapers. Many of these can be accessed from home with your library card number.

In addition to online resources, the Library also offers a collection of genealogy books. Topics range from collections of records, such as passenger lists, to ideas for organizing your research or help interpreting DNA results. Many of these books are available for checkout with your library card, while our reference collection can be found in the Carnegie Quiet Room.

Our librarians are another great resource. If you aren't sure where to start with your research or need help using a new database, stop by the Research and Reading desk.

Ancestry Library Edition

Premier genealogy resource with federal and state census records, military and immigration records, birth, death, and marriage records, and other reference sources such as high school yearbooks. In-Library use only.

FamilySearch Affiliate Library

As a FamilySearch affiliate library, we provide access to over 350 million worldwide genealogical records, images and documents. From home, you can still log in to access FamilySearch's free resources.

Fold3

Search city directories and U.S. military records from the Revolutionary War onward. Includes stories, photos and personal documents of the men and women who served.

HeritageQuest

Search primary sources such as census records, city directories, family and local histories, Revolutionary War files and Freedman's Bank Records. Includes resources on towns and families from all 50 states, Canada and the British Isles.

MyHeritage Library Edition

MyHeritage Library Edition is one of the largest, most internationally diverse genealogy database of its kind. It includes billions of historical documents from 48 countries, millions of historical photos, public records, indexes and additional resources that span the past five centuries.

Newspapers.com

Access over 4,000 newspapers dating from the early 1700s to the 2000s. Discover articles from local and regional papers as well as national and international resources.



Genealogy Research at the Library

Thursdays ■ January 18 ■ February 15
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**

Beginning Genealogy

Tuesday, January 23 ■ 1:00-2:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Professional genealogist Caron Primas Brennan will introduce you to the tools needed to find your roots. She will discuss the steps to gather family stories, find and use key resources and organize your research. Perfect for beginners or those who need a refresher course. **REGISTER**



Program Information

Registration for all Library programs begins Monday, November 20 at 9:00 a.m. Register online at scpld.org, by phone at 630-584-0076 x1 or in person.

Adult Programs



Books, Bites and Brews

Tuesday, December 5 OR Thursday, December 7 ■ 7:00 p.m.

D and G Brewing, 303 N 4th St., Ste. A, St. Charles

The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls by Anissa Gray

Tuesday, January 30 OR Thursday, February 1 ■ 7:00 p.m.

Global Brew Tap House, 2100 Prairie St., St. Charles

Out of Darkness by Ashley Hope Perez

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. *Open to SCPL cardholders ages 21+. Register for one session only.*

REGISTER

Yarn Tales Book & Craft Club

Thursdays ■ 6:30-8:00 p.m. ■ Bisbee Conference Room

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

December 7: The Great Christmas Knit-Off by Alexandra Brown

January 4: Hooked on Murder by Betty Hechtman

February 1: Last Wool and Testament by Molly MacRae

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**

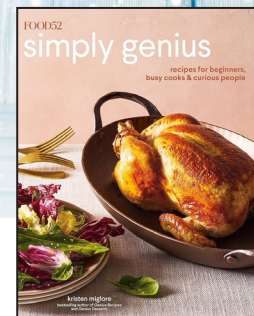
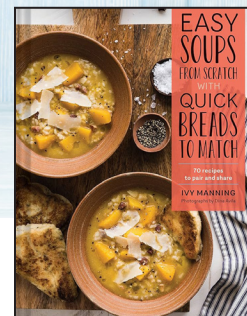
December 12: No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister

January 9: Honor by Thrity Umrigar

February 13: Yellowface by R.F. Kuang

Book Clubs

Books for each title are available for checkout at our Library approximately four weeks in advance of discussion.



Dewey Dishes Cookbook Club

Tuesdays ■ 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Carnegie Community Room (unless otherwise noted)

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**

December 19: Christmas Baking by Joyce Klynstra

January 23: Easy Soups from Scratch with Quick Breads to Match
by Ivy Manning • Huntley Community Room

February 27: Simply Genius: Recipes for Beginners, Busy Cooks & Curious People by Kristen Miglore

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**

December 27 ■ Horror / The Children on the Hill by Jennifer McMahon

January 24 ■ Fantasy / The Fifth Season by N.K. Jemisin

February 28 ■ Science Fiction / Machinehood by S.B. Divya

Next Chapter Book Club

Wednesdays ■ 8 Weeks ■ January 10-February 28
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**



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Adult Programs

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**

December 6 ▪ Remember the Night (1940) ▪ Huntley Community Room
January 3 ▪ Only Angels Have Wings (1939) ▪ Huntley Community Room
February 7 ▪ Letter from an Unknown Woman (1948) ▪ Carnegie Community Room

St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays ▪ 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Huntley Community Room (unless otherwise noted)

This workshop for novice or experienced writers meets two Saturdays 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**

December 9: Saluting Illinois Writers

December 16: The public is invited to the Annual Holiday Reading by group members

January 13: Set a Writing Goal--and Stick to It

January 27: Avoiding Sentimentality but Not Sentiment (Carnegie Community Room)

February 10: Love Scene, Baby, Love Scene (Carnegie Community Room)

February 24: First Impressions: Introductions

Painted Holiday Cookies Workshop

Monday, December 11 ▪ 6:00-7:30 p.m. OR

Tuesday, December 12 ▪ 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

In this hands-on program, participants will learn the A to Zs of painting holiday cookies with fondant and edible watercolors. All supplies will be provided to create three festive cookies. Space is limited; program will be offered twice. *Open to SCPL cardholders ages 18+. Patrons must register individually with their own card and only for one session.* **REGISTER**

Board Game Night

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

December 13 ▪ January 17 ▪ February 21

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**

Fascinating Women of History

These programs are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders until November 30. If there is space available after November 30, non-cardholders can register.

Phyllis Diller is ON

Wednesday, December 13 ▪ 1:00-2:00 p.m. ▪ Huntley Community Room

Ellie Carlson will bring to life America's female stand-up comic, Phyllis Diller. Ellie will give participants a glimpse of Diller backstage while simultaneously delighting them with her onstage antics. Phyllis was popular as a stand-up comedian, actress, voice-over actress, talk show guest and game show panelist. **REGISTER**

Behind the Stars: The Remarkable Women Who Helped Build Chicago

Thursday, January 11 ▪ 1:00-2:00 p.m. ▪ Carnegie Community Room

The stars on the Chicago flag represent four major events that changed Chicago forever (Fort Dearborn Massacre, Chicago Fire, World's Columbian Exposition, and Century of Progress World's Fair.) Author Laurie Russell will examine how women responded to these events and, in the process, built the city we know today. The talk includes women who risked their lives in the Underground Railroad, built hospitals and schools, contributed to the arts, created the progressive women's club movement and more.

This program is co-sponsored by Thornapple Questers. **REGISTER**

Nellie Bly: Around the World in 72 Days

Thursday, January 25 ▪ 1:00-2:00 p.m. ▪ Carnegie Community Room

Born Elizabeth Jane Cochran, a pioneer of investigative journalism better known as Nellie Bly became famous for her exposé of the New York City Lunatic Asylum on Blackwell's Island. Chicago theatre actress Debra Ann Miller will share Cochran's solo trip around the world inspired by the fictional character Phileas Fogg from the 1873 Jules Verne novel **Around the World in Eighty Days.** **REGISTER**

Meet Irena Sendler:

Polish Social Worker who Rescued 2,500 Jews

Wednesday, February 21 ▪ 1:00-2:00 p.m. ▪ Huntley Community Room

Irena Sendler was a 29-year-old Polish social worker who lived in Warsaw when WWII broke out. With her connections to various orphanages, religious facilities and Aryan families, she was instrumental in saving approximately 2,500 Jewish children from certain death. **REGISTER**

Adult Programs

Adult Grab 'n' Go Kit Snow Frosted Luminary

Pick up Monday, January 15–Saturday, January 27

Bring a little warm glow to your home! With this grab 'n' go kit you will learn how to create a faux snow-covered mason jar luminary. All supplies and instructions included to create one luminary. *Open to SCPL cardholders ages 18+.* Patrons must register individually.

REGISTER January 15 date

Great Decisions

Thursdays ▪ January 18 ▪ February 15
7:00 p.m. ▪ Bisbee Conference Room

The **Great Decisions** discussion group is intended to stimulate a discussion of foreign policy issues. Participants may check out a copy of the briefing book at the Library. Participants should be ready to discuss the article prior to participation. Topics are selected by the group a month prior.
DROP IN

Puzzle Race

All Ages ▪ Saturday, January 27

1:00-3:00 p.m. ▪ Huntley Community Room

Racing against other teams, you'll have two hours to complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. Register as a team of four-five participants or as an individual and we will assign you a team the day of the race. All teams will have the option of taking their puzzle home after the race.

REGISTER

Adding Public Gardens to Your Travel Plans

Thursday, February 1 ▪ 1:00-2:00 p.m. ▪ Huntley Community Room

During this program, you will crisscross the U.S. as you view the beautiful possibilities each of the featured public gardens has to offer. The program features 10 spectacular gardens in the U.S., one in Canada and one in the Netherlands. This slide lecture is presented by Brock and Ruth Ann Seney, avid travelers and gardeners. **REGISTER**

Get Cooking with the Library! Tiramisu with Bill the Baker

Wednesday, February 7 ▪ 6:30 p.m. ▪ Huntley Community Room

Learn how to create a wonderful tiramisu with Bill the Baker! Tiramisu is an Italian dessert consisting of layers of sponge cake soaked in liqueur

with powdered chocolate and mascarpone cheese. *Open to SCPL cardholders ages 18+.* Patrons must register individually. This program is sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation. **REGISTER**



Concerts

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

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

December 10: Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra*

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

January 7: Carlyn Lloyd and Jon Warfel*

The dynamic duo of Carlyn Lloyd, flute, and Jon Warfel, piano, has been heard in hundreds of live performances and on radio and television programs throughout the United States.

January 21: EStrella Piano Duo - Elena Doubovitskaya and Svetlana Belsky*

EStrella Piano Duo will take you on a journey with their new program of music with a Spanish flair (by de Falla, Lecuona and Moszkowski), with side trips to France, Germany and Russia (Ravel, Chaminade, Schumann, Rachmaninoff and Stravinsky).

February 4: The Chris White Trio

Join Chris White and his jazz trio for an afternoon concert of jazz standards and popular songs.

February 18: ZAZZ – Tony Bennett Remembered

ZAZZ performs favorites of Tony Bennett from his early days to his collaboration with Lady Gaga.



Finding Your Voice with Author & Librarian Matt Johnson

Sunday, February 11 ■ 2:00-3:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Join Matt Johnson for a great discussion on being positive and living your best minded life. Matt's talk, inspired by Abe Lincoln wisdom, includes readings from his book, **The Beauty Within: Poems of Hope from a Forever Optimist**. You are sure to have a pleasant afternoon filled with good talk, some laughs and hopefully inspiration. **REGISTER**

Dainty Rose Soap

Monday, February 12 ■ 6:00-7:30 p.m. OR

Tuesday February 13 ■ 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

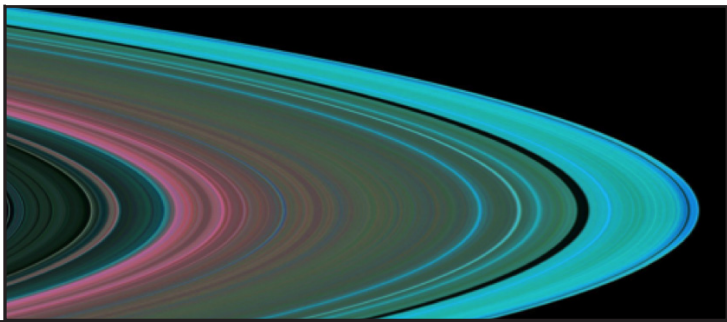
Huntley Community Room

Enjoy a fragrant afternoon learning how to make rose-shaped soap without a fancy mold. Perfect as decoration, a gift for Valentine's Day or any special occasion. Space is limited; program will be offered twice. *Open to SCPL cardholders ages 18+.* *Patrons must register individually with their own card and only for one session.* **REGISTER**

Seed Swap & Seed Library Kickoff

Saturday, February 24 ■ 10:00-11:30 a.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

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



Romance of Science

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

Quantum physicist and poet G. Jordan Maclay will share some oddities of modern science, astrophysical and quantum, including lava tubes on Mars, the rings of Saturn, the remarkable properties of strawberries, and the unbelievable behavior of electrons. **REGISTER**

Business Programs

The \$7,000 Sentence: All About Salary Negotiations

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

Learn strategies for the salary negotiation process including scripts to put into practice right away. Discover where to find realistic salary data, and how to prepare for a salary negotiation. Lauren Milligan's strategy (ResuMAYDAY founder) led to one of her clients getting an additional \$7K from the introductory offer. **REGISTER**

AI Demystified: Top 10 Business Takeaways

Thursday, January 18 ■ 6:30-8:00 p.m. ■ Online via Zoom

Explore the realm of artificial intelligence (AI) with Nancy Burgess. Gain a clear understanding of what AI is. Consider business do's and don'ts when integrating AI into your company. Navigate AI's complexities with confidence and make informed decisions that drive success and avoid potential pitfalls. **REGISTER**

One-to-One Resume Review

Monday, January 22 ■ (three appointments)

Monday, February 26 ■ (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. Email your resume as a Word document to cflood@scpld.org at least one week prior to your appointment (appointment will be canceled if resume is not received in advance). **REGISTER**

A Practical Guide to Long-Term Care Planning

Wednesday, February 28 ■ 6:30-8:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Most people will need long-term care at some point. Do you know how to select a community or determine how you will pay for the monthly fees? Join local attorney Linda Strohschein and learn how some strategic long-term care planning can help you create the best plan possible. **REGISTER**

AARP Tax Preparation Service

Fridays ■ February 9-April 12

Appointments are available at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and noon.

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



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Technology Programs



Computer Instruction - Mornings

Thursdays ■ 9:30–11:00 a.m. ■ Computer Lab

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

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

December 7: Intro to Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets

December 21: Intro to Microsoft Word

January 11: Excel - Drop Down Lists and Conditional Formatting, and Pivot Tables

February 8: Read, Listen & Watch Using Library Apps

February 29: Intro to Facebook & Instagram

Computer Instruction - Afternoons

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

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Five-Minute Makes (For Adults and Teens)

Wednesdays ■ 5:00–6:00 p.m. ■ STC Creative

Want to use the makerspace? Not sure what to make? Drop in at any time between 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings to complete a simple craft and learn about the space. No registration required; materials are first-come first-serve. **DROP IN**

Laser Engraved Coasters: December 13 ■ January 24

Sublimation Suncatchers: December 20 ■ January 31

Button Makers: December 27 ■ February 7

Rolled Felt Flowers: January 10 ■ February 14

Heat-Press Keychains: January 17 ■ February 21

Reserve STC Creative

Do you have a craft project in mind? STC Creative is a do-it-yourself makerspace. We provide the tools; you bring your creativity. Make a reservation to use the space, equipment and technology. An STC Creative staff member will be available to offer guidance. Most tools are free to use. Please bring your own crafting materials. See the Library website for more information about our maker equipment. *Open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only. Call ext. 208 to make a reservation.*

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*

Pet Bandana: The Cricut and some heat transfer vinyl are all it takes to make a cute, personalized bandana for your pet.

Monday, December 11 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 14 ■ 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Friday, December 22 ■ 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Sublimation Notebook: Canva, an online design tool, is perfect for designing your own notebook cover. After printing the design with our sublimation inkjet printer, you will use the heat press to transfer the design to a fabric covered notebook.

Friday, January 5 ■ 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Monday, January 8 ■ 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Monday, January 29 ■ 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31 ■ 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Decorate a Wine Tumbler: Cricut Design Space has thousands of images to choose from. Find one you love and learn how to turn it into a stencil. Then use etching cream to transfer the design to a stemless wine glass.

Monday, February 12 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 15 ■ 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Friday, February 16 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.



Craft of the Month

Book a one-hour session to make the craft of the month. An STC Creative staff member will be there to guide you through the craft project. While supplies last. *Open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only. Call ext. 208 to make a reservation.*

December

Brother Embroidery Machine: Embroidered Corner Bookmark

Choose fabric from our stash and select one of our ready-to-make designs to create your own “in the hoop” embroidered bookmark.

January

AccuQuilt Block: Log Cabin

This traditional quilt pattern is easy to sew and fun to make. Fabric will be provided, but you may bring your own. Cut the pieces here and assemble them at home on your own sewing machine. Sewing instructions will be provided.

February

Brother Embroidery Machine: Machine Embroidered Card Embellishments

Embroider one of three designs on felt and adhere the embellishment to the card's front to make a truly unique greeting card.



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Young Adult Programs

Programs @ STC Underground

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

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/>

Anime Club

Grades 6-12 Tuesdays ■ December 12 ■ February 13

6:00-8:00 p.m. ■ STC Underground

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

Exam Cram

Grades 9-12 ■ Tuesday, December 19 ■ Wednesday, December 20,

Thursday, December 21 ■ 5:00-9:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

*Dates subject to change based on school emergency days

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

Lincoln Award Book Club

Grades 9-12 ■ 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Join us for Lincoln Award book discussions in partnership with St. Charles East and North high schools. This discussion is open to all high school students regardless of the school. Pick up a copy at the Library, or students of St. Charles East or North high schools may request copies from their LRC. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Students who read at least four of the nominees are welcome to vote online for their favorite title. **REGISTER**

Thursday, January 11: #murdertrending by Gretchen McNeil

Bisbee Conference Room

Thursday, February 1: Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir

Huntley Community Room



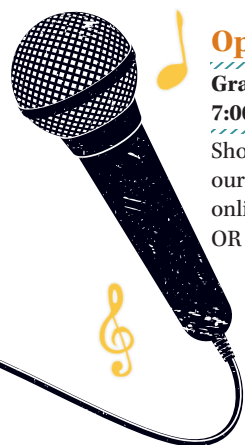
Open Mic Night

Grades 9-12 ■ Friday, January 19 ■ Friday, February 23

7:00-9:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room

Show off your music, poetry, magic or other talents on our stage. Sign up online or at the door. Priority given to online registrants. We'll stay open after hours. **REGISTER**

OR DROP IN



Geode Crystal Cookies

Grades 9-12 ■ Wednesday, January 31 ■ 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Come for a fun evening at the Library and add a little sparkle to your life!

These geode crystal cookies will make your party shine! Made using marbled fondant and colorful rock candy, these tasty glowing cookies are sure to impress. **REGISTER**

Craft Fair-High School Student Registration

Grades 9-12 ■ Saturday, February 17 ■ 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

High school students, please register to sell your handmade arts and crafts. Each student will be provided with one 2' x 4' table and may keep 100% of all sales. Students will be responsible for online payments such as Venmo or providing change for cash purchases. Please arrive before 11:00 a.m. to set up. All ages may browse and purchase homemade crafts from STC high school students! **REGISTER**

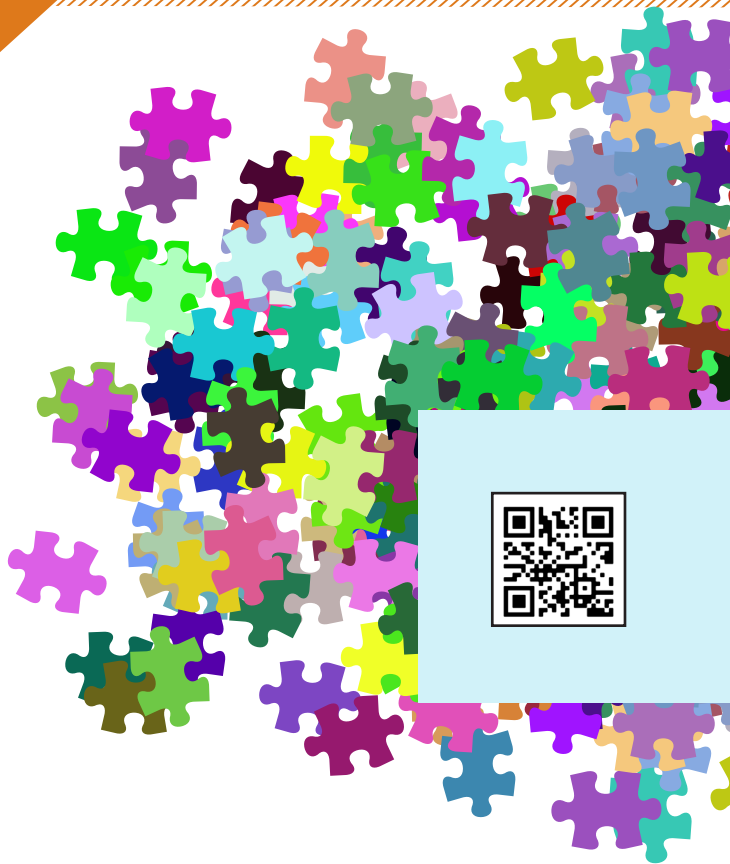
Young Adult Grab 'n' Go Kits

Comic Decoupage Frame

Grades 9-12 ■ Pick Up at The Loft

Monday, February 26-Saturday, March 9

Hey comic fans...check out this neat craft that is sure to spruce up your room. In this grab 'n' go kit you'll have all the supplies and instructions showing you how to decoupage your favorite comics onto a wood frame. Simply add your own photo and you have a decor masterpiece! Must register with a "teen" library card ages 13-18. Teens can pick-up their kit in The Loft from February 26-March 9. **REGISTER for February 26 date**



Puzzle Race

All Ages ■ Saturday, January 27

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

Racing against other teams, you'll have two hours to complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. Register as a team of four-five participants or as an individual and we will assign you a team the day of the race. All teams will have the option of taking their puzzle home after the race. **REGISTER**

Junior Friends

Grades 6-8 ■ Thursdays ■ December 7 ■ January 4 ■ February 1

6:00-7:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

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

Elf Watch Party with Cookie Decorating

Grades 6-8 Friday, December 22 ■ 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Miller Haase Community Room

Join us as we watch *Elf* (PG), a seasonal favorite, while snacking on hot cocoa and cookies you decorate yourself! **REGISTER**

Crafting with the Library at the STC Underground

Grades 6-8 ■ 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 3: Glass Etching

Wednesday, February 7: Moon Dough

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

Students must submit a completed code of conduct signed by themselves AND a legal guardian. This form can be found at:

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

REGISTER with the St. Charles Park District

Candy Sushi

Grades 6-8 ■ Wednesday, January 24

5:00-5:45 p.m.

Miller Haase Community Room

Satisfy your sweet tooth and get creative with ingredients to make your own candy sushi.

REGISTER



Cupcakes But Make It Fancy

Grades 6-8 ■ Wednesday, February 21 ■ 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Miller Haase Community Room

No more plain, boring cupcakes! A variety of ingredients to decorate a cupcake will be provided. How fancy can you make yours? **REGISTER**



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Early Literacy & Story Times



Twin Leaf Tales

Families ■ Fridays ■ December 1 ■ January 5 ■ February 2
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**

Baby Bubble Bash

Ages 0-23 Months with Caregiver ■ Friday, December 1
10:00-10:30 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

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

Music and Movement Story Time

Ages 3-6 with Caregiver ■ Saturday, December 2
10:00-10:30 a.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Join us for a lively, music focused story time with lots of songs and movement! **DROP IN**

Starrytime

Families ■ Tuesdays ■ December 5 ■ January 2 ■ February 6
6:30 p.m. ■ Posted on YouTube

Enjoy a new story on the first Tuesday of the month! **YouTube**

Sticker Collage Art

Ages 2-3 with Caregiver ■ Monday, December 11
10:00-11:00 a.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Stop by during the program and make art using stickers and your imagination! **DROP IN**

Baby Playdate

Ages 0-23 Months with Caregiver ■ Wednesday, December 13
9:30-10:30 a.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

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

Stories at the Nature Center

Families ■ Wednesdays ■ December 13 ■ January 10 ■ February 14
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 ■ January 4 ■ February 1
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**

Family Story Time

All Ages with Caregiver

Mondays: January 8-February 26

Thursdays: January 11-February 29

Saturdays: January 13 & 27 and February 10 & 24

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

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

My First Story Time

Ages 0-23 Months with Caregiver ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Mondays: January 8-February 26 ■ 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: January 9-February 27 ■ 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: January 10-February 28 ■ 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 child only. **REGISTER**

2 & 3-Year-Old Story Time

Ages 2-3 with Caregiver

Tuesdays: January 9-February 27

Wednesdays: January 10-February 28

10:15-10:45 a.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Interactive story time for children and their parents/caregivers. Register child only. **REGISTER**



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Stories and Snacks

Families ■ Tuesdays ■ January 9 & 23 ■ February 13 & 27
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**

Sensory Play

Ages 2-3 with Caregiver ■ Wednesday, January 10
4:00-4:30 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Who doesn't like squishy, smooth, textured, crunchy and colorful stuff?
 Come on in and explore sensory bins! **DROP IN**

Drip Drop Gravity Painting

Ages 3-6 with Caregiver ■ Friday, January 19
10:00-10:30 a.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Earth's gravity is what keeps you on the ground and makes things fall. Come explore this force of nature with us by making a drip drop painting!

REGISTER

Cozy up! Stories and Rhymes for Baby

Ages 0-23 Months ■ Friday, January 26
6:00-6:30 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Cozy up with stories and rhymes for you and baby! **REGISTER**

Block Party

Ages 3-6 with Caregiver ■ Monday, February 5
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Block out some time for fun at the Library with our big blue blocks, Duplos and soft blocks! **DROP IN**

Baby Play and Learn

Ages 0-23 Months ■ Wednesday, February 7
4:00-4:30 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Meet other caregivers, enjoy playtime with your baby and see examples of early literacy activities. **DROP IN**

Valentine's Tea Party

Ages 3-6 with Caregiver ■ Wednesday, February 14
2:00-2:30 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Join us to celebrate Valentine's Day at the Library! We'll have a craft, story and snacks as well as a cute, themed photo op for you and your love bug!

REGISTER

Drive-In Movie!

Ages 2-3 with Caregiver ■ Thursday, February 15
10:30-11:30 a.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Join other toddler friends for a drive-in movie at the Library! Decorate your own car and watch Raymond Briggs' **The Snowman** on the big screen.

REGISTER

Student Programs

Lit Loot

Grades 4-8 ■ Sign up by: December 5, January 5, February 5
Pick up: December 10, January 10, February 10 ■ Lobby

Keep the loot! Return the book! Your Lit Loot will be available for pick up from the 10th through the 20th of the month. Sign up by the 5th of the month by 9:00 p.m. to receive a free, customized subscription box. Each box will contain a book specially selected for you and a few goodies based on the theme of the month. *A St. Charles Public Library card is required for this program.* **REGISTER**

Weekday Intermission

Grades K-8 ■ 5:30-7:30 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room
Wednesdays ■ December 6-December 20 ■ January 10-February 28

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. Visit our online calendar to see which activity is happening on each date.

DROP IN

Slimes Up!

Grades 3-5 ■ Saturday, December 9
4:00-4:30 p.m.

Miller Haase Community Room

Attention all 3rd-5th graders! Come celebrate National Slime Day by making your very own winter themed slime. Space is limited to 20 kids.

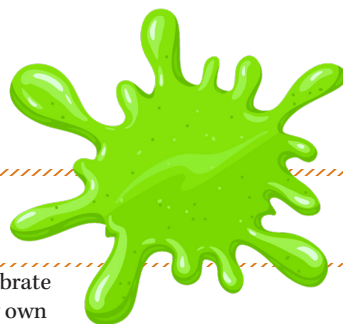
DROP IN

Homeschool Hangout

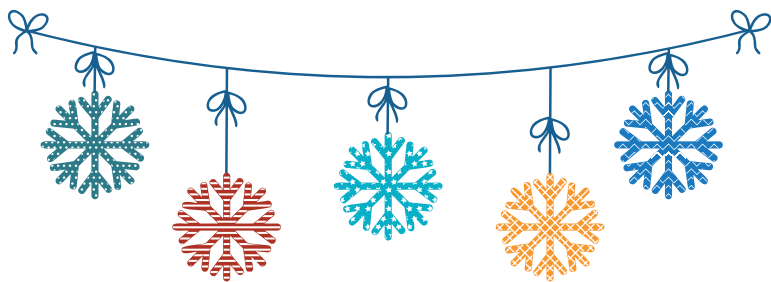
Ages 5-12 with Caregiver ■ Tuesdays ■ 1:00-2:00 p.m.
December 12 ■ Miller Haase Community Room

January 9 ■ Huntley Community Room
February 13 ■ Huntley Community Room

Join other homeschooling families for hangouts at the Library! Explore different topics each month and connect with other homeschool families in the area. This program is for homeschoolers ages 5 to 12 years with a caregiver. Siblings welcome! **REGISTER**



Student Programs



Perler Bead Snowflakes

Grades K-2 ■ Wednesday, December 13

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

Let it snow! Have some fun this winter creating Perler Bead snowflakes. Several patterns will be provided or design your own! **DROP IN**

Spirograph Art

Grades K-2 ■ Thursday, December 28

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

Create beautiful designs with geometric stencils and colored pencils. **DROP IN**

Create a Book

Grades 3-5 ■ Tuesday, January 16

3:45-4:30 p.m. ■ Miller Haase Community Room

Write and illustrate a book! A copy of your book will be available for others to read at the Library during Winter Reading. Please come with a story in mind. Space is limited to 24. **DROP IN**

Bluestem Book Club

Grades 3-5 ■ Thursdays ■ January 18 ■ February 15

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. **REGISTER**

LEGO Fun for Big & Littles

Grades K-2 with Caregiver ■ Friday, January 19

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

Kids, bring your grown-ups for a fun night together listening to a story and building your brick creation using the Library's LEGO supply. **REGISTER**

Upside Down Art

Grades K-2 ■ Thursday, February 8

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

Let's make some silly art! Come paint a picture in a new way - upside down! Please dress for the mess. Space is limited to 40. **DROP IN**

Cookie Creations

Grades 3-5 ■ Friday, February 9

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

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

STEAM Fun

Grades K-2 ■ Friday, February 23

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

Join us for some fun as we explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. What will we make today? **DROP IN**

Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom

Grades K-8 ■ Wednesday, February 28

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

Join us as Connie Martin tells the history of the Underground Railroad, safe routes used from South to North, and stories of how family quilts held secret codes and hidden messages. Grown-ups welcome. **DROP IN**

Family Programs

StoryWalk®

Families ■ New story posted December 1

LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve on the Randall Rd. Trail

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

Monarch Book Activity: Meesha Makes Friends

Families ■ Thursday, December 7

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

Come read Monarch Award nominee **Meesha Makes Friends** by Tom Percival and do an activity based on the book! Space is limited to 40. **DROP IN**

Paper Bag Fairy Houses

Families ■ Sunday, December 10

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

Stop by with your family to create light up paper bag houses, perfect for fairies or other small creatures! Supplies are limited to 50 participants. **DROP IN**



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Holiday Wrapping Party

Families ■ Thursday, December 14

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

Drop by anytime during the hour to wrap your holiday gifts! We'll provide wrapping paper, supplies to decorate bags and wrapping assistance!

DROP IN

Board Game Day

Families ■ Friday, December 29

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

Stop in any time throughout the day and play a game! **DROP IN**

Raptors in Your Neighborhood Presented by Wings and Talons

Families ■ Friday, December 29

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

Did you know that many birds of prey (also known as raptors) can be found in our area? Join us to see owls, hawks and falcons up close and learn fascinating facts about them. Space is limited. **DROP IN**

New Year's Eve Party

Families ■ Sunday, December 31

12:30-1:30 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Come party with the Library as we ring in the New Year! **DROP IN**

El Mago Magic Show

Families ■ Tuesday, January 2

2:00-3:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Community Room

Join us for a bilingual magic show with the engaging and hilarious El Mago. Space is limited. **DROP IN**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

Families ■ Monday, January 15

9:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. at the Library by participating in this National Day of Service! Help us contribute to Letters Against Isolation. Their mission is to "connect volunteers with isolated seniors so that you can write them letters to brighten their days!" Letters will be reviewed before they are mailed. **DROP IN**

Preschool Fair

Families ■ Saturday, January 20

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

Curious about preschools or childcare in the upcoming year? Join us and meet representatives from preschools and childcare centers in our community. Grab a coffee as you learn more about what to expect during your child's preschool era! **DROP IN**

Puzzle Race

All Ages ■ Saturday, January 27 ■ 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Racing against other teams, you'll have two hours to complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. Register as a team of four-five participants or as an individual and we will assign you a team the day of the race. All teams will have the option of taking their puzzle home after the race. **REGISTER**

Quiet Coloring and Fairytale

Families ■ Tuesday, February 13

2:00-4:45 p.m. ■ Helen Gale Story Room

Color and listen to an audiobook of retold classic fairytales. Join any time during the program. Fairytales will be from **The Land of Stories: A Treasury of Classic Fairy Tales** by Chris Colfer. **DROP IN**

Fancy Pants Dance Party

Families ■ Thursday, February 29 ■ 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Miller Haase Community Room/Youth Services Department

Dress to impress! Show off your dance moves and do some activities. **DROP IN**

Cozy Up and Read Week

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

Kick off the Winter Reading* program with some fun winter-themed activities! **DROP IN**

Tuesday, January 2: Create a snow scene using crayons and paper

Wednesday, January 3: Winter Wonderland LEGOs

Thursday, January 4: Fireside Board Games

Friday, January 5: Coffee Filter Snowflakes

*see page 1 for more information



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LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

Strategic Plan

In early 2023, the Library embarked on an exciting journey as we began our comprehensive strategic planning process. We collected valuable input to help shape our future.

- Focus groups: virtual and in-person
- Surveys: online and in print
- Staff, community, patrons

Beyond Books

The Beyond Books collection launched in March. This collection includes unique non-book items that patrons can check out including an electric guitar, green screen, pickle ball paddles and more.

- Musical instruments
- Recording equipment
- Technology
- Games

Fox Valley Special Recreation Association

The Library has partnered with FVSRA to help achieve its goal of maximizing independence and developing additional abilities for adults.

- Twice-monthly programming
- Gardening activities

STC Creative

In the past year, the STC Creative programs have skyrocketed in popularity. New tools were added this year.

- Sublimation ink printing
- Heat press design
- AccuQuilt block cutter
- Brother embroidery machine

Hours

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

Closings

Sunday, December 24
Christmas Eve
Monday, December 25
Christmas Day
Monday, January 1
New Year's Day
Monday, February 19
Presidents' Day

Library Board Members

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Allison Lanthrum, Trustee

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Library Board Meetings

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

December 13, 2024
January 10, 2024
February 14, 2024

Friends of St. Charles Public Library Meeting

Saturday, February 10 at 9:00 a.m.

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

