



# LEVEL UP

Summer Reading 2025



## Monday, June 2-Thursday, July 31

Game on! Summer Reading is back this year and it wants a rematch. Grab some dice and books, and get ready to play! Track your reading progress to earn prizes with a paper log or online via READsquared. Starting June 2, the game begins! Read all the way through July 31 to earn your prizes. Every minute you read counts, so be sure to record your progress on the paper log or on the app. Can you beat the high score?

READsquared is available through our website or as a downloadable app for iPhone and Android devices.

Saturday,  
June 7  
1-4 p.m.

## Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

Let the games begin! The Library will be hosting a Summer Reading Kick-Off Party. Join us for complimentary fun including:

- ice cream truck
- pop-up games
- crafts
- music
- and more!

*Location: The party will be held in our main parking lot. In case of rain, the festivities will be moved indoors.*

*\*This event is sponsored by the Friends of St. Charles Public Library.*



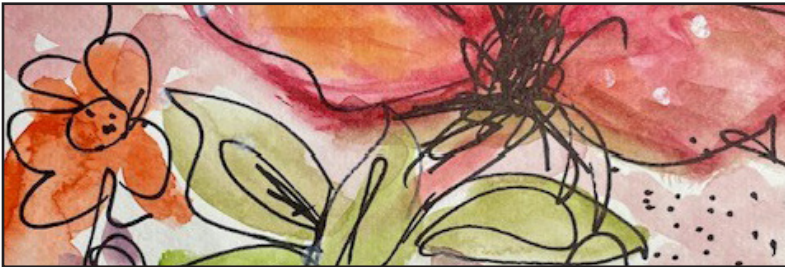


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## Celebrating the Arts



### **Bold and Bright Watercolor Class\***

Explore the medium of watercolor paint. Experiment with a variety of simple techniques to create your original watercolor artwork embellished with ink pens. Register for only one session.

#### **REGISTER**

*Friday, June 6  
10-11:30 a.m. OR 1-2:30 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room*

### **Adult Grab 'n' Go Impressionist 3D Art Magnet\***

Add a touch of elegance to your fridge or any magnetic surface with your own enhanced miniature piece of art. At registration, select either Van Gogh's Sunflowers or Monet's Water Lilies.

#### **REGISTER June 16**

*Pick up kit June 16-27  
Research & Reading Desk*

### **Gustave Caillebotte Art Lecture**

Impressionist artist Gustave Caillebotte, known for his monumental painting *Paris Street; Rainy Day*, will be discussed by art historian Jeff Mishur.

#### **REGISTER**

*Tuesday, June 17 / 7-8 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room*

### **Tranquil Seascape Painting\***

With step-by-step instruction, you will learn how to create a lovely beach scene using acrylic paint, seashells, and canvas.

#### **REGISTER**

*Thursday, August 14 / 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room*

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June-August 2025





## Adult

### Grant Writing for Nonprofits: How to Craft Standout Proposals

Join us for an engaging session designed for nonprofit leaders looking to strengthen their grant writing skills. Learn how to craft persuasive proposals, avoid common pitfalls, and secure critical funding.

#### REGISTER

Wednesday, June 11 / 1-2:30 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room



### Freedom Songs: The Music of Black History All Ages

The Bright Star Touring Theatre will take you on a compelling journey as they share the soulful music that shaped Black American history.

#### REGISTER

Friday, June 13 / 1-2 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room

### Resume Workshop with workNet Batavia

Whether you're starting your job search or looking to polish your existing resume, this interactive session offers valuable tips and personalized feedback to help you stand out to potential employers.

#### REGISTER

Monday, June 16 / 1-2:30 p.m.  
Monday, August 18 / 6:30-8 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room

### The Book Fair Café

Browse a curated selection of books while you sip delicious tea. Chat with fellow book lovers or ask a librarian for some recommendations. This month's genre spotlight: romance.

#### DROP IN

Saturday, June 21 / 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room

### Strategic Planning for Non-Profits

Join author Alicia Schattelman to learn how to drive meaningful change, align your mission and vision, and achieve your nonprofit's goals.

#### REGISTER

Monday, June 23 / 1-2:30 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room

### Southern Illinois Travel & Lore

Illinois traveler John Kokoris will share secrets to a successful visit to the Shawnee National Forest, including landmarks, trails, lodging, and food.

#### REGISTER

Tuesday, June 24 / 7-8 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room

### Decorative Pressed Flower Cutting Board\*

Add a little floral flare with pressed flowers to create a beautiful wood cutting board. Perfect for your home or as a gift for a special friend.

#### REGISTER

Thursday, July 17 / 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room

### The Trail of Tears and the Politics of Indian Removal

Historian Joyce Haworth explores the political motivations and actions behind the forced displacement of the Cherokee Nation and their fight to defend their land against the limited Jacksonian democracy.

#### REGISTER

Thursday, August 7 / 7-8 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room



### Imaginary Journey to the White City

Time travel to 1893 Chicago to the site of the World Columbian Exposition in this sight and sound experience with art historian Denise Laurin.

#### REGISTER

Thursday, August 28 / 1-2 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room



Visit our website for a complete list of our programs!

## STC Creative & Computers

### Tech Help Drop In

Get help using your device to access eBooks, social media, email, and more. Bring your questions and your device.

#### DROP IN

*Tuesday, June 3 / 10-11:30 a.m.*

*Sunday, June 8 / 1-2:30 p.m.*

*Sunday, July 13 / 1-2:30 p.m.*

*Thursday, July 17 / 10-11:30 a.m.*

*Monday, August 4 / 6-7:30 p.m.*

*Friday, August 22 / 10-11:30 a.m.*

*Computer Lab*

### 5-Minute Make: Etched Mason Jar

Create your own patriotic mason jar with glass etching.

#### DROP IN

*Saturday, June 7 / 10-11:30 a.m.*

*Tuesday, June 10 / 6-7:30 p.m.*

*Thursday, June 19 / 6-7:30 p.m.*

*Friday, June 27 / 10-11:30 a.m.*

*STC Creative*

### Digital Library Resources\*

From audiobooks to music to TV on demand, our Library offers access to a wide variety of digital resources. Make the most of your library card by learning how to access our digital content.

#### REGISTER

*Thursday, July 10 / 10-11:30 a.m.*

*Sunday, July 20 / 1-2:30 p.m.*

*Monday, July 28 / 6-7:30 p.m.*

*Computer Lab*



### Grab 'n' Go Kit: Bucket Hat

Create a cute bucket hat! Includes fabric and instructions. Reserve a sewing machine at STC Creative if needed. Pick up at Technology Help Desk.

#### REGISTER

*Pick up June 1-14*

*STC Creative*

### Level Up Your Photography: Smartphone Photo Tips and Tricks

Join our summer class and discover tips and tricks to level up your photo-taking skills.

#### REGISTER

*Tuesday, July 22 / 10-11:30 a.m.*

## Young Adult

### 3D Prints\* Grades 9-12

Level up your game night with a custom 3D print! Learn the basics of 3D printing as you customize a six-sided die to bring home.

#### REGISTER

*Tuesday, June 3 / 6-7 p.m.*

*STC Creative*

### Checkmate Chess Club Grades 9-12

Join other chess players as you go head-to-head during Checkmate Chess Club.

#### DROP IN

*Monday, June 16 / 3-5 p.m.*

*Monday, July 21 / 3-5 p.m.*

*Monday, August 18 / 3-5 p.m.*

*The Loft*

### D&D Character Creation\* Grades 9-12

Need help creating characters? Are RPG rules intimidating? We've got the books and the character sheets; you just bring your imagination!

#### REGISTER

*Monday, June 30 / 6-7:30 p.m.*

*Bisbee Conference Room*



### Making it! Grades 9-12

Each month lend your personal touch to a different project as you make something new.

#### DROP IN

*Thursdays / 3-5 p.m. / The Loft*

*June 12: Dice Case Decorating*

*July 10: Personalized Mini Janga*

*August 7: Painted Zip Pouch*

### 1,000 Cuts Grades 9-12

Practice the art of "Drawing with Scissors." Paint, cut, and then glue together an original collage.

#### DROP IN

*Wednesday, July 30 / 1-5 p.m.*

*The Loft*

## Children

### Movie in the Park

Watch a movie on a giant 24-foot inflatable screen! *In partnership with the St. Charles Park District.*

#### **DROP IN**

8:20-10 p.m. / Pottawatomie Park  
Friday, June 13: *Dog Man*  
Friday, July 11: *Wild Robot*

### Beginner and Intermediate Chess Instruction

#### **Entering Grades 1-8**

Join instructors from Elite Chess to learn how to play the game and have a chance to play chess with other students.

#### **DROP IN**

Saturday, June 21 and July 12  
1-2 p.m. - Beginner  
2-3 p.m. - Intermediate  
Miller Haase Community Room



### Dan and Claudia Zanes Concert Families

Get ready for a party with special music from Grammy Award winner Dan Zanes and Haitian-American jazz vocalist Claudia Zanes!

#### **DROP IN**

Tuesday, June 24 / 3-4 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room

### Andy Head's Comedy Juggling Show Families

Join us for a wonderful, wacky show! With a truck full of tricks and some help from the audience, Andy will have everyone smiling and laughing.

#### **DROP IN**

Monday, June 30 / 2-3 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room



### Solving the Rubik's Cube\* Grades 3 and up

Solve the Rubik's Cube in record time! Attendees are given a cube to solve with help from a pro. You can take your cube home to master your new skill.

#### **REGISTER**

Saturday, July 19 / 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Miller Haase Community Room

### School of Rock Concert & Instrument Petting Zoo Families

Let's Rock and Roll with the School of Rock's House Band. Following their performance, get up close with the band's instruments and try them out.

#### **DROP IN**

Thursday, July 24 / 6-8 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room



### Lakota Hoop Dancing with Starr Chief Eagle Families

Stop in for this fun and informative presentation. Learn and participate in Lakota hoop dancing and storytelling.

#### **DROP IN**

Wednesday, August 6 / 3-4 p.m.  
Huntley Community Room

### Not Yet Back to School Ages 0-5

Do your little ones feel left out when your 'big kid' goes back to school? The Library will have first day of school activities just for them!

#### **DROP IN**

Wednesday, August 13  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Youth Services Department

### DuPage Children's Museum Pop Up: It's a Zoo Ages 5 and under

Children will have the opportunity to develop gross and fine motor skills and spatial awareness. Watch your young learner build and take their designs from thought to reality!

#### **DROP IN**

Tuesday, August 26 / 9-11:30 a.m.  
Huntley Community Room