

ST. CHARLES PUBLIC LIBRARY



Winter Newsletter

December 2025-February 2026



**Expanded
Version**
More programs
inside!

Registration opens on the first
day of the previous month.

2026

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES



Adult Grab 'N' Go Kit

Mini Olympic Tin Skating Rink ^R

Kit includes tin, magnets, and fans to create a retro skating rink toy, perfect for adults young at heart.

Register: Use February 2 date

Pick up kit: February 2-13

Research and Reading Desk

5-Minute Makes

Engraved Inspirational Wood Coaster ^D

Celebrate the spirit of the Olympics! Engrave a set of two wood coasters using our new xTool software and machine. While supplies last.

- Tuesday, February 10 / 6-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 14 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, February 19 / 6-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 28 / 2-3:30 p.m.

STC Creative

Curling 101: The Olympic Sport on Ice ^R

Learn about the fascinating sport of curling—from its origins on frozen Scottish ponds to today's Olympic ice sheets.

Thursday, February 12 / 7-8 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Online Night with a Museum: Lake Placid Olympic Museum ^R

The museum will share stories from its collection, helping us celebrate the 2026 Winter Olympics.

Tuesday, February 17 / 7-8 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Winter Olympic Activities ^D (Families)

Learn about the games, design your own flag, and try your hand at themed activities.

Tuesday, February 17 / 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Helen Gale Story Room, Youth Services Department

Adult

Keeping Christmas: Looking in the Windows of the Past **R**

Historian Joyce Haworth brings six stories of American Christmases from a century and more ago.

*Wednesday, December 3
7-8 p.m.*

Carnegie Community Room

Genealogy Research at the Library **R D**

Use the time to search the Library's databases or look through the Library's vast collection of research materials.

• *Mondays / 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
December 8, January 12,
February 16*

• *Thursdays / 1-4 p.m.
January 29, February 26
Computer Lab*

Winter Weather Driving and Vehicle Maintenance **R**

Learn how to prepare your car for freezing temperatures and icy roads with automotive instructor Robert Boyle.

*Wednesday, December 10
6:30-7:30 p.m.*

Carnegie Community Room

Civic Awareness: An Evening with WGN-TV's Paul Lisnek **R**

WGN-TV's Paul Lisnek will discuss Illinois politics to help prepare participants for the upcoming midterm elections.

Tuesday, January 27 / 7-8 p.m.

Online via Zoom



The American House: Simple Shelter to Sublime Style - 1900 to Today **R**

Join architect Joseph Madda as he recounts the amazing saga of the American house from the start of the last century up to today. In partnership with Thornapple Questers.

Thursday, January 8 / 1-2 p.m. / Carnegie Community Room

Thomas Jefferson Reconsidered **R**

Gary Midkiff will discuss Jefferson's career beginning in 1776 and his complicated perspective on slavery.

*Thursday, January 29
1:30-3 p.m.*

Huntley Community Room



Secrets of the Wine World **R**

Join Sommelier Timothy Campbell for a fun and fact-filled exploration of the history of wine and recent changes in the world of wine.

Thursday, February 5 / 7-8:30 p.m. / Huntley Community Room

St. Charles Writers Group **D**

The St. Charles Writers Group is a workshop for novice or experienced writers that meets twice a month.

Saturdays / 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

• *December 6, December 20
Huntley Community Room*

• *January 10, January 24
Carnegie Community Room*

• *February 14
Carnegie Community Room*

• *February 28
Huntley Community Room*

Great Decisions **D**

The Great Decisions discussion group is intended to stimulate a discussion of foreign policy issues.

Thursdays / 7-8:30 p.m.

January 15, February 19

Bisbee Conference Room

Concerts

Sundays / 2-3 p.m.

- December 7
Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra
Sterling Brass Quartet
- January 11
Cora Vasseur performs songs
from the '50s and '60s
- January 25
Alba Quintet / Vivaldi's Four Seasons
- February 15
The Heart Strings Duo Forgotten
Women of the American Songbook



Games & More



American Mahjong

Join us for a weekly mahjong meetup. New players welcome.
Tuesdays / 2-4 p.m.

- December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- Check calendar for room location

Ukulele Strum & Sing

Join the St. Charles Ukulele Strummers! Come play and sing with us! Bring your ukulele.
Wednesdays / 1-2:30 p.m.

- December 3, 10, 17
- January 7, 14, 21, 28
- February 4, 11, 18, 25

Check calendar for room location

Board Game Night

Meet up with fellow board gamers. Bring a favorite game or grab one from our collection.
Wednesdays / 6-8:30 p.m.

- December 17
- January 21
- February 18

Check calendar for room location

Noche de Lotería (Spanish, All Ages)

Aprenda a jugar lotería, un juego azar tradicional que se juega a través de México parecido a BINGO con fotos. Para todas las edades. Presentado sólo en español.

Jueves, Enero 29 / 6:30-8 p.m.
Sala Comunitaria de Huntley

Board Game Swap

Trade your gently-used board games for a new-to-you one at our board game exchange.
Saturday, January 31
2-3:30 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Cooking

Classroom Kitchen Season Series

Join cooking instructor Kristyn Slick for a virtual class where you can cook along in your own kitchen as she cooks in hers.
Online via Zoom



Cheesecake 101

- Wednesday,
December 10
6:30-7:30 p.m.



Grains & Greens

- Wednesday,
January 14
6:30-7:30 p.m.



Brownies, Blondies, and Brookies

- Wednesday,
February 11
6:30-7:30 p.m.



Paint It! - Snowman Starry Night ^R

Learn how to paint a snowman winter scene in the style of Vincent van Gogh's *Starry Night*!

Thursday, January 15 / 1:30-3 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

Crafts

Adorable Nordic Holiday Gnome ^R

Enjoy an afternoon of gnome-love and crafting fun where you'll create your own Nordic Gnome.

Thursday, December 11

1:30-3 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Nature Journaling ^R

Learn about nature journaling, which is the act of writing or drawing in response to nature.

Wednesday, January 21

1-2 p.m.

Carnegie Community Room

Book Page Votive Candle Holder ^R

Elevate your home decor with a lovely book candle holder.

Perfect gift for booklovers, too!

Thursday, February 12

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Black Culture & Art

Discover Kwanzaa: Meaning, Symbols, and Traditions ^R

Celebrate the spirit of Kwanzaa with Kenyan educator Elizabeth Kahura.

Tuesday, December 2

7-8 p.m. / Online via Zoom

Alice's Ordinary People: Documentary Screening ^R

This film is a powerful profile of Alice Tregay, who became a fearless force for civil rights in Chicago.

Tuesday, February 3 / 1-2:30 p.m.

Carnegie Community Room



Echoes of Africa: Art and Folktales ^R

Join Kenyan educator Elizabeth Kahura for a vibrant program of storytelling, music, and cultural traditions.

Thursday, February 12 / 7-8 p.m. / Online via Zoom

Classic Movies ^D

Join us for a monthly film on the big screen! All films are screened with closed captioning when available.

Christmas in Connecticut (1945)

• Wednesday, December 3 / 6 p.m.

Bad Day at Black Rock (1955)

• Wednesday, January 7 / 6 p.m.

Lifeboat (1944)

• Wednesday, February 4 / 6 p.m.





One-to-One Resume Review with a Career Coach from workNet Batavia ^R

Meet with a workNet Batavia Career Coach for a one-to-one review of your resume.

*Tuesdays, December 9, January 13, February 10
4-5:30 p.m. / Study Room 5, choose from 3 slots*

Illinois Libraries Present

A statewide collaboration among public libraries



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A statewide collaboration between public libraries to bring high-quality events to the community.



Bringing History to Life with Jonathan Eig

• *Tuesday, January 13 / 7-8 p.m.*

A bestselling author of six books, including his most recent, Pulitzer Prize-winning *King: A Life*.

Online via Zoom



Still Afraid of the Dark: An Evening with R.L. Stine

• *Tuesday, February 24 / 7-8 p.m.*

Bestselling author defined horror for a generation of young readers.

Online via Zoom

Business

Navigating Medicare for 2026 ^R

An Essential Guide to Understanding Medicare

Learn about changes in Medicare plans and how to avoid common pitfalls.

Tuesday, December 9 / 6:30-8 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Career Conversations ^R

Contemplating a mid-career change, a side hustle, or just starting out? Gain firsthand insights from someone doing the job.

7-8 p.m. / Online Via Zoom

Thursday, December 4 / Dentist

Thursday, January 22 / Commercial Real Estate Broker

Tuesday, February 17 / Audiobook Narrator

Advanced Directives: Planning for Life's Unexpected Turns ^R

Learn the relationship between a DNR form, Power of Attorney, a POLST form, and more.

Thursday, January 15 / 6:30-8 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Book Club

The Book Fair Café ^D

Browse a curated selection of books while you sip delicious tea. Chat with fellow book lovers or ask the librarian for some recommendations.

Genre spotlight: Speculative Fiction (fantasy, sci-fi, and horror)

Saturday, February 21 / 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

Check out our wide variety of our Adult Book Clubs.

- 2nd Tuesday Book Club
- Any Afternoon Murder Club
- Dewey Dishes Cookbook Club
- Forever Young Adult Book Club
- Many Worlds Book Club
- Sense of Humor Book Club
- Tales and Ales



Young Adult

Grades 9-12

Wrap it Up! D

Bring your gifts in need of holiday cheer and wrap them in The Loft!
Saturday, December 13 / 1-4 p.m.
The Loft

TBR Pop-Up D

Fill your TBR (To Be Read) list with YA titles to read on winter break.
Sunday, December 14 / 1-3 p.m.
The Loft

My Little Soda Pop! D

Try unique flavors of soda pop while listening to the *K-Pop Demon Hunters* soundtrack.
Monday, December 29 / 2-3 p.m.
The Loft



Sublimation Mini Tote R

Design an image with Canva and then use sublimation ink to create a one-of-a-kind tote.
Thursday, January 29 / 6-7 p.m.
STC Creative

Anti-Crash Out Yoga R

From warm up to cool down, learn yoga basics to help you destress this year.
Tuesday, February 19 / 6-7 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room



Shell Charm Candles D

Relive those summer days by making shell charm candles! Customize your candle with summer charms.
Friday, January 2 / 1-3 p.m.
The Loft

Decoden Art! D

Decorate with Decoden frosting cream as you add embellishments to photo frames and trinket boxes.
Tuesday, January 27 / 3-5 p.m. / The Loft

Grades 6-12

Craft-Crawl D

Grab a hot chocolate as you make something for everyone on your holiday list.
Tuesday, December 2 / 5-7 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

Read-A-Thon D

Enjoy cozy reading spots and snacks! Drop in for an hour or all day.
Monday, January 19
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room



Adventures in Anime D

Talk all things Anime and Manga as you make Fruits Basket inspired zodiac animals!
Tuesday, February 3 / 3-5 p.m.
The Loft



Continuous Programs

Check out our website for dates and times.

Loft Game Night D

Play different types of games in The Loft during game night one Friday a month.

Vinyl Listening Party D

Hang in The Loft as you listen to music from the Library's vinyl collection.

The Book was Better Film Club D

Join other fans of books made into movies. Watch, snack, and talk books!

1:17 Again D

Visit The Loft after an early release Wednesday to craft, game, or chill after school.

Youth

Create & Discover

Paper Airplane Lab ^R (Grades K-2)

Build, test, and fly your very own paper airplanes!
Monday, December 1 / 4-4:45 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room

DIY Ugly Holiday Shirts ^R (Grades 6-8)

Design and make your own ugly shirts for you and your closest friends.
Wednesday, December 3
3:30-5 p.m.
Computer Lab/STC Creative

Play and Learn ^D (Preschool Ages 3-5 with Caregiver)

Spark curiosity at Preschool Play and Learn Night! Connect, learn, and grow through play.
Friday, January 23 / 6-7 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room,
Youth Services Department



Really Chilly! ^D (Ages 0-5 with Caregiver)

Let's do some winter-themed activities.
Friday, January 30 / 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Youth Services Department /
Helen Gale Room



Visit our website
for the full list of
Youth Services
programs!



Storytimes ^R



Check out our wide variety of Storytimes!

- 2 & 3 Storytime
- My First Storytime
- Family Storytime
- Music & Movement: Sensory Storytime

Bookish Fun

Family Book Tasting ^D (Families)

Grab a snack and listen to the first few chapters of the book read aloud.
Thursdays / 6-6:30 p.m.
Mr. Popper's Penguins
• December 4

They Call Me No, Sam!
• January 8

Skunk & Badger
• February 5
Miller Haase Community Room

Book Cafe ^D

Discover a new world of books, share favorites, and get recommendations.
New theme monthly.
• December 22
• January 26
• February 23
• **Grades 3-5**
Mondays / 4-4:45 p.m.
• **Grades 6-8**
Mondays / 5-5:45 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room

Read-a-Thon ^D (Grades 6-12)

Enjoy cozy reading spots and snacks!
Monday, January 19
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room



• Bookish Box (Grades 3-5) ^R • Lit Loot (Grades 6-8) ^R

Free subscription box! Get a book, snack, activity, and bookmark tied to a monthly theme.

- Wednesday, December 10
 - Saturday, January 10
 - Tuesday, February 10
- Pick up on hold shelf thru the 20th

Yoshi, Sea Turtle Genius! Monarch Story and Activity ^R (Grades K-2)

Come learn about Yoshi and make a fun craft.
Tuesday, February 10
4:30-5 p.m.
Helen Gale Room

Let's Party!

Maker Monday Taylor Swift Birthday Bash ^R (Grades K-5)

Enjoy Taylor Swift inspired crafts and trivia to see who is the ultimate Swiftie.

*Monday, December 8
4-4:45 p.m.*

Miller Haase Community Room

Noon Year's Eve Bash ^D (Families)

Drop in to celebrate with crafts, games, music, and dancing!

*Wednesday, December 31
10 a.m.-2 p.m.*

Helen Gale Room

Baby Rave ^D (0-23 months with Caregiver)

Get your wiggles out with music, dancing, and play!

• *Monday, January 26
5:30-6:30 p.m.*

• *Tuesday, January 27
9:30-10:30 a.m.*
Helen Gale Room

Toddler Techno ^D (Ages 3-5)

Come boogie during our toddler techno dance party!

*Tuesday, January 27
10:30-11:30 a.m.*

Helen Gale Room

Glow-in-the-Dark Party ^D (Grades 6-8)

Put on your best blacklight reactive clothing and hang out!
Friday, February 20 / 6-7:30 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room

Library in the Wild

StoryWalk® ^D (All Ages)

Come and enjoy the great outdoors and a great story all month long!

December 1-31

LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve

Twin Leaf Tales ^R (Families)

Come hear stories at Hickory Knolls Discovery Center.

**This program is in partnership with the St. Charles Park District.*

Fridays / 10-10:30 a.m.

- *December 5*
- *January 2*
- *February 6*

Stories at the Nature Center ^D (Families)

Listen to stories at the Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve.

**This program is in partnership with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.*

Wednesdays / 10:30-11 a.m.,

December 10

January 14

February 11

Barnyard Books ^R (Families)

Enjoy stories at Primrose Farm.

**This program is in partnership with the St. Charles Park District.*

Thursdays / 10-10:30 a.m.

- *December 18*
- *January 15*
- *February 19*

Live at the Library!



Istvan & His Imaginary Band ^D (Families)

Come for a lively and interactive kids music concert! Limited space.

*Monday, December 22
11 a.m.-12 p.m.*

Huntley Community Room

Pocket Circus ^D (Families)

Join the fun for an interactive performance of juggling, magic, acrobatics, and comedy!

Friday, January 2 / 2-3 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

Little Miss Ann Kids Concert ^D (Families)

Join Little Miss Ann for award-winning music.

*Friday, February 27
11-11:45 a.m.*

Huntley Community Room

Black History Hall of Fame ^D (Families)

Come to an amazing journey through history and meet historical figures on this adventure.

Saturday, January 17 / 1-2 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room

Computers



Tech Help ^D

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

- Tuesday, December 9 / 10-11:30 a.m.
 - Tuesday, December 16 / 10-11:30 a.m.
 - Sunday, January 11 / 1:30-3 p.m.
 - Thursday, January 15 / 2:30-4 p.m.
 - Thursday, February 12 / 2:30-4 p.m.
 - Thursday, February 19 / 2:30-4 p.m.
- Computer Lab

Google Drive Basics ^R

Learn to organize your files, share documents, collaborate in real-time, and use your cloud storage effectively. Please create a Google account before class and bring your login and password.

- Sunday, December 14 / 1:30-3 p.m.
 - Thursday, December 18 / 10-11:30 a.m.
 - Monday, December 22 / 6-7:30 p.m.
- Computer Lab

Google Photos ^R

Learn how to backup, store, and share photos with family and friends.

- Tuesday, January 13 / 10-11:30 a.m.
 - Sunday, January 18 / 1:30-3 p.m.
 - Friday, January 23 / 2:30-4 p.m.
- Computer Lab

Introduction to Microsoft Word ^R

Learn the basics of word processing using Microsoft Word 2016.

- Tuesday, February 10 / 10-11:30 a.m.
 - Sunday, February 15 / 1:30-3 p.m.
 - Monday, February 23 / 6-7:30 p.m.
- Computer Lab

STC Creative

Crafts of the Month



Sun Print Garland ^R

Learn the art of cyanotype printing to craft a unique holiday garland.

- Wednesday, December 3 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Friday, December 12 / 2-3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 16 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 31 / 2-3:30 p.m.

STC Creative



Reversible Coffee Sleeve ^R

Sew together a reversible coffee sleeve.

- Wednesday, January 7 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Friday, January 16 / 2-3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 20 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 28 / 6-7:30 p.m.

STC Creative



Lovely Apron ^R

Decorate an apron using puff heat transfer vinyl.

- Wednesday, February 4 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Friday, February 13 / 2-3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 17 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 25 / 2-3:30 p.m.

STC Creative



The Maker Table



Diamond Painting D

Stop by STC Creative to make a diamond painting corner bookmark. While supplies last.

- Sundays, December 7 & 21 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- Sundays, January 4 & 18 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- Sundays, February 1 & 15 12:30-4:30 p.m.

STC Creative

Creative Take and Make:

LeMoyne Star R

Pick up pre-cut fabric pieces to sew a two-color LeMoyne Star quilt block. A sewing machine is needed, or make a reservation to use ours in STC Creative.

Register: Use December 1 date

Pick up: December 1-8 / Technology Help Desk

5-Minute Makes



Gnome Ornament D

Piece together a gnome by layering colors of vinyl on a wood ornament.

- Saturday, December 6 10-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, December 9 6-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 18 6-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 27 2-3:30 p.m.

STC Creative



Tea Towel Coloring with Sublimation Markers D

Color in a pre-printed design on a tea towel then heat press to set the ink and make permanent.

- Saturday, January 3 10-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, January 13 6-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, January 22 6-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 31 2-3:30 p.m.

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READING FOR ALL



Monday, December 1-Saturday, January 31

Need to get away this winter?

Beat the cold with the warm coziness of a good book!

Sign up for Winter Reading at the Library or online using READsquared starting Monday, December 1. 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 Saturday, January 31.

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