

ST. CHARLES PUBLIC LIBRARY



Spring Newsletter
March-May 2026



**Expanded
Version**
More programs
inside!

Registration opens on the first day of the previous month.



Voices in Bloom!

A Season of Poetry and Stories

St. Charles Writers Group **D**

A workshop for novice or experienced writers that meets twice a month.
Saturdays / 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
March 14, March 28, April 11, April 25, May 9, and May 23
Huntley Community Room

Good Luck in the Real World: Poetry Reading **R**

Join us for a stirring night of poetry with local author Adrienne Novy, and guest Matt Johnson.
Friday, April 10 / 6-7:30 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Annual Poetry Reading **R**

Celebrate National Poetry Month with a poetry reading by talented local poets. If you wish to read your poetry, email dblaszynski@scpld.org
Saturday, April 11 / 2-4 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

Paint a Poem **R** (Grades K-2)

Explore poetry through watercolor by painting colors and emotions inspired by spring poems.
Friday, April 17 / 3-3:45 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room



Found Poetry Workshop **D** (Grades 3-5)

Turn recycled book pages into art by creating found poems through cutting and arranging words.
Thursday, March 19 / 4-4:45 p.m.
Helen Gale Room



Tiny Words Bracelets **D** (Grades 9-12)

Words matter! Use letter beads to make poetry bracelets for all your friends.
Thursday, April 16 / 3-5 p.m.
The Loft

Screen Print on a Tote Bag **D**

Screen print a saying and an image onto a tote bag.

- Monday, May 4 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 12 / 6-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 21 / 6-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 30 / 2-3:30 p.m.

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Seed Swap **D**

Join us to swap seeds with local gardeners. This will also be your first chance to get seeds from our heirloom seed library.
Saturday, March 7 / 1-2:30 p.m.
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.
March 19, April 16, May 21
Bisbee Conference Room

Genealogy Research at the Library **R**

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

- *Thursdays / 1-4 p.m.*
March 19, April 16, May 21
- *Mondays / 10 a.m.-1 p.m.*
March 30, April 27, May 11
Computer Lab

Walking Chicago's Coast: A 63-Mile Journey to the Indiana Dunes **R**

Celebrate Earth Month and National Parks Week with an inspiring local story; from Rogers Park to Indiana Dunes National Park.
Tuesday, April 21 / 7-8 p.m.
Online via Zoom



Flappers, Floopies and Feminists - Chicago Women and the Roaring Twenties **R**

Historian Laurie Russell examines how Chicago women were the epitome of the Roaring Twenties.
Tuesday, April 14 / 2-3 p.m. / Carnegie Community Room

Nico Lang Author Event **R**

Discussion with Nico Lang, author of *American Teenager: How Trans Kids Are Surviving Hate and Finding Joy in a Turbulent Era*.
Tuesday, April 21 / 6:30-8 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

The Presidents Club **R**

Gary Midkiff explores the complex relationships between U.S. Presidents from Herbert Hoover to Barack Obama.
Wednesday, April 29 / 1:30-3 p.m.
Huntley Community Room



Coasting through Maine **R**

Rocky bays, cliff-top lighthouses, peaceful harbors, and secluded islands make the shores of Maine one of the most spectacular and attractive coastal areas in America.
Wednesday, May 20 / 1-2 p.m. / Huntley Community Room

Women Spies in World War II: The Women of the SOE **R**

Local author Kit Sergeant explores the adventures of some of the Special Operations Executive's unimaginably brave women.
Thursday, April 30 / 7-8 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

KARE Small Mammals **R**

Ambassadors of Kane Area Rehabilitation and Education for Wildlife introduce us to their small mammal friends. This program is for adults.
Wednesday, May 6 / 10-11 a.m.
Huntley Community Room

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Celebrating the Cherry Blossom Festivals ^R

Yvonne Wolf will provide an overview of Japan's national flower through the celebration of cherry blossom festivals.
Friday, March 6 / 1-2 p.m.
Huntley Community Room



Joyous Japan ^R

Follow the blooming cherry blossoms, and learn about Japan's cuisine, rich history, and vibrant culture.
Tuesday, March 24 / 7-8 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

Crafts



Adult Grab 'n' Go Kit Felted Whimsical Mushroom Pin Cushion ^R

Experience the art of needle felting as you create a whimsical mushroom pin cushion.
Use April 6 date on calendar
Pick up kit April 6-13
Research and Reading Desk



Paint It! Patriotic Skyline ^R

Join the celebration and create a simple but stunning American flag painting, complete with a forest skyline silhouette.
Thursday, May 14 / 1:30-3 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

Book Clubs

Check out our wide variety of 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

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: Recent Releases
Saturday, May 2 / 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

Concerts



Sundays / 2-3 p.m. **D**

* Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation

Luck of the Irish - Gavin Coyle, Carlyn Lloyd, and Jon Warfel

• March 8

*Lakeshore Rush**

• April 12

Elgin Symphony Orchestra

*Woodwind Trio**

• March 29

*Quartet 61**

• April 26

Games & More

American Mahjong **D**

Join us for a weekly mahjong meetup.

Tuesdays / 2-4 p.m.

• March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

• April 14, 28

• May 5, 12, 19, 26

Check calendar for room location

Ukulele Strum & Sing **D**

Come play and sing with us! Bring your ukulele.

Wednesdays / 1-2:30 p.m.

• March 4, 11, 18, 25

• April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

• May 6, 13, 20, 27

Check calendar for room location

Board Game Night **D**

Meet up with fellow board gamers. Bring a favorite game or grab one from our collection.

Wednesdays / 6-8:30 p.m.

• March 18, April 15, May 20

Check calendar for room location

El Día de los Niños Lotería (Spanish, All Ages) **R**

Acompáñenos a celebrar el Día del Niño con una celebración especial de lotería. Para todas las edades. Presentado sólo en español.

Jueves, Abril 30 / 6:30-8 p.m.

Carnegie Community Room

Illinois Libraries Present

A statewide collaboration among public libraries



Illinois Libraries Present **R**

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



Beyond the Page with Percival Everett

Thursday, March 19 / 7-8 p.m. / Online via Zoom

Industrious, irreverent, humble—though he may deny the accusation—Percival Everett, like his fiction, defies categorization.



Cristina Henríquez:

Voice, Culture, and Human Connection

Thursday, April 16 / 7-8 p.m. / Online via Zoom

Join critically acclaimed, bestselling author Cristina Henríquez for a compelling conversation about her work.



Babel-On with R.F. Kuang

Tuesday, May 19 / 7-8 p.m. / Online via Zoom

R.F. Kuang's genre-bending fiction broaches ordinarily serious topics from a satirical and fantastical perspective.

Classic Movies **D**

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

Separate Tables (1958)

• Wednesday, April 1 / 6 p.m.

The Palm Beach Story (1942)

• Wednesday, May 6 / 6 p.m.

Huntley Community Room



Adult

Financial Fitness 2026

Budgeting & Savings Basics ^R

Learn the basics of personal finance: budgeting, saving, investment strategies, and how to tackle debt.
Thursday, April 9 / 7-8:30 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Buying a Home: The Basics ^R

Learn what a lender looks for in a loan application, credit basics, and down payments.
Monday, April 13 / 7-8:30 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Retirement Reality with CBS News Business Analyst Jill Schlesinger ^R

Schlesinger explains a retirement plan, whether early or late in your career.
Tuesday, April 21 / 7-8:30 p.m.
Online via Zoom

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 / 2-3:30 p.m.

March 10, April 14, May 12

Study Room 5, choose from 3 slots

Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Small Business Owners ^R

Use AI to grow your business. Learn available options and how to adopt them.

Thursday, March 19 / 6:30-8 p.m.

Huntley Community Room

AARP Tax Preparation Service ^R

Trained volunteers will be offering free tax preparation help for anyone with individual Federal and State of Illinois returns.

Appointments are available

Wednesdays and Fridays

9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Now through April 15

Huntley Community Room

Ten Steps to a Smarter Tax Return with CFP Karen Chan ^R

Instead of just "doing" your taxes, take smart steps to manage your tax bill now and in the future.

Wednesday, March 25

6:30-8 p.m.

Huntley Community Room



Volunteer Fair: Find a Place Where You Can Help ^R

Looking to give back to your community, meet new people, and make a difference? Join us!
Friday, May 15 / 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

Business Resources



Check out our wide variety of resources.

Morningstar Investing Center:

Find a stock or mutual fund, research current or prospective holdings, read analysts' reports, and see ratings, financial reports, valuation ratios, and key ratios.

Weiss Ratings:

Online listing of the trusted Weiss guides to stocks, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs), banks, credit unions, and insurance companies.

Young Adult

Grades 9-12



Charmed! **D**

Make rainbow bag charms to bring you luck!
Tuesday, March 17 / 3-5 p.m.
The Loft

Open Mic Night **R**

Perform your music, poetry, or show off your other amazing talents during Open Mic Night.
Friday, March 13 / 5:30-7 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Teen Job Fair **D**

Bring your resume to the Library to meet businesses that are looking for seasonal or part-time employees.
Sunday, March 22 / 1-3 p.m.
Geneva Public Library

TBR Pop-Up - Spring Break Edition **D**

Stop by The Loft and explore new YA titles to read during spring break.
Monday, March 30 / 1-4 p.m.
The Loft

Celebrate Happy! **D**

Design and paint your own craft paper celebration sign to highlight all your fun moments.
Wednesday, April 1 / 2-4 p.m.
The Loft

Flower Pounded Art **R**

Hammer flowers to make natural dye and create abstract art pieces!
Wednesday, April 22 / 6-7 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Adventures in Anime **D**

Talk all things Anime or Manga as you make Demon Slayer bookmarks.
Monday, April 27 / 3-5 p.m.
The Loft

Loft Open House **D**

Entering 9th Grade
Check out The Loft before 9th grade! Snack, game, and meet other soon-to-be freshmen.
Sunday, May 3 / 1-4 p.m.
The Loft

What, Me Worry? **D**

Make a resin worry stone fidget to help in times of worry.
Thursday, May 7 / 3-5 p.m.
The Loft

Exam Cram **D**

Ace finals! Cram those last-minute facts and figures during Exam Cram.
Thursday, May 21 / 3-9 p.m.
Huntley Community Room



First Four

Get in the game... literally! Go head-to-head in a First 4 basketball tournament.
Thursday, March 19 / 5:30-7 p.m.
The Loft



Sprayed Book Edges **R**

Use an airbrush tool to create a limited-edition book for your collection.
Friday, April 3 / 1-3 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room



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

Live at the Library!



Culture Shock Chicago Dance & Music **D** (Families)

Come for an energetic performance of music and movement.

Friday, April 3 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Huntley Community Room / Limited Space

**Pick up tickets at the YS Desk*



Firefly Family Theatre **D** presents **The Story Garden** (Ages 0-5)

Join Spark the Firefly and her friends for stories and songs about spring.

Tuesday, April 28 / 10-10:45 a.m.

Huntley Community Room

Limited Space

**Pick up tickets at the YS Desk*

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.

Miller Haase Community Room

Princess Pulverizer:

Grilled Cheese and Dragons

- March 5

*A Light in the Attic and
Where the Sidewalk Ends*

- April 2

*Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School,
and Other Scary Things*

- May 7

March Book Madness Viewing **D** (Families)

D303 families are encouraged to stop by to view the current March Book Madness videos.

Tuesdays / 5-7 p.m.

- March 10, 17, 24

Reading with Rover **R** (Families)

Sign up for a 15-minute block of reading with one of the trained dogs from Fox Valley Therapy Dog Club.

Saturdays / 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

March 21, April 18, May 9

Miller Haase Community Room

Choose from 4 time slots.

You can also drop in from 11-11:30 a.m. to meet the therapy dogs.

Monthly Book Subscription Box **R**

- **Rising Readers (Grades K-2)**
- **Bookish Box (Grades 3-5)**
- **Lit Loot (Grades 6-8)**

Get a book, snack, activity, and bookmark tied to a monthly theme.

- *Tuesday, March 10*

- *Friday, April 10*

- *Sunday, May 10*

Pick up on hold shelf thru the 20th

Library in the Wild

- **Twin Leaf Tales**
- **Stories at the Nature Center**
- **Barnyard Books**
- **StoryWalk**

Check out our website for dates and times.



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

Storytimes **R**

Check out our wide variety of Storytimes!

- My First Storytime
- 2 & 3 Storytime
- Family Storytime



Let's Celebrate!

Pi Day! **D** (Families)

Drop in for a scavenger hunt and π (Pi) passive programs.
Saturday, March 14 / 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Helen Gale Room

Baby Band **D** (Ages 0-23 Months with Caregiver)

We will provide the instruments and rhymes!
Friday, March 27
9:30-10:30 a.m. and 6-7 p.m.
Helen Gale Room

Pajama-rama **D** (Families)

Don't miss this cozy celebration! Get comfy and join us for crafts, games, and relaxation.
Thursday, April 16 / 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Helen Gale Room, Youth Services Department

Día: Read the World **D** (Families)

Celebrate Día with a self-guided activity highlighting books, languages, and cultures from around the world.
Thursday, April 30 / 12-4 p.m.
Helen Gale Room

Baby Prom **D** (Ages 0-5 with Caregiver)

Join us for dancing and activities on this special farm-themed evening. Fancy attire welcome.
Friday, May 15 / 5:30-7 p.m.
Helen Gale Room, Youth Services Department

TMNT Movie & Pizza Party **R** (Grades 6-8)

Sign up for a pizza and movie party out on the Terrace Garden!
Friday, May 29 / 5:45-7:30 p.m.
Terrace Garden

Create & Discover



Rainbow Weather Wands **R** (Grades K-2)

Create rainbow weather wands while exploring spring colors, rainbows, and weather through simple crafting.
Friday, May 15 / 4-4:45 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room

Craft Night: Beaded Bracelets **D** (Grades 6-8)

Join us for a drop-in beaded bracelet craft program with step-by-step instructions.
Tuesday, March 3 / 6-8 p.m.
Helen Gale Room

Maker Monday Painted Garden Rocks **D** (Grades K-5)

Stop by the Library to decorate some rocks for your garden!
Monday, March 9 / 4-4:45 p.m.
Helen Gale Room

Build Your Own **D** Leprechaun Trap (Grades K-2)

Create and decorate leprechaun traps with craft supplies and St. Patrick's Day fun.
Wednesday, March 11 / 4-4:45 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room

Weather Dot Art **D** (Ages 2-3 with Caregiver)

Use dot paints and dot stickers to create weather-themed art.
Monday, March 16 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Helen Gale Room

Build a Fort **D** (Grades 6-8)

Use Big Blue Blocks, stacking cups, Ultimate Fort Builder, and building panels to build!
Monday, March 30 / 3-4:30 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room

Create-a-Button **D** (Grades K-5)

Design your very own awesome button!
Tuesday, March 31 / 2-4 p.m.
Helen Gale Room

Mini Catapult Challenge **R** (Grades 3-5)

Build mini catapults and launch marshmallow missiles in this hands-on engineering challenge.
Friday, April 24 / 4-4:45 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room

Pressed Flower Bookmarks **D** (Grades 3-5)

Stop by the Library to make pressed flower bookmarks! Supplies are limited.
Friday, May 8 / 4-4:45 p.m.
Helen Gale Room

Computers



Tech Help [ⓓ]

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

- Tuesday, March 24 / 10-11:30 a.m.
 - Tuesday, March 31 / 10-11:30 a.m.
 - Thursday, April 9 / 2:30-4 p.m.
 - Tuesday, April 14 / 10-11:30 a.m.
 - Tuesday, May 12 / 10-11:30 a.m.
 - Thursday, May 21 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Computer Lab

Online Safety for Seniors [Ⓜ]

Learn to spot online scams and use safety practices across email, social media, and websites.

- Sunday, March 15 / 1:30-3 p.m.
 - Monday, March 23 / 6-7:30 p.m.
 - Friday, March 27 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Computer Lab

Introduction to AI [Ⓜ]

Learn what AI is, how it works, key terms like machine learning, and its benefits.

- Monday, April 6 / 6-7:30 p.m.
 - Sunday, April 12 / 1:30-3 p.m.
 - Thursday, April 16 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Computer Lab

Smartphone Photography Basics [Ⓜ]

Turn smartphone snapshots into polished photos using composition and lighting techniques for confident, creative shooting.

- Tuesday, May 5 / 10-11:30 a.m.
 - Sunday, May 10 / 1:30-3 p.m.
 - Monday, May 18 / 6-7:30 p.m.
- Computer Lab

STC Creative

Crafts of the Month



Plant Propagation Station [Ⓜ]

Learn to use Xtool Studio software to design a cute plant propagation station for your wall.

- Wednesday, March 4 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, March 14 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 17 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 25 / 6-7:30 p.m.

STC Creative



Embroidered Cards [Ⓜ]

Learn how to embellish a card with machine embroidery.

- Wednesday, April 1 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, April 11 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 14 / 6-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 22 / 6-7:30 p.m.

STC Creative



Sunglasses Season [Ⓜ]

Sew a fun sunglasses case.

- Wednesday, May 6 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, May 16 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 19 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 27 / 6-7:30 p.m.

STC Creative



▲ Creative Take and Make:

Flower Basket Quilt Block [®]

Pick up pre-cut fabric pieces to sew an 8" quilt block.

Register: Use March 2 date

Pick up: March 2-9 / Technology Help Desk

▲ The Maker Table



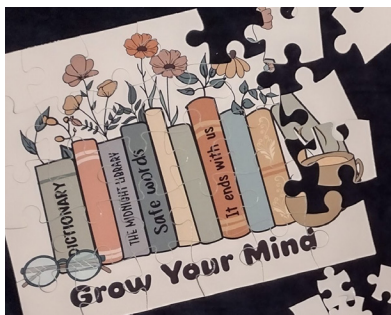
Plant and Garden Label ^D

Stop by STC Creative for a relaxing DIY craft.

- Sundays, March 8 & 22
12:30-4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 19
12:30-4:30 p.m.
- Sundays, May 3, 17 & 31
12:30-4:30 p.m.

STC Creative

▲ 5-Minute Makes



Sublimation Puzzle ^D

Transfer pre-printed images onto a sublimation puzzle blank.

- Tuesday, March 10 / 6-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 19 / 6-7:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 23 / 10-11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, March 28 / 2-3:30 p.m.

STC Creative



Decorative Wood Sign ^D

Choose from three different designs, then apply the vinyl to a wood sign.

- Tuesday, April 7 / 6-7:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 20 / 6-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 25 / 2-3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 30 / 6-7:30 p.m.

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SPRING USED BOOK SALE

- Friday, April 17 / 2:30-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18 / 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, April 19 / 12-5 p.m.

For more information, visit scpld.org/friends.

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.



St. Charles Public Library Foundation

Save the
Date

After Hours at the Library

Golf Gala Fundraiser

Saturday, April 25 / 5-8 p.m.

More information to come!

