Reader Services
Helping You Discover Your Next Great Read

“I’ve done every Google search I can think of and I can’t remember the title of a book I once read. Do you want to try?” This question was recently posed to Librarian Marlise Schiltz. It is typical of the wide variety of book-related questions fielded by the Reader Services staff.

This is one of the reasons Schiltz finds this position so much fun. She and the other five members of the Adult Reader Services team are constantly immersed in the world of books and enjoy helping connect you to your next great read.

“I really enjoy helping a patron find something to read when they are not entirely sure what they want. It usually results in a wonderful conversation about reading likes and dislikes,” said Schiltz. “We don’t just focus on plot summaries, but talk about the appeal factors of various titles and authors. We often end up walking through the stacks and pulling out various books to look at.”

Librarian Jill Culbertson noted, “We want to get it right!” She also pointed out what other Reader Services staff have noticed, too, that they get just as many great reading ideas from patrons while they are talking.

Behind the scenes, staff engage in a variety of activities “to get it right,” including ongoing training; preparing monthly New Releases brochures with titles about to be published; blogging about books on the Library website; preparing for and leading monthly book discussions; and answering “Finding What You Like?” requests.

By answering a few quick questions about the type of books you enjoy and/or want to read, Reader Services staff will create a hand-picked list of 10 or more titles they think you will want to try. “Finding What You Like?” forms are available in the Library and on our website.

While in the Library, take a look at the changing book displays in the Reader Services area. “It’s a great way to help people discover titles that they might not find browsing the larger collection,” said Librarian Jane Shelton. Three or four new displays are developed each month featuring specific authors, various genres, or collections. Here you will also find the very popular section of titles “What the Staff Is Reading.”
**What the Staff is Reading**

- **Runner** by Patrick Lee • FIC LEE
  This fast-paced thriller features a retired special forces operative who is drawn to help a young girl being pursued by a variety of governmental agencies. (Read it before it is turned into a movie!)

- **I Am Pilgrim** by Terry Hayes • FIC HAYES
  Two intelligent and independent men pitted against each other in a race around the globe to stop a terrorist plot.

- **Crossing to Safety** by Wallace Stegner • FIC STEGNER
  Originally published in 1987, this is a poignant and powerful story of friendship between two couples starting in Depression-era Wisconsin. The audiobook reader is wonderful.

- **The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry** by Gabrielle Zevin • FIC ZEVIN
  A grumpy, solitary widower is sure his life will continue on as it has, until a child is left in his bookstore. A sweet and surprising gem of a book.

- **The Spirit Level: Why Greater Equality Makes Societies Stronger** by Richard Wilkinson • 306.01 WIL
  This is a fascinating look at the effect of income equality, and how everyone (rich and poor) is impacted by inequality.

- **Mixing Audio: Concepts, Practices and Tools** by Roey Izhaki • 621.3893 IZH
  A great guide for learning how to record music and work with recorded sounds to achieve a pleasurable result, is geared toward recording in a home studio, but provides a depth of information suitable for a beginning professional to develop their craft.

- **Running for My Life: One Lost Boy's Journey From the Killing Fields of Sudan to the Olympic Games** by Lopez Lomong • 796.42 LOM
  It is a truly amazing autobiography and is quite upbeat in tone in spite of what the author suffered as a child. It is also so refreshing to hear about a professional athlete who really values education (he said his proudest day was receiving his college degree), patriotism, and giving back to others.

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**Discover Your Library Adds Issue**

Our newsletter will now be delivered to your home four times per year—in mid November, February, May and August. We have added many new and exciting events for kids, teens and adults. Discover all your library has to offer today!

**September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!**

Does everyone in your family have a library card? Come in during September to register for a new card and be entered in a drawing for an iPad Mini!

A library card gives you FREE access to books, eBooks, DVDs, computers; homework, résumé and job search help; online adult education courses; music, and much more.

Apply for your card today!

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*Bring this coupon and two forms of identification* when you register for a new card in September and be eligible for an iPad Mini drawing!

**Name:** ______________________________________________
**Address:** ______________________________________________
**Phone:** _______________________________________________
**Email:** _______________________________________________

*One ID must have your name and current address.*
Fascinating Women of History—
Regretting Mr. Wright:
Mamah Tells Her Story

Thursday, September 4 • Noon
Huntley Meeting Room

Cosponsored by the Library and the St. Charles Heritage Center
Ellie Carlson presents the fascinating story of the scandalous relationship of Martha “Mamah” Borthwick and architect Frank Lloyd Wright, on the 100th anniversary of Borthwick’s death. Bring your lunch; we’ll supply the beverages. Photo by M.F. Howe. REGISTER

Friends of St. Charles Public Library

The Friends is a non-profit organization that helps the Library by raising funds to support special programs for patrons of all ages and to purchase essential equipment that is beyond the Library’s regular budget. Members volunteer their time and talents in a variety of ways, including coordinating the spring and fall used book sales and lobby book sales. Attend a dinner and find out more!

Potluck Supper and Meeting

Monday, September 8 • 6:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Used Book Sale (Please Note: New Dates)

Friday, October 3 • 2:30–7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 4 • 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 5 • Noon–3:00 p.m.

Smile!

Attendance at programs and events sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library may be recorded through photographs or video. These images may be used for Library promotional purposes or posted on the Library’s website. Please notify a Library staff member if you or your family members do not want to be photographed.

Special Accommodations

Requests for special accommodations must be made 48 hours in advance of a Library event. If assistance is needed in using the Library, please inform a Library assistant at the Circulation Desk.

Fees

Fees are charged in the case of materials, services, or facilities provided for primary or exclusive use by individual patrons and for which patron-specific costs are incurred by the Library. When the Library incurs such fees and the individual subsequently fails to use the service without prior notification, the individual will be charged for the expense.

2nd Tuesday Book Discussions

The Library offers two book discussion groups: Morning at 10:00 a.m. and Evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Bisbee Conference Room. DROP IN

September 9

Morning – Falling to Earth
by Kate Southwood
FIC SOUTHWOOD

Evening – Someone
by Alice McDermott
FIC DERMOTT

October 14

Morning – Behind the Beautiful Forevers:
Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity
by Katherine Boo
305.569 BOO

Evening – Falling to Earth
by Kate Southwood
FIC SOUTHWOOD

November 11

Morning – A Constellation of Vital Phenomena
by Anthony Marra
FIC MARRA

Evening – Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity
by Katherine Boo
305.569 BOO

St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays • 9:15–11:45 a.m.
Huntley Meeting Room (HR) or Carnegie Community Room (CR)
The St. Charles Writers Group is a workshop for writers 18 years and over that meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month. There is no fee for membership. Facilitator is Richard Holinger. Questions? Contact Denise Blaszynski at 630-584-0076, ext. 240. DROP IN

September 13 • HR • Summer reading discussion: Essays by George Orwell

September 27 • CR • Your favorite description of nature in prose or poetry

October 11 • HR • The book or play you wish you had written

October 25 • HR • Your vote for the best poem of all time

November 8 • CR • Author Chiara Talluto on writing and publishing

November 22 • HR • Favorite fiction, nonfiction or poem focusing on a holiday
Dois No Choro in Concert

Sunday, September 14  ■  2:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Sponsored by the Friends of St. Charles Public Library

Enjoy the delightful sounds of Brazilian music with talented flutist Julie Koidin and Chicago’s best Brazilian guitarist/vocalist Paulinho Garcia. Together they create a perfectly balanced blend reminiscent of a warm Rio night. DROP IN

Let’s Play: Kitsune: Of Foxes and Fools

Wednesday, September 17  ■  6:00–9:00 p.m.  ■  Huntley Meeting Room

Local game creator Ian Price will introduce his game Kitsune: Of Foxes and Fools. The game as described by the Kitsune website: “This card game is about kitsune (foxes) who play tricks while scheming to punish mortal fools for their foolishness, sometimes teaching them a lesson in the process. By correcting mortal foolishness, the foxes earn their tails. Each player takes the role of a fox trying to earn his or her tail through impressive schemes.”

Open Gaming

Wednesday, October 15  ■  6:00–9:00 p.m.  ■  Huntley Meeting Room

Wednesday, November 19  ■  6:00–9:00 p.m.  ■  Huntley Meeting Room

We have some wonderful games donated by some of the best board game companies and they’ll all be out to play. Come hang out with some great people, play some great games and have some snacks. Bring a friend or meet some new friends with a passion for board games.

International Games Day

Saturday, November 15  ■  9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  ■  Carnegie Community Room

Enjoy tabletop gaming all day long! International Games Day is an annual celebration of games and libraries! This is a great opportunity to play some games with longer playing times. Bring your favorite game or chose one from our awesome collection! DROP IN or REGISTER

◆ Local resident Ian Price, creator of Kitsune: Of Foxes and Fools will be here to demo his game.
◆ Enter to win a copy of the games Telestrations, Tapple, or Say Anything courtesy of USAopoly.
◆ Check page 12 for information about board and video games taking place in Youth Services.

World War I:
A World Gone Mad

Wednesday, September 17  ■  7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Historian Jim Gibbons will take us through one of the most catastrophic wars in world history on the 100th anniversary of its beginning. Gibbons will highlight significant events that thrust the United States into this unwanted war, including the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the sinking of the Lusitania and the rise of Adolf Hitler leading into World War II. Learn how new weapons such as the airplane, submarine, aircraft carrier and tank were first introduced and used to achieve victory. REGISTER

Lyric Opera Lectures

Tuesdays  ■  7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

A member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will present a lecture that will enhance the opera experience with composer information, story insights, music history and musical highlights.

DROP IN

September 23  ■  Don Giovanni
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

October 28  ■  Il Trovatore
by Giuseppe Verdi

Great Decisions

Thursdays  ■  7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Great Decisions is America’s largest discussion program on foreign policy issues and world affairs. Participants may check out a copy of the briefing book at the Library and should be ready to discuss the topic prior to participation. DROP IN

September 25  ■  Energy Independence
October 23  ■  Food and Climate
November 20  ■  China’s Foreign Policy
**AARP Smart Driver Course**

Tuesday, October 7 AND Thursday, October 9  ■  9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

AARP Smart Driver is the nation’s first and largest driver safety course designed especially for drivers age 50 and above. The course covers defensive driving and provides techniques for adjusting to the normal changes in vision, hearing and reaction time associated with aging. A participation fee of $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-members includes a guidebook. Attendees pay the instructor directly. **REGISTER**

**Microcosm: A Journey into the Ocean Through a Microscope**

Thursday, November 6  ■  7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Do you know what lives inside a drop of water? You won’t want to miss this journey into the unseen ocean world with Michele Hoffman Trotter, creator of the upcoming documentary Microcosm, funded in part by the John G. Shedd Aquarium. You will have a hands-on opportunity to look through a microscope and see these dazzling, beautiful and diverse creatures. **REGISTER**

**Business Tax Seminar**

Wednesday, December 3  ■  6:30–8:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

This workshop is a must for any entrepreneur who envisions starting a business and highly recommended for current owners who want a refresher on taxes. Presenter Harry Eng (CPA, EA, MBA), is a SCORE Certified Business Mentor, financial executive and expert on federal and state taxation. Eng explains the most common types of taxes, how the form of business affects how income is distributed and reported, and what constitutes income and expenses. He will also cover record keeping requirements; when and how a business reports and pays its taxes; penalties for not doing it right or on time; and where you can get help when you need it. **REGISTER**

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**Movie Series with Dann Gire: Top Movie Villains of All Time!**

**Thursday, September 25  ■  7:00 p.m.**
Carnegie Community Room

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

Join Daily Herald film critic Dann Gire, president of the Chicago Film Critics Association, for a countdown of villainy revealing the greatest antagonists ever to be featured in movies. Will Freddy Krueger or Ming the Merciless make the cut? Come and see if your favorite movie villain makes the list. Refreshments will be served. **REGISTER**

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**Haunting of Two Salem Witches**

**Tuesday, October 14  ■  Noon**
Carnegie Community Room

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

Amazing Women History Theatre presents the stories of Bridget Bishop and Martha Corey, the first and the last women to be hung in the Salem Witch trials in 1692. Their stories are chilling, yet touching and inspirational, with flashes of humor and wisdom. **REGISTER**

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**Sunday Afternoon Concerts**

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

**October 5  ■  Talented jazz pianist Tim Green** has been recognized by All About Jazz as one of a growing number of jazz musicians who are shaping jazz for the 21st century. He will be joined by Chicago Jazz Ensemble bassist Dan Anderson.

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* **October 26  ■  Dana Shin** is a professional cellist with nearly 10 years of experience performing in the Chicagoland area, throughout North America and Eastern Europe.

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* **November 9  ■  Acoustic guitarist Jim Green** has been named one of the best independent artists in the Midwest by Billboard Magazine.

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* Designates a classical concert funded through donations to the St. Charles Public Library Foundation. **DROP IN**

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**Personal Safety**

**Thursday, October 23  ■  10:00–11:00 a.m.**
Huntley Meeting Room

Do you know how to protect yourself in public? St. Charles Police Department’s Crime Prevention/Elderly Service Officer, Bill Tynan, will speak with older adults about steps that can be taken to stay safe when out shopping, driving or walking around town. Cosponsored by the Library and the St. Charles Police Department. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. **REGISTER**
**Computer Classes**

**Register at the Adult Reference Desk.**

### Monthly Introductory Computer Classes

**Notes:**
- Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.
- A $10 refundable cash deposit is required at the time of registration.
- REGISTER at the Adult Reference Desk.
- Class size is limited to 10 people.
- Class cancellations will be posted in the Library and on our website.

For complete class descriptions, please visit the Reference Desk or our website: www.stcharleslibrary.org/computer-classes

Successful completion of **Computer & Internet Basics** is a prerequisite for all other computer classes offered OR ask at the Reference Desk for our checklist to see if you are confident with computer basics skills to skip this requirement.

### September registration begins:

- **Sunday, August 17 at noon**

#### Overview of Windows 8
- Monday, Sept. 8 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 15 • 6:30–8:30 p.m

#### Computer & Internet Basics
- Tuesday, Sept. 9 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 10 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.

#### Digital Camera & Photo Editing Basics
- Saturday, Sept. 13 • 10:00 a.m.–Noon
- Saturday, Sept. 20 • 10:00 a.m.–Noon

#### Introduction to MS PowerPoint 2010
- Wednesday, Sept. 17 • 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 24 • 5:30–7:30 p.m.

#### Introduction to MS Excel, Level 1
- Monday, Sept. 22 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 29 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

#### October registration begins:

- **Sunday, September 21 at noon**

#### Introduction to MS Excel 2010, Level 2
- Monday, Oct. 6 • 6:30–8:30 p.m
- Monday, Oct. 13 • 6:30–8:30 p.m

### November registration begins:

- **Sunday, October 19 at noon**

#### eBay Buying & Selling
- Monday, Nov. 3 • 6:30–8:30 p.m
- Monday, Nov. 10 • 6:30–8:30 p.m

#### Computer & Internet Basics
- Tuesday, Nov. 4 • 6:00–8:00 p.m
- Wednesday, Nov. 5 • 6:00–8:00 p.m

#### Introduction to MS Word 2010
- Monday, Nov. 10 • 6:30–8:30 p.m
- Monday, Nov. 3 • 6:30–8:30 p.m

#### Overview of Windows 8
- Tuesday, Nov. 18 • 5:30–7:30 p.m
- Tuesday, Nov. 11 • 5:30–7:30 p.m

### Overview of Windows 8
- Monday, Oct. 20 • 6:30–8:30 p.m
- Monday, Oct. 27 • 6:30–8:30 p.m

### Introduction to Google Docs
- Tuesday, Oct. 21 • 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 28 • 5:30–7:30 p.m.

### Computer & Internet Basics
- Tuesday, Oct. 14 • 10:00 a.m.–Noon
- Thursday, Oct. 16 • 10:00 a.m.–Noon

### Overview of Windows 8
- Monday, Oct. 20 • 6:30–8:30 p.m
- Monday, Oct. 27 • 6:30–8:30 p.m

### Introduction to MS Word 2010
- Tuesday, Oct. 11 • 5:30–7:30 p.m
- Tuesday, Oct. 4 • 6:00–8:00 p.m

### Overview of Windows 8
- Monday, Oct. 6 • 6:30–8:30 p.m
- Monday, Oct. 13 • 6:30–8:30 p.m

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YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Not Just Capes

**Thursdays • 4:00–5:15 p.m.**
**Huntley Meeting Room**

Get ready for something different! Not Just Capes is a monthly graphic novel discussion for non-superhero graphic novels. From realistic fiction to sci-fi and all things in-between, if there are no capes or tights, we’ll read it. Copies of each month’s selection will be in *The Loft* to read or check out. Come to the discussion on the fourth Thursday of the month for some talking and snacking. Open to all high school students.

**DROP IN**

- **September 25**
  **This One Summer**
  by Mariko Tamaki  •  YA 741.5 TAM
  Every year, Rose and her family go to the lakehouse, and friend Windy—the little sister Rose never had—is there. It’s fun all summer. Except this summer Rose’s parents aren’t getting along, Windy seems a little too young, and there is all of the drama that comes with growing up.

- **October 23**
  **His Face All Red**
  by Emily Carroll  •  www.emcarroll.com
  Come journey through the macabre and terrifying tales of Emily Carroll. These short webcomics are free and available at www.emcarroll.com. We’ll be reading and discussing:
  - His Face All Red
  - The Hole the Fox Did Make
  - Out of Skin
  - The Three Snake Leaves
  - Margot’s Room
  - The Prince and the Sea
  - Out the Door

- **November 20  •  Note: this is a week earlier due to Thanksgiving**
  **Swallow Me Whole**
  by Nate Powell  •  YA 741.5 POW
  "In his most ambitious book to date, Powell quietly explores the dark corners of adolescence—not the cliched melodramatic outbursts of rebellion, but the countless tiny moments of madness, the vague relief of medication and the mixed blessing of family ties. As the story unfolds, two step-siblings hold together amidst schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive disorder, family breakdown, animal telepathy, misguided love and the tiniest hope that everything will someday make sense."

Banned Books Week: September 21 – 27

Have you seen Invisible Man, The Face on the Milk Carton or Where’s Waldo? These books have been targeted for removal from bookshelves across the country. Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted bannings of books across the United States and emphasizing the importance of the First Amendment and the power of uncensored literature.

Register for Young Adult Programs

online at events.stcharleslibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp, at the Reference Desk, or by calling 630-584-0076 ext. 1.

Anime Club

Geek out with other Otaku and talk anime, manga and Japanese culture. Watch some Crunchyroll. Enjoy some Japanese snacks.

Candy Sushi

**Tuesday, October 7  •  6:00–8:00 p.m.  •  Carnegie Community Room**

Create and eat candy sushi during our first meeting. DROP IN or REGISTER

Papercraft

**Tuesday, November 11  •  6:00–8:00 p.m.  •  Carnegie Community Room**

Keep your hands busy making papercraft and origami while watching some anime. DROP IN or REGISTER

Raspberry Pi Workshop

**Saturday, November 22  •  1:00–3:00 p.m.  •  Tech Center**

This is a hands-on workshop. Learn and play with the credit card-sized computer called Raspberry Pi. Experiment and learn how to install operating systems and media centers. Presented by the Glen Ellyn-based Workshop 88 makerspace. All equipment is provided. Registration is limited to 12 participants. REGISTER

www.stcharleslibrary.org  September – November 2014
Cardboard & Controllers: Teen Game Nights
We’re busting out our amazing collection of 100+ board games and the old-school video game systems: NES, Sega Genesis and Super Nintendo. Hang and play. Learn a new game. Learn an old game. DROP IN
Thursday, October 16 • 6:00–8:30 p.m.  
Huntley Meeting Room
Thursday, November 6 • 6:00–8:30 p.m.  
Huntley Meeting Room

Humans vs. Zombies
Saturday, November 1  
5:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
Back for more braaaaaains! After the Library closes, the zombies invade. Think of it as tag with NERF guns. Shoot a zombie and you’re safe until they respawn, but get caught by a zombie and join the ranks of the undead. We have a limited amount of NERF guns and ammo available, so we recommend that you bring your own gear. Pizza will be served. High school students only. Must register in person. Under 18 must have parent sign permission in person at the Library. Limited to 30 participants. REGISTER

International Games Day
Saturday, November 15  
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Carnegie Community Room
Enjoy tabletop gaming all day long! Play a game to enter to win a copy of Telestrations, Tapple, or Say Anything courtesy of USAopoly. Bring your favorite game or chose one from our awesome collection! Ian Price, local creator of Kitsune: Of Foxes and Fools will be here to demo his game. See page 12 for youth activities.

College Prep at the Library
Please register in person or by phone for the programs listed below.

ACT Practice Tests
Saturday, September 27 • 9:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room OR
Saturday, November 8 • 9:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
Conquer those pretest jitters early and improve your scores by taking a practice ACT exam at the Library. Kaplan will contact students individually with personalized results. College is right around the corner!

Perfecting Your ACT Writing Assessment
Wednesday, September 24 • 7:00–8:30 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
Learn easy ways to immediately transform your scores on the ACT Writing portion! Jordan Catapano will teach specific writing techniques so you will be able to compose an articulate, sophisticated essay in 30 minutes.

Writing the Perfect Application Essay
Tuesday, September 30 • 7:00–8:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
Composing that perfect college essay can be intimidating when you don’t know what to say. Professional writer and ACT writing specialist Jordan Catapano has helped hundreds of students write essays that stand out. He will demonstrate ways to get your essay recognized by the schools of your choice.

Choosing a College Major
Tuesday, October 14 • 7:00–8:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
High school graduation is fast approaching. Looking for direction? Peg Hendershot from Career Vision will guide you through the steps you need for successful college major selection and career planning. Parents welcome.

College Knowledge: Tips from Inside the Admission Committee
Tuesday, October 28 • 7:00–8:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
This enlightening presentation will cover the college admissions process, including campus visits, application tips, financial assistance and finding the right school for you. Julie Nelson, Regional Recruitment Director for Xavier University, brings a wealth of information from her more than 20-year career in college admissions, and can answer any questions or concerns you have about the admissions process. Parents are welcome.
Celebrate reading for fun! We have inspirational stories, how-to books and great fiction to get you started. Graphic novels, eBooks, audiobooks also are available. Ask us about career resources and programs just for teens that will help you turn YOUR dreams into reality!

2014 Teens’ Top Ten Nominations Are Here!

Pick up a list of the nominated books in The Loft or at the Reference Desk. Readers ages 12 to 18 can vote online at www.ala.org/yalsa/reads4teens, anytime between now and September 15. Title winners will be announced during Teen Read Week.

Selected Titles—

**Siege and Storm** (Grisha Trilogy #2) by Leigh Bardugo • YA FIC BARDUGO
Hunted across the True Sea and haunted by the lives she took on the Fold, Alina must try to make a life with Mal in an unfamiliar land, all while keeping her identity as the Sun Summoner a secret.

**Steelheart** by Brandon Sanderson • YA FIC SANDERSON
At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers, and now, 10 years later, he joins the Reckoners—the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny.

**The Testing** by Joelle Charbonneau • YA FIC CHARBONNEAU
Sixteen-year-old Malencia (Cia) Vale is chosen to participate in The Testing to attend the University; however, Cia is fearful when she figures out her friends who do not pass The Testing are disappearing.

**Earth Girl** by Janet Edwards • YA FIC EDWARDS
Abandoned on Earth because of her inability to survive on other planets, Jarra crafts a fake background for herself to join a class of norms who are excavating the dangerous ruins of the old cities.

**This is What Happy Looks Like** by Jenifer E. Smith • YA FIC SMITH
Perfect strangers Graham Larkin and Ellie O’Neill meet online when Graham accidentally sends Ellie an email about his pet pig, Wilbur. The two 17-year-olds strike up an email relationship from opposite sides of the country and don’t even know each other’s first names. When the relationship goes from online to in-person, they find out whether it can be the real thing.

**Teardrop** by Lauren Kate • YA FIC KATE
Since Eureka’s mother drowned, she wishes she were dead too, but after discovering that an ancient book is more than a story, Eureka begins to believe that Ander is right about her being involved in strange things—and in grave danger.

**In the Shadow of Blackbirds** by Cat Winters • YA FIC WINTERS
In San Diego in 1918, as deadly influenza and World War I take their toll, 16-year-old Mary Shelley Black watches desperate mourners flock to séances and spirit photographers for comfort and, despite her scientific leanings, must consider if ghosts are real when her first love, killed in battle, returns.

Need Homework Help?

St. Charles Public Library now has two live, expert, online tutoring services for students in kindergarten through 12th grade, college students and adults.

HelpNow from Brainfuse is a new live tutoring service available every day from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Live tutoring is available in Illinois-aligned curriculum subjects such as English and reading, math, social studies and science. Younger students can work with a tutor in lessons using illustrations and emerging-reader vocabulary. There is also a live language lab where students can work on reading one-on-one with a Spanish-language tutor. HelpNow has 24-hour availability where students can access lessons, videos and practice tests. WritingLab provides expert help in writing assignments. Students can utilize HelpNow to make flash cards, chart progress and meet with fellow students online to collaborate on assignments.

Live Homework Help from Tutor.com has live tutors available seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to midnight. Subject help is available in math, English, social studies and science for students though college and adults. Career help and citizenship test preparation are two of the services for adults. Write Tutor provides one-on-one help with reports, essays, letters and résumés. Through the Skills Center there is 24-hour access to standardized test practice, lessons, videos, helping children with homework and more.

All you need to access these free online tutor services is your St. Charles Public Library card.
Fall/Winter Registration Dates
www.stcharleslibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp
In-person and online event registration begins:
Fall – Saturday, September 6
Winter – Saturday, November 22
Telephone registration begins:
Fall – Tuesday, September 9
Winter – Tuesday, November 25

Grandparents — look for this symbol for events for you and your grandchildren to attend!

Multi-Age Story Time
Infant–Age 5 with Parent/Caregiver
Tuesdays, September 9–November 18 (No stories Sept. 30 & Nov. 4)
9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m.
SPECIAL! Bunny Cakes will be featured on Tuesday, October 21
Wednesdays, September 10–November 19 (No stories Oct. 1)
9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m.
Open attendance; just show your St. Charles Public Library card.
Storytellers will present stories and songs that will tickle, delight and amuse. Children and adults attend together. To ensure an enjoyable story experience for everyone attending, each session will have a total capacity of 40 children and adults. Please arrive early as we will begin to distribute tickets each day 10 minutes before the story time. Door opens five minutes before the event begins. DROP IN

9th Annual Read for the Record: Bunny Cakes
Tuesday, October 21 • MULTI-AGE STORY TIME
9:30–10:30 a.m. or 10:30–11:00 a.m.
Join us and hundreds of thousands of record-breakers around the nation, as together we read Bunny Cakes by Rosemary Wells at Multi-Age Story Time. In celebration of reading, we invite everyone to enjoy the story, sing songs and take home a special memento. We support Jumpstart’s mission to work towards the day when every child in America will enter kindergarten prepared to succeed.
www.jstart.org/campaigns/read-record DROP IN

Age-Specific Story Times
The early childhood events through age two, encourage the adult to participate with the child by serving as a role model, leading the child’s hands through a fingerplay or showing him/her how to bend and stretch. Siblings may attend. Register each child and adult. Participation is limited to registered children and parent/caregiver. An adult may bring up to two children. Ask about accommodations for twins or triplets. REGISTER

Infant with Parent/Caregiver
Mondays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.
Session A: September 15–October 13
Session B: October 20–November 17

One Year Old with Parent/Caregiver
Mondays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.
Session A: September 15–October 13
Session B: October 20–November 17
Thursdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.
Session A: September 18–October 16
Session B: October 23–November 20

Two Year Old with Parent/Caregiver
Tuesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.
Session A: September 16–October 14
Session B: October 21–November 18
Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.
Session A: September 17–October 15
Session B: October 22–November 19

Three & Four Year Olds
Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.
Session A: September 16–October 14
Session B: October 21–November 18
Wednesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.
Session A: September 17–October 15
Session B: October 22–November 19
This story time fosters a love of books and reading and develops good listening skills. To encourage the child’s self-reliance, we ask that the child be comfortable attending the program alone.
Four & Five Year Olds and Half-Day Kindergarten Students

Tuesdays, 1:30–2:10 p.m.
Session A: September 16–October 14
Session B: October 21–November 18

Thursdays, 10:30–11:10 a.m.
Session A: September 18–October 16
Session B: October 23–November 20

This story time will inform, delight and stimulate on a higher level the listening and motor skills of a more mature pre-K child, as well as engage and enrich students in half-day Kindergarten.

Stories at the Nature Center

Infant–5 years with Parent/Caregiver

Fridays, September 26 • October 31 • November 21
10:30–11:00 a.m.

You are invited to hear stories at Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve, located at 37W700 Dean Street. After the program, explore the Nature Center, walk the trails and enjoy nature at its best. Cosponsored with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County. Maps are on our website.

Families outside the Library District: Register with the Forest Preserve by email at programs@kaneforest.com

Bilingual Spanish Story Time

Child, infant–age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Saturday, September 27 • October 11 • November 22
10:30–11:00 a.m.

Bilingual Spanish Story Time is a sharing of books, fingerplays, activities and songs in both Spanish and English. We encourage the adult to participate with the child by serving as a role model, leading the child or showing him/her how to participate. Siblings may attend. Register each child and adult that will be attending. Register for one or for all.

Cuentos en Español e Inglés

Para los niños infantes hasta los 5 años de edad acompañados de sus padres o cuidadores

Los Sábados • Septiembre 27 • Octubre 11 • Noviembre 22
10:30–11:00 a.m.

Durante los Cuentos en Español e Inglés compartiremos libros, juego de los dedos, actividades y canciones en los dos lenguajes, Español e Inglés. Nosotros incentivamos la participación del adulto con su niño, sirviendo de modelo a seguir, dirigiendo al niño/niña como participar. Los hermanitos pueden venir. Registre cada niño/niña y el adulto que vendrá. Regístrese para uno o para todos.

Pajama Story Time

Family–especially for young children

Tuesday, September 30 • Wednesday, October 29 • Thursday, November 13
6:30–7:00 p.m.

An evening of stories under the stars in the Helen Gale Story Room. Come dressed in your favorite pajamas and bring along your blanket or a stuffed toy.

REGISTER

Sensory-Friendly Story Times

Child with Parent/Caregiver

Saturdays, October 4 • December 6
10:30–11:00 a.m.

These story times are especially for children with autism, sensory processing or other developmental needs. The stories and activities will include sensory elements of repetitious language, music and movement to engage the child through age seven. We encourage the adult to participate with the child by serving as a role model, leading the child or showing him/her how to participate. Siblings may attend. Register each child and adult that will be attending. Register for one or both.

REGISTER

Stories Live!

Child, infant–age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Saturday, October 25 • Little Red Hen
10:00–10:30 a.m. OR 11:00–11:30 a.m.

Friday, November 14 • Anansi • 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25 • Three Bears
10:00–10:30 a.m. OR 11:00–11:30 a.m.

Your favorite stories will come alive as the storyteller tells and then explores with you the various ways to share the story again through puppetry, fingerplay, song and more. These early literacy story experiences are offered throughout the year. We encourage you to attend each multiple times over the years, as children will experience a story differently at each age/stage of development.

REGISTER
Youth Services Events

For Families

Book Character Visit: Curious George

Friday, November 7 • 4:00 p.m.


Register or Drop In

Families living outside the Library District may attend on a space available basis.

22nd Family Read-Aloud Book Club

Register at the Ask Me Desk beginning Wednesday, November 12

The Family Read-Aloud Book Club encourages lifelong literacy and motivates families to share reading aloud as a daily tradition. Record time spent as a family reading aloud and receive rewards! Rewards include books dedicated to the family, autographed children's books, certificates to local businesses and canvas book bags. Receive your family book log and details when you enroll. Register

Thank you to the following local businesses for their support of the Family Read-Aloud Book Club:

- Breadsmith
- Burger King
- Chili’s
- Colonial Cafe & Ice Cream
- Heinz Brothers Greenhouse Garden Center
- Norris Recreation Center
- Trellis Farm & Garden

International Games Day

Family & Students K–8

Saturday, November 15 • 10:00 a.m.–Noon & 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Huntley Meeting Room

Board games, Wii, PS3 and Xbox 360 with Kinect—drop by for an hour or two or more to test your skills with members of your family or with other participants. Stop by the Huntley Meeting Room to sign-in for gaming during the designated hours. Drop In

High School and Adults in the Carnegie Community Room

Enjoy tabletop gaming all day long! Play a game to enter to win a copy of Telestrations, Tapple, or Say Anything courtesy of US Aopoly. Bring your favorite game or chose one from our awesome collection! Ian Price, local creator of Kitsune: Of Foxes and Fools will be here to demo his game. Drop In

Youth Services

The Rock n’ Roll Variety Juggling Show

Monday, October 13 • 1:00–2:00 p.m.

It will be great Fun as Jason Kollum juggles HUGE stuff, does eye-popping balancing stunts and even some magic while you watch in amazement and fill the room with laughter! This show has it all! Children through age seven must be accompanied by an adult. Students in grades 3–8 may attend solo. Register

You Build with LEGO®

Monday, October 13 • 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 15 • 10:00–10:45 a.m. OR 11:00–11:45 a.m. OR 1:00–1:45 p.m. OR 2:00–2:45 p.m. OR 3:00–3:45 p.m.

Bring your imagination. We have all you will need to create with LEGO® bricks. Your creation will be posted to the Kids Facebook page and displayed in Youth Services until the next event. Children through age seven must be accompanied by an adult. Students in grades 3–8 may attend solo. See page 13 for student LEGO® events. Register

Picture Book Month

Celebrate your love of picture books always, but especially during November by sharing your favorite book titles with us. Visit the Ask ME Desk for an introduction to You’ve Got to Read This/our book review database. Then write a review on your favorite book. Everyone who submits a review will be entered into a drawing for an autographed picture book. Reviews will be accepted November 1–30. Details at the Ask ME Desk.
Family Reading Night

Thursday, November 20 • 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Settle in for some cozy listening as storytellers read aloud their favorite stories. Enjoy fun activities in between the stories. Time may be included on your Family Read-Aloud book log. Family Reading Night, sponsored by Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian, and the Illinois Center for the Book, is an annual statewide event that encourages families to spend quality time reading together. REGISTER or DROP IN.

You Design with LEGO®

Grades 3–8 (STEM)

Wednesday, September 24 • 4:00–5:00 p.m.
- Wild Animal
Thursday, October 16 • 4:00–5:00 p.m.
- Scarecrow
Monday, November 24 • 2:00–3:00 p.m.
- Feast

Use your imagination in designing and building a LEGO® creation in the designated theme. Creations that meet the criteria will be judged on creative interpretation of theme; complexity; thought process behind the design; and completion within the designated 45-minute time. Awards will be presented. Work as an individual or as a member of a team. We have all you will need to create with LEGO® bricks. Think ahead and come with your plans. All creations will be displayed in Youth Services until the next event and also posted on the Kids Facebook page. See page 12 for family LEGO® event. REGISTER.

Traveling Tales

Discover your Library out and about at businesses that partner with the Library. Stories will be shared, services highlighted and you may register for a library card. Already have a St. Charles library card? Show it to receive a special gift. There will be plenty of surprises. REGISTER or DROP IN.

- Just Kabobs 1825 W. Main St.
  630-443-3400
  Thursday, October 9 • 4:30 p.m.
- McDonald’s 3900 E. Main St.
  630-443-6015
  Friday, October 17 • 4:30 p.m.
- Kimmer’s 1 W. Illinois St.
  Ice Cream 630-762-9480
  Monday, October 27 • 4:30 p.m.
- Nick’s Pizza 990 S. Randall Rd.
  & Pub Elgin, IL
  847-531-5550
  Monday, November 3 • 6:30 p.m.

Nature Tales

Grades K–2 (STEM)

Monday, September 29 • Fascinating Fish
Tuesday, October 21 • Spiffy Spiders
Tuesday, November 18 • Animal Talk
4:30–5:15 p.m.

Discover and learn about animals in nature through story, song and interactive activities with Karen Ritter of Karen’s Nature Tales. REGISTER.

Movie Nights

Grades 4–8

Fridays, September 26 • October 24 • November 7
4:30–7:00 p.m.

Watch a recent release on the big screen. Titles will be posted on the Library website and at the ASK ME Desk. Pizza provided by Gino’s East; popcorn and lemonade will be served. Registration closes on Thursday at noon the day before the movie. REGISTER.

Origami Workshops

Tuesday, October 7 (STEM)
Grades K–2 • 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Grades 3–8 • 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Monday, November 17
Grades K–2 • 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Grades 3–8 • 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Learn paper folding as Vincenzo Lombardo demonstrates and guides you in the traditional Japanese art of origami. Students will create one–two pieces to take home. To accommodate as many students as possible, registration is limited to one date. REGISTER.

Junior Friends of the Library

Grades 6–8

Middle school students are eligible to volunteer weekly in Youth Services. If you are interested, we recommend placing your name on the waiting list at the ASK ME Desk. We contact students on the waiting list each August, December and April.

For Students
**Scary Stories at Creek Bend**

Grades 3–Adult  
Saturday, October 25 • 8:00–9:00 p.m.

Spine-chilling scary stories will be told by storytellers Donna Dettman and A. Denise Farrugia as dusk turns to darkness. Gather at the outdoor amphitheater for stories by the campfire at Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve, located at 37W700 Dean Street. In the event of inclement weather, stories will be told indoors at the Nature Center. Cosponsored with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County. Bring blankets and flashlights. Maps are on our website. REGISTER

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**Squirms & Giggles**

Grades K–2  
Thursday, October 30 • 4:30–5:15 p.m.

Halloween fun with just a touch of mystery will have you squirming and giggling. Wear your Halloween costume and join in the parade at the conclusion of the program. REGISTER

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**Babysitter Training**

Babysitter with First Aid and CPR for Infant & Child • Ages 11–15  
Monday AND Tuesday, November 24 & 25  
Two six-hour training workshops • 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Fee: $45 REGISTER

Become a Red Cross certified babysitter. Training will cover all aspects of babysitter responsibilities and includes a Babysitter Training set which features valuable resources—handbook, emergency reference guide and CD–ROM with templates, organizer, activities and more. Students must attend the entire training workshop and successfully pass all observable skills to receive First Aid certification valid for three years, CPR certification for one year and Babysitter certification.

Grant funding provided by the Friends of St. Charles Public Library and St. Charles Kiwanis. Min. of 8/max. of 10 students.

Students living outside the Library District may register beginning 11/10 for $65.

**Registration Requirements:**

A completed Babysitter Application form, including student and parent signatures, is due at registration. The form is available at the ASK ME Desk and online. In-person registration only.

Full payment (cash or check payable to St. Charles Public Library) is required to register or to add your name to the waiting list. Cancellations must be made by noon on Friday, November 21. Late cancellations or no-shows will result in loss of fee. In the event that a student on the waiting list is not called to attend, a refund will be mailed.

Waiting List – Up to two applications will be accepted per training session. All applicants will be contacted after the cancellation deadline regarding registration status.

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**Library Tour & Hunt**

Wednesday, October 15 • Thursday, November 13

A hands-on workshop that introduces Scouts to all Youth Services has to offer. Scouts become familiar with where resources and collections are located, as well as how the Library is organized, gain quick tips on how to locate resources and learn about the various services, including digital. Customized hunts have Scouts using clues to seek out locations and answers in the Department.

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**Especially for Boy Scouts**

**Bear**  
Past is Exciting & Important • Tuesday, October 28

**Webelo**  
Communicator • Monday, October 20

**Citizenship** • Thursday, November 6

These workshops are designed to meet several of the requirements of the Scout achievement or badge. Additional workshops will be offered during January–March 2015.

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**Especially for Girl Scout Leaders**

Thursday, October 16 • 7:00–8:00 p.m.

In partnership with Girls Scouts of Northern Illinois, leaders are invited to get acquainted with the Girl Scouts USA National Program Portfolio. Let us guide you to the resources you need to share with your Girl Scouts for their Journeys and Skill Builder badge achievements. The workshop will address the Girl Scouts USA National Program Portfolio including Girls Guide to Girl Scouting, the Journeys and how to customize it for your troop. You will learn quick tips and shortcuts to locating Library resources, online and print, that will provide background information related to the Girl Scout Legacy and Skill Builder badges. REGISTER

Leaders that live outside the Library District may register for $2 beginning 10/2.
For Adults

Preschool Forum

 Adults Only–Registration Required

Monday, November 10 • 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: Noon on Monday, November 10

Which preschool is right for your child? Representatives from preschools in St. Charles will speak about the unique qualities of their school. After the presentation, representatives will be available to answer questions. Next Forum will be November 2015. Register

Adults living outside the Library District may attend on a space available basis. Details at 630-584-9390.

Looking for a preschool in Geneva or Batavia? Drop by the Preschool Fair on Monday, November 3 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at the Batavia Public Library. Details at gpld.org and/or www.bataviapubliclibrary.org

Registration Information

Most Youth Services events require registration.

- A child’s, student’s or parent’s St. Charles Library card is required. Grandparents may register grandchildren for events with the symbol [P].
- Child or student must be the appropriate age or grade to be registered. Each person attending an event must be registered.
- Registration is on a first-come basis and continues until filled. Drop-in participation may be available.
- Families living outside the Library District may attend certain events for a fee on a space available basis. Check-in 10 minutes before the event. All attendees must meet the age/grade requirements.
- For your child’s safety, a parent or adult must accompany all children seven (7) years of age and under while in the Library. Please review the “Keeping Safe in the Library” brochure with your child.

Registration ensures that you will be contacted if an event is cancelled or delayed.

You’ve Got to Read This!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be someone else? Try on another person’s life through a biography. For more suggestions, visit You’ve Got to Read This! on our website under Kids, then Books for Kids.

The Legend of Count Dracula was inspired by this real-life Prince. Vlad had a thirst for blood and loyalty meant nothing to him. He betrayed his friends and family and befriended his enemies.

Wangari’s Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa
by Jeanette Winter • JB MAATHAI
Due to an increasing demand for lumber, most of Kenya’s trees had been cut down. Where it had once been a paradise, Kenya was now battling soil erosion, crop failure and barren land. Determined to reverse these changes, Wangari decided to start reforesting Kenya by planting nine little seedlings and enlisting the help of village woman to plant additional trees. This idea, known as the Green Belt Movement, spread throughout Africa.

Caught by the Sea: My Life on Boats
by Gary Paulsen • JB PAULSEN
This memoir by author Gary Paulsen vividly describes his sailing adventures. What would you do if you came face-to-face with a huge shark or had to sail a boat during a big storm? Filled with action from start to finish, Gary Paulsen tells the story of what he did.

Queen of the Falls
by Chris Van Allsburg • JB TAYLOR
At age 62, Annie Edson Taylor decided she needed money to live on in her old age and came up with a plan to ‘strike it rich.’ Her plan was to go over the Niagara Falls in a barrel, live to tell about it, and capture fame and fortune. The year was 1901 and no one had ever done this. She was, indeed, the first person and still the only woman to have gone over the falls alone.

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by Don Brown • JB EDISON
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You Can’t Do That, Amelia!
by Kimberly Klier • JB EARHART
Amelia Earhart was a dreamer and she dreamed of flying. Her friends and family said, “You can’t do that Amelia.” Although they meant well, these words only served to make Amelia more determined. Read how she tackled one obstacle after another to become the first woman pilot to cross the Atlantic Ocean. Through determination, perseverance and courage, Amelia Earhart made her dreams a reality.

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Teens Enjoy Remodeled Loft

“Finally there’s an Info Commons area that teens can call their own: six computers with Internet access just for high school teens to do research, work on homework assignments or just catch up on social media,” noted Young Adult Librarian Marianne Weick.

Big comfy chairs have been added to curl up in and read. Meet your friends and hang out on the modular sofas. The booths with charging stations for all your devices are a new favorite.

Look for the green corner where you can find all the hot new YA fiction and check out the TV to see what’s going on for teens at the Library. There's also an abundance of new shelving for YA audiobooks, graphic novels, nonfiction and magazines. Snacks and drinks are a few steps away. Hope you will enjoy your new space.