



# AT LARGE

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St. Charles Public Library News for Large Print Readers

## Think Spring, Think Green!

Spring has arrived and Outreach Services is looking forward to the warmer weather and sunshine. In this issue of *At Large*, I will share a homemade cleaning product recipe, the best ways to reuse and recycle, and how to take care of your eyes this allergy season. Check out our exciting programs, music events and adult art classes. St. Charles Public Library is the place you want to be!

Happy Spring!

**David J. Kelsey**  
Outreach Services Librarian

## Programs

Here is just a sampling of upcoming programs at the St. Charles Public Library. For more programs and information, refer to *Discover Your Library*, our news and event guide, ask a Library staff member or call 630-584-0076, ext. 1.

## Sunday Concert Series

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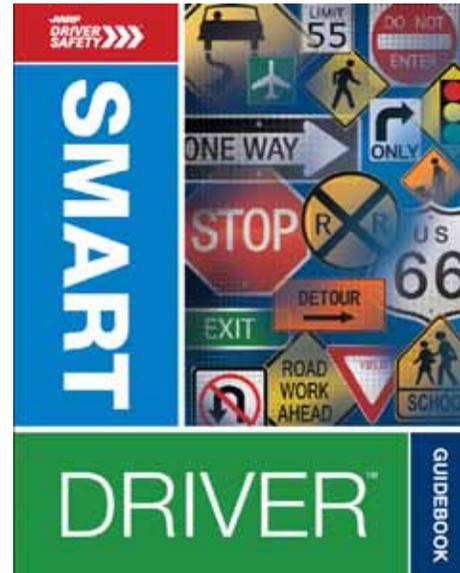
Sundays at 2:00 p.m. in the Carnegie Community Room.  
**DROP IN.**

**March 6 – Petra Sings Travelin' Tunes** - Take a musical journey across America and abroad with Chicago's acclaimed vocal/guitar duo Petra van Nuis and husband Andy Brown.



**\*March 20 – Simply Sonatas with Carlyn Lloyd and Jon Warfel** – Join us for an hour of beautiful sonatas performed by flutist Carlyn Lloyd and pianist Jon Warfel.

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



## **Planning and Planting a Veggie Garden**

Saturday, April 2  
1:00–2:00 p.m.

Huntley Meeting Room

Feed your whole family the fruits and vegetables grown from your own garden. From site preparation (size, location and soil) through harvest, a University of Illinois Master Gardener will give tips and tricks for successful gardening. **REGISTER**

## **AARP Smart Driver**

Tuesday, March 8 and  
Thursday, March 10  
1:00–5:00 p.m.

Huntley Meeting Room

AARP Smart Driver safety course is designed especially for drivers age 50 and above. It covers defensive driving techniques for adjusting to normal changes in vision, hearing and reaction time associated with aging. Learn about current rules of the road and how to operate your vehicle more safely. A fee of \$15.00 for AARP members and \$20.00 for non-members includes a guidebook. Attendees pay the instructor directly.

**REGISTER**



## Chicago's Sweet Candy History with Leslie Goddard

Friday, March 18

1:00–2:00 p.m.

Huntley Meeting Room

Get to know the sweet side of Chicago with historian Leslie Goddard! For most of its history, Chicago produced about one-third of the nation's candy—Brach's caramels, Mars Snickers bars, Wrigley's gum, Cracker Jack, Baby Ruth bars, Tootsie Rolls, and Frango Mints, to name but a few. Learn the history of these tasty treats and explore what made Chicago such a powerful location for candymakers. **REGISTER**

### Senior Spelling Bee\*

Friday, March 11

10:00 a.m. Practice Bee

Friday, March 18

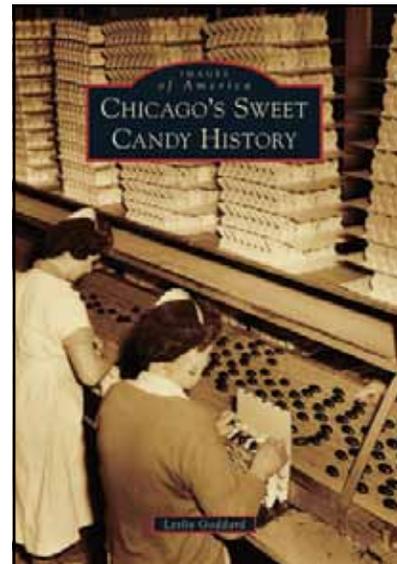
10:00 a.m. Local Spelling Bee

Carnegie Community Room

What's all the B-U-Z-Z? Adults 50+ are invited to compete in a practice spelling bee on March 11, and the local spelling bee on Friday, March 18. Local winners and runners up will advance to the regional semi-finals and potentially to the final level of competition at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield. It's going to be F-U-N.

### REGISTER

\*In partnership with the St. Charles Park District





## 65+ Senior Art Program

Friday, March 25

1:00–3:00 p.m.

Huntley Meeting Room

Paint a springtime picture on canvas! Join local artist Aimee Marx, who will guide you in creating your very own painting. No experience is necessary. Canvas, paint and all supplies will be provided. Creating art can be messy! Please wear old clothes or bring an old button down shirt or other cover-up. Participants must be 65+ and St. Charles Public Library cardholders. Space is limited. **REGISTER**

## Computer Classes

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### 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 on our website:

**[stcharleslibrary.org/  
computer-classes](http://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 basic computer skills to skip this requirement.

## March

### **Computer & Internet Basics**

Monday, March 7  
6:00–8:00 p.m. and  
Tuesday, March 8  
6:00–8:00 p.m.

### **Introduction to MS Word 2013**

Wednesday, March 9  
6:00–8:00 p.m. and  
Thursday, March 10  
6:00–8:00 p.m.

## April

### **Computer & Internet Basics**

Monday, April 4  
6:00–8:00 p.m. and  
Tuesday, April 5  
6:00–8:00 p.m.

### **Android for Beginners**

Monday, April 11  
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and  
Tuesday, April 12  
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

## May

### **iPad / iPhone for Beginners**

Monday, May 2  
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and  
Tuesday, May 3  
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

### **Computer & Internet Basics**

Monday, May 9  
10:00 a.m.–noon and  
Tuesday, May 10  
10:00 a.m.–noon

### **Facebook 101**

Monday, May 16  
6:00–8:00 p.m. and  
Tuesday, May 17  
6:00–8:00 p.m.





## Ride Through the Stacks!

Are you having trouble walking through the stacks to find your favorite author? The Library has an electric scooter for you to use in the building. The mobility scooter is available on a first-come, first-serve basis and is located on the main level of the Library. It can be pulled up to our designated computer station in the Info Commons for easy access. Stop by the Library today and try it out!

## Homemade Cleaning Product

Here's a natural cleaning product recipe by Heloise of *Good Housekeeping* to add that extra sparkle to your windows and glass.

### GLASS CLEANER

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups water
- 1/2 cup white or cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup rubbing alcohol (70% concentration)
- 1 to 2 drops of orange essential oil, which gives the solution a lovely smell (optional)

**How to use:** Combine ingredients and store in a spray bottle. Spray on a paper towel or soft cloth first, then on the glass.

**Hint:** Don't clean windows on a hot, sunny day because the solution will dry too quickly and leave lots of streaks.

## Best Ways to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

Spring makes us think about new plants, new growth, and everything green! Here are the "Top 10 Ways to Reduce Waste" and protect the environment, according to *Rethink Recycling*.

- When shopping or traveling, bring reusable bags.
- Instead of single-use items, choose products that are refillable and reusable.
- Do not purchase individually-wrapped items! Purchase items in bulk.
- Avoid items that are double-packaged.
- Buy items in concentrate forms, such as laundry detergent and dish soap.
- Compost yard waste and food scraps.
- Decrease the amount of junk mail you receive.
- Buy clothes at second-hand businesses.
- Purchase products made from recycled materials.
- Don't forget that purchasing items in large quantities will reduce waste and help you save money! Reuse juice and snack containers.



## Protecting Your Eyes During Spring Allergy Season

Spring unfortunately means allergies. Tree and flower pollen is in the air, which causes itchy and red eyes that sting and burn. Here are five ways to protect your eyes this allergy season, from a report of *WebMD*.

- When pollen reports are high, stay inside and limit outdoor activities.
- Hire someone to cut your grass.
- Avoid going into wooded areas.
- During the warmer months, use air conditioning and close windows and doors. However, be careful as air conditioning still spreads pollen inside the home.
- Buy an air filter which eliminates pollens from indoor air.



### We Deliver!

If you have difficulty getting to the Library due to mobility, prolonged illness, low vision or recent surgery, you may qualify for Outreach Services. Call us at 630-584-0076, ext. 219.



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