



# AT LARGE

September–November 2016

St. Charles Public Library News for Large Print Readers

## Fall Colors and Continuing Education

Fall is the time when children return to school; but we can all take a moment to learn about continuing education opportunities. This issue will introduce local, state and national low vision resources which offer support, provide daily living training, and can help you continue your passion for reading. Try one of the library's popular programs this fall, which include music concerts, a senior painting class, a genealogy series, historical presentations...and much, much more! Happy Autumn!

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## Programs

Here is just a sampling of upcoming programs at the Library. For 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

2:00 p.m.

Carnegie Community Room

**DROP IN**



**October 2** –Equipped with different acoustic style guitars, Folk and Blues singer and National Slide Guitar Champion

**Kraig Kenning** will impress you with his amazing skill on the guitar.

**October 23** – Award-winning pianist **Matt Peterson** will perform a mix of Ravel, Beethoven, and Chopin, in addition to one or two of his own classical compositions.



**November 13** – **Matt and Cynthia Gruel** present **Two for One Broadway**. This delightful cabaret, performed in chronological order (one show per decade from the 1940s to the 2000s), features favorite tunes from seven Broadway shows.

# Active Senior Expo

## Active Senior Expo 2016

Wednesday, September 21  
9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Kane County Fairgrounds

The Active Senior Expo showcases hundreds of products and services specifically for seniors. The Expo offers free health screenings as well as free seminars on Medicare and senior finances. Seniors will receive free giveaways and door prizes. No individual will go home empty-handed! Representatives from medical and pharmaceutical industries will be available to speak to seniors directly. The Ron and Sandie Sing & Swing Show will be this year's live entertainment at 11:30 a.m. Open to the public. No registration required.

## Social Security, Medicare and Me

Thursday, September 1  
6:30 p.m.

Huntley Meeting Room

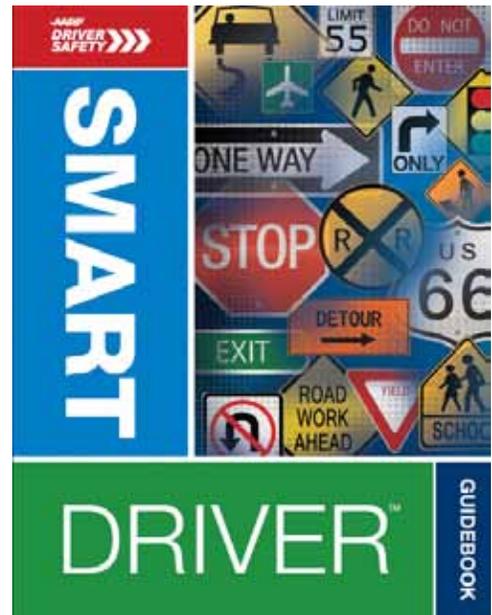
Medicare's annual Open Enrollment is between October 15 and December 7. This program covers changes to 2016 Social Security and Medicare parts A, B, C and D. Additional topics include time frames as when to apply and detailed information about your options. **REGISTER**

## 65+ Senior Art Program

Friday, September 30  
1:00–3:00 p.m.

Huntley Meeting Room

Paint a full-themed 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 other cover-up. Participants must be 65+ and St. Charles Public Library cardholders. Space is limited to 15 people. **REGISTER**



## AARP Smart Driver

Thursday, October 6 &  
Friday, October 7

9:15 a.m.-1:15 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**



## The Illinois Carnegie Library: Treasures on the Landscape

Wednesday, October 26  
7:00 p.m.

Carnegie Community Room

In the first 20 years of the 20th century, hundreds of public library buildings were built in towns across the United States through the philanthropy of Andrew Carnegie. Come take a visual journey of our state's historical Carnegie Libraries—including our very own St. Charles Public Library. Learn about the architecture of the Carnegie Library, the historical period which inspired its origination, and discover how communities have preserved and/or expanded their original library. **REGISTER**

## Genealogy Series



## Understanding Commercial DNA Test Results

Wednesday, September 28  
7:00 p.m.

Carnegie Community Room

Forensic genealogist and author Marsha Peterson-Maas will explain the three types of commercial DNA tests (atDNA, Y-DNA and mtDNA) and the options for networking to find kinship matches. The Fundamentals of Genealogy®: Basics for Everyone textbook will be available for purchase.

**REGISTER**

## A Guide to Overseas Genealogy

Tuesday, November 15  
7:00 p.m.

Carnegie Community Room

Genealogist Jacquie Schattner will detail the history of immigrant travel into the U.S. and how to locate genealogical records in most European countries. Learn about immigration, emigration and ship records plus European birth, marriage, death and census records. A list of over 30 websites for European research and a guide for translating records will be provided. **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 at:

**[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 enough with basic computer skills to skip this requirement.

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## September

### Computer & Internet Basics

Tuesday, September 6 &  
Wednesday, September 7  
6:30–8:30 p.m.

## October

### iPad/iPhone for Beginners

Monday, October 3 &  
Tuesday, October 4  
6:00–8:00 p.m.

### Android for Beginners

Wednesday, October 5 &  
Thursday, October 6  
6:00–8:00 p.m.

## November

### Keeping Your Computer Safely Running

Wednesday, November 9 &  
Thursday, November 10  
6:30–8:30 p.m.

### Facebook 101

Monday, November 14 &  
Tuesday, November 15  
6:30–8:30 p.m.

## Local Low-Vision Resources



### The Chicago Lighthouse

A world-renowned social service organization serving the blind, visually impaired, disabled and Veteran communities, The Chicago Lighthouse provides vision rehabilitation services, education, employment opportunities and assistive technology for people of all ages. This organization has been a leader in comprehensive vision care and social services that improves the quality of life for patients, clients and their families.

## **Mid-Valley Low Vision Group**

The purpose of the group is to help members of the community adapt to the challenges of living with low vision by:

- ◆ Informing them about services available
  - Transportation
  - Education
  - Rehabilitation
  - Library
  - Recreation
  - Entertainment
- ◆ Offering opportunities to learn adaptive techniques and share techniques with others
- ◆ Offering opportunities to learn and share coping strategies
- ◆ Offering members a chance to socialize with others dealing with low vision and share feelings about the challenges they face
- ◆ Offering opportunities to address concerns and challenges members may face

Prospective members are encouraged to contact Dave Peterson to get more information or to offer input on the group at (630) 918-0546 or [dcpete43@gmail.com](mailto:dcpete43@gmail.com). *Group meets at the St. Charles Public Library at 1:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.*



Chicago-based Second Sense provides programming to train people with low vision, including how to use computers with adaptive technology, adaptive technology software and equipment as well as complete daily tasks such as cooking, dining, and personal finances. Second Sense will also provide training on mobility and travel safety as well as how to start low vision support groups. Second Sense strives to make individuals with low vision feel confident to remain independent and stay active.

## **Illinois Low Vision Resources**

### **Illinois Talking Book Outreach Center**

The Illinois Talking Book Outreach Center is a resource for those who have permanent vision loss but still want to read their favorite authors. Machines and audio books are offered free of charge; products are mailed to a patron's home address. Patrons collaborate with trained reader advisors who set up service and order books you'll enjoy.

### **Braille and Audio Reading Download**

Patrons with permanent vision loss have access to more than 25,000 digital and audio downloadable books, musical scores, magazines, and other materials. A personal device or one borrowed through the National Library Service can be used. This service is offered free of charge.

## **National Low Vision Resource**

### **American Foundation for the Blind**

The American Foundation for the Blind removes barriers, creates solutions and expands possibilities so people with vision loss can achieve their full potential. The American Foundation for the Blind is a leader in expanding possibilities for the more than 20 million Americans living with vision loss. The American Foundation for the Blind connects families to support, guides the creation of more adaptive technology for individuals with low vision, offers publications to educate professionals, and advocates for legislation such as the Americans with Disabilities Act.



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