Discover Your Library
St. Charles Public Library News and Event Guide

Reading By Design

SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Interlibrary Loan: An Unrivaled Strength of Your Public Library

When a St. Charles cardholder wants an item we don’t carry—perhaps it’s a winemaking book written in French, or a DVD of a 1950s TV show—we will pursue borrowing it from another facility, and have it delivered to our Library. It’s a service called Interlibrary Loan (ILL), and it’s one of the great strengths of a public library. No company or organization can duplicate our vast network of libraries, universities and museums willing to share valuable materials.

While we borrow and lend almost 100,000 items per year through our local library consortium, some materials simply aren’t available from a nearby library. On any given day, we will also receive books, DVDs, CDs, sheet music and more from Peoria to Pittsburgh and Danville to Denver.

Here in St. Charles, we are fortunate to have dedicated staff to fill these requests.

“My favorite part of the job is the obscure items that requires digging,” said Interlibrary Loan Assistant, Holly Szpara. “Whether it’s their lifelong passion or a recent curiosity, we’re here to help our cardholders find what they need.”

“Interlibrary Loan is an ideal solution for writers and researchers,” Szpara added. “It’s also great if you’re just feeling nostalgic to re-read your favorite book from when you were 16.” Interlibrary Loan requests regularly help a wide variety of our cardholders, from home schoolers and hobbyists to beekeepers and bloggers.

Beyond borrowing and lending via our library consortium, St. Charles Library staff process nearly 7,000 transactions annually with libraries and museums coast to coast. Last year, our cardholders borrowed 3,296 items, and we lent 3,680 items. Sometimes this transferring of materials leads to unexpected surprises. “We requested a book of Ansel Adams photography, and when it arrived we knew it wasn’t just a coffee table book,” said Szpara. In fact, it was a rare book with Adams’ signature on it, and worth several thousand dollars. “We notified the lending library they might’ve made a mistake, and they asked us to make sure our borrower only looked at the book here in the Library,” Szpara said. “When we sent it back, the package was much better insured!”

“It’s a wonderful service,” said Interlibrary Loan Assistant, Vickie McFarland. “ILL gives our patrons access to so much more than what’s on our shelves.”

How to Use Interlibrary Loan

There are two ways to request materials not available in our collection. Stop by the Reference Desk on the Library’s main floor or visit our website: www.stcharleslibrary.org. Once on our site, select the Books, Music, Movies tab and click on Request Materials. Your Library will borrow from libraries, history museums and university libraries from the contiguous 48 states. Please note, for feature films, music CDs and audiobooks, we are limited to borrowing from Illinois facilities only.

Books Across St. Charles: Exchange Program Doubles its Size

A unique community bond connects The Lazarus House, the juror’s room at the Kane County Judicial Center and Rosewood Care Center. They are three of the Library’s 14 different free book exchange locations. “These are shelves filled with complimentary books and materials for anyone to borrow, keep or pass along,” said Outreach Services Librarian, David Kelsey. “And the service has grown. We’ve doubled our number of locations in the past two years.”

Book exchanges are frequently established where need and interest is the greatest, such as Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital. The Library provides a book swap in the children’s emergency room, and with patient advocates who now visit hospital rooms with a selection of our free books. Kelsey gives credit to his colleague, and Delnor volunteer, Dana Hintz. “It’s been a truly valuable service for patients and their families, and Dana made it happen.” The Library also maintains several magazine exchange locations throughout the hospital.

To keep the selection of books from getting stagnant, the Outreach Services team rotates materials monthly. “We cycle items to three or four different locations and replace what has been taken with new materials,” said Kelsey. “Along with items weeded from the Library’s shelves, our Friends group has been a great partner. They provide us with donated books to ensure the choices remain fresh and interesting.”

Book Exchange Locations:
- AMLI Apartments at St. Charles
- Carroll Tower
- Center for Academic Progress
- Cumberland Green Cooperative
- Hunt Club Village
- Kane County Judicial Center
- La Huerta Supermarket
- Lazarus House
- Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital
- Presence Pine View Care Center
- Rosewood Care Center
- Salvation Army
- St. Charles Park District’s Adult Activity Center
- Tri City Health Partnership
What the Staff Is Reading

**The Throwback Special** by Chris Bachelder
- FIC BACHELDER
Every year, a group of men holds a weekend gathering where they recreate an iconic moment in football. The story is full of humor as the guys banter about who gets to play which role, miscommunicate and experience male bonding (good in audio, too).

**Celine** by Peter Heller
- FIC HELLER
Elegant Celine may be reaching 70, but she is still better than anyone in law enforcement when it comes to finding missing people. This intriguing story is filled with compelling characters, an evocative sense of place and poignant themes of family members lost and found.

**Nexus** by Ramez Naam
- FIC NAAM
This fun, action-packed sci-fi thriller centers on the invention of a nanotechnology-based drug (called Nexus) that allows people to connect their minds directly to each other. Great for people who like a mix of suspense with a thoughtful look at the pros and cons of technology.

**The Secret Life of Violet Grant** by Beatriz Williams
- FIC WILLIAMS
Historical fiction about a wise-cracking young woman in the 1960s who would rather get a job than meet socialite expectations. Then she learns about her aunt’s secret and exciting life during WWI. Great story and very funny.

**Recipes from My Greek Kitchen** by Rena Salaman
- 641.59495 SAL
If you are ready for something new, these authentic and tasty recipes will keep you busy. Even if you don’t actually make them, you can enjoy the wonderful photos and interesting cooking tips.

**Why Not Me?** by Mindy Kaling
- 818.6 KAL
A perfect mix of advice, humor and hard reality for anyone with a job, a social life and a sense of humor.

Read before you watch: The adaptation of Daphne du Maurier’s *My Cousin Rachel* is a wonderfully moody, gothic tale of good and evil, set in beautiful and mysterious Cornwall.

The movie, *The Dark Tower* (starring Idris Elba) is being called a sequel, rather than a strict adaptation, to the entire Dark Tower series by Stephen King—eight books that mix elements of dark fantasy, horror and western. Both movies are due out in July.

For more, see our “Staff Picks” blog at: wp.stcharleslibrary.org/wordpress/staff_picks
EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Adult Programming
Adult programs are open to both St. Charles Public Library cardholders and non-cardholders. When space is limited for a particular program, St. Charles Public Library cardholders will be given priority. Non-cardholders may register beginning 14 days after St. Charles Public Library cardholders’ registration starts. Every program registrant must register under his or her own library card number or name.

2nd Tuesday Book Discussion
The Library offers two book discussion groups: Mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Bisbee Conference Room DROP IN

June 13

Morning & Evening
Manhunt: The Twelve-Day Chase for Lincoln’s killer
by James Swanson • 973.7 SWA

July 11

Morning & Evening
A Gentleman in Moscow
by Amor Towles • FIC TOWLES

August 8

Morning & Evening
Everyone Brave is Forgiven
by Chris Cleave • FIC CLEAVE

If you are a SCPL cardholder and need help getting a copy of a book for book discussion, please ask at the Reference & Reader Services Desk.

Board Game Nights
Wednesdays • 6:00–8:30 p.m.
June 21 • July 19 • August 16
Carnegie Community Room

Spend your night playing games with us! We have a huge collection of board and card games to choose from or bring along a favorite. Bring a friend or meet some new ones with a passion for board games.

Gardening at the Library

- Master Gardener Help Desk
  Saturdays • 9:00–11:00 a.m.
  May 20 • June 3 • June 17 • July 8 • July 29
  Lobby

  University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners will be available onsite to answer gardening questions. If you are wondering what to plant, how to control weeds, what to do about poor soil or want that pesky insect identified, stop by. DROP IN

- Edible Ornaments
  Saturday, June 17 • 1:00–2:00 p.m.
  Huntley Meeting Room

  Carrots in the front yard? Enhance the bounty of your landscape by growing and eating ornamental flowers, herbs, vegetables and vines that look and taste terrific. Presented by a Master Gardener from the University of Illinois Extension Office. REGISTER or DROP IN

- Vermicomposting
  Saturday, July 15 • 1:00–2:00 p.m.
  Huntley Meeting Room

  Start making the richest soil around. Let worms recycle your kitchen waste and newspapers into something you can use. Vermicomposting is a great learning experience for kids and adults. Learn how productive worms create rich castings to use as fertilizer in your houseplants and garden. Presented by a Master Gardener from the University of Illinois Extension Office. REGISTER or DROP IN

- The Tomato Clinic: Diagnosing Tomato Troubles
  Saturday, August 19 • 2:00–3:00 p.m.
  Huntley Meeting Room

  Tomatoes are a garden favorite and easy to grow, but they can succumb to a variety of ailments. Prevent disappointing yields by learning how to identify common disease symptoms, nutritional disorders and insect pests. Growers will be armed with a prescription for tomato success. Presented by a Master Gardener from the University of Illinois Extension Office. REGISTER or DROP IN

- Tomato Tasting
  Saturday, August 19 • 3:00–4:00 p.m.
  Huntley Meeting Room

  Think tomato swap! Show off your tomato harvest and get the chance to sample other types of heirloom tomatoes. Sign up to bring in some of your tomatoes. Please try to bring more than one of each type of tomato to ensure enough for everyone. The more that sign up, the more tomatoes we will have to taste! REGISTER or DROP IN
St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays • 9:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

The St. Charles Writers Group is a workshop for novice or experienced writers that meets the second and the fourth Saturday of each month. The group, facilitated by Lisa Macaione, is open to all those 18 years of age or older looking for a community of writers and to improve their writing. All genres are welcome. Questions? Contact Denise Blaszynski at 630-584-0076, ext. 240. DROP IN

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June 24 – Annual Summer Reading by Group Members
• Huntley Meeting Room

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• Carnegie Community Room

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August 12 – Share Your Nature-Inspired Piece • Huntley Meeting Room

August 26 – William Zinsser on Writing a Memoir
• Huntley Meeting Room

Friends’ Potluck Supper

Monday, June 12 • 6:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

The Friends of St. Charles Public Library is an adult group that helps the Library by raising funds to support special programs for patrons of all ages and to purchase equipment that is beyond the Library’s regular budget. Guests are always welcome. DROP IN

AARP Smart Driver

Thursday, July 13 and Friday, July 14 • 9:30 a.m.—1:30 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

Painting Workshop: Butterflies

Friday, July 21 • 1:30–3:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Celebrate the summer season and express your creativity with this fun painting workshop. First, you’ll draw a butterfly on watercolor paper from photo reference. Then learn to use watercolor pencils under instructor Christine Thornton’s guidance to add vibrant color to your painting. This program is limited to 30 participants and open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders through Wednesday, May 31. If space is still available, it will then open to non-cardholders. REGISTER

Genealogy After Hours

Saturday, June 17 • 5:00–9:00 p.m.

The St. Charles Public Library invites genealogists to our first ever Genealogy After Hours. Genealogists will have exclusive use of the library’s genealogy materials and public computers, giving them access to many of the library’s services for genealogy research. Use the time to search the library’s databases—we will have plenty of computers available or bring your own laptop and use the library’s WiFi network. Attendees can save images to a flash drive and take advantage of scanning, copying and printing during the event. Bring your genealogy questions or Ancestry and Family Tree Maker problems—professional genealogist, Caron Primas Brennan, and volunteers will be on hand to assist. Network with other genealogists; you’ll never know what you might find.

Registration is required for this After Hours event and can be done by phone or in person at the library’s Reference Desk. This program is limited to 30 participants. Pizza, snacks and beverages will be provided. This program is sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.

Women of Steel and Stone

Tuesday, July 18 • 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Anna M. Lewis, author of Women of Steel and Stone: 22 Inspirational Architects, Engineers, and Landscape Designers, will share stories of female architects, engineers and landscape designers from the 1800s to today. Their childhood passions, perseverance and creativity led these women to overcome challenges and break barriers to achieve success in their professions. Subjects include Marion Mahony Griffin, who worked alongside Frank Lloyd Wright to establish his distinct architectural-drawing style; Emily Warren Roebling, who took over duties as chief engineer on the Brooklyn Bridge project after her husband fell ill; Beverly L. Greene, the first African American woman in the country to get her architecture license; and Zaha Hadid, one of the first women to receive the prestigious Pritzker Architecture Prize. REGISTER

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Celebrating 50 Years of YA

In 1967, Viking published The Outsiders, the debut novel of a 19-year-old writer named S. E. Hinton. That book is now considered the novel that launched YA (Young Adult) literature. Whether originally written for tweens, teens or adults, these books are often found on Best of YA lists. If you missed them the first time around, read one or two or three and find out why they are the best of the best.

The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier

A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school’s annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies. Original copyright 1974.

The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton

Rivalry between rich and poor gangs in 1960s Oklahoma leads to the deaths of three teenagers and intense soul searching for one of the kids involved, a sensitive 14-year-old writer named Ponyboy. Original copyright 1967.

The Diary of a Young Girl:

The Definitive Edition by Anne Frank

Anne Frank (1929-1945) and her family, fleeing the horrors of Nazi occupation forces, hid in the back of an Amsterdam office building for two years. This is Anne’s record of that time. She was 13 when the family went into the “Secret Annex,” and in these pages, she grows to be a young woman and proves to be an insightful observer of human nature as well.

Watership Down by Richard Adams

A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Newton Peck

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Ender’s Game by Orson Scott Card

Go Ask Alice by Anonymous

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess

Nothing but the Truth by Avi

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

The Giver by Lois Lowry

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger

These titles may also be available in downloadable eBooks or eAudiobooks.

Anime Club

Tuesdays • 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Watch anime, eat snacks and hang out with fellow otaku. There’s always something to do: crafts, board games, video games and trivia.

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Modern Silhouettes: A Painting Workshop

Tuesday, June 20 • 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Carnegie Community Room

Beginners are welcome for this modern twist on a classic silhouette portrait. Choose a profile to draw freehand (or trace one of the provided printouts). Then let your imagination take over and fill in a painted design using watercolor pencils. Presented by artist Christine Thornton.

Eraser Stamps

Thursday, July 13 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Carnegie Community Room

Carve your own stamps using linocut, a relief-printing matrix made of soft linoleum or rubber. Draw a design onto the surface, and then cut with gouges and chisels. The uncarved areas ink up to yield a mirrored printed image. You will create linocuts on pink erasers and explore the basics of relief printmaking. This program is a flexible time in which you may drop in anytime between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to make a stamp. Presented by printmaker Kim Fredricks from Water Street Studios.

REGISTER or DROP IN
**Manga Book Discussion**

Join us for a special summer book discussion of two essential manga works. Read the book before the discussion and bring your copy with you. Pick up a copy at the Reference Desk. REGISTER or DROP IN

**Wednesday, June 28 • 4:00–5:00 p.m.**
Carnegie Community Room

**Wolf Children Ame & Yuki**
by Mamoru Hosoda • YA 741.5 HOS
A young mother struggles to raise her two children who just so happen to be part wolf!

**Wednesday, July 26 • 4:00–5:00 p.m.**
Carnegie Community Room

**Orange: The Complete Collection 1**
by Ichigo Takano • YA 741.5 TAK
On the day that Naho begins 11th grade, she receives a letter from herself ten years in the future. At first, she writes it off as a prank, but as the letter’s predictions come true one by one, Naho realizes that the letter might be the real deal in this heart-wrenching sci-fi romance that has over a million copies in print in Japan!

**You’ve Got to Read This!**

**The Most Magnificent Thing**
by Ashley Spires • JE SPIRES
A young girl sets out to make the “Most Magnificent Thing” but when her creation doesn’t turn out the way it looks in her head, she is forced to try again... and again...and again. This is a great story about persevering, gaining strategies to deal with frustration, and developing an engineering mindset by learning what goes wrong—and right!—with any failure in order to improve the next time.

**Zoobots: Wild Robots Inspired by Real Animals**
by Helaine Becker • J 629.892 BEC
Imagine robots that look like snakes, octopi, pillbugs, bats or jellyfish! Roboticists are currently designing these robots to solve problems, like robotic snakes that can shape-shift to move on both land and water. Check out Zoobots to learn about these and other cutting-edge animal robots.

**The Marvelous Thing that Came from a Spring: The Accidental Invention of the Toy that Swept the Nation**
by Gilbert Ford • J 688.72 FOR
When a torsion spring fell onto Richard James’s desk one day, its coils took a walk! He just had to show someone. See how that spring’s walk and a trip through the dictionary led to the invention and marketing of a famous toy, the Slinky.

**The Story of Buildings: From the Pyramids to the Sydney Opera House and Beyond**
by Patrick Dillon • J 720.9 DIL
Learn about the fascinating world of the invention and creation of buildings through history. What special inventions made famous buildings unusual? A spotlight shines on great structures of the world—and how they changed architecture forever.

**Pet Crafts: Everything You Need to Become Your Pet’s Craft Star**
by Megan Friday • J 745.5 FRI
Do you like to spoil your pet? From hand-sewn stuffed toys to decorated bandanas and luxury pet soaps, check out fun and crafty ideas for gifts for your furry or feathered friends. Step-by-step instructions with lots of pictures can help you become a ‘craft star’ for your pet!

**Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson’s Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions**
by Chris Barton • JB JOHNSON
From the time he was a kid, Lonnie Johnson knew he was an inventor. Ideas for rockets and robots came naturally to him, and he built them. He grew up to be an engineer, and when NASA had a problem, he solved it! Not all the inventions were for work; some were just for fun. Whoosh! is the story of Lonnie’s life, his most famous fun invention so far (you’ve probably used one!) and what he’s up to today.

For more suggestions, visit You’ve Got to Read This! on our website under Kids, then Books for Kids.
**YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS**

**Reading by Design**
*Summer Reading Book Clubs!*

**Register in Youth Services beginning Wednesday, May 31.**

The sooner you register, the more time you will have to read books and reach your goals. Visit the Library soon!

Are you ready to have fun this summer reading books and getting great rewards? All you have to do is register for a book club, read or listen to books (try downloading—over 50,000 titles are available) and check in with your book log at the Library.

- **Rock ‘n’ Read:** An early literacy experience for infants and one-year-olds that includes activities with a parent, as well as reading aloud.
- **Read-With-Me:** For ages two through children just learning to read. Parent–child interaction allows the child to be read to or have assistance with reading.
- **Book Club I:** For independent readers in grades K–2. Select books from the JE Picture Book, JR Reader, J Fiction and J Nonfiction collections.
- **Book Club II:** For readers who enjoy chapter books from the J & JH Fiction, JB Biography and J Nonfiction collections.
- **Book Club III:** For independent readers seeking variety with a combination of reading and activities. You may begin with this book club or try this after completing either Book Club I or II.

**Drawing:** Members of the book clubs listed above who complete both levels of reading will automatically be entered in the drawing for special prizes.

**Teen:** For readers entering grades 7–12. Read books and enter weekly drawings.

We welcome students with special needs and invite parents to talk with us so that we may customize a book club for your son or daughter.

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**Hidden Book**
*June 7–August 22*

Somewhere on the shelves in Youth Services, a special book will be hidden three times a day: morning, afternoon and evening. A sample book will be on display at the ASK ME Desk. Find the book and select your reward from the prize basket at the ASK ME Desk.

**Museum Adventure Pass**
*Year-Round*

Use your Library Card to receive free admission or a special discount at unique Chicago-area cultural destinations. Passes are available on a first-come basis each week. Learn about each of the destinations at [www.museumadventure.org](http://www.museumadventure.org). Then, come to the ASK ME Desk with your St. Charles Public Library card and driver’s license during the week you wish to visit. Passes are issued to adults for their immediate family. One pass per family per week.

**Passport to Adventure Program**
*Kane and DuPage Counties Memorial Day–Labor Day*

The Passport Program introduces families to nature centers and museums in Kane and DuPage Counties. It is offered by the Library in cooperation with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County and the Kane/DuPage Regional Museum Association. Pick up your passport at the ASK ME Desk to start your adventure.

**You Deserve It!**
*A Thank You for Parents*
*May 31–August 9*

The Youth Services staff wishes to recognize and say THANK YOU to parents for affirming the importance of reading and encouraging children to be lifelong readers. Every time you come to Youth Services, fill out an entry form at the ASK ME Desk for the weekly drawing for a Reading by Design tote bag.

**It’s Your Birthday!**
*Come Celebrate with Us!*
*Year-Round*

Happy birthday to you! Kids from birth through the end of eighth grade can show their St. Charles Public Library card on any day during their birthday month to receive a special gift. Just come to the ASK ME Desk, show your card, and we’ll let you pick from a surprise basket of gifts, including books!
Multi-Age Story Time

**Infant–Age 5 with Parent/Caregiver**

Tuesdays, June 6–August 8
9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m. OR 11:30 a.m.–noon

Wednesdays, June 7–August 9
9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m. OR 11:30 a.m.–noon

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 capacity of 40 children and adults. Please arrive early as we will begin to distribute tickets 10 minutes before the story time. Door opens five minutes before the event. **DROP IN**

*Families living outside the Library District may attend for $2 per person on a space available basis.*
Bilingual Spanish Story Time

Child, infant–age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Saturdays, June 17 • July 8 • August 19
11:00–11:30 a.m.

Fridays, June 2 • July 7 • August 4
6:30–7:00 p.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, student and adult that will be attending. Register for one or for all. REGISTER

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Cuentos en Español e Inglés

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

Los Sábados, 17 de Junio • 8 de Julio • 19 de Agosto
11:00–11:30 a.m.

Los Viernes • 2 de Junio • 7 de Julio • 4 de Agosto
6:30–7:00 p.m.

Durante los Cuentos en Español e Inglés compartiremos historias, juego de los dedos, actividades y canciones. Nosotros incentivamos la participación del adulto con su niño, sirviendo de modelo a seguir, guiando a su niño/niña como participar. Los hermanos pueden asistir. Regístre cada niño/niña, estudiante y adulto que atenderá para cada programa ó para todos. REGISTRESE

Familias viviendo fuera del Distrito de la Biblioteca podrán asistir dependiendo sí hay lugar y tendrán que pagar 2$ por persona.

Pajama Story Time

Family–especially for young children

Tuesday, June 13 • Thursday, June 29
Wednesday, July 12 • Friday, July 28
Wednesday, August 9 • Monday, August 21
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 Time

Child with Parent/Caregiver

Saturdays, June 24 • July 15 • August 5
11:00–11:30 a.m.

Everyone may attend these story times, especially children with developmental needs, autism or sensory processing needs. The stories and activities will include sensory elements of repetitive 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 date or for all. REGISTER

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Age-Specific Story Times

The following early literacy events 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. Each child and adult must be registered. 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

Wednesdays, July 5 • 12 • 19 • 26
9:30–10:00 a.m.

One Year Old with Parent/Caregiver

Wednesdays, July 5 • 12 • 19 • 26
10:30–11:00 a.m. OR 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Puppets with the Junior Friends

Infant–5 years with Parent/Caregiver

Thursday, June 29 • Monday, July 17 • Friday, July 28
11:30–11:50 a.m.

Friday, July 14 • Thursday, August 3 • Friday, August 11
3:30–3:50 p.m.

Drop in for a puppet show presented by our Junior Friends student storytellers in the Helen Gale Story Room. Children and adults attend together. Open attendance with a capacity of 30 children and adults. Please arrive early as we will begin to distribute tickets 10 minutes before each show to St. Charles Public Library cardholders. Door opens five minutes before the event begins. DROP IN

St. Charles Public Library
FOR FAMILIES

Family Play with LEGO®

Friday, June 9  ■  10:30–11:30 a.m.  ■  2:00–3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 28  ■  3:30–4:30 p.m.
Monday, July 3  ■  10:30–11:30 a.m.  ■  3:30–4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 18  ■  2:00–3:00 p.m.
Monday, August 7  ■  3:30–4:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 17  ■  10:30–11:30 a.m.  ■  2:00–3:00 p.m.

Bring your imagination. We have all you will need to create with LEGO® bricks. All creations will be displayed in Youth Services until the next event and photos will be posted on our Kids Facebook page. To accommodate as many families as possible, children/students/adults may register for only one time slot per month. Children through age seven must be accompanied by an adult. Students age eight and older may attend solo. REGISTER

Jim Gill Concert

Monday, July 10  ■  4:30–5:15 p.m. OR 6:30–7:15 p.m.

There will be lots of energetic fun as Jim Gill rocks the room with his award-winning songs on his national campaign for play that will have everyone clapping, singing and dancing. Recordings and books will be available for purchase. REGISTER or DROP IN
Families living outside the Library District may attend for $2 per person on a space available basis.

Circus Boy

Monday, July 24
11:00–11:45 a.m. OR 1:00–1:45 p.m.

From Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, Bobby Hunt, A.K.A. "Circus Boy" is bringing his action-packed comedy show back for two encore performances. Get ready to laugh and smile as you watch all his antics balancing, spinning, juggling and riding on the world’s smallest bike—he’s even in Ripley’s Believe It or Not! REGISTER or DROP IN
Families living outside the Library District may attend for $2 per person on a space available basis.

Magician:
The Great Scott

Children ages 4 and older

Monday, June 26
1:30–2:15 p.m. OR 3:30–4:15 p.m.

Scott Green’s Better-Than-TV Magic Show will baffle everyone with his hilarious original magic. Be amazed as he performs impossible feats before your very eyes, like producing coins from your nose. He will even have a kid float in midair! Children ages four-seven must be accompanied by an adult. Please make arrangements for younger children. Students age eight and older may attend solo. REGISTER or DROP IN
Families living outside the Library District may attend for $2 per person on a space available basis.

Student Art Show

Visit the exhibit: July 1–31

Open House: Saturday, July 8  ■  2:00–3:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

The Library is honored once again to host the CUSD #303 Student Art Show from July 1–31. Works from elementary through high school will be displayed in the Huntley Meeting Room, the Art Gallery on the Mezzanine and both lobby display cases. An Open House honoring the student artists will be held on Saturday, July 8 from 2:00–3:00 p.m. The community is invited to attend. DROP IN

Australia Great Barrier Reef

Friday, July 7  ■  10:30–11:30 a.m.

Go “down under” to Australia to experience marine life on the great barrier reef, learn about the specialized equipment used on underwater adventures and come face to face with an eight-foot tall coral polyp. Wayne & Karen Brown of Ocean Adventures return to take you on a visit to Nemo’s home. REGISTER or DROP IN
Families living outside the Library District may attend for $2 per person on a space available basis.

Used Book Sale: Everything for Kids

Sponsored by the Junior Friends of the Library
Thursday, July 27  ■  9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Picture books, fiction and nonfiction books, puzzles, audiobooks and more at bargain prices!

Melikin Puppet Theater

Monday, July 31  ■  11:00–11:45 a.m.

Slightly fractured fairy tales, each with a surprise ending twist, will have you laughing and asking “Tell it again!” A trilogy of stories will include Chicken Little, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Beatrix Potter’s Tale of Two Bad Mice. REGISTER or DROP IN
Families living outside the Library District may attend for $2 per person on a space available basis.

Juggler: Truly Remarkable Loon

Tuesday, August 15  ■  10:30–11:30 a.m.

Get ready for a fun show filled with the type of excitement only The Truly Remarkable Loon can put together in merry anticipation of disaster. Lots of audience participation with a big dose of foolishness. Children through age seven must be accompanied by an adult. Students age eight and older may attend solo. REGISTER or DROP IN
Families living outside the Library District may attend for $2 per person on a space available basis.
Babysitter Training with First Aid and CPR for Infant & Child

Ages 11–15 • Choice of three 12-hour training workshops

Wednesday, June 14 AND Thursday, June 15
Monday, June 19 AND Tuesday, June 20
Tuesday, August 8 AND Wednesday, August 9
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, CD with templates, organizer, activities and more. Students must attend the entire training workshop and successfully pass all observable skills to earn and receive First Aid certification valid for three years, CPR certification valid for one year and babysitter certification. Minimum of 8/maximum of 10 students.

Students living outside the Library District may register beginning Tuesday, June 6 for June and Tuesday, July 25 for August for $65.

Registration Requirements:
A completed babysitter application form, including student and parent signatures, is due at registration. 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 Monday, June 12 for June 14; noon on Thursday, June 15 for June 19; or noon on Friday, August 4 for August 8 workshops. 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 three applications will be accepted per training session. All applicants will be contacted after the cancellation deadline regarding registration status.

Grant funding provided by the Friends of St. Charles Public Library and St. Charles Kiwanis.

Meet the Book Buddies

Students entering grades 1–3 with Parent

Monday, June 12 • 3:00–3:30 p.m.

Book Buddies is a great way to have fun with books. Young readers will be paired with middle school students to read aloud to each other, play literacy-focused games and talk about books. This program will provide literacy enrichment and promote reading as fun and entertaining. Parents: The focus is on book sharing and enjoyment rather than tutoring.

If you are interested in participating in Book Buddies, here’s your opportunity to learn more about the program, meet the middle school Buddies and select the dates and times that will fit your schedule. Registration for the individual 60-minute sessions will begin at this event. REGISTER or DROP IN

Dates & Times for Book Buddies Reading Sessions

Tuesdays, June 20, 27, July 11, 18

Wednesdays, June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19

Thursdays, June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20

3:00–4:00 p.m.

To accommodate as many students as possible, a student may register for four dates. Remember to call the ASK ME Desk at least 24 hours before the time you are scheduled if you are unable to attend. Drop-in participation may be possible due to cancellations. Please inquire at the ASK ME Desk the day of the session. REGISTER

Movie Night

Students entering grades 5–9

Fridays, June 16 • July 14 • August 4
4:30–7:00 p.m.

Watch a recent release on the big screen. Titles will be posted at the ASK ME Desk. Pizza, popcorn and lemonade will be served. Registration closes at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday before the movie or when filled. REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY DEADLINE

Creative Cartooning Workshops with Mark Anderson

Thursday, June 22
1:30–2:30 p.m. • Alphabet Animals • Students entering grades 1–3
3:00–4:00 p.m. • Creative Cartooning • Students entering grades 4–9

Mark Anderson loves being a professional cartoonist. Take your doodling to the next level in this interactive, hands-on workshop and learn cartooning techniques such as drawing cartoon faces, sketching bodies in motion, using symbols and much more. Take Mark home with you—a selection of his books will be available for purchase after the workshops. Maximum of 25 students per workshop. REGISTER
Life-Size Chess

Students entering grades 1–9

Thursday, June 29 & Friday, July 28 • 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Monday, August 7 • 10:00 a.m.–noon

Checkmate! Play on our the life-size chess set, table top chess sets or bring your own set. Play as an individual or as a member of a team. Gallery seating will be provided to watch the life-size chess games. To accommodate as many players as possible, games played with the life-size chess set will be limited to 20 minutes. Children through age seven attend with an adult. Students age eight and older may attend solo. DROP IN

Reading with Rover

Students entering grades 1–4

Wednesdays, July 12, 19 & 26
Thursdays, July 6 & August 3
1:30–2:30 p.m.

It’s all about reading aloud to a four-legged friend—a specially-trained therapy dog. Bring your books or select from ours and read aloud for 15 minutes. Please review guidelines on our website prior to registering. Reading with Rover Mission: To inspire children to discover the joy of reading while developing literacy skills and confidence in a positive and fun environment. REGISTER

Mario Kart Gaming Tournament

Student entering grades 4–9

Monday, July 17 • 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Get in on the tournament! General information and rules will be posted on the Library website. All participants must agree to Tournament rules. Maximum of 32 players – register early to guarantee your spot. REGISTER

Bricks 4 Kidz Elgin

Students entering grades 1–9

Thursday, July 20 • 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. • Students entering grades 1 & 2
Thursday, July 20 • 1:30–4:30 p.m. • Students entering grades 3 & 4
Friday, July 21 • 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. • Students entering grades 5–9
Wednesday, August 9 • 1:30–4:30 p.m. • Students entering grades 1 & 2
Thursday, August 10 • 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. • Students entering grades 3 & 4
Thursday, August 10 • 1:30–4:30 p.m. • Students entering grades 5–9

Bricks 4 Kidz Elgin is providing an extraordinary experience for kids to learn, build and play with LEGO® Bricks. The hands-on learning and building workshops focus on STEM concepts that encourages critical thinking, creativity, organization skills, problem solving and teamwork. Bricks 4 Kidz instructors will lead a discussion related to the workshop model that each student will create using materials designed to teach concepts across a variety of subject areas. Kids will learn about everything from gears, torque and friction, to geography, space exploration, weather and more. To accommodate as many students as possible, students may register for only one date/time. Maximum of 40 students per workshop. REGISTER

Students looking for unstructured LEGO play are encouraged to register for the Family Play with LEGO® events listed on page 11.

Balloon Animal Workshop

A Russell Series Event for students entering Grades 1–9

Thursday, July 27 • 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Suzette will introduce you to balloon artistry, talk about how she got started and all the ways she uses the skills she has learned. A mini performance will be followed by a workshop where students will learn and create a balloon animal to take home. Participation is limited to 25 students. Adults may observe. REGISTER

This series was established by the William Russell family in memory of Karen G. Russell and continues with a grant from the Illinois State Library. Each February and July, Chicago-area experts, artists, authors and others introduce students to their art, craft or profession by providing an interactive experience.

Melikin Puppet Theater: Dragon Feathers

Students entering grades 1–9 and adults

Monday, July 31 • 1:30–2:15 p.m.

Merlin the Magician is the host to a delightful collection of myths, legends and fables of dragons: Stan Bolovon & the Dragon, The Reluctant Dragon and Custard the Dragon. The grand finale features an authentic Chinese Dragon Dance with selected members of the audience participating. REGISTER or DROP IN

Families living outside the Library District may attend for $2 per person on a space available basis.

Drawing Workshops: Robots

Monday, August 14
1:00–2:00 p.m. • Let’s Draw Robots
Students entering grades 1–3

It’s all about robots: hear a story, practice drawing one together and then create your own collage robot.

2:30–4:00 p.m. • How to Draw Robots
Students entering grades 4–9
This drawing workshop allows you to be a robot inventor. Christine will guide you step-by-step in how to draw. Then you will draw the robot of your choice with guidance or entirely from your own imagination.

Hands-on art programs with Christine Thornton. Maximum of 25 students in each workshop. REGISTER

Welcome to Kindergarten

Students entering kindergarten & parent

Wednesday, August 16 • 1:30–3:30 p.m.

It’s all about kindergarten and what to expect when school starts. Stories, songs and creative activities will get your child ready for that first day. Bring your St. Charles Library card or apply for one that day. Please make other arrangements for siblings. REGISTER
CSI: Chicago  STEM  Students entering grades 6–9
Tuesday, June 27  ■  3:00–4:00 p.m.
From fingerprints to fibers, Dr. Arthur Friedman of Eureka Discoveries will take you into the science behind real forensic investigations. Learn how microscopy, drug testing, blood types and DNA are used in a criminal investigation to convict or exonerate a suspect. Maximum of 30 students. REGISTER

Flubber, Color, SPLAT!
Students entering grades 6–9
Tuesday, July 25  ■  2:00–3:30 p.m.
Make some flubber, add a bit of color and make it go SPLAT! Get your hands dirty with a homemade goo then try your hand at poem creation as an ode to the goopy stuff you just created. What makes flubber stretch and jiggle? Come find out! Maximum of 30 students. REGISTER

After Hours: Escape if You Can
Students entering grades 6–9
Friday, August 18  ■  6:30–10:30 p.m.
Are you up for the challenge of an escape room, figuring out Clue! and playing Battleship on a life-size gameboard? All this and much more after the Library closes – there’s even pizza. It is sure to be a grand time. Tell your friends and remember to register. Parental signature required at registration. Minimum of 15 students registered by August 10 will be necessary to hold event. Deadline to register is noon on Thursday, August 17. REGISTER IN PERSON

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
GRADES 6–8

FOR ADULTS

Home School Workshop
Adults*
Tuesday, August 29  ■  9:30–11:30 a.m.
Open Forum  11:30 a.m.–noon
Register by 9:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28
An overview of the services and resources the Library provides for families that home school: Internet access, online tutor help, eBooks, online resources, research strategies, literature programs and more. An open forum will provide an opportunity to network with other parents. Register everyone who will be attending. REGISTER
*Supervised activities for children ages 3+ will be available from 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Especially for Parents, Grandparents, Preschool Educators and Child Care Providers – Adults Only
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Closings
Monday, May 29
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Library Board Meetings
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Huntley Meeting Room
June 14, 2017
July 12, 2017

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Adults: Your summer is the essence of design minimalism. Simply pick up your book log, and read or listen to what you like. Beginning Wednesday, June 14 you may sign in once a week for a coupon (while supplies last) from one of our terrific sponsors. We’ll have weekly and grand prize drawings too!

Young Adults: The summer program offers great reading rewards from our fabulous sponsors. We have t-shirts, Target gift cards, miniature golf passes, yummy food coupons and free paperback book incentives. Just read and fill out your log book. Every week you bring in your updated log book, you’ll receive an entry into the grand prize drawing for a chance to win your choice of a bicycle or a $100 Amazon gift card or a JBL Waterproof Portable Bluetooth speaker!

The 2017 program includes students entering grade 7 through this year's grade 12 graduates.

Kids: During summer reading, we offer five different age-based book clubs. Infants, preschool children and elementary students may register in Youth Services at the ASK ME Desk. Read or listen to books, complete the appropriate book log(s) and get entered into the grand prize drawings. We welcome students with special needs, and invite parents/caregivers to talk with us about customized book club levels.

Reading by Design Ignites Inspiration, Innovation and Ideas

This summer at St. Charles Public Library, we are celebrating the creativity of authors, illustrators, inventors, architects, musicians, artists and builders. This summer we are Reading by Design.

Design is accessible like never before. You no longer need a film school degree to make a movie, an agent to get discovered or a publisher to produce a book. Today you can create a video game while riding the train, or build a robotic hand with a 3D printer. We’re surrounded by great design. And we’re better for it. It’s a more interesting world when making and creating is accessible, and new voices are heard. This summer we’re inspired to create, to learn, to explore, to discover, to read. Join us for a full slate of programs, activities and Reading by Design!

Sign up for our Summer Reading programs begins Wednesday, May 31, and titles can be read or listened to in any format: printed book, eBook, audiobook, etc. Look inside to discover more about Reading by Design and our summer filled with inspiring events.