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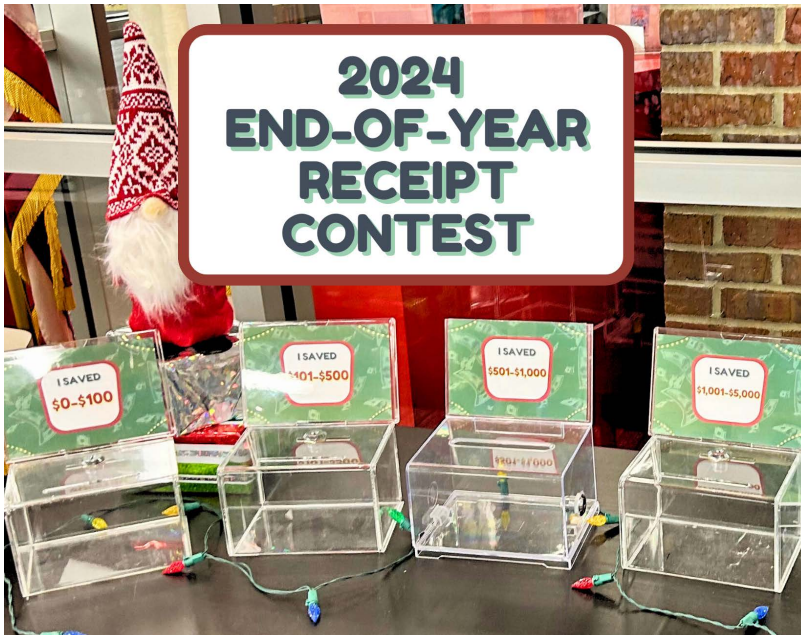
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Special Events & Programs



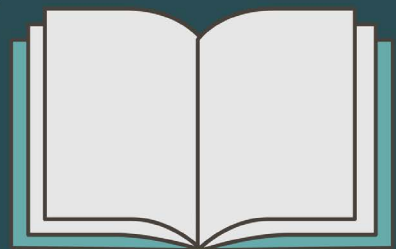
End-of-Year Receipt Contest

Do you know how much money the library has saved you this year? Check out your receipt! Turn in your last printed receipt of the year at the Circulation Desk with your name and phone number written on the back for a chance to receive a prize!

Don't forget to pick up a Library Savings Trivia sheet too! Find out how much money you can save in 2025 and receive a fun library treat!

Tired of reading the same type of books over and over again? This winter, become a literary hiker and reinvigorate your reading life with STPL's new reading challenge!

Coming Soon!



Road Less Traveled

Adult Reading Challenge



NexTrex Recycling Challenge

In April 2024, we launched the NexTrex Recycling Challenge with the goal to collect 1,000 lbs of plastic within 12 months. We asked for your help keeping thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills by bringing your plastic waste to us. In just 6 short months, we reached 896 lbs! With just over 100 lbs left to recycle, the Library is on track to earn a Trex Bench that will be made from recycled plastic! Way to go, Shorewood!

*Recycling bins are located inside the Library Lobby and at Critical Grind Board Game Cafe in Shorewood.

Library News

Building Community through the
Joy of Reading,
Learning, and
Exploring!



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Introducing the Library's Mission!

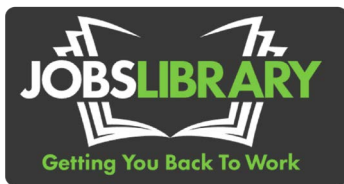
Along with our recent Strategic Plan of 2024, the Library's staff and Board of Trustees collaboratively worked to narrow down the driving goal, or the heart-beat, of our Library. Together, we are proud to share our mission to "Build Community through the Joy of Reading, Learning, and Exploring." We are here for you!

Strategic Plan 2024

Have you seen the Strategic Plan yet? Scan the QR code to see the Library's list of goals and plans of action.



Job Seeking? Try out our new My Jobs Library!



Search through 11 million jobs pulled from a multitude of sources. Register your account and upload or create a resume using the Resume Wizard. Research labor market data for your intended profession. Explore learning opportunities and internships, and so, so, much more.

Visit our website at shorewoodtroylibrary.org/books-and-media/digital-resources/ to try this new database and get a head start in your job search. If you need access to a computer or Wi-Fi, come on into the Library. We will help you get started.

Children's Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

ITTY BITTY ART CLUB

Ages Birth-2 | Take & Make | Email @ 9AM

Monday, December 16th & January 20th

Babies, toddlers, and their caregivers will create hand and footprint masterpieces together!

BABY OPEN PLAY

Ages 6-24 months | 11-11:30AM | In Person

Wednesday, December 11th & January 8th

Enjoy a warm, inviting space where you and your child can play and socialize with others in the community. Please note: This program is for both caregivers and child, and is not a structured program.

ITTY BITTY STORYTIME

Ages 0-3 | 10-10:30AM | In Person

Monday, December 2nd & January 6th

Hip, hip, hooray, it's time for Itty Bitty Storytime! We will sing songs, read a story, and share fun activities designed for fine and gross motor development.

MUSIC CLASS WITH MS. JAMIE

Ages 1-4 | 10-10:30AM | In Person

Saturday, December 7th & January 11th

Friday, January 24th

STPL'S favorite Music Educator, Ms. Jamie, leads this fun music class. Learn simple songs and movements that your little ones will love!

SENSORY SENSATION

Ages 1-4 | Take & Make | Email @ 9AM

Thursday, December 12th & January 9th

Sensory play is a wonderful opportunity to participate in your young child's artistic exploration and discovery. Every second Thursday of the month, there will be a varied selection of sensory-rich, art-themed projects or sensory play activities.

FRIENDS & PLAYTIME

Ages 2-5 | 11-11:30AM | In Person

Tuesday, December 17th & January 21st

Leave the playdate planning to us! Every month, we will set up a different activity that encourages socialization, creativity, and conversation.

TODDLER TINKER TIME

Ages 3-5 | 10-10:30AM | In Person

Wednesday, December 4th

Bring your toddler for some imaginative fun! We will feature several stations of open-ended, hands-on activities using different materials and manipulatives.

STORYTIME EXPLORERS

Ages 3-5 | 4:30-5PM | In Person

Tuesday, January 28th

Are you ready for a book-themed adventure? We will be exploring exciting stories, fun songs, and engaging activities. This storytime is perfect for families looking to practice literacy together.

LET'S FIND OUT WITH MS. LORI

Ages 3-6 | Email @ 9AM

Monday, December 2nd & January 6th

Does your preschooler like to learn about the great big world around them? After registering, Ms. Lori will send you all the information you need to access exciting videos, learning games, and fun activities you can print from home!

DOODLE CLUB

Ages 5-8 | 4-5PM | In Person

Tuesday, December 3rd & January 7th

Be led through step-by-step instructions on how to draw an adorable masterpiece!

ART & LITERATURE STORYTIME

Ages 5-8 | 5-5:30PM | In Person

Thursday, January 23rd

Does your child love stories and art? This new program combines literacy with creativity!

Children's Programs

Fun programs perfect for all ages to enjoy!

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

All Ages | All Day | Take & Make

Tuesday, December 3rd & January 7th

Celebrate and learn about special days from all over the globe with this exciting Take & Make.

DISGUISE A GINGERBREAD MAN

All Ages | All Day | Take & Make

Monday, December 9th

Gingerbread Man is WANTED! Help disguise him to look like a character from your favorite book. Pick up your cutout and return it to the Children's Department by December 16th for display!



GRINCHMAS STORYTIME

All Ages | 4:30-5PM | In Person

Wednesday, December 11th

All the Whos in Whoville invite you to a Grinchy Storytime! We will listen to a reading of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and have fun crafts and activities! If you'd like, come dressed in green like Grinch!

SNOW DAY!*

All Ages | All Day | In Person

Monday, January 6th

There's "snowplace" like the Children's Department! We will have snow-related crafts, games, and more! Plus, if it snows, we'll give away a sled to one lucky participant!



CHRISTMAS TEDDY BEAR STORYTIME AND SLEEPOVER

Ages 5-10 | 5-6PM | In Person

Tuesday, December 17th

Bring your favorite stuffed animal and wear your holiday pajamas for a special Christmas storytime. If your animals are brave enough to "sleep over," you can pick them up the following day and see all the fun they had!

NOON YEAR'S EVE

Ages 5-12 | 11AM-12:30PM | In Person

Monday, December 30th

Join us at our very own STPL Noon Year's Eve party! Count down to 2025 with music, games, crafts, and fun!

DIY STUFFIES AT STPL

Ages 5-12 | 5-6PM | In Person

Wednesday, January 22nd

Create your new favorite stuffy! You will choose the animal, stuff them to your preferred plushness, make a wish, and even name them with a certificate!

GRINCH SPOONS

Ages 6-9 | 12-1PM | In Person

Monday, December 23rd

Don't be a Grinch, just make one! We will be making spoons to look like your favorite holiday green guy!



WEE WINTER WORKSHOP

Ages 6-12 | 4:30-5:30PM | In Person

Wednesday, December 18th

Come to STPL to DIY your own personalized gifts for your loved ones with the help of the Children's Department.

PINE CONE SNOWY OWL

Ages 6-12 | 11:30AM-1:30PM | In Person

Monday, January 6th

January can bring us some very snowy weather! Let's embrace the snow and make adorable owls out of pine cones! Registrants can come anytime between 11:30am - 1:30pm.

Children & Tween Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

MINI CANVAS SNOWMAN

Ages 7-12 | 4-4:45PM | In Person

Thursday, January 9th

Do you love a good winter craft? Come have a cozy time with us as we make adorable mini canvas snowmen!



JR. PINTEREST

Ages 8-12 | 5-6PM | In Person

Thursday, December 19th & January 16th

Each month we will make a new crafty creation inspired by Pinterest!



GRINCHMAS EPIC EASELS

Ages 8-12 | 10-11AM | In Person

Monday, December 23rd

Create a festive masterpiece at this Grinchy paint class!



BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

Ages 8-12 | 4:30-5:30PM | In Person

Monday, December 30th

Prepare by reading *15 Secrets to Survival* by Natalie D. Richards. Then, test your knowledge and skills in our STPL Escape Room!

DIY VISION BOARD

Ages 8-12 | 1-2PM | In Person

Friday, January 3rd

Dreaming of a successful 2025? Vision boards are a way to help manifest those dreams. We will be making our own vision boards using words, sayings, and pictures.

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Ages 8-12 | 2-4PM | In Person

Monday, January 6th

Bring your blanket, pillow, and your friends for an afternoon showing of *Frozen*! Snacks will be provided too, of course!

EPIC EASELS

Ages 8-12 | 5-6PM | In Person

Tuesday, January 14th

Do you want to channel your inner Picasso? We'll provide step-by-step instructions while encouraging your child to create their own masterpiece.

STEAM CLUB

Ages 10-14 | 4:30-5:30PM | In Person

Wednesday, January 15th

Come explore the world of Science Technology Engineering Art and Math in the STPL "Lab"! Every other month, we will do a hands-on experiment to better understand the world around us. Be prepared to get messy!

WARHOL'S WONDERS

Ages 11-14 | 6-7PM | In Person

Tuesday, January 14th

If you are looking for a creative outlet, look no further! Warhol's Wonders is a step-by-step canvas paint class that is sure to spark your artistic interest. All supplies will be provided.



Illinois Libraries
Present:

WATCH
PARTY!

THE MAGIC OF
RAINA TELGEMEIER

Ages 8-14 | 6:45-8PM | In Person

Tuesday, December 10th

Join us at the Library to stream an exciting ILP episode featuring Award-Winning Youth Author Raina Telgemeier and all her writing magic!



Family Programs



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

5:30-7PM | In Person

Wednesday, December 4th

Santa's coming! Don't miss Santa's annual visit to the Shorewood-Troy Public Library! Join us as we gather around to hear a holiday-inspired story. After, Santa will listen to children's wishes and be available for photos. Please call the Children's Department to register.

FAMILY CRAFT

5-6PM | In Person

Thursday, December 5th & January 2nd

Do you love to do crafts as a family? Come join us for our Family Craft series! In December, we're making snowman spoons. In January, we're making snow gel sensory play!



DISNEY TRIVIA NIGHT

5-6PM | In Person

Monday, January 13th

For one night only, STPL will become the happiest place on Earth. Put your knowledge of all things Disney to the test at our trivia night! Play against other teams to win some cool prizes!



ILP PRESENT: AN AT-HOME EXPERIENCE OF LITTLE WOMEN: THE MUSICAL

Virtual via Zoom

Friday, December 20th - Sunday, December 22nd

Enjoy this Broadway HD, pre-recorded, virtual showing of Louisa May Alcott's classic story of four sisters growing up in 19th-century Massachusetts. With standout performances, this musical is sure to be a hit for all ages.



SUPERHERO STORYTIME

In Person- Join us as we highlight a very special superhero in our community! We will have a guest storyteller that will read a story and tell us about their career!

Dec. 2nd
4:30-5PM
Teacher

Dec. 9th
4:30-5PM
Police Officer

Dec. 10th
4:30-5PM
Bus Driver

Jan. 8th
5:30-6PM
Firefighter

Jan. 21st
4:30-5PM
K-9 Comfort Dogs

Teen Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Ages 13-17 | In Person

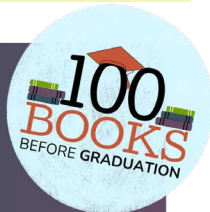
Wed., December 11th (5-6PM) & January 8th (4-5PM)

Do you need volunteer hours? Do you want a say on library opinions? Join the Teen Advisory Board! The TAB will focus on creating a space for teens while also encouraging them to serve their community.



TEEN ADVISORY **BOARD**

100 Books Before Graduation



READ, TRACK, AND EARN PRIZES!

100 Books Before Graduation (100BBG) is a program dedicated to teens grades 6-12, who can participate in a challenge to read 100 books before their high school graduation. It is a self-paced digital challenge that earns readers prizes - at 10, 25, 50, 75, and 100 books. It is super simple, fun, and rewarding! Are you up for the challenge?



UNLOCK YOUR 1ST BADGE!

MAKE YOUR OWN SLIME

Ages 13-17 | 6:30-7:30PM | In Person

Tuesday, December 17th

Water slime? Cloud slime? Butter slime? Learn to make it all at the library with plenty of mix-ins and supplies available!



MAKE YOUR OWN: SPOOKY REINDEER ORNAMENT

Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, December 19th

Seasons come and go, but Halloween is forever! Make a cute & creepy reindeer ornament for the holidays! All supplies will be included.



MAKE YOUR OWN:

PUMPKIN SPICE LATTE SPOONS

Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, January 16th

Spice up your hot drink of choice with this recipe. Pumpkin spice is the best way to keep warm in the coldest months. All dry ingredients will be included.

CREATE A VISION BOARD

Ages 13-17 | 5-6PM | In Person

Wednesday, January 29th

Starting a new you during the new year can be scary, so chill out at the library and create a vision board to help you succeed! Chat about your goals or new things you want to try while learning to make a vision board that will motivate you all year!



Teen & Adult Programs

Success in Education for ages 13+

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, & LOANS

Ages 13+ | 6:30-7:30PM | In Person

Thursday, December 5th

This workshop will uncover the best college cost-reduction strategies and reveal little known asset, borrowing, and savings methods. Learn insider information on scholarships, grants, and loans to help make your college planning both successful and affordable.



Take a breather with a K9 Comfort Dog!

EXAM RELAX & PREP

Ages 13+ | 12-2PM | In Person

Saturday, December 7th

Take a break with us before a busy exam season! LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministries will come help us take a breather. Plus, tutors will be available to answer any exam questions!

ACT SUCCESS

Ages 13+ | 6-7PM | In Person

Tuesday, January 21st

This comprehensive workshop will answer all of your questions about college entrance exams. Families will learn key differences between the SAT and the ACT (especially with the new digital SAT format), the best time to start studying, keys to achieving one's highest score, and how the SAT/ACT can impact merit aid and scholarships. This workshop also reviews the income, savings, and asset strategies to reduce costs.



ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM VR SET

Ages 13+ | In Person | Open House

Monday, January 27th (12-3pm)

Tuesday, January 28th (5:30-7:30pm)

Experience the immersive power of VR storytelling through this free open house. Each hour, 10 patrons 7th grade and up will watch two 15-min VR films featuring real people, and then reflect.

Real Estate Series

with Local Realtor, June Allen-Smith

FROM RENT TO ROOTS: A FIRST-TIME BUYER'S GUIDE

Ages 18+ | 6-7PM | In Person

Monday, December 9th

June will share guidance for those new to home-buying, especially those in their 20s and younger. This will include future-minded thinking about buying: how to save for a down payment, what's needed for preapproval, and things first-time buyers should know to prepare.

REAL ESTATE ROUND TABLE

Ages 18+ | 6-7PM | In Person

Thursday, January 23rd

As anyone who is buying or selling a home knows, it is a turbulent market out there right now. Local Real Estate Agent June Allen-Smith will bring together a variety of realty professionals (including a lawyer, lender, inspector, realtor, and more!) to tackle some of your burning questions in an open forum format.

Adult Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

5:30-7:30PM | *In Person*

Monday, December 2nd & January 6th @ *Critical Grind*

Monday, December 16th & January 20th @ *STPL*

Join this rag-tag team of adventurers to face the challenges that lie before them.

FROSTED JAR CENTERPIECES

6-7PM | *In Person*

Monday, December 2nd

Bring a little winter wonderland into your home with this frosted jar centerpiece. Personalize this seasonal luminary to your heart's desire!



SOUND HEALING MEDITATION

6-7PM | *In Person*

Tuesday, December 3rd

Head into the hectic holiday season with a clear mind and body. Jason from Soul Flo Yoga will use the 7 chakra singing bowls and handpan with a little guided meditation. Bring a mat to lay on & dress comfortably.



TECH HELP TUESDAYS*

1-3PM | *In Person*

Tuesday, December 10th & January 14th, 28th

Get your technology questions answered! Please bring your device and any relevant usernames/passwords.

TAKE & MAKE THURSDAY

All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, December 19th & January 16th

This December, make a cork snowman, and this January, make a pool photo holder!

WWII CHRISTMAS ON THE HOMEFRONT

In Person | 2 Presentations

Thursday, December 19th (6:30-7:30PM)

Friday, December 20th (2-3PM)

From 1941 to 1945, Christmas on the American home front was marked by both hardship and small joys. Join us to explore WWII Christmas through events, stories, music, decorations, and recipes. Presented by Becky Brillon, *The War in My Kitchen*.



CROCHET 101

6-7PM | *In Person*

Tuesday, January 7th

Have you always wanted to learn how to crochet but never knew where to start? We're here to help! Join us for Crochet 101 where you'll learn beginner steps such as terminology and basic stitches.

NEW YEAR, NEW BUDGET: PERSONAL FINANCE FOR ALL

6:30-7:30PM | *In Person*

Monday, January 13th

Set yourself up for a good financial year with this beginner-friendly seminar. Learn personal finance basics and tips from financial expert Khadia Michel.

MAKE YOUR OWN ESSENTIAL OIL-INFUSED HEATING PAD

6-7PM | *In Person*

Thursday, January 30th

Cozy up your winter seating with a make-it-yourself heating pad! Infuse the heating pad with soothing scents like lavender and aloe to enhance the experience. All instructions and supplies will be provided.

Adult Programs | Book Clubs

NOVEL IDEA

6-7PM | In Person

- Wednesday, December 11th

Beasts of Extraordinary Circumstance by Ruth Emmie Lang

- Wednesday, January 8th

The Bandit Queens by Parini Shroff



NEW!

COOKBOOK BOOK CLUB

2-3PM | In Person

Wednesday,

December 18th

Love to try new recipes? Join the club!

Every other month, the club meets to review cookbooks on the theme of the month.

Members either bring a dish from their chosen book or send a pic ahead of time.

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The theme for the month of December is: Cookies!

We will compile a list of books and place some on hold for members to choose from, but members are welcome to pick their own!

AS THE PAGE TURNS

12-1PM | In Person

- Thursday, December 19th

What You Are Looking For Is in the Library by Michiko Aoyama

Michiko Aoyama

- Thursday, January 16th

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano



TRUE STORY

6:30-7:30PM | In Person

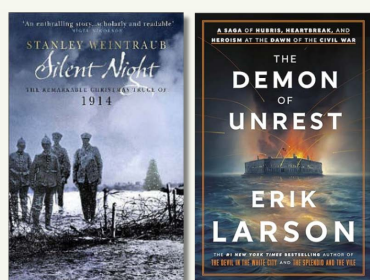
- Wednesday, December 18th

Silent Night: The Remarkable Christmas Truce of 1914

by Stanley Weintraub

- Wednesday, January 22nd

The Demon of Unrest by Erik Larson



MECHA & MAGIC for Sci-Fi & Fantasy Fans!

6-7PM | In Person @ Critical Grind, Shorewood

- Thursday, December 19th

The Bear and the Nightingale by Katherine Arden

- Thursday, January 16th

The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula K. Le Guin



COZY BOOK BINGO

6:30-7:30PM | In Person

Wednesday, January 15th

This Shorewood favorite has returned!

Just like your favorite bingo game but everything is books! Everyone will leave with a book, whether or not you win! Bingo cards, instructions, and cozy background music will be provided.



ADULT WRITING GROUP

5:30-6:30PM | In Person

Tuesday, December 10th

Need a relaxing place to focus on your writing or get unbiased feedback? Look no further than your local Library! Join us for a fun night of writing, editing, and snacking!



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A monthly email covering the latest Library news and events.

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Library Board

The Shorewood-Troy Public Library District Board of Trustees consists of seven elected members. All STPLD board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7PM in the library. The meetings are open to the public.

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Friends of the Library

Do you love the Library? Become a Friend! The Friends of the Library is a volunteer organization dedicated to raising funds to supplement the Library's annual budget for materials, programs, and literacy initiatives in the local community.

Interested? Join us the second Thursday of every month at 5pm at the Library or call (815) 725-1715.

Upcoming Closings

Tuesday,
December 24th
Christmas Eve

Wednesday,
December 25th
Christmas Day

Tuesday,
December 31st
New Year's Eve

Wednesday,
January 1st
New Year's Day