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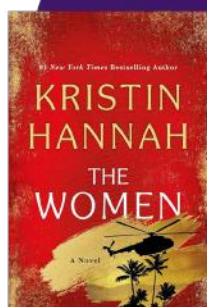


Road Less Traveled | Adult Reading Challenge

This new digital challenge will help reignite your reading life with 100 different reading prompts! With categories such as "Danger, Danger," "Good Feels," and "Life Is an Art," you will be guided to read books you may have never chosen for yourself. To be notified when it's launched, please check our social media or subscribe to our eNewsletter.

MOST ADORED IN 2024 TOP CIRCULATED ITEMS LAST YEAR

adults



The Women by Kristin Hannah
Checkouts: 260
This book was the Top Circulated item in 4 collections: eAudiobooks, eBooks, Fiction, & Large Print!

US Weekly
Checkouts: 183
Collection: Adult Magazines



Oppenheimer
Checkouts: 59
Collection: Adult Movies & TV



teens



Minecraft
Checkouts: 38
Collection: Young Adult Video Games

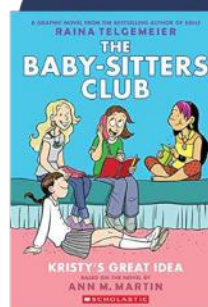


Super Mario Odyssey
Checkouts: 33
Collection: Young Adult Video Games

Crown of Midnight by Sarah J. Maas
Checkouts: 24
Collection: Young Adult Fiction



children's

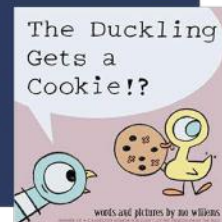


The Babysitter's Club by Raina Telgemeier
Checkouts: 414
Collection: Juvenile Graphic Novel

Mario Party Superstars
Checkouts: 68
Collection: Juvenile Video Games



The Duckling Gets a Cookie!? by Mo Willems
Checkouts: 66
Collection: Picture Books



Winter Reading

Beat cabin fever this Winter Read.
Find comfort in cozy books at STPL!



WINTER READING CHALLENGE

All Ages

February 1st - 28th

Let's warm up this winter! Grab your favorite blanket, fill up your mug, and get cozy by the fire because we're beating the winter blues the best way we know how - with books! This February, children, teens, and adults can complete reading challenges or activities for the chance to win prizes.

Ages 0-12: Bingo-style paper log

Ages 13+: Track minutes via paper log or earn badges on Beanstack

*No registration is required.

Reading logs can be picked up at the Library beginning Feb. 1st.

Happy Reading!



**Get \$2.00 off Open Play
when you sign up in the
Children's Department!**

**We Rock The Spectrum®
KID'S GYM**

For All Kids - Shorewood

Thank you to our sponsor!

We Rock the Spectrum Kid's Gym has specially-designed sensory play equipment for children of all ability levels. 343 Vertin Blvd.

Children's Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

ITTY BITTY ART CLUB

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

Monday, February 17th & March 17th

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, February 12th & March 12th

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, February 3rd & March 3rd

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, February 8th & March 1st

Friday, February 21st & March 14th

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, February 13th & March 13th

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, February 18th & March 18th

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, February 5th & March 5th

Bring your toddler for some imaginative fun! We will have several stations of open-ended, hands-on activities.

STORYTIME EXPLORERS

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

Tuesday, February 25th & March 25th

Are you ready for a book-themed adventure? We will be exploring exciting stories, fun songs, and engaging activities.

LET'S FIND OUT WITH MS. LORI

Ages 3-6 | Email @ 9AM

Monday, February 3rd & March 3rd

Does your preschooler like to learn about the great big world around them? Gain access to exciting videos, learning games, and fun activities you can print from home!

REWILDING DAY: MAMA MILKWEED

Ages 3-8 | 10-11AM | In Person

Friday, March 28th

Let's learn about Monarch Butterflies with stories, hands-on activities, and a planting celebration! Reduce waste and save our natural resources together.



Children's Programs

Fun programs perfect
for all ages to enjoy!

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

All Ages | All Day | Take & Make

Tuesday, February 4th & March 4th

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

YOUTH LIT MARCH MADNESS*

All Ages | All Day | In Person

Monday, March 17th - Saturday, March 22nd

Get ready for March Madness STPL style! Join us in the Department as we decide which literary characters are the best! Winner will be announced on Monday, April 1st!

SPRING BREAK STAYCATION*

All Ages | All Day | In Person

Monday, March 24th - Saturday, March 29th

Staying home for Spring Break? Join us in the Children's Department for fun activities all week long!

DOODLE CLUB

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

Tuesday, February 4th & March 4th

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

ART & LITERATURE STORYTIME

Ages 5-8 | 5:30-6PM | In Person

Thursday, February 25th & March 25th

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

VALENTINE'S DAY (TAYLOR'S VERSION)

Ages 5-12 | 6-7PM | In Person

Tuesday, February 11th

STPL will be in its Valentine's Era! Bring your besties to a T. Swift-inspired bash. Make friendship bracelets, share sweets, and dance and sing through the eras.

NEW! STPL KINDNESS CLUB

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

Monday, February 10th & March 10th

Do you enjoy helping others, doing good deeds, and making others feel good? Join our STPL Kindness Club! Each session we will create a different kindness-themed project and then share them with our family, friends, and community.



RAINBOW SQUEEGEE ART

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

Monday, March 24th

Did you know you can make beautiful art with paint and a squeegee? Let's try it out! This Rainbow Cat Squeegee Art is irresistibly cute.

NEW! ARTY CRAFTY KIDS

Ages 7-9 | 5-6PM | In Person

Monday, February 3rd & March 3rd

Join us for some simple crafts and socialize with other creative people! Each session we will make something new and have fun things to talk about.



☆ Arty
Crafty Kids ✂

Children & Tween Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

NO-SEW FELT CUP COZY

Ages 8-12 | 2-3PM | In Person

Monday, February 17th

Let's make our own felt cup cozy to keep hands warm this winter. Put your new cozy to the test and enjoy a hot chocolate, too!

CANINE CRIME CINEMA

Ages 8-12 | 5-7PM | In Person

Tuesday, February 18th

Come join us for a screening of the new *Dog Man* movie! We will have snacks, activities, and more all inspired by your favorite crime-fighting canine.



JR. PINTEREST

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

Thursday, February 20th & March 20th

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

COOKING WITH KIDS

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

Monday, February 24th

Are you a junior chef in the making? STPL's best chef: YOU will be at the library each month to make a yummy recipe. We hope you like chicken and waffles!

EPIC EASELS

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

Tuesday, March 11th

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

SHAMROCK STRING ART

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

Monday, March 17th

Come and make shamrock string art to display in your home or to give as a good-luck gift! We will use plastic yarn needles and yarn to make a lucky masterpiece.



MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

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

Wednesday, March 26th

Rev up your engines and get ready for some high-speed fun! Race against others to see who will be crowned #1 and other great titles!

REWILDING DAY: WATER CONSERVATION

Ages 9-12 | 1-2PM | In Person

Friday, March 28th

Let's learn about water conservation and filtration! Discover, experiment, and join us in rewilding the Library! We'll learn how to reduce waste and save our natural resources together.



STEAM CLUB

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

Wednesday, March 19th

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. This March, we will welcome a special firefighter guest to help us learn about fire science!

WARHOL'S WONDERS

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

Tuesday, March 11th

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.

Family Programs

FAMILY CRAFT

5-6PM | *In Person*

Thursday, February 6th & March 6th

Do you love to do crafts as a family? Come join us for our Family Craft series! In February, we're making Fabric Heart Wreaths! In March, we're making Pastel Smudged Clovers!



PUZZLE COMPETITION

9AM - 12:30PM | *In Person*

Saturday, February 15th

Put your puzzling skills to the test! Teams of four will each be given a wrapped puzzle at the start of this competition. The team that finishes 1st wins the title of "Ultimate Library Puzzle Champion!" This is a fundraising event sponsored by the Friends of the Library who support programming and events throughout the year. **\$20 Team Registration Fee**

LIBRARIES EXPLORE! JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE GREENHOUSE

5-6PM | *In Person @ JJC Greenhouse*

Thursday, March 20th

Let's explore JJC's state-of-the-art greenhouse! We will tour the greenhouse, learn the benefits of plants in our world, and start a plant of our own - just in time for spring!



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!

Habitat for Humanity

Wednesday, February 5th
4:30-5PM

Author

Wednesday, February 12th
4:30-5PM

YMCA

Wednesday, February 19th
4-4:30PM

Teen Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *



ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM VR SET OPEN HOUSE

Ages 13+ | 11AM-3PM | In Person
Saturday, February 1st

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. In their own words, the museum invites us to "'Walk' with Holocaust Survivors through childhood hometowns and concentration camps as they share their stories of survival, creating an unforgettable experience."

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Ages 13-17 | In Person
Wed., February 5th (5:30-6:30PM) & March 5th (5-6PM)
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.

GALENTINE'S NIGHT

Ages 13-17 | 4:30-5:30PM | In Person
Tuesday, February 11th

Love having your best friends? Want to make some new ones? Come by the Library to have a self-care night with snacks, friendship bracelets, and more!

MYSTERY HOT CHOCOLATE TAKE & MAKE

Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make
Thursday, February 13th

Treat yourself to a nice cup of hot chocolate as self-care! These cozy cups come with a twist... they turn different colors! All dry ingredients included.

DIY LIGHTSWITCH COVERS

Ages 13-17 | 6:30-7:30PM | In Person
Tuesday, February 25th

Give your bedroom a unique touch by customizing a lightswitch cover! We will decorate these standard covers with anything we can find!



ACT SUCCESS

Ages 13+ | 6:30-7:30PM | Virtual
Wednesday, March 12th

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.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE TAKE & MAKE

Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make
Thursday, March 20th

Celebrate the springtime with a batch of strawberry cookies! All dry ingredients included.

DIY SHAKER KEYCHAINS

Ages 13-17 | 6:30-7:30PM | In Person
Tuesday, March 25th

Need a new accessory for your backpack? Stop by and make a new keychain! These cute keychains are filled with beads and knickknacks that are fun to shake and accessorize with.



Adult Programs

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

5:30-7:30PM | In Person

Monday, February 3rd & March 3rd @ Critical Grind

Monday, February 17th & March 17th @ STPL

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

BOARD GAME SWAP

10AM-2PM | In Person

Saturday, February 22nd

Tired of the same old games? Drop by STPL's Board Game Swap and exchange your gently used games. Game donations are also accepted.



GILMORE GIRLS TRIVIA NIGHT

6-7PM | In Person @ Will County Brewing, Shorewood

Thursday, February 13th

Relive the glory of the Gilmore Girls! Questions and prizes for beginners and experts alike. This will be hosted at Will County Brewing Company in Shorewood, so while this event is open to all adults, IDs will be required to purchase alcohol.

GREY'S ANATOMY TRIVIA NIGHT

6-7PM | In Person

Thursday, March 13th @ Will County Brewing

Relive all the classic moments of the much-beloved TV show at the Grey's Anatomy Trivia Night! Hosted at Will County Brewing, Shorewood.



Delight the senses with an hour of live Celtic music for the lucky season! Trillium will share well-known Celtic tunes as well as those you might not have heard yet.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CONFETTI POPPERS

6-7PM | In Person

Monday, March 24th

Celebrate St. Patty's and make a nostalgic holiday craft, all from things you can find around your home.



Real Estate Series

with Local Realtor, June Allen-Smith

PREPARING FOR THE SPRING MARKET

Ages 18+ | 6:30-7:30PM | In Person

Thursday, February 27th

The spring market is a unique time in the real estate world. Local Real Estate Agent June Allen-Smith will help decipher spring's timelines and prepare both buyers and sellers for success. There will be an open-format Q&A after the presentation, so please feel free to bring your burning questions.

LEAVING A LEGACY FOR YOUR FAMILY

Ages 18+ | 6:30-7:30PM | In Person

Thursday, March 27th

June will take us through the various aspects of estate planning including wills and beyond, selling a home upon death (at any age), and the best ways to transfer assets without probate. Bring your questions, and June will be happy to answer at the end of the seminar.

Adult Programs & ILP

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

TECH HELP TUESDAYS*

1-3PM | In Person

Tuesday, February 11th, 25th & March 11th, 25th

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

SHARE THE LOVE: LOVE LETTER WRITING

6:30-7:30PM | In Person

Monday, February 10th

Celebrate the month of love by writing a loved one a letter. This could be romantic or not. Wax seals and high-quality paper will be provided.

NO ONE EVER SEES INDIANS: NATIVE AMERICANS IN MEDIA

2-3PM | In Person

Saturday, February 15th

This presentation is loosely structured as a three-part magic act. Ernest M. Whiteman, Illinois Humanities Scholar, discusses the many representations of Native Americans in media, how far back these depictions go, and how these representations inform audiences' perceptions of Native peoples and issues.

ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT (ILP) - Virtual, 7PM

An Evening with James McBride - Tuesday, March 4th

James McBride, is an award-winning author, musician, and screenwriter.

Slowing Down with Amy Tan - Wednesday, February 19th

Savor the quiet moments and reflect with bestselling author, Amy Tan.

Exploring Space with Coralie Adam - Tuesday, March 4th

Get an inside look at the space industry with Illinois' own Coralie Adam.

9to5: The Story of Movement - March 21st - 23rd

Watch the award-winning documentary that highlights the creation of the 9to5 movement which fought for workplace equity.

Events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

THE LEGACY OF IDA B. WELLS

2-3PM | Virtual via Zoom, Copresented with Joliet Public Library

Saturday, February 8th

Dan Duster, the great-grandson of landmark activist and feminist Ida B. Wells, will share more about the work of his ancestor and how her legacy is still an important and inspiring force today.

TAKE & MAKE THURSDAY

All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, February 20th & March 20th

This February, make macrame hearts, and this March, celebrate Women's History Month with a cross-stitch!

CASTING A HISTORIC VOTE: SUFFRAGE FOR WOMEN IN ILLINOIS

6-7PM | In Person

Tuesday, March 4th

Illinois Humanities Road Scholar Jeanne Schultz Angel shares the story of Illinois women's suffrage. From Ellen Martin to Ida B. Wells, women's suffrage was a battle by a diverse group of activists.



Adult Programs | Book Clubs

A NOVEL IDEA

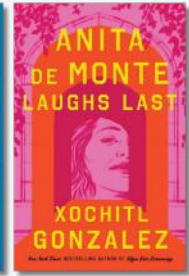
6-7PM | In Person

- Wednesday, February 12th

The Lost Story by Meg Shaffer

- Wednesday, March 12th

Anita De Monte Laughs Last by Xochitl Gonzalez



TRUE STORY

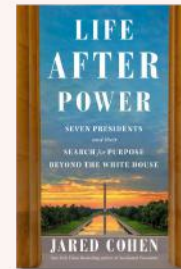
6:30-7:30PM | In Person

- Wednesday, February 26th

Life After Power: Seven Presidents and Their Search for Power Beyond the White House by Jared Cohen

- Wednesday, March 26th

A Fever in the Heartland by Timothy Egan



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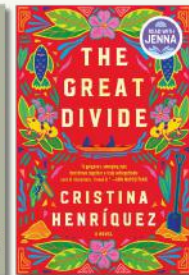
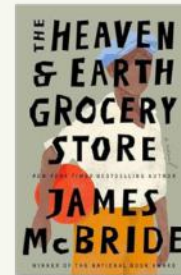
12-1PM | In Person

- Thursday, February 20th

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

- Thursday, March 20th

The Great Divide by Cristina Henriquez



COOK BOOK CLUB

2-3PM | In Person | Theme: Sweets

- Wednesday, February 19th

Love to try new recipes? Join the club! We review cookbooks on the theme of the month, and then members either bring a dish from their chosen book or send a pic!



COZY MUG PAINTING

6-7PM | In Person

Monday, February 3rd

Is there anything better than a warm mug on a cold day? We surely don't think so. Join us to paint your own mug, and then use it to drink your favorite beverage. All supplies will be provided, including design templates. Beginner and all-ability friendly!



TAKE & MAKE: HOT CHOCOLATE BOMBS

All Day | Take & Make

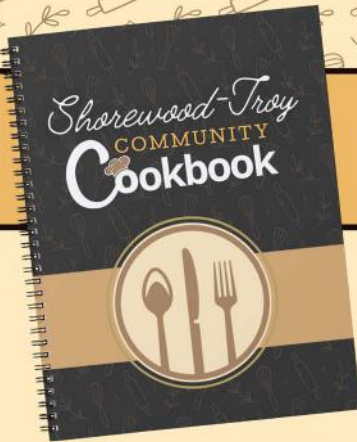
Friday, February 14th

Relish the winter spirit with this surprisingly simple hot chocolate recipe. While the recipe is for one, you can multiply it to make delicious hot chocolate for your family, friends, and neighbors! Most supplies are provided, including molds, instructions, and non-perishable ingredients. We hope you enjoy this sweet, warm beverage with a cozy book this Winter Read!



SHOREWOOD-TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Shorewood, IL 60404



Delicious recipes brought to you by your neighbors!



Scan the code to **download your FREE** community cookbook filled with 82 family-favorite recipes. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for putting this together and helping us **cultivate community through food!**



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

Monday,
May 26th
Memorial Day

Thursday,
June 5th
Summer Reading
Kickoff