



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

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Special Events

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MONDAY

April 7th

**Ribbon-Cutting
Ceremony at 4pm**

The Shorewood-Troy Public Library's **newly renovated parking lot** is ready to welcome you. We invite you to celebrate this exciting improvement with us! Light refreshments will be served.

cue the confetti...

IT'S ALMOST OUR BIRTHDAY!



Celebrating 40 Years

Our Library is turning 40! Join us in celebrating our birthday as we reflect on all the growth and memories we've made over the past four decades. We have the best community around and can't wait to serve you with more programs and resources in the many years to come!



What's New?

We are constantly striving to improve STPL, both its building and its impact. Between our friendly staff, recent renovations, and our brand new website coming soon, we are committed to providing a positive, supportive, and inviting experience in our community. If you're new, come check us out!



Ways to Give

To keep providing valuable resources, programs, services, and beyond, we're asking for your support. Any donation, big or small, will help us reach our goal of raising \$10,000 for seed money to begin a Library Foundation. Donations can be made in person or on-line using the form above. Thank you for being a part of our journey!

National Library Week



Drawn to the Library

National Library Week

April 6-12, 2025

ALA American Library Association

Library Champions
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SCHOLASTIC

Celebrate National Library Week at STPL April 6-12, 2025

What draws people to the library? Everything! From books and digital collections to technology assistance and creative programming, libraries are essential to thriving communities.

National Library Week, April 6-12, 2025, is a time to celebrate the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning.

At Shorewood-Troy Public Library, we invite the community to join the celebration! Whether you're a longtime patron or haven't visited in a while, now is the perfect time to explore all the library has to offer. If you need convenient access to a printer, Wi-Fi, or computer, or wish to explore a new hobby through programming, or want to challenge yourself to read more this year, our library provides it all.



Whatever draws you in, we're here for you! Get your free, instant library card today by scanning the code.

Special NLW Programs!
Mon, Apr 7 - Sat, Apr 12
All day

Art Show
Ages 0-12

Book Bingo
All Ages

Spot the Difference
Ages 13+

**No registration required. See Department pages for more information.*



Children's Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

ITTY BITTY ART CLUB

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

Monday, April 21st and May 19th

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, April 9th and May 14th

Enjoy a warm, inviting space where you and your child can play and socialize with others in the community. *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, April 7th and May 5th

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.



BABY RAVE

Ages 0-3 | 10-11AM | In Person

Friday, May 2nd

Join us for a dance party where the music is bumpin' and the babies are jumpin'! We will have a fun session filled with glow-in-the-dark activities!

MUSIC CLASS WITH MS. JAMIE

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

Saturday, April 5th and May 3rd

Friday, April 18th and May 16th

STPL'S favorite Music Educator, Ms. Jamie, leads this fun music class. Learn simple songs and movements that your little ones will love! *When registering, please include yourself and any other adults attending.*

SENSORY SENSATION

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

Thursday, April 10th and May 8th

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. This April, little ones will enjoy a hair gel sensory bag Take & Make kit, and this May, an exciting and fun cloud dough kit!

FRIENDS & PLAYTIME

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

Tuesday, April 15th and May 20th

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



MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Ages 2-5 | 11AM-12PM | In Person

Friday, May 9th

Come celebrate the mother figures in your life! We will have refreshments and activities. Come dressed in your fanciest attire and remember to keep your pinky up when drinking your tea! This party is sure to be delightful.

Children's Programs

Fun programs perfect
for all ages to enjoy!

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

All Ages | All Day | Take & Make

Tuesday, April 1st and May 6th

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

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK ART SHOW

All Ages | All Day | In Person

Monday, April 7th - Saturday, April 12th

Show us that you are "Drawn to the Library" by drawing your favorite book or literary character! Bring your art piece to the Children's Department for display.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK BOOK BINGO

All Ages | All Day | In Person

Monday, April 7th - Saturday, April 12th

It's National Library Week! To celebrate, come in to the Children's Department to get a Book Bingo card. Complete the bingo to win a book!

PADDINGTON BEAR PARTY

All Ages | 5-6PM | In

Person

Wednesday, April 23rd

Celebrate our favorite marmalade-loving bear by making fun crafts, playing activities, and eating snacks! This is sure to be a grand adventure!



STORYTIME EXPLORERS

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

Tuesday, April 22nd and May 27th

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, April 7th and May 5th

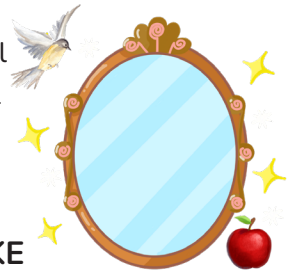
Gain access to exciting videos, learning games, and fun activities you can print from home!

SNOW WHITE PARTY

Ages 5-10 | 11AM-12PM | In Person

Monday, April 21st

Mirror, mirror on the wall, a magical party awaits you all! Come to STPL for an enchanting time with Snow White-themed activities.



DOODLE CLUB TAKE & MAKE

Ages 5-8 | 4-5PM | Take & Make

Tuesday, April 1st and May 6th

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

ART & LITERATURE STORYTIME

Ages 5-8 | In Person

Tuesday, April 22nd (5:15-5:45PM)

Tuesday, May 27th (5:35-6:05PM)

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

STPL KINDNESS CLUB

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

Monday, April 14th and May 12th

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!

TODDLER TINKER TIME

Ages 3-5 | 10-10:45AM | In Person

Wednesday, April 2nd and May 7th

Bring your toddler for some imaginative fun! We will have several stations of open-ended, hands-on activities that will keep your little one happy and engaged while learning through play!

Children & Tween Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

EPIC EASELS

Ages 7-10 | 5-6PM | In Person

Tuesday, May 13th

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

BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

Ages 8-12 | 6:30-7:30PM | In Person

Monday, April 14th

Prepare by reading this month's book: *Slider* by Pete Hautman. Then, test your knowledge and skills in our STPL Escape Room!



JR. PINTEREST

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

Thursday, April 17th and May 15th

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

COOKING WITH KIDS

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

Monday, April 28th

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 cheese balls (National Cheese Ball Day)!



MYSTERY OREO TASTING

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

Wednesday, May 14th

Love Oreos? Try to guess the mystery flavor at this special tasting! See how many you can guess correctly and learn what flavors you like, and don't!

MINECRAFT PARTY

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

Tuesday, April 8th

Calling all Minecraft Fans! Creep on in to STPL to celebrate your favorite building game. We will have games, a craft, and fun activities.

ILP PRESENTS: ARTS & ADVENTURES WITH DAN SANTAT WATCH PARTY!

Ages 8-14 | 2-3PM | In Person

Saturday, May 3rd

Join us at the Library as we watch an exciting ILP Presents episode featuring Dan Santat! Santat is the author and illustrator of over a hundred books for young people.



Many of his books are *New York Times*-best-sellers, including *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*, *Are We There Yet?*, and *After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)*.

STEAM CLUB

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

Wednesday, May 21st

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, May 13th

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, April 3rd and May 1st

Do you love to do crafts as a family? Come join us for our Family Craft series! In April, we're drawing portraits of each other, and in May, we're making watercolor flower bouquets!



SPRING CELEBRATION!

5-6:30PM | In Person

Wednesday, April 16th

Come to the Library for a fun Easter celebration! Take photos with the Easter Bunny, hunt for eggs, make a craft, and enjoy refreshments. This is sure to be an egg-ceptionally fun holiday event! *Please contact the Children's Department to register. (815) 725-4368



ENCANTO PARTY

11AM-12:30PM | In Person

Saturday, April 12th

Magic awaits you at STPL! Join us as we spend an afternoon of celebrating family with games, snacks, and a story.



INCREDIBLE BATS!

11AM-12PM | In Person

Saturday, April 19th

Join bat experts, Incredible Bats!, as they share facts about animals all around the world. You will get to see bats and other animals up close and maybe even get to hold one!

Teen Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

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

Wednesday, April 2nd and May 7th

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.



KPOP PARTY

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

Tuesday, April 15th

Do you *love* KPOP? Do you need people to scream about it with? We'll have activities like photo-card trading and random dance!

TAB PRESENTS: BOBA MIX TAKE & MAKE

Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, April 17th

The Teen Advisory Board presents a new drink at home! Learn to make boba drink just like at the restaurant. All dry ingredients will be provided.

SMASH BROS TOURNAMENT

Ages 13-17 | 5-6:30PM | In Person

Tuesday, April 29th

Train for our Smash tournament! Compete with others in a Smash Bros tournament to win the title of Best Fighter and take home the grand prize!

JUST DANCE PARTY

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

Wednesday, April 30th

Join the party and play Just Dance all night! Dance the night away with snacks and meet new friends.



We need a teen volunteer interested in D&D!

Experience is a plus but not required. The volunteer will be available 3 evening sessions (1 in June, July, & Aug).

**Looking for
VOLUNTEER
hours?**



CINNAMON BUN COOKIE TAKE & MAKE

Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, May 15th

Ease into summer break with a new cookie to try. The kit provided includes all dry ingredients to make yummy cinnamon bun cookies.

GROCERY STORE TASTE TEST

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

Tuesday, May 20th

Do you think you can tell the difference between grocery stores? Come blind taste test snacks from well-known stores and see if you can taste the difference!



BOBA BAR

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

Wednesday, May 21st

Do you like boba? Do you want to learn how to make it? Come to our boba bar here at the Library and learn to make different drinks you can make at home.

Adult Programs

TAKE & MAKE THURSDAY

All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, April 17th and May 15th

This April, make Cupcake Liner Flowers, and this May, make yarn scrap birds!

ANTIQUED SILVER EASTER EGG CRAFT

6-7PM | In Person

Tuesday, April 22nd

This is not your average Easter egg craft! Create elevated eggs that you can use around your home all year round!



I-PASS ON DEMAND

10AM - 3PM | In Person

Saturday, May 17th

Staff from I-Pass Assist will help income-eligible individuals realize the benefits of I-Pass! Learn about I-Pass Assist, I-Pass Sticker Tags, Pay By Plate, and account management.

CD SUNCATCHER CRAFT

6:30-7:30PM | In Person

Tuesday, May 20th

Create a sun catcher for those nooks and crannies in your home that need a little lightening up!

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

5:30-7:30PM | In Person

Monday, April 7th and May 5th @ Critical Grind

Monday, April 21st and May 19th @ STPL

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

GENERAL SPORTS TRIVIA

6-7PM | In Person @ Will County Brewing Company

Thursday, April 10th

The sports world is in a flurry right now! In honor of the Masters, the NBA Playoffs, and the NFL Draft, join us to flex your sports trivia knowledge.

DISNEY TRIVIA AFTER DARK

6-7PM | In Person @ Will County Brewing Company

Thursday, May 8th

Disney Adults, mount up! The live action Lilo & Stitch comes out this month, so we thought it would be the perfect time to test just how well we all know the happiest media series on Earth.

Questions and prizes for beginners and experts alike. These events will be hosted at Will County Brewing Company in Shorewood. While open to all adults, IDs will be required to purchase alcoholic beverages.

★ **Reinvigorate Your Reading Life!** 



Adult Reading Challenge

Road Less Traveled

100 Reading Prompts!

Now available! To learn more or register, visit Beanstack or sign up at the "Ask Here" desk.

The graphic features a stylized illustration of a road winding through a landscape with green hills and a blue sky. On the left, there is an open book with a QR code on its pages. On the right, a yellow circle contains the text '100 Reading Prompts!'. The background is a gradient of blue and green.

Adult Programs & ILP

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *



VICTORY GARDENS: GROWING FOR A NATION IN WWII

6-7PM | In Person
Monday, April 7th

During World War II, Victory Gardens became a symbol of resilience and self-sufficiency on the homefront. These gardens, grown by everyday citizens in backyards, parks, and community spaces, helped alleviate food shortages caused by war efforts. In this presentation, we will explore the history, purpose, and impact of Victory Gardens during WWII. We will dig into how they fostered a sense of unity, empowered families, and contributed to the war effort. Join us as we uncover the strategies, challenges, and enduring legacy of this pivotal moment in agricultural history and discover how the spirit of these gardens remains relevant today. Presented by Becky Brillion, *The War in My Kitchen*.



TECH HELP TUESDAYS*

1-3PM | In Person

Tuesday, April 8th, 22nd, and May 13th, 27th

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

MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY 101

6-7:30PM | In Person

Wednesday, May 28th

Puzzled about Social Security or Medicare? They can be confusing! Join Remlinger Financial Group's Margaret and Jeff Remlinger to learn important information about these programs.



ILP: THE ART OF FORAGING WITH ALEXIS NIKOLE NELSON

7PM | Virtual

Thursday, April 10

Alexis Nikole Nelson is a forager and an outdoor educator using her social platforms to celebrate all the edible plants hiding in plain sight. She peels back historical layers on African American and Indigenous food traditions that have traditionally been repressed and empowers those living in food deserts with greater self-sufficiency.



ILP: POVERTY: A DISCUSSION WITH MATTHEW DESMOND

7PM | Virtual

Thursday, April 10

Matthew Desmond is a professor of sociology at Princeton University and author of the award-winning book *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. Desmond's research focuses on poverty in the United States, city life, housing insecurity, public policy, racial inequality, and ethnography.

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

Adult Programs | Book Clubs

A NOVEL IDEA

Join us as we discuss what we liked (and didn't like) about this month's book.

6-7PM | In Person

- **Wednesday, April 9th**

The Husbands by Holly Gramazio

- **Wednesday, May 14th**

The Ministry of Time by Kaliane Bradley



TRUE STORY

This monthly book discussion features real-life stories.

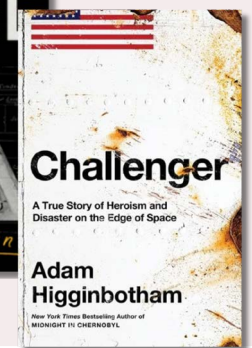
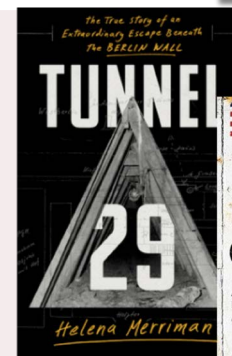
6:30-7:30PM | In Person

- **Wednesday, April 23rd**

Tunnel 29: The True Story of an Extraordinary Escape Beneath the Berlin Wall by Helena Merriman

- **Wednesday, May 28th**

Challenger: A True Story of Heroism and Disaster on the Edge of Space by Adam Higginbotham



AS THE PAGE TURNS

Read a variety of books on a variety of topics with a variety of people.

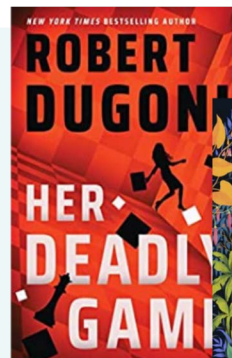
12-1PM | In Person

- **Thursday, April 17th**

Her Deadly Game by Robert Dugoni

- **Thursday, May 15th**

The Twilight Garden by Sara Nisha Adams



COOK BOOK CLUB

Love to try new recipes? Join the club!

2-3PM | In Person | Theme: Eggs

Wednesday, April 16th

We review cookbooks on the theme of the month, and then members either bring a dish from their chosen book or send a pic! This April, we've chosen a special ingredient to highlight in our recipes - eggs! Will you make a classic comfort food, a vegetarian-friendly dish, or something equally delicious?

National Library Week

Mon, Apr 7 - Sat, Apr 12

All day | Ages 13+

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES & BOOK BINGO Try spotting all the differences between book covers. Then, peruse the stacks as you play book bingo! Stop by the "Ask Here" Desk for a game board.



SHOREWOOD-TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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READING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

STPL SUMMER READ 2025



SAVE THE DATE!

KICK OFF PARTY

THURS, JUNE 5

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

Friday, July 4th
Independence Day