



*Building Community through the Joy of Reading, Learning, and Exploring!*  
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STPL Summer Read 2025



# READING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!



## SIGN UP

Register at the kickoff event, in the Library, or online via Beanstack beginning June 5th. All ages can participate! Visit our website for more details.

**KICKOFF  
PARTY!**  
**THURSDAY,**  
**JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> | 5-7PM**

## EARN PRIZES

Read, track, and earn prizes this summer! Anyone who completes their log will earn entries into our grand prize drawings. The more you read, the more you can earn!

# Library News

## Tiffany Allen-Smith is STPL's newest member of the Board of Trustees!

Shorewood resident and business owner, Tiffany Allen-Smith, is thrilled to play a part in the continued evolution of our town and looks forward to being involved in a place where learning is always encouraged.

"I am most interested in supporting the strategic planning and community engagement initiatives. I hope to continue with the great work already accomplished by the Board in building bridges between the Library and local businesses."



Welcome!

Allen-Smith also wishes to contribute to offering more resources for entrepreneurs and business owners in the area. Welcome, Tiffany!



## Check out our new WEBSITE!

[shorewoodtroylibrary.org](https://shorewoodtroylibrary.org) 🔍

## THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER READ 2025 SPONSORS!

Please support these *amazing businesses* for supporting us!

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BOARD GAME CAFE  
& EVENTS



# Children's Programs

**Registration is required for all programs unless marked \***

## ITTY BITTY ART CLUB

**Ages Birth-2 | Take & Make | Email @ 9am**

**Monday, June 16th & July 21st**

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, June 11th & July 9th**

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.

## MUSIC CLASS WITH MS. JAMIE

**Ages 1-4 | 10-10:30am | In Person**

**Saturday, July 12th & Friday, July 25th**

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.**

## FRIENDS & PLAYTIME

**Ages 2-5 | 11-11:30am | In Person**

**Tuesday, June 17th & July 15th**

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 | 10-10:45am | In Person**

**Wednesday, June 4th & July 2nd**

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!

## ITTY BITTY STORYTIME

**Ages 0-3 | 10-10:30am | In Person**

**Monday, June 2nd & July 7th**

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.



## MOVIN' & GROOVIN' STORYTIME

**Ages 3-5 | AM & PM Sessions | In Person**

**AM Session: 10-10:45am | PM Session: 4-4:45pm**

**Mon, June 16th, July 21st & Thurs, June 26th, July 31st**

Put on your boogie shoes and join us for a groovy time! We will listen to stories and sing to songs that will get your feet movin'! This program is geared towards ages 2-5 but all are welcome! Each date offers both sessions.

## STORYTIME EXPLORERS

**Ages 3-5 | 4:30-5pm | In Person**

**Tuesday, June 24th & July 22nd**

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

## MONEY-MINDED STORYTIME

**Ages 3-5 | 10-11am | In Person**

**Wednesday, July 23rd**

Join us for a money-minded storytime with the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer! We will listen to a story and learn the basic concepts of money.

## BOOK & BIRD HIKE @ HAMMEL WOODS

**Ages 3-8 | 4:30-5:30pm | In Person**

**Thursday, July 10th**

We're headed to Hammel Woods with Four Rivers Environmental Education Center! We will start with a story and then hike one mile while bird watching!

## CAMPFIRE STORYTIME

**Ages 5-8 | 5-5:45pm | In Person**

**Monday, June 23rd**

Gather 'round the "fire" for some fun camping-themed stories and activities.



# Children's Programs



## ALIEN GLOW PARTY

**Ages 5-10 | 1-2pm | In Person**

**Wednesday, July 16th**

Calling all Earthlings! It's time to invade STPL for a party that is "out of this world." We will have alien themed activities that are sure to be stellar.



## STPL KINDNESS CLUB

**Ages 6-12 | 5-6pm | In Person**

**Monday, June 9th & July 14th**

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!



## MARS ACADEMY ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

**Ages 6-12 | 11am-1pm | In Person**

**Saturday, June 7th**

Dive into the world of robotics with MARS Academy! In this workshop, kids will design, build, and program robots using basic and advanced automation techniques.



## BEYOND THE BOOK

**Ages 8-12 | 6:30-7:30pm | In Person**

**Monday, July 28th**

Prepare by reading this month's book, *The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer Holm. Then, test your knowledge and skills in our STPL Escape Room! With this program, you can work toward your Summer Read progress, have fun, and make memories!

## NEW! CHESS CLUB

**Ages 8-12 | 11am-12pm | In Person**

**Friday, June 6th & July 11th**

Improve your chess game with the guidance of an experienced chess player. Bring your basic knowledge of the game to play with other players.

## NEW! NATURE'S GUARDIANS

**Ages 8-12 | 5-6pm | In Person**

**Wednesday, June 25th & July 23rd**

Does your child have an interest in nature and animals? This program will help foster a love for nature and conservation. We will do projects to benefit the environment and learn that every effort can help protect our planet, no matter how small.



## DONUTS WITH DAD

**Ages 0-12 | 10-11am | In Person**

**Saturday, June 14th**

Celebrate Father's Day at the Library. Enjoy donuts and get crafty with Dad with a fun activity.

\*Please contact the Children's Department to register.

# Family Programs

## KICKOFF PARTY!

**JUNE 5TH @ 5PM!**

Join us for an *Out of This World* celebration to launch Summer Read!

This event has something for everyone!

- Meet a special astronaut and Star Wars characters in full-costume!
- Blast off to the stars in our fun bouncy house
- Fuel up for your mission with delicious eats & "galaxy" lemonade
- Defend our Library from alien invaders
- Toss alien eggs into a black hole
- Find out the "Fate in Your Stars" to help prepare for your future
- And so much more!!

**DOOR PRIZES!!**



**FOOD, GAMES, CRAFTS, FUN!**

## Traveling Storyteller

Inspire play & connection through books!

Meet us at 10am this summer!

June 20	Towne Center Park
June 25	Bronkberry Farms
July 11	Towne Center Park
July 18	Hammel Woods Rt 59
July 23	Bronkberry Farms



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# Family Programs



## MOBILE MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE

11am-6pm | In Person

June 10-11th (Recommended for ages 10+)

Stop by to explore the Mobile Museum of Tolerance, created by the Simon Wiesenthal Center. This interactive exhibit aspires to promote human dignity by combatting anti-Semitism, bullying, racism, hate, and intolerance. The MMOT will be parked outside the Library in the parking lot. **\*Registration is not mandatory, but will guarantee you a spot. Please see the events calendar for specific time slots.**



**SIMON  
WIESENTHAL  
CENTER**



## DOGGY STORYTIME

5-5:30pm | In Person

Tues, June 10th & Thurs, July 24th

Calling dog lovers! STPL will have a paw-some storytime with a visit from a local therapy dog, Chloe!



## FAMILY CRAFT

5-6pm | In Person

Thursday, July 3rd

Come join us for our Family Craft series! This July, we're making night and day agamographs!



## LIBRARIES EXPLORE!

### TRACKMAN PLANETARIUM

4:30-5:30pm | In Person @ JJC

Tuesday, July 8th

Located on the JJC campus, the Planetarium will feature a show about stars and constellations! Stay after to explore the Cronin schoolhouse!



## MOON & SUN CRAFT

5-6pm | In Person

Thursday, July 17th

Join Ms. Stephanie as she helps you create a sun and moon sign to display!

## CRAFT fair

Sat, July 12  
10am - 2pm



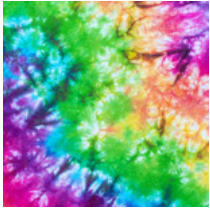
Sat, July 12th | 10am-2pm | In Person @ STPL

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY CRAFT FAIR\*

Explore a wide array of handmade talents and one-of-a-kind art pieces at this outdoor fair. Support local artisans and discover the perfect gift or unique treasure for yourself! Anyone who attends dressed in their best "out of this world" costume in honor of the Summer Read theme will receive a special prize.

# Tween & Teen Programs

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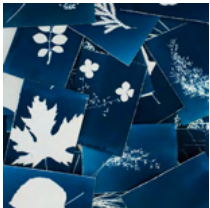


## **DIY TIE-DYE BEACH TOWELS**

**Ages 11-14 | 5-6pm | In Person**

**Thursday, June 19th**

Celebrate summer in style by making your own tie-dye towel! Bring your own white beach towel and we will supply the dyes and instruction.



## **CREATING CYANOTYPE**

**Ages 11-14 | 4:30-5:30pm**

**Wednesday, July 30th**

Ever wonder how they created pictures way back before cameras? Stop by the Library to find out and to create your own special picture using this cyanotype method. This will be a fun activity in the sunshine!

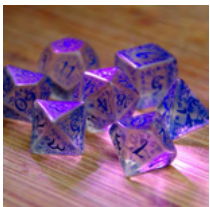


## **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**

**Ages 13-17 | 5-6pm | In Person**

**Wednesday, June 4th & July 2nd**

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. Program hours count toward volunteer hours.



## **TEEN D&D**

**Ages 13-17 | 5:30-7:30pm**

**Monday, June 16th & July 21st**

Ready to join the realm of dragons and magic? Stop by and play at our summer long one-shot!

## **GUESS GLOW-IN-THE-DARK FOOD**

**Ages 13-17 | 5-6pm | In Person**

**Wednesday, June 18th**

Can you put your taste buds to the taste? Try guessing different foods that glow in the dark! Your taste buds will surprise you.

## **SUMMER SOLSTICE MUFFIN RECIPE**

**Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make**

**Thursday, June 26th**

Celebrate the summer solstice with a yummy muffin recipe. The fun flavors are perfect for summertime. All dry ingredients will be provided.

## **ALIEN PERLER BEAD**

**Ages 13-17 | 4:30-5:30pm | In Person**

**Tuesday, July 8th**

An alien expert will share their knowledge on making a fun perler bead craft! Learn to make an alien friend out of perler beads.

## **K-POP NIGHT**

**Ages 13-17 | 4-5pm | In Person**

**Tuesday, July 1st**

If you love k-pop and Korean snacks, then this program is for you! Join for a night of k-pop and k-drama related activities like craft stations, photocard trading, and snacks!





# Adult Craft Programs

*These programs welcome  
parents & teens!*



## ESCAPE ROOM

### ALIEN ABDUCTION ESCAPE ROOM

*Ages 13+ | 1-2pm | In Person*

*Saturday, June 28th*

Picture this: You wake up in an unfamiliar room with no memory of the last day. Using the clues and tests provided, can you figure out who was abducted, and can you escape?

## TEENS & ADULTS



### BLACK LIGHT PAINTING

*Ages 13+ | 5-6pm | In Person*

*Wednesday, July 16th*

Parents and teens, stop on by to paint each other... but with a fun twist! Portraits will be painted with glow-in-the-dark paint, and we'll use black lights to make it fun and challenging.



### STARRY WREATH CRAFT

*6-7pm | In Person*

*Tuesday, June 17th*

Create a spangled wreath perfect for year-round use or for decorating your home this 4th of July!

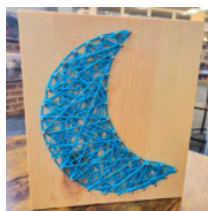


### ADULT TAKE & MAKE: RADIAL STAR WEAVING

*All Day | Take & Make*

*Thursday, June 19th*

For this Take & Make Thursday, we're weaving radial stars! Registrants will be notified when their kits are ready to be picked up.



### MOON STRING ART

*6-7pm | In Person*

*Tuesday, July 15th*

Unleash your creativity and take home a beautiful piece of art at this relaxing class. All supplies will be provided, and you'll learn to design with string and nails. Perfect for all skill levels.

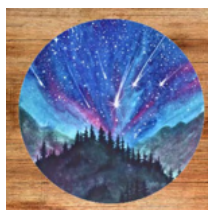


### ADULT TAKE & MAKE: SUN SUNCATCHER

*All Day | Take & Make*

*Thursday, July 17th*

For this Take & Make Thursday, we're making sunny suncatchers! Registrants will be notified when their kits are ready to be picked up.



### METEOR SHOWER PAINTING

*6-7:30pm | In Person*

*Tuesday, July 22nd*

Enjoy a meteor shower year round with this stellar painting! All supplies will be provided.

# Adult Programs

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## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

5:30-7:30pm | In Person

Monday, June 2nd & July 7th @ Critical Grind

Join this rag-tag team of adventurers to face the challenges that lie before them. Dice and 5th edition handbooks are available, but participants are welcome to bring their own.

## TECH HELP TUESDAYS\*

1-3pm | In Person

Tuesday, June 10th, 24th & July 8th, 22nd

Get your technology questions answered! Please bring your device and any relevant usernames/passwords. This is a walk-in event and no registration is required.



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## THURSDAY TRIVIA

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

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 alcoholic beverages.



- Thursday, June 12th | Theme: Star Wars

Join us to flex your Star Wars trivia knowledge!



- Thursday, July 10th | Theme: Star Trek

Beam in to show off your Star Trek trivia knowledge!



# 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, June 11th**

*Sandwich* by Catherine Newman

- **Wednesday, July 9th**

*First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston



## TRUE STORY

This monthly book discussion features real-life stories.

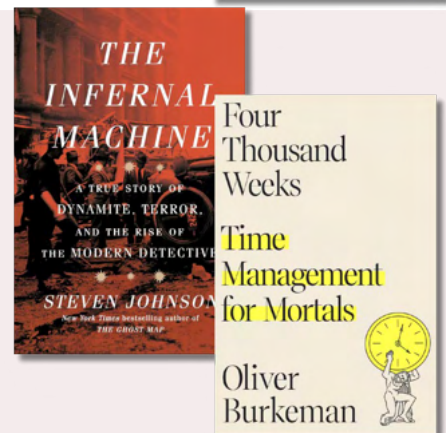
**6:30-7:30pm | In Person**

- **Wednesday, June 25th**

*The Infernal Machine: A True Story of Dynamite, Terror, and the Rise of the Modern Detective* by Steven Johnson

- **Wednesday, July 23rd**

*Four Thousand Weeks: Time Management for Mortals* by Oliver Burkeman



## AS THE PAGE TURNS

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

**12-1pm | In Person**

- **Thursday, June 19th**

*The Story She Left Behind* by Patti Callahan Henry

- **Thursday, July 17th**

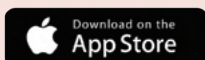
*The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston

A banner for the Summer Read Beanstack challenge. It features a cartoon astronaut on the left, a star, and the text 'READING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD' and 'JUNE 5 - JULY 26'. In the center, there are four planets with labels: '3 HOURS', '6 HOURS', '9 HOURS', and '12 HOURS'. On the right, there is a QR code.

Register for the Summer Read Beanstack challenge beginning Thursday, June 5th!



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## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

### The Kijowski Family Kristi, Dave, and Benjamin

We want to highlight a very special family who generously donated to the Library Foundation!

Dave and Kristi love to utilize the Library's audiobook collection on Libby, and their son Benjamin is solidifying his love of reading through the vast selection of superhero comic novels and *Who Would Win?* animal battle books! We are so grateful for their patronage!



## Thank you for your donation!



## 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

Thursday, June 5th  
Summer Reading Kickoff

Friday, July 4th  
Independence Day

Friday, August 1st  
Staff In-Service Day

Monday, September 1st  
Labor Day