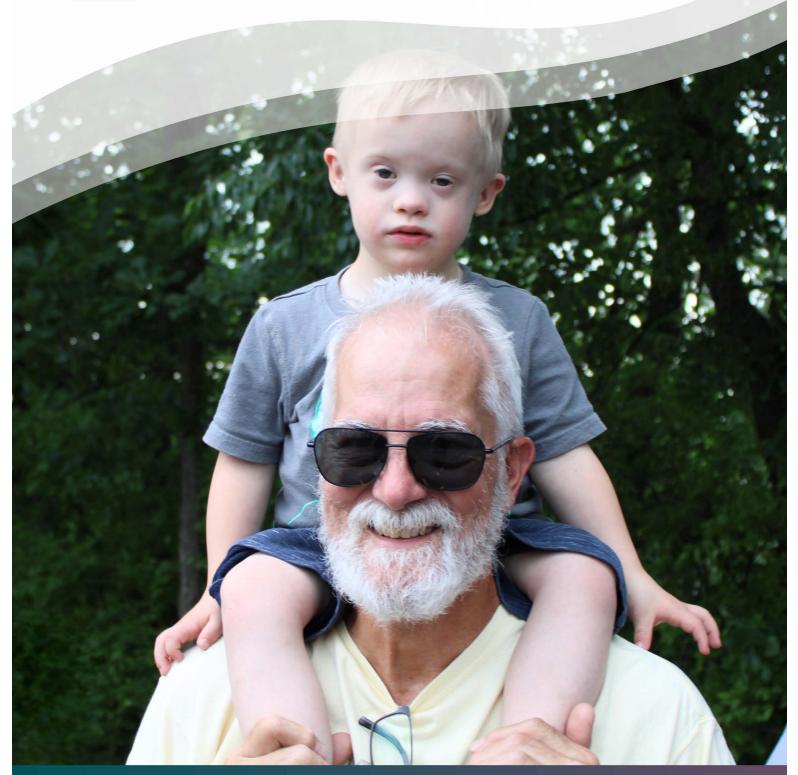


Aug-Sept 2025



Building Community through the Joy of Reading, Learning, and Exploring! 650 Deerwood Drive, Shorewood | shorewoodtroylibrary.org | (815) 725-1715



FRI. SEPT 12TH

12 - 4pm

SAT, SEPT 13TH

9am - 4pm



Sponsored by the Friends of the Shorewood-Troy Library. Browse used books and more for great prices. All proceeds go directly to supporting the Library.

Celebrating - Years!





\$1,220 of \$10,000

We have a goal to raise \$10,000, which will enable us to kickstart a Library Foundation - a fund that supports the library long-term. If you can, please consider donating. Even a dollar makes a difference and inches us closer to our goal. Thank you so much for being a part of our library's future!

For 40 years, the Library building has supported our community, and we care deeply about how it supports you. That's why we continually seek ways to enhance and improve it. Take a look at some of our recent projects:

- Full upstairs remodel
- Additional parking lot
- 2 New community bookdrops
- 4 New self-check kiosks
- Redesigned website & branding
- Study Room remodel (see pg. 6!)
- Plus so much more to come!

These changes are exciting, but we believe there is even more we can do to better serve your needs.



SHOREWOOD-TROY LIBRARY **TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 3PM-10PM**

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

"The Library is a special place for me. Each time I come to the library I am greeted with a smile from one of the wonderful employees, otherwise known as my library family. If I am unable to find a book in our



system, someone will always reach out to see if they can locate it for me from another system. It is so important that the Shorewood community support our library."

Thank you for your support! - Linda S.



Children's Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

ITTY BITTY ART CLUB

Ages Birth-2 | All Day | Take & Make Monday, August 18th & September 15th

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

BABY OPEN PLAY

Ages 6-24 months | 11-11:30am | In Person Thursday, August 14th & September 11th

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 Tuesday, August 5th & September 2nd

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, August 2nd & Friday, August 15th

Tuesday, September 9th & 23rd

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 | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, August 14th & September 11th

Sensory play is a wonderful opportunity to participate in your young child's artistic exploration and discovery. You will receive a kit with everything needed to make playtime fun!



FRIENDS & PLAYTIME

Ages 2-5 | 11-11:30am | In Person Tuesday, August 19th & Sept. 16th Have a playdate at the library! 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, August 6th & Sept. 3rd 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!



STORYTIME EXPLORERS

Ages 3-5 | 4:30-5pm | In Person Tuesday, August 26th & Sept. 23rd Are you ready for a book-themed adventure? We will be exploring exciting stories, fun songs, and engaging activities.



NATURE JOURNALING MINIS

Ages 3-5 | 11am-12pm | In Person

Monday, September 22nd

Embrace your little one's love for nature with nature "journaling!" We will look at several things from nature and draw what we see.



LET'S FIND OUT W/ MS. LORI

Ages 3-6 | Email @ 9am

Monday, Aug. 4th & Tues, Sept. 2nd Does your preschooler like to learn about the great big world around them? This engaging nonfiction magazine will help your child do just that!

Children's Programs

DOODLE CLUB

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

Tuesday, August 5th & September 2nd

Do you love to doodle? Follow our instructions on how to draw an adorable new masterpiece!

ART & LITERATURE STORYTIME

Ages 5-8 | 5:15-5:45pm | In Person

Tuesday, August 26th & September 23rd

Does your child love stories and art? Join us for a themed literacy and art activity.

FIELD DAY

Ages 5-12 | 10-11am | In Person

Tuesday, August 12th

Join us for a fun afternoon playing your favorite yard games! This will be held outdoors.

MYSTERY SMOOTHIE CHALLENGE

Ages 6-12 | 1-2pm | In Person

Friday, August 8th

Do you like smoothies? Join us for a Mystery Smoothie Challenge. Let's see what weird or wonderful food combinations we will try!

STPL KINDNESS CLUB

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

Monday, August 11th & September 8th

Do you enjoy helping others, doing good deeds and making others feel good? Join our STPL Kindness Club! Each session we'll create a kindness themed project and share them with others.

NATURE JOURNALING

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

Tuesday, September 30th

Immerse yourself in nature and learn to capture your observations through journaling. Use writing and drawing as a way to connect with nature. This will be held outside in our wooded area.



JR. PINTEREST

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

Thursday, August 21st & Sept. 18th Each month, we'll make a new crafty creation inspired by Pinterest! In August, we're making mini travel tic tac toe bags, and in September, we're decorating letters!



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

Monday, August 25th

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! All supplies will be provided by the library. We hope you like pinwheels! Choose between veggie or ham with greens.



NATURE'S GUARDIANS

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

Wednesday, Aug. 27th & Sept. 24th

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.



EPIC EASELS

Ages 8-10 | 5-6pm | In Person

Tuesday, September 9th

Do you want to channel your inner Picasso? Join us at our Epic Easels paint class! We will provide step-by-step instructions while encouraging your child to create their own masterpiece.



Children's Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *



HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

Ages 0-12 | Take & Make

Tuesday, August 5th & Sept. 2nd Celebrate and learn about special days from all over the globe with this exciting take & make!



BUBBLEPALOOZA

Ages 0-12 | 11am-12pm | In Person

Thursday, August 7th

Learn how to make bubble solution, wands, and bubbles of many sizes, and enjoy blowing bubbles with friends during this fun outdoor activity.



TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

Ages 0-12 | All Day | In Person

Friday, September 19th

Arghh Mateys! Celebrate International Talk Like A Pirate Day with games, crafts, and fun activities!



GRANNIES DAY!

All Ages | 10-11am | In Person

Saturday, September 6th

In honor of Grandparent's Day, come in your best Granny attire inspired by Bluey! We will play some of our favorite "Granny" games, enjoy some snacks, and even show off some dance moves! This program is family-friendly, and everyone is invited!



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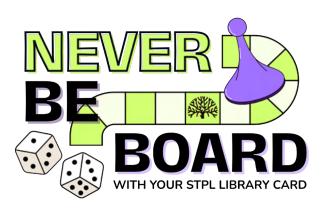
Hard at work removing wallpaper, prepping, and priming the walls. These ladies worked so hard!





Book the Study Room at shorewoodtroylibrary.org/services/room-reservations

Library Card Sign Up Month



NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

Monday, September 1st - Tuesday, September 30th

You've heard having fun isn't hard with your library card, and it's true! You'll Never Be Board! Unlock new worlds through books, movies, and music, and score big with free admission to Library programs or exciting local museums through the Museum Adventure Pass. Did you know we also have Rokus, hotspots, laptops, even a Cricut machine that you can borrow with your Library card? It's easy and free to sign up, and through everything you'll gain, you'll feel like a winner!

PLAY COMMUNITY SCRABBLE

Friday, August 1st - Tuesday, September 30th

Flex your vocabulary skills and make a difference at the Library by donating to play Community Scrabble. This is a fun way to support us and our Library's future. We'll watch the game grow with each word, and it will all be thanks to you! For a small donation, you can have fun, help the Library, and even score some merch if you place a tile on a colored square!



WANT TO SEE YOUR ART ON YOUR STPL LIBRARY CARD?

September 1st - 30th

HOW TO ENTER:

- 1. Pick up a contest form at the Library
- 2. Draw your art to customize your card
- 3. Return it to STPL by 9/30 for a public vote
- 4. Winners will be printed as a limited edition!

*This contest is for all ages! Voting will be broken down into different age groups.

**Winner from each group will also win a \$10 gift card!

PLAY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A \$10 GIFT CARD!

Family Programs



VISIT WITH LOCAL AUTHOR LILY PLASCENCIA

5-6pm | In Person

Monday, August 4th

Come celebrate Lily Plascenia - a local author and teacher! Join us as she shares some of her book, Twin Oaks Farm, which is her first children's novel! We are so excited for her to share about her writing process and her journey to becoming an author.

*Twin Oaks Farm is a heartfelt coming-of-age story set in World War II America.



FAMILY CRAFT

5-6pm | In Person

Thursday, August 7th & September 4th

Do you love to do crafts as a family? Come join us for our Family Craft series! Each month, we will make a seasonal project that the whole family will enjoy. This August, we're making yarn and twig photo holders, and this September, back-to-school bus photo frames!





TRAVELING STORYTELLER

10-10:30am | In Person (Offsite Location) Wednesday, August 27th @ Bronkberry Farms

Friday, September 19th @ Hammel Woods Rt 59

The Shorewood-Troy Public Library will be bringing storytimes out to the community this summer, and you're invited! STPL will be at different locations providing storytelling, songs, and activities to inspire play and connection through books! See you there!

Tween & Teen Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

SMASH BROS TOURNAMENT

Ages 10-14 | 4:30-5:30pm

In Person

Wednesday, August 20th

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



STEAM CLUB

Ages 10-14 | 4:30-5:30pm

In Person

Wednesday, September 17th

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, September 9th

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



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Ages 13-17 | 5-6pm | In Person Wednesday, August 6th & Sept. 3rd

Do you need volunteer hours? Do you want a say on Library opinions? TAB focuses on creating a space for teens! Join us!

BACK TO SCHOOL SURVIVAL KIT

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

Wednesday, August 13th

Chill with us before the start of the school year! Create a survival kit you'll need to get you through it.

TEEN DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Ages 13-17 | 5:30-7:30pm | In Person

Monday, August 18th

Ready to join the realm of dragons and magic? Stop by and play at our summer long one-shot! Join with already-made characters to hit the ground running with our new campaign.

BOBA BAR

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

Wednesday, September 10th

Come to our boba bar here at the Library and learn to make different drinks you can also make at home!

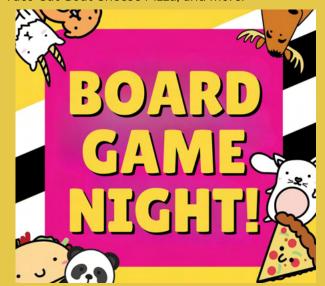
BOARD GAME NIGHT

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

Monday, September 22nd

Swing by with friends to play a variety of board games! TikTok favorites will be included like Tapple,

Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza, and more!



Adult Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

5:30-7:30pm | In Person

Monday, August 4th & September 1st @ Critical Grind

Monday, September 15th @ STPL

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



9-11am | In Person

Tuesday, August 12th, 26th & September 9th, 23rd

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. Come anytime between 9 and 11am!



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.



SEINFELD **AUGUST 14**





TAKE & MAKE: CHENILLE STEM SUNFLOWERS

All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, August 21st

For this Take & Make Thursday, we're making sunflowers out of chenille fabric! Registrants will be notified when their kits are ready to be picked up.



CITRUS-STAMPED TOWELS

6-7pm | In Person

Monday, August 25th

Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop. Learn a simple stamping technique to make beautiful, fresh designs with oranges, lemons, limes, and more.



TAKE & MAKE: LAVENDER OATMEAL SOAP

All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, September 18th

For this Take & Make Thursday, we're making a relaxing, handmade lavendar oatmeal soap!



MOSAIC-INSPIRED PAINTED COASTERS

6-7pm | In Person

Tuesday, September 16th

Design and paint your own tile coaster using bold patterns and vibrant colors inspired by mosaic art.



FUR-EVER FEST: CAT YOGA & MEET ADOPTABLE PETS

11am-1pm | In Person

Saturday, September 20th

Unwind with a gentle cat yoga session as friendly felines from the Will County Humane Society roam around you—purrs included.

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, August 13th

The Life Impossible by Matt Haig

- Wednesday, September 10th

The Unwedding by Ally Condie



AS THE PAGE TURNS

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

12-1pm | In Person

- Thursday, August 21st

Isola by Allegra Goodman

- Thursday, September 18th

The Women by Kristin Hannah



TRUE STORY

This monthly book discussion features real-life stories.

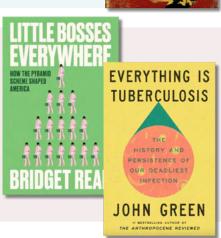
6:30-7:30pm | In Person

- Wednesday, August 27th

Little Bosses Everywhere: How the Pyramid Scheme Shaped America by Bridget Read

- Wednesday, September 24th

Everything is Tuberculosis by John Green





BOOK BINGO

6-7pm | In Person

Thursday, August 28th

Join us for a fun, interactive twist on classic bingo—using books! Match titles, genres, or literary clues on your card as they're called out. No reading required, just join the fun and win some great giveaways!





MEDICARE 101

6-7:30pm | In Person

Tuesday, September 30th

Join Remlinger Financial Group for a free, informative session covering the basics of Medicare, enrollment timelines, and coverage options. Perfect for those nearing 65 or helping a loved one navigate Medicare.

Questions welcome!



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More details on page 3.



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

Friday, August 1st Staff In-Service Day

Monday, September 1st Labor Day

Wednesday, November 26th Close at 5pm

Thursday, November 27th Thanksgiving