



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES



Shorewood-Troy Public Library District Board of Trustees pictured left to right: Thomas Novinski, Board President; Karen Voitik, Secretary; Tiffany Allen-Smith; Krysten McGee; Vito Schultz, Vice-President; and Bob Stahl, Treasurer

Dear Shorewood-Troy Library Patron,

When you check out an item from our library, you're not just borrowing a book—you're making an investment. Last year alone, the 155,790 items checked out by our patrons saved them an estimated \$2,826,747 in purchasing costs. That's nearly double the amount of money we receive from property taxes (\$1,436,630).

But we know that the library's value goes beyond what you check out. Maybe you've seen our staff at a senior residence, or you've brought your children to our fantastic Summer Reading Program. Perhaps you rely on us for free audiobooks on your Kindle through Libby or Hoopla. Shorewood-Troy Public Library is always working to be a vital community resource, meeting your needs right where you are.

As we approach the Library's 50th anniversary this April, we are proud of the strong foundation our community has built and excited about what the future holds.

Building for the Future

We are committed to being fiscally responsible. We recently expanded our parking lot with the help of grant money, and we renovated our first floor using matching grant funds. All of our programs will always remain free.

To help ensure the library you love continues to thrive for years to come, STPL is establishing a new Foundation.

This Foundation will help sustain the services you value most, from our wide variety of items to check out to our beloved children's programs and the maintenance of our building. This is an opportunity to help build a lasting legacy.

If you'd like to support the Foundation, you can donate using the QR code below, or contact our Library Director, Jennie Mills, at (815) 725-1715 or by email at jmills@shorewoodtroylibrary.org.

Thank you for your support,

Thomas Novinski, Board President
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\$5,395 of \$10,000



A heartfelt thank you to our 20+ Library Foundation donors! Your generosity helps bring us closer to our \$10,000 goal. Your contribution brings resources, programs, and opportunities to more people in the community. Thank you for making a difference!

Winter Reading

LIGHTS, CAMERA, READ!

WINTER READ CHALLENGE

All Ages

February 1 - 28

Beat the winter chill with books! Grab a blanket, a warm drink and settle in with a great read. 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

*No registration is required.

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



“THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IS WHERE PLACE AND POSSIBILITY MEET.”

~STUART DYBEK

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY AND HELP TURN POSSIBILITY INTO REALITY!

For questions or inquiries, please contact friends@shorewoodtroylibrary.org



Children's Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

ITTY BITTY ART CLUB

Ages Birth-2 | All Day | Take & Make

Monday, February 16 & March 16

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, February 12 & March 12

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, February 3 & March 3

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

Tuesday, February 10, 24 & March 10, 24

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, February 12 & March 12

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, February 17 & March 17

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, February 4 & March 4

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!

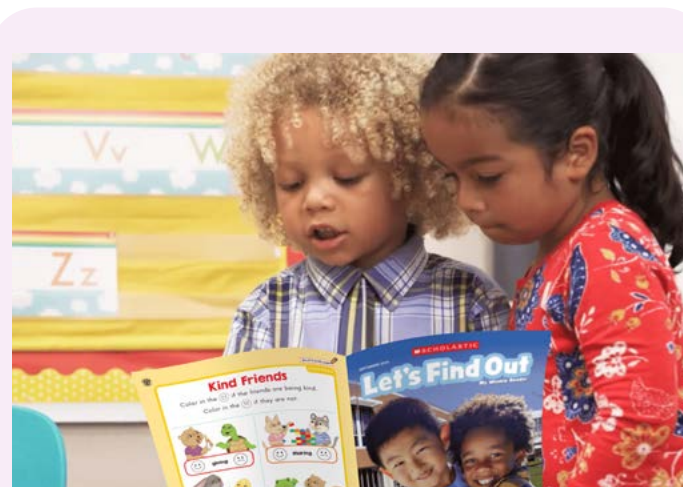
STORYTIME EXPLORERS

Ages 3-6 | 11-11:30am | In Person

Monday, February 9 | 11-11:30am | In Person

Tuesday, March 24 | 5:00-5:30pm | In Person

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 2 & March 2

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, February 3 & March 3

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

COOKING WITH KIDS

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

Monday, February 23

Knife skills - charcuterie board

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.



BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Ages 0-12 | 10-10:30am | In Person

Tuesday, February 17 & March 17

Our Bilingual Storytime is for families of English and Spanish speakers! We will provide exposure to books, songs and activities in both languages in partnership with the Spanish Community Center.

EPIC EASELS

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

Tuesday, March 10

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.



HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

Ages 0-12 | All Day | Take & Make

Tuesday, February 3 & March 3

Celebrate & learn about special days from all over the globe with this exciting Take and Make children's program!

ARTFUL ADVENTURES

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

Monday, February 2 & March 2

Does your little one love stories and art? Join us for a themed art project and story time!



JR. PINTEREST

Ages 8-12 | 5-6pm

Thursday, February 19 (In Person)

& March 19 (Take & Make)

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

NATURE'S GUARDIANS

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

Wednesday, February 25 & March 25

Does your child enjoy exploring nature and learning about animals? This program will help foster a love for nature and conservation.



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SPICE CLUB

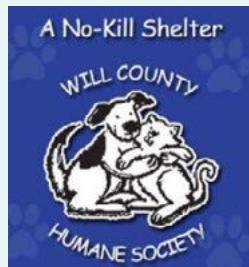
Ages 5-12 | 1-2pm | In Person
Wednesday, March 25

Looking to start your garden? Join us as we learn how to plant a spice seed! Take one home for your garden and also plant one to help start STPL's Sensory Garden.

WE LOVE PETS! STORYTIME & SUPPLY DRIVE

Ages 0-12 | 4-4:30pm | In Person
Monday, February 16

Do you love pets as much as STPL? Come celebrate as we read stories and enjoy stories of pets that have found their "forever" homes with the help of the Will County Humane Society! We will also be holding a supply drive for the WCHS as well!



WILL COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY WISH LIST

- Small Breed Dog Food
- Dog Canned Wet Food
- Purina One Adult Dog Food
 - Chicken & Rice Recipe
- Purina One Digestive Health Dog Food
- Purina ProPlan Dog Food
 - Sensitive Skin & Stomach Salmon & Rice Formula
- Purina Adult Cat Food (Chicken or Turkey)
 - Tender Selects, Cat Chow
- Purina Cat Chow
 - "Gentle" (purple bag)
- Kitten Canned Wet Food
- Adult Cat Canned Wet Food
- Soft Dog Treats/Training Treats
 - "Soft and Chewy" Milk Bones
 - Nudges, Fruitables, Blue Buffalo "Bits", etc
- Copy paper
- Garbage bags
- Clumping Cat Litter
- Blankets/Towels/Rags
- Dish soap
- Dryer sheets
- Lumabones, Nylabones, Benebones
- Paper Towels/Toilet Paper
- Disposable Gloves
 - size M, L, XL
- String Mop Heads
- Windex/Glass Cleaner
- Odoban Concentrate
- Rescue Concentrate
- Pine-sol
- Clorox Bleach
 - normal formula
- Pill Pockets (for dogs)

MOVIN' & GROOVIN' STORYTIME

(AM & PM Sessions)

Ages 0-12 | 10-10:30am, 4-4:30pm | In Person
Thursday, February 26 & March 26

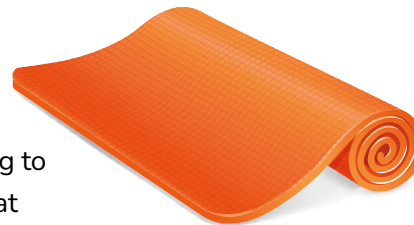
Put on your boogie shoes and join us for the AM or PM session! We'll have a groovy time listening to stories and songs that will get your feet movin'!

STORYTIME YOGA

Ages 0-12 | 11-11:30am | In Person

Monday, March 23

Take a break from your day to relax and do some simple yoga while listening to stories! Bring your own mat or towel.



ADOPT-A-PET

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

Thursday, March 26

Come to STPL to adopt your very own stuffed friend to take home.

MINI METEOROLOGISTS

Ages 6-10 | 4:30-5pm

In Person

Wednesday, March 11

Interested in clouds? Learn all about the different types of clouds with a story time and make a cloudscape to take home!



TOWARDS ZERO WASTE

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

Monday, March 30

Together with Will County Green, we will learn how to move towards zero waste! We will learn about the benefits of recycling and learn how to reuse common items to reduce our waste.

Family Programs

FAMILY CRAFT

5-6pm | In Person

Thursday, February 5 & March 5

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!



FEBRUARY



MARCH

SUPERHERO

STORYTIME SERIES

4:30-5pm | In Person

Tuesday, March 31- Will County Emergency

Management Agency

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



ARE YOU A SUPERHERO?

We want to hear from you! Email our Children's Outreach Coordinator, Sarah, to share your interest in being our next guest storyteller, shaish@shorewoodtroylibrary.org

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are excited to announce the winners of the Library Card Design Contest are Sophia Castellanos (children), Madeline Schroeder (teen) and Lori Freeman (adult). Their artwork will be featured on our upcoming new library cards and they will each receive a \$25 gift card.



Sophia Castellanos



Madeline Schroeder



Lori Freeman

Tween & Teen Programs

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STEAM CLUB

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

Wednesday, March 18

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



STORYTIME WITH ELSA

All Ages | 11am-1pm | In Person

Saturday, February 14

Arendelle's Queen Elsa will be making a special visit to STPL! Elsa will start with a storytime and end with a meet and greet! We will have fun activities and sing along to icy songs!



SNOW BUNNIES

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

Monday, March 23

March still brings us some chilly weather! Let's make a cute cuddle bunny out of a sock! They will be perfect for your Easter decor or to keep you warm!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

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

Wednesday, February 4 & March 4

Do you need volunteer hours? Do you want a say on Library opinions? Join the Teen Advisory Board!

FRIENDSHIP BRACELET & SELF CARE

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

Monday, February 9

Treat yourself this February by making a new bracelet and learning a new skill! Bring a friend to enjoy all the chill vibes!

BATH BOMB CRAFT

Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, February 12

Prep the perfect 'you' day with a homemade bath bomb!

PET VALENTINES VOLUNTEERING

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

Monday, February 16

Calling all volunteers! Help spread the love by creating the purrfect Valentine for a pet this February.



WINTER READ POP UP

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

Wednesday, February 18

Join us at the library to celebrate our Winter Read event by competing to create the best mix of popcorn! Competitors will have to answer trivia and race to make the best mix ever!

MANGA BOOK CLUB!

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

Monday, March 30

In this new book club jump into panels of your next favorite manga!

Teen & Adult Programs

F1 INSPIRED KEYCHAIN

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

Thursday, February 26

Start your engines and gear up for an F1 inspired craft night! Create your favorite teams car and make it your next best accessory.

POKEMON TCG MEET UP!

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

Monday, March 9

Step foot into the world of Pokemon and engage in battles and trading with other trainers! Bring your own deck or borrow one of ours as you work your way toward becoming a Pokémon Champion!

WISHING FOR SPRING COOKIES

Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, March 12

Feeling down waiting for spring? Look no further and bake your wishes into this yummy cookie! All dry ingredients will be provided.

SPRING CLEANING VOLUNTEERING

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

Monday, March 16

Calling all volunteers! Help around the library by dusting the shelves and assisting with reorganization.

SPRING BREAK - NINTENDO SWITCH MEET UP

Ages 13-17 | 6:30-7:30pm

In Person

Monday, March 23

Level up at the library by bringing your favorite games and playing with new people! You might even get past that level you were stuck on!



Adult CRAFTS

BULLET JOURNALING FOR BEGINNERS

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person

Tuesday, February 10

Learn the basics of bullet journaling with sample layouts and ideas.



DIY VALENTINE'S DAY BUTTON HEART

Ages 18+ | In Person

Tuesday, February 17 | 6-7pm

Wednesday, February 18

10-11am

Create a beautiful heart-shaped design using colorful buttons.



MACRAMÉ HEART KEYCHAIN

Ages 18+ | Take & Make

Tuesday, February 19

This Take & Make macramé heart keychain adds warmth and charm wherever you go.



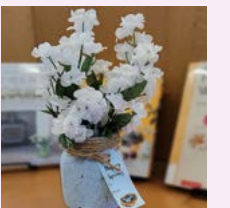
SPECKLED ROBIN'S EGG MASON JAR

Tuesday, March 3 | 6-7pm

Wednesday, March 4

11:30am-12:30pm

Join us to create a unique, speckled robin's egg painted mason jar.

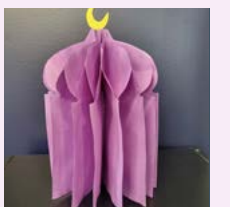


RAMADAN TABLE DECORATION

Ages 18+ | Take & Make

Thursday, March 19

Celebrate Ramadan with this festive Take & Make tabletop decorative craft.



Adult Programs

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DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

5:30-8pm | In Person @ Critical Grind in Shorewood
Monday, February 2 & March 2

The Library Legion continues their epic quest through realms of fantasy and danger, with dice and 5th-edition handbooks provided or bring your own.

THURSDAY TRIVIA

6-7pm | In Person @ Will County Brewing Company
Thursday, February 12-Hollywood Movie Theme
Thursday, March 12-Irish Theme

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.

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Ages 60+ | 1:30-3pm | In Person
-Friday, February 27

This month's craft class, you will create a Blooming Heart Centerpiece. Craft a cheerful potted heart centerpiece - a sweet way to add warmth and joy to your holiday decor.

-Friday, March 27

This month's craft class, you will create Homemade Coasters. Transform simple coasters into charming works of art. It's a fun way to add a personal touch to your home - giving every cup a cozy, stylish spot to rest.

TECH HELP TUESDAYS*

9-11am | In Person
Tuesday, February 10, 24 & March 10, 24

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

SENIOR SIP & SOCIAL

10-11am | In Person
Friday, February 13 & March 13

Come for the coffee, stay for the conversation! Join us at the library for a relaxed social gathering just for seniors! Enjoy a cozy atmosphere with light refreshments and snacks. Bring a craft project you're working on or join in on a simple craft provided by the library — no experience needed! It's the perfect chance to connect, chat, and unwind with the community.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, READ!

WINTER BOOK BINGO

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person
Wednesday, February 4

Step into the spotlight this winter with our Lights, Camera, Read! Book Bingo — where reading meets the red carpet!

IRISH LEGENDS OF THE WEE FOLK

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person
Monday, March 9

Join Terry Lynch, Son of Erin, as he shares folktales from the Emerald Isle that bring to life the traditions of fairies, banshees, and leprechauns.

MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY 101

Ages 18+ | 6-7:30pm | In Person
Wednesday, March 18

Medicare and Social Security can be confusing! Remlinger Financial Group will be presenting a free educational seminar on what these programs cover and what they don't.

RESUMÉ BUILDING WORKSHOP

Ages 18+ | 6:30-7:30pm | In Person
Thursday, March 19

Join us for an engaging and informative workshop hosted by the Workforce Center of Will County, designed to empower job seekers with the skills and strategies necessary to craft a standout resumé.

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, February 11

Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid

- Wednesday, March 11

Gone Before Goodbye by Reese Witherspoon, Harlan Coben

AS THE PAGE TURNS

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

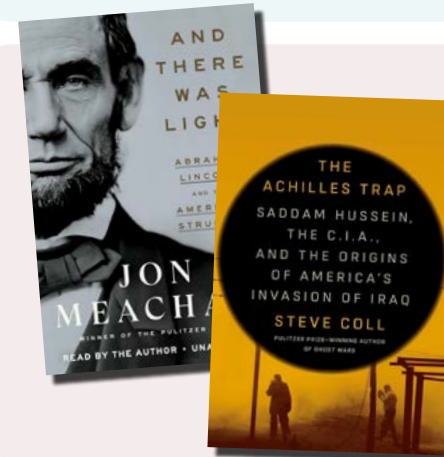
12-1pm | In Person

- Thursday, February 19

The Treasure Hunters Club by Tom Ryan

- Thursday, March 26

The Dutch House by Ann Patchett



TRUE STORY

This monthly book discussion features real-life stories.

6:30-7:30pm | In Person

- Wednesday, February 25

And There Was Light by Jon Meacham

- Wednesday, March 25

The Achilles Trap: Saddam Hussein, the CIA, and the Origins of America's Invasion of Iraq by Steve Coll

BYOB CLUB: BRING YOUR OWN BOOK AT THE ROYAL TEA ROOM

Looking for a relaxed, no-pressure book club?

10-11am | In Person @ The Royal Tea Room, 315 Vertin Blvd, Shorewood

- Friday, February 20 & March 20

Bring a book you're currently enjoying (or have recently read), and swap recommendations with fellow book lovers. A full food and beverage menu will be available for purchase, so feel free to sip and snack while you chat!





SHOREWOOD-TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

650 Deerwood Drive
Shorewood, IL 60404



WHERE WILL YOUR **ADVENTURE** BEGIN?

From **March 28 through April 30**, visit as many of the participating libraries as you can while collecting stamps on your passport and fun souvenirs at each stop!

Passports are available at any participating library. Turn in your passport at your home library by April 30 to collect your entry tickets for the grand prize basket. Have fun finding your joy at the library!

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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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday
9AM-8PM

Friday-Saturday
9AM-5PM

Sunday
Closed

Passport Hours

Monday-Thursday
10AM-6PM

Friday
10AM-4PM

Saturday
9AM-1PM

Visit the library's website for current passport details & fees.

Upcoming Closings

Monday,
May 25
Memorial Day

Thursday,
June 4
Summer Reading
Kickoff