



SHOREWOOD-TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Apr-May
2026



Building Community through the Joy of Reading, Learning, and Exploring!
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50th

Anniversary CELEBRATION

Calling all cool cats & daddios,
STPL is celebrating its 50th year!

Join us as we have a 1950s style party! Drop in, visit our soda shop, listen to some rock n' roll music and reminisce with us! It's sure to be a peachy-keen time! 1950s style attire is encouraged!

Thursday, April 30 ♦ All Ages | 6-7pm

National Library Week

FIND YOUR JOY!

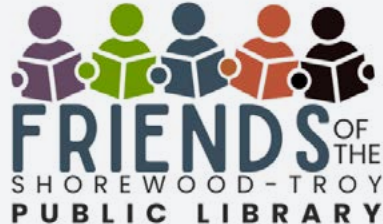
National Library Week | April 19-25, 2026

Celebrate National Library Week with STPL and discover all the ways libraries bring joy to our lives and our community. Find your joy. It is waiting for you at the library.

What draws people to the library? Everything. From books and digital collections to technology assistance and creative programs, libraries play an essential role in thriving communities.

National Library Week is a time to celebrate how libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning.

At Shorewood-Troy Public Library, we invite you to join the celebration. Whether you are a long-time patron or have not visited in a while, now is the perfect time to explore all we have to offer. If you need access to a printer, WiFi, or a computer, want to try a new hobby through one of our programs, or hope to read more this year, you will find it all at your library.



Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

Friday, April 17 & Saturday, April 18 | 9-4pm

Come for the annual Friends Book Sale! This event takes place over two days. Browse books, media, and library swag for unbeatable prices! This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Children's Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

ITTY BITTY ART CLUB

Ages Birth-2 | All Day | Take & Make

Monday, April 20 & May 18

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, April 9 & May 14

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, April 7 & May 5

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, April 14, 28 & May 12, 26

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 and Make

Thursday, April 9 & May 14

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, April 21 & May 19

Have a playdate at the library! Every month we will set up a different activity that encourages socialization, creativity, and conversation.

STORYTIME EXPLORERS

Ages 3-5

Monday, April 13 | 11-11:30am | In Person

Monday, May 11 | 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, April 6 & May 4

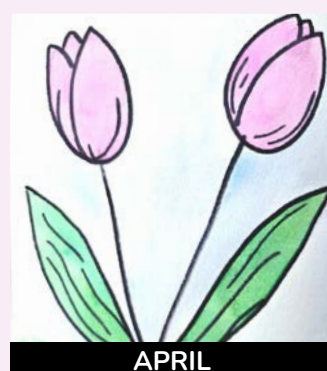
Does your preschooler like to learn about the great big world around them? This engaging nonfiction magazine will help your child do just that!

ARTFUL ADVENTURES

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

Monday, April 6 & May 4

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



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DOODLE CLUB

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

Tuesday, April 7 & May 5

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

Children's Programs

COOKING WITH KIDS-Breakfast Burritos

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

Monday, April 27

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

All Ages | 10-10:45am | In Person

Tuesday, April 21 & May 19

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.

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

All Ages | All Day | Take & Make

Tuesday, April 7 & May 5

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

TODDLER TINKER TIME

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

Wednesday, April 1 & May 6

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!

MARTIAL ARTS WITH MASTER MUN!

Ages 5-12 | 1-1:30pm

In Person

Saturday, April 4

Interested in martial arts? Master Mun from Mun's Korean Martial Arts will be here to share his expertise! We will observe students and learn some moves including kicks, punches, and breaking boards!



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JR. PINTEREST

Ages 8-12 | 5-6pm

Thursday, April 16 | Take & Make & May 21 | In Person

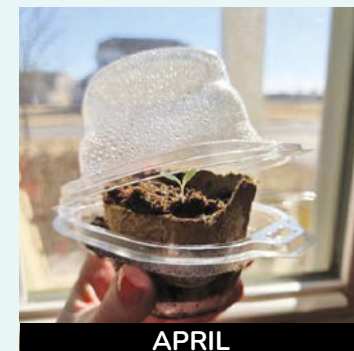
Each month, we'll make a new crafty creation inspired by Pinterest!

EPIC EASELS

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

Tuesday, May 12

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.



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NATURE'S GUARDIANS

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

Wednesday, April 22 & May 27

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

Children's Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

OPEN ART STUDIO*

All Ages | 10am-6pm | In Person

Monday, April 6

Want to try out new art? Come to STPL to make something new! We will have a variety of art supplies and mediums available to use with guided project ideas or create your own!

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Ages 2-5 | 11am-12pm | In Person

Saturday, May 9

Celebrate the mother figures in your life at STPL! We will have refreshments and fun activities! Dress in your fanciest outfit and remember to keep your pinky up when drinking your tea!



HOT WHEELS AT STPL!

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

Wednesday, May 13

Let's get those wheels movin'! Design and build tracks, race against friends, and play with car sets, all at STPL!

CELEBRATE THE FREEDOM TO READ!

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

Monday, April 20

Join us for stories and songs and a chance to explore picture books that have been banned!

BABY RAVE!

Ages 0-3 | 11-11:30am | In Person

Tuesday, May 26

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 for your little ones!



MOVIN' & GROOVIN' STORYTIME

All Ages | 10-10:45am, 4-4:45pm | In Person

Thursday, May 28

Put on your boogie shoes and join us for a groovy story time! We will listen to stories and sing to songs that will be sure to get your feet movin'!

SWIM SAFETY STORYTIME WITH GOLDFISH SWIM SCHOOL

All Ages | 10-10:30am | In Person

Saturday, May 16

Welcome the start of swim season with our friends at Goldfish Swim School! Learn how to be safe while swimming and listen to some great stories!

STUFFED ANIMAL VILLAGE

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

Thursday, April 23

Bring your favorite plush friend over to STPL's Stuffed Animal Village! Your stuffy can visit the library, post office, bakery and more!



DIA DE LOS NIÑOS FIESTA!*

All Ages | All Day | In Person

Thursday, April 30

Dia de los Niños or Day of the Child is a day to celebrate book joy! Stop by the Children's Department for a fun activity and spread the joy of reading!

SPICE CLUB SENSORY GARDEN

Ages 5-12 | 4:30-5:30pm | In Person

Tuesday, May 26

Help us grow our Sensory Garden! In March, we started our seeds. Now let's learn how to transplant them outdoors and try a garden fresh recipe!

TINY ART GALLERY*

All Ages | All Day | In Person

Monday, May 4-Friday, May 8

Create a miniature masterpiece to display at STPL's Tiny Art Gallery! Stop in to make your tiny art! We will provide the supplies!

Tween, Teen & Family Programs

KING'S COUNCIL CHESS CLUB

Ages 8-12 | 12-1pm | In Person

Saturday, April 11

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

BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

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

Monday, April 13

Prepare by reading this month's book! Then test your knowledge and skills in our STPL Escape Room! Get your copy of this month's reading selection from the Library or through Libby or Hoopla! Be sure to finish the book before the event. Your survival might depend on it!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

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

Wednesday, April 1 & May 6

Do you need volunteer hours? Do you want a say on Library services? Join the Teen Advisory Board to share opinions and ideas on how the Library runs!

PHONE CASE DECORATING

Ages 13-17

11am-12:30pm | In Person

Saturday, May 23

Feeling bored with your phone case? Drop by the library with a blank phone case to decorate to your hearts content! We will have scrapbook and decoden style supplies available!



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FAMILY CRAFT

5-6pm | In Person

Thursday, April 2 & May 7

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!

TECHNOLOGY RECYCLING DROP-OFF EVENT

Celebrate Earth Day by helping reduce e-waste and support digital access! Throughout April, the library is hosting a technology recycling drop-off event. Bring laptops (most in-demand), tablets, desktop PCs, monitors, servers, phones, cables and accessories, circuit boards, hard drives, keyboards, mice, and more.

All donations go to the Illinois Tech Reuse Network, where devices are refurbished and provided free or low-cost to households in need, or responsibly recycled if reuse isn't possible. Give your unused tech a second life and make a positive impact in our community!



Scan the code to learn more about the Illinois Tech Reuse Network or go to <https://dceo.illinois.gov/broadband/tech-reuse-network.html>



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

Teen & Adult Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

POLYMER CLAY MAGNETS

Ages 13-17 | 11am-12:30pm | In Person

Saturday, April 11

Upgrade your fridge with a custom magnet! We'll use polymer clay to create fun magnets to bring some color in our daily routine!



AS SEEN ON TV

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

Wednesday, April 8

Animation never looked so delicious! Join us in making some of your favorite on screen snacks come to life!

S'MORE COOKIE TAKE AND MAKE

Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, April 9

Waiting for summer to finally come? Cozy up and reminisce with this yummy cookie kit! All dry ingredients provided.

TOURNAMENT OF THE TOMES

Ages 13+ | 5-7:15pm | In Person

Wednesday, April 29

Celebrate the Library's 50th by gathering 3-5 of your closest friends to test your literary wits in this battle of book trivia! Become victorious and take home a special prize!



POTATO CHIP COOKIE TAKE AND MAKE

Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, May 14

Kick back and enjoy the heat with these cookies! Potato chips never tasted so good. All dry ingredients provided.

EARTH DAY VOLUNTEERING

Ages 13-17 | 11am-12:30pm | In Person

Saturday, April 25

Nobody likes a litterbug! Spend your Earth Day at STPL to help clean up our planet while earning volunteer hours!

SUMMER READ VOLUNTEERING

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

Monday, May 18

Howdy, pardners! STPL is preparing for the big Summer Reading round up! Volunteers can come and earn volunteering hours helping us prepare!

BEST NUGGET SAUCE

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

Monday, May 25

Struggling to pick your fave sauce pairing? Come to STPL to try them all in an epic nugget sauce taste testing event!

COLLEGE PREP SERIES:

COLLEGE DO'S AND DON'TS

Ages 13+ | 5-6:15pm | In Person

Wednesday, May 20

Starting college doesn't have to be so stressful. Join this event series to learn STPL's best prep techniques to stay ahead of the college game! This event will focus on dorm do's and don'ts!

DRIED PRESSED FLOWER JAR

Ages 18+ | In Person

Monday, April 20 | 6-7pm

Thursday, April 23 | 10-11am

Create a beautiful keepsake jar using real dried and pressed flowers! Participants will design a decorative jar by arranging pressed flowers on the outside, adding a cute bow, and placing a tea light inside. Perfect for decorating your home for spring or giving as a gift!



Adult Programs

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

5:30-8pm | In Person @ Critical Grind in Shorewood

Monday, April 6 & May 4

Wizards and fairies and elves, oh my! Join our campaign. We will be using the rules and resources for the 5th edition of D&D. Dice and handbooks are available. Feel free to bring your own.

THURSDAY TRIVIA

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

Thursday, April 9-Rock and Roll Music Legends Theme

Thursday, May 14-Law and Order Theme

Questions and prizes for beginners and experts alike. This will be hosted at Will County Brewing Company in Shorewood, while this event is open to all adults, IDs will be required to purchase alcoholic beverages.

TECH HELP TUESDAYS*

9-11am | In Person

Tuesday, April 14 & May 12, 26

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



WHAT! THAT'S IN ILLINOIS!

OUR ILLINOIS STATE PARK SYSTEM

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person

Monday, May 18

Celeste Brown set out to visit all 150 Illinois State Parks and discovered just how diverse our state truly is. Join her as she shares highlights from the 116 parks she has explored, including wildlife encounters, GPS misadventures, and the beauty of Illinois landscapes.

Adult CRAFTS

EMBROIDERY HOOP

POCKET WREATH

Ages 18+ | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, April 16

Crafted with love and a little burlap charm. This sweet hoop wreath is the perfect way to say hello in style.



PRESSED FLOWERS

COASTER

Ages 18+ | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, May 21

Pressed petals, preserved beauty. These handcrafted floral coasters bring a little bloom to every table.



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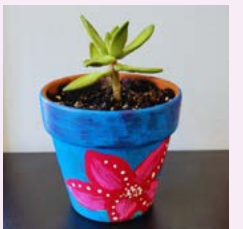
TERRACOTTA POT

Ages 18+ | In Person

Tuesday, May 19 | 6-7pm

Wednesday, May 20 | 10-11am

Get creative by decorating your own terracotta pot and filling it with your plant of choice! A fun, hands-on craft perfect for brightening your home for spring.



DIY: CUSTOM PHONE OR

E-READER CASES

Ages 18+ | In Person

Tuesday, April 21 | 6-7pm

Feeling bored with your phone or E-Reader case? Drop by the library with a clear case to decorate to your hearts content! We will have a variety of scrapbook materials and stickers available!



Adult Programs

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REAL ESTATE SEMINAR

-PREPARING FOR THE SPRING MARKET

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person

Tuesday, April 7

Join June Allen-Smith for an educational class explaining how the fast paced spring real estate market works and what buyers and sellers can expect. Learn strategies for pricing, preparing, marketing, and making strong offers.

-BUY NOW, SELL LATER

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person

Tuesday, May 5

June Allen-Smith is back detailing home financing options that allows homeowners to buy their next home before selling their current one. Learn how it differs from a traditional bridge loan, who it's best for, and how it can reduce stress and add flexibility during a move.



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CREATIVITY CONNECTIONS

Ages 60+ | 11am-1pm | In Person

-Friday, April 10 | Midnight Flower Canvas

Create beautiful pastel color flowers on a bold black canvas. No experience needed—join us to have fun and create something beautiful.

-Friday, May 8 | Fabric Heart Collage

Create a heart-shaped fabric door charm to add a touch of love to your space.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Ages 18+ | 5-7pm | In Person

Thursday, May 28

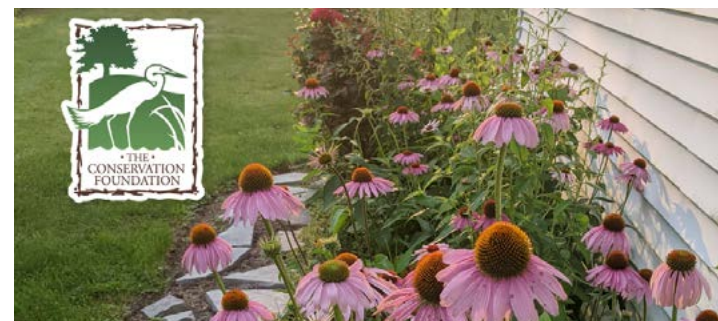
Need help with paperwork? Visit the Community Resource and Assistance Program, a drop-in service that provides free bilingual (English/Spanish) support to help individuals and families complete school, financial, medical, and other important forms and applications. Sponsored by the Spanish Community Center of Joliet.

SENIOR SIP & SOCIAL

10-11am | In Person

Friday, April 3 & May 1

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.



SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING: CREATING BEAUTIFUL AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE OUTDOOR SPACES

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person

Monday, April 13

Learn how to create a vibrant, low-maintenance native plant landscape that works in harmony with nature. In this presentation, the Conservation Foundation will show you how to design outdoor spaces that attract wildlife, conserve resources, and create lasting beauty—all while reducing your maintenance costs and environmental impact.

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 8

The Unraveling of Julia by Lisa Scottoline

- Wednesday, May 13

My Friends by Fredrik Backman

AS THE PAGE TURNS

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

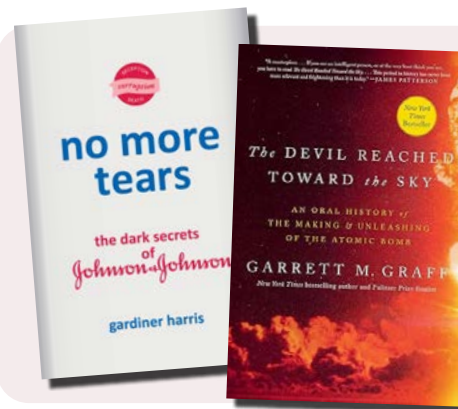
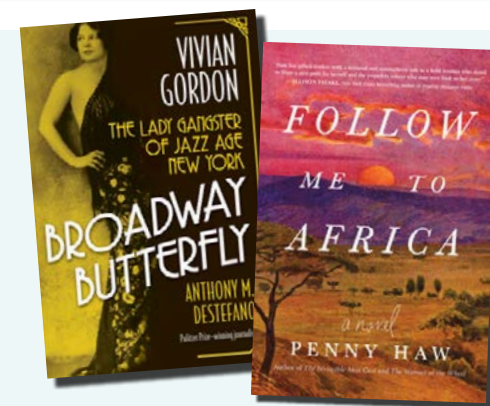
12-1pm | In Person

- Thursday, April 23

Broadway Butterfly by Anthony M. Destfano

- Thursday, May 21

Follow Me to Africa by Penny Haw



TRUE STORY

This monthly book discussion features real-life stories.

6:30-7:30pm | In Person

- Thursday, April 22

No More Tears: The Dark Secrets of Johnson & Johnson by Gardiner Harris

- Thursday, May 27

The Devil Reached Toward the Sky by Garrett M. Graff

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, April 24 & May 22

Looking for a relaxed, no-pressure book club? Join us for the BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Club at The Royal Tea Room! There's no required reading—just 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!





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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