



SHOREWOOD-TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

June - July
2026



Building Community through the Joy of Reading, Learning, and Exploring!
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SADDLE UP & READ

SUMMER READ 2026

KICKOFF PARTY SATURDAY, JUNE 6

11am-1pm

Stop by for tons of fun at our big summer reading kickoff event!

SIGN UP

Register at the kickoff event!
All ages can participate!
Visit our website for more details.

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!



THANK YOU TO OUR 2026 SPONSORS!

Library News

Traveling Storyteller

Storytelling | Songs | Activities
Inspire Play and Connection through Books!



CaCrest Park, 501 CaCrest Drive
Tuesday, June 9, 10am

Jimmy John's, 1029 Brook Forest Avenue
Wednesday, June 17, 10:30am
(special lunch offer provided)

Bronkberry Farms, 18061 Bronk Road
Wednesday, June 24, July 22 & 29,
August 26, 10am

Towne Centre Park, 2 Towne Center Blvd.
Tuesday, June 30 & Thursday, July 16, 10am



ARTISAN FAIRE

Saturday, July 11
10AM - 2PM

Join the Friends of the Library as they sponsor an outdoor artisan fair on the grounds of the Library. Explore a wide array of handmade talents and one-of-a-kind art pieces.

Support local artists!



Children's Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

ITTY BITTY ART CLUB

Ages Birth-2 | All Day | Take & Make

Monday, June 15 & July 20

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, June 11 & July 9

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, June 2 & July 7

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.

FRIENDS & PLAYTIME

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

Tuesday, June 16 & July 21

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, July 1

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 | In Person

Monday, June 8 | 11-11:30am

Monday, July 13 | 5-5:30pm

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

BILINGUAL STORYTIME

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

Tuesday, June 16 & July 21

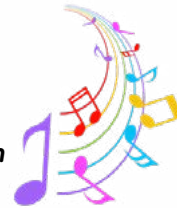
Our Bilingual Storytime is for families of English and Spanish speakers! We provide books, songs and activities in both languages in partnership with the Spanish Community Center.

MOVIN' & GROOVIN' STORYTIME

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

Monday, June 1 & July 6

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'!



HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

All Ages | All Day | Take & Make

Tuesday, June 2 & July 7

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

RAPTORS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD - LIVE RAPTOR EVENT

All Ages | 10:30-11:30am

In Person

Saturday, June 27

Did you know that many birds of prey (also known as raptors) can be found in our area? Join Wings and Talons to see owls, hawks and falcons up close.



Children's Programs

STORYTIME WITH LOCAL AUTHOR CRISSI REBSTOCK

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

Wednesday, July 8

Crissi Rebstock, local author and educator will be here to read her story, "Chip Douglas Hears His Own Way" and chat about becoming an author. We will even have a special visit from the real Chip Douglas!



OPEN ART STUDIO*

All Ages | 10am-6pm | In Person

Monday, July 27

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!

TIN CAN COWBELL CRAFT

All Ages | 5-6pm | In Person

Tuesday, June 9

Join us as Ms. Stephanie shows us how to make a "moo-velous" craft!

SWIM SAFETY STORYTIME WITH GOLDFISH SWIM SCHOOL!

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

Wednesday, June 3

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!

SENSORY WALK AT HAMMEL WOODS

All Ages | 10:30-11:30am | In Person

Thursday, July 9

Join us as a Will County Forest Preserve Naturalist leads us through a sensory hike and storytime. We will test our senses as we explore the forest!

SENSORY FRIENDLY STORYTIME

All Ages | In Person

Monday, June 29, 4-4:30pm

Tuesday, July 14, 10-10:30am

Join us for an inclusive and interactive storytime! This will be a modified environment for those with sensory sensitivities.



DONUTS WITH DAD

All Ages | 10-11am | In Person

Saturday, June 20

Celebrate Father's Day at the library. Enjoy donuts and a fun craft activity! All ages welcome. Please contact the Children's Department to register, (815) 725-1715.

SUPER HERO STORYTIME SERIES

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

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



**SENATOR MEG
LOUGHRAN CAPPEL**

Thursday, June 18



TEXAS ROADHOUSE

Thursday, July 15

ARE YOU A SUPERHERO?

We want to hear from you! Email our Children's Outreach Coordinator, Sarah, at shaish@shorewood-troylibrary.org to become our next guest storyteller.

Children & Family Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

BOOK & BIRD HIKE AT HAMMEL WOODS

All Ages | 10:30-11:30am | In Person

Thursday, July 23

Join us at Hammel Woods for a hike and storytime with Will County Forest Preserve! We will start with a story and then walk a one mile naturalist led bird-watching hike!

WESTERN BINGO FOR KIDS!

Ages 5-12 | 2-3pm | In Person

Monday, July 6

Yee-haw! Come dressed in your western wear and play some bingo to win prizes!



JUNE



JULY

NATURE'S GUARDIANS

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

Wednesday, June 24 & July 22

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

EPIC EASELS: WESTERN EDITION!

Ages 8-10 | 1-2pm | In Person

Monday, July 20

Join us at our Epic Easels paint class where this month we will provide step-by-step instructions to make a horse silhouette!



BOOK BANDITS WANTED POSTERS

Ages 7-12 | 4-5pm | In Person

Monday, June 8

WANTED: Book Bandits! Come design a wanted poster of your favorite book villain! Then display it on STPL's very own "Wanted Wall".

FOREVER SUCCULENTS

Ages 8-12 | 1-2pm | In Person

Tuesday, June 30

Craft a plant that will last forever—no green thumb needed! Design a beaded succulent and pot with us!

FAUX STAINED GLASS CRAFT

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

Thursday, July 30

Create your own faux stained glass art at STPL!

PICKLE TASTING!

Ages 8-12 | 2-3pm | In Person

Thursday, July 16

July is National Pickle Month! If you love pickles, come to STPL and try different kinds!

LET'S LEARN ABOUT MONARCH BUTTERFLIES!

Ages 8-12 | 1-2pm | In Person

Monday, June 15

Monarch butterflies are not only beautiful creatures, but do so much for our world! Join us as we learn about their life cycle, how they help our environment and how we can protect them!

STEAM CLUB WITH ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY

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

Thursday, June 25

Come explore the world of Science Technology Engineering Art & Math in the STPL "Lab"! We will have Sarah Owens, molecular biologist at Argonne National Laboratory join us!



Tween, Teen & Family Programs

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

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

Wednesday, June 3 & July 1

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!

MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT!

All Ages | 5-6pm | In Person

Tuesday, July 28

Test your movie knowledge with family movie trivia!



JUNE



JULY

FAMILY CRAFT

All Ages | 5-6pm | In Person

Thursday, June 4 & July 2

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! Please register everyone in your party, adults and children.

COOL CAR NIGHT!

All Ages | 5-7pm | In Person

Wednesday, July 22

Calling all car fans! We will have some awesome cars to check out here at STPL! Join us for a night of fun!

WILD WILD WEST ESCAPE ROOM

5-6pm | In Person

All Ages | Monday, June 22

Ages 18+ | Tuesday, June 23

An unknown force is scaring the mining company away from the Shorewood Silver Mine. If the mine closes, the only residents of Shorewood will be tumbleweeds. Catch the monster before it's too late!

TWO DATES
TWO AGE
GROUPS

TEEN VOLUNTEERING - SUMMER READ KICK OFF EVENT

Ages 13-17 | 9am-2pm | In Person

Saturday, June 6

Earn volunteer hours at Summer Read kick off event.

OLD-FASHIONED PHOTOBOOK

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

Friday, July 24

Travel back in time to the Old West and develop photos the old-school way!

RODEO CHALLENGE

Ages 13-17 | 3:30-4:30pm | In Person

Wednesday, June 10

A day well spent is a day at the rodeo! Come try activities like lassoing and see if you're a bronc-buster or not!



SPICY COWBOY COOKIES

Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, June 11

A good cowboy never backs down from a challenge. Buckle up for some spicy gochujang cookies!

BUCKAROO BINGO

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

Tuesday, July 7

Test your luck in an epic game of Western bingo!

CAMPFIRE WAGON WHEELS

Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, July 9

Cowpokes can always enjoy a sweet treat next to a fire. Try this recipe for a yummy campfire dessert!

DIAMOND ART

Ages 13-17 | 3-4pm | In Person

Monday, July 13

Need some time to relax from the rodeo? Stop by the library to make some mini diamond paintings!

Teen & Adult Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

POKÉMON CAMP

Ages 13-17 | 3-4pm | In Person
Monday, June 8 & 22

There's no better time than now to start building your pokémon skills! Join this summer camp to learn the game and test your skills against other trainers!

COLLEGE PREP SERIES: COLLEGE DOS AND DON'TS

Ages 13-17 | In Person
Wednesday, June 17 | 5-6:15pm
Wednesday, July 15 | 5:30-6:30pm

Starting college doesn't have to be so stressful. Attend this event series to learn STPL's best prep techniques to stay ahead of the college game! June will focus on campus life and July will be tips for going to college.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Ages 18+ | 5:30-8pm
In Person @ Critical Grind in Shorewood
Monday, June 1 & July 6

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 @ Mad Hatchet Brewing (913 Brook Forest Ave)
Thursday, June 11-Western
Thursday, July 9-Shows on NBC

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

NEW LOCATION!



EAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD FORAGING WALK

Ages 18+ | 10am-12pm | In Person
Saturday, June 13

Join Chicagoland's only full time forager, Dave Odd, for an edible plant and mushroom identification walk where you will learn at least 50 species of edible plants that grow in the vicinity.



BBQ BASICS - COMPOUND SALADS WITH CHEF MADDOX

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person
Monday, June 15

Cook alongside Chef Maddox in a live demonstration featuring vibrant, flavor-packed salads perfect for BBQs and summer gatherings. Learn simple techniques to create refreshing salads, sample the featured dishes, and take home recipes to recreate these tasty sides at your next cookout!



TECH HELP TUESDAYS*

Ages 18+ | 9-11am | In Person
Tuesday, June 9, 23 & July 14, 28

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

TRAIL TALES: AN AUDIOBOOK WALKING CLUB

Ages 18+ | 9:30-10:30am | In Person
Monday, June 22 & July 27

Be a part of the fun at Trail Tales, a relaxed, one-hour audiobook walking club that blends fresh air, gentle movement, and great stories.

Location: Hammel Woods-Recreation Area
 23601 W. Black Rd, Shorewood, IL 60431

Adult Programs

Adult CRAFTS

DECOUPAGE TIN CAN PLANTER

Ages 18+ | All Day | Take & Make
Thursday, June 18

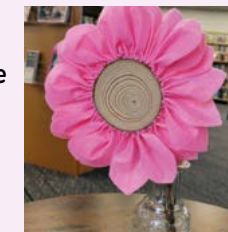
Make a beautiful decoupage tin can planter using napkins, Mod Podge, and recycled cans.



FELTED FLOWERS

Ages 18+ | All Day | Take & Make
Thursday, July 16

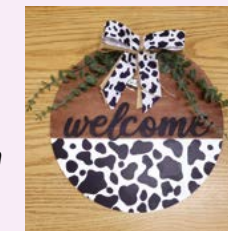
Bring a touch of everlasting color into your home with our felt flowers. Reusable and eco-friendly, they're perfect for brightening up a vase or using as a cheerful table decoration.



COW WELCOME SIGN

Ages 18+ | In Person
Tuesday, June 16 | 6-7pm
Wednesday, June 17 | 10-11am

Create a charming cow-themed hanging welcome sign to brighten your home! Paint the sign with black and white cow spots and finish it by decorating with ribbon for a fun and welcoming touch.



HORSESHOE WALL ART

Ages 18+ | In Person
Tuesday, July 7 | 6-7pm
Wednesday, July 8 | 10-11am

Craft a lovely message to display on your wall with bandanas, horseshoes, and jute for a Western flair!



CROCHET 101

Ages 18+ | 6:30-7:30pm | In Person
Wednesday, July 15

Always wanted to learn how to crochet but never knew where to start? Join us for a Crochet 101 (in Meeting Room A) where you'll learn beginner steps such as terminology and basic stitches!



BOOK BEDAZZLING

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person
Monday, July 20

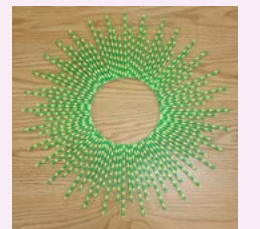
Bling out your favorite paperback book! Transform the cover with rhinestone gems. All supplies provided, just bring a favorite book, or choose from our gently-loved titles.



STARBURST WREATH

Ages 18+ | In Person
Wednesday, July 29 | 10-11am
Thursday, July 30 | 6-7pm

Create a striking starburst wreath using paper straws that resemble bamboo, arranged in a radiant pattern.



CRAFTING HERBAL BLENDS

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person
Monday, July 13

Discover the magic of herbs in the kitchen! Join Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh, owner of Backyard Patch Herbs, for a hands-on workshop where you'll explore the aromas and flavors of fresh and dried herbs and craft your own custom blend. Samples will be available.



Adult Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

WILD WEST TRIVIA

Ages 18+ | 10-11am | In Person
Wednesday, June 24

Howdy y'all! Swing by for a Wild West trivia showdown at the library. Test your knowledge of cowboys, outlaws, and frontier life in a fun, fast-paced challenge. Prizes will be awarded to the top trivia winner!



CREATIVITY CONNECTIONS

Ages 60+ | 1:30-3pm | In Person

-Thursday, June 11 | Freedom Color Wreath

This month, create a colorful fabric wreath using a wooden wreath base and strips of fabric. Participants will tie and arrange the fabric pieces to design a unique decoration while enjoying a fun and creative activity.

-Thursday, July 9 | Sponge Beach Scene

Seniors will be guided step-by-step to create their own beautiful, beach-inspired canvas using sponge painting techniques. Enjoy a relaxing and creative session as you bring your seaside vision to life!

SENIOR SIP & SOCIAL

10-11am | In Person

-Friday, June 26

Representatives from Healthcare Plus Senior Care will host a brief presentation sharing information about services available to older adults, followed by Bingo and prizes.

-Friday, July 31

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman program will host a presentation sharing information about their services.

TECH HELP: LIBBY & HOOPLA

Ages 18+ | In Person

Thursday, June 25 | 6-7pm

Wednesday, July 22 | 10-11am

Stop by for a Libby and Hoopla informational session with one of our librarians where you can get your account set up, troubleshoot issues, and learn about the app's functions!

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 10

[She Didn't See It Coming](#) by Shari Lapena

- Wednesday, July 8

[The Business Trip](#) by Jessie Garcia



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 18

[Beyond Reasonable Doubt](#) by Robert Dugoni

- Thursday, July 16

[Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo](#) by Taylor Jenkins Reid



TRUE STORY

This monthly book discussion features real-life stories.

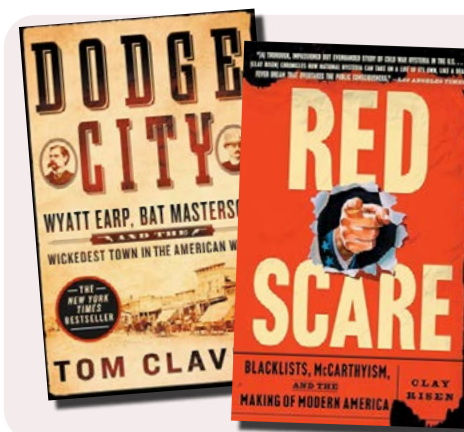
6:30-7:30pm | In Person

- Wednesday, June 24

[Dodge City: Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, and the Wickedest Town in the American West](#) by Tom Clavin

- Wednesday, July 29

[Red Scare: Blacklists, McCarthyism, and the Making of Modern America](#) by Clay Risen



BYOB CLUB: BRING YOUR OWN BOOK

THE ROYAL TEA ROOM

Ages 18+ | 10-11am | In Person @ The Royal Tea Room, 315 Vertin Blvd, Shorewood

- Friday, June 12 & July 10

Join in this relaxed, no-pressure book club at the Royal Tea Room. Bring a book you're currently enjoying (or have recently read), and swap recommendations with fellow book lovers. Food and drinks available for purchase while you chat!

CRITICAL GRIND BOARD GAME CAFE

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person @ Critical Grind Board Game Cafe, 852 Sharp Dr. #L, Shorewood
-Tuesday, June 30 & July 28

Looking for a laid-back, stress-free book club? Join us for the BYOB Club at Critical Grind Board Game Cafe. A cafe purchase is required — grab your favorite drink or treat and settle in! All formats are welcome: print, digital, or audio.

WESTERN BINGO NIGHT

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person
Thursday, July 23

Saddle up y'all and come out for a good time at Western Bingo night! Get in on the bingo fun and enjoy a chance to win some amazing prizes!



SHOREWOOD WRITERS GROUP

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person

Monday, June 29 & Tuesday, July 21

The Shorewood Writers Group is a welcoming, creative space for writers of all levels to connect, share their work, and grow their craft. Join fellow writers to exchange ideas, receive thoughtful feedback, and stay inspired as you work toward your writing goals.

Get reunited with your unclaimed cash!

Wednesday, July 22 | 10am-2pm

A representative from the Illinois State Treasurer's office will be here to help you check for any unclaimed funds.





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Shorewood, IL 60404



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Our new donor plaque.

\$7,220 of \$10,000



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

Saturday,
June 6
Summer Reading
Kickoff