



SHOREWOOD-TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Aug-Sept
2026



Building Community through the Joy of Reading, Learning, and Exploring!
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Read S'more Books!

September is library Card sign-up month!



Read s'more with a library card! Explore books and movies, attend free Library programs, and enjoy visits to local museums with the Museum Adventure Pass. Need a few extra supplies for your next adventure? Borrow Rokus, hotspots, laptops, and even a Cricut machine with your library card. Best of all, signing up is free and easy. Get your library card today and discover s'more to explore!

Library News

Grandparents Day!

All Ages | 11am-12pm | In Person

Saturday, September 5

Bring your grandparent or special person to the library for a fun celebration together! Enjoy a variety of activities, spend quality time making memories, and create a special craft to take home. It's sure to be a **grand** morning filled with laughter, creativity, and fun for all ages.



Get reunited with your unclaimed cash!

Tuesday, September 15 | 10am-2pm

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

ILLINOIS TREASURER
MICHAEL W. FRERICHS
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Traveling Storyteller

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



BRONKBERRY
FARMS

Bronkberry Farms

18061 Bronk Road

August 26, 10am

Children's Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

ITTY BITTY ART CLUB

Ages Birth-2 | All Day | Take & Make
Monday, August 17 & September 21

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

ITTY BITTY STORYTIME

Ages 0-3 | 10-10:30am | In Person
Tuesday, August 4 & September 1

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 | 11:30am-12:30pm | In Person
Tuesday, August 18 & September 15

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

MYSTERY SMOOTHIE CHALLENGE

Ages 6-12 | 1-2pm | In Person
Tuesday, August 4

Do you like smoothies? Join us for a Mystery Smoothie Challenge. We will spin the mystery wheel 3 times for 3 weird or wonderful ingredients to add to our smoothies and then we will add a smoothie base



ingredient. All of the food items are really good for you but together they all might not taste so nice! This is such a fun food-tasting challenge. Let's see what weird or wonderful food combinations we will try!

BABY OPEN PLAY

Ages 6-24 months | 11-11:30am | In Person
Friday, August 28 & September 25

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
Tuesday, August 11, August 25
September 8 & September 22

STPL'S favorite Music Educator, Ms. Jamie, leads this fun music class. Learn simple songs and movements that your little ones will love!



SENSORY SENSATION

Ages 1-4 | All Day | In Person
Thursday, August 13 & September 10

Sensory play is a wonderful opportunity to participate in your young child's artistic exploration and discovery. Every 2nd Thursday of the month there will be a varied selection of sensory-rich, art-themed projects or sensory play activities. You will receive your pre-recorded video to watch at your convenience - anytime, anywhere!

TINKER TIME

Ages 3-5 | 10-10:45am | In Person
Monday, August 17 & September 21

Bring your child 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!



MOVIN' & GROOVIN' STORYTIME

All Ages | 10-10:45am, 4-4:45pm | In Person
Monday, August 31 & September 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'!

Children's Programs

CHILDREN'S AUGUST BOOK BOX PICK UP

All Ages | 9-10am | Kit Pick Up
Monday, August 3

NEW!

Book Subscription Boxes have come to the Children's Department! Get a kit of books, activities and goodies tailored to your family's ages and the month's theme! August's theme is Nighttime!

ARTFUL ADVENTURES

Ages 3-5 | 4-4:30pm | In Person
Monday, August 3

Does your little love stories and art? Join us for a themed art project and storytime!



BUBBLEPALOOZA!

Ages 0-12 | 11am-12pm | In Person
Thursday, August 6

We will have all kinds of bubbles to enjoy with friends during this fun outdoor activity.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME

All Ages | In Person
Monday, August 3 & September 15 | 10-10:45am
Monday, August 17 & September 21 | 4-4:30pm
Tuesday, September 9 | 11-11:45am

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.

STORYTIME EXPLORERS

Ages 3-6 | In Person
Monday, August 10 | 11-11:30am, 5-5:30pm
Monday, September 14 | 11-11:30am, 5-5:30pm

Are you ready for a book-themed adventure? Then don't miss out on Storytime Explorers! We will be exploring exciting stories, fun songs, and engaging activities. This storytime is perfect for families looking to practice literacy together!

DOODLE CLUB

Ages 5-8 | 4-5pm | In Person
Tuesday, September 1

Do you love to doodle? Ms. Louise leads participants through step-by-step instructions on how to draw an adorable new masterpiece each month!



LET'S FIND OUT WITH MS. LORI

Ages 3-6 | All Day | In Person
Tuesday, September 8

Does your preschooler like to learn about the great big world around them? In this program your little learner will do just that and more with this engaging nonfiction magazine!

BABY HOMECOMING DANCE

Ages 0-3 | 10-11am | In Person
Tuesday, September 29

Dress your littles in their fanciest outfits for a homecoming dance! Bring your best dance moves for a morning of fun!

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

All Ages | All Day | Take & Make
Tuesday, August 4 & September 1

Celebrate and learn about special days from all over the globe with this exciting Take and Make children's program! Each kit includes a fun activity inspired by a different culture or tradition.

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

All Ages | All Day | In Person
Friday, September 18
Saturday, September 19

Arghh mateys! Celebrate International Talk Like A Pirate Day with pirate themed games, crafts, activities and plenty of swashbuckling fun for the entire crew!



Children & Family Programs

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AUGUST



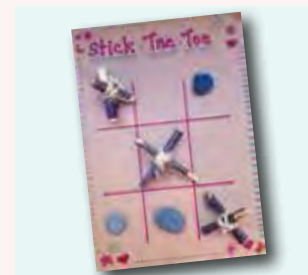
SEPTEMBER

JR. PINTEREST

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

Thursday, August 20 & September 17

Each month, we'll create a fun new craft inspired by creative ideas from Pinterest! Explore different materials, learn new techniques, and make a unique project to take home.



AUGUST



SEPTEMBER

NATURE'S GUARDIANS

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

Wednesday, August 26 & September 23

Does your child enjoy exploring nature and learning about animals? This engaging program introduces children to the wonders of the natural world through fun activities and hands-on learning experiences. Along the way, they'll discover the importance of conservation and foster a love for nature.

EPIC EASELS

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

Tuesday, August 11

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



FAMILY CRAFT

All Ages | 5-6pm | In Person

Thursday, August 6 & September 3

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!



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SEPTEMBER

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

All Ages | 5-7pm | In Person

Tuesday, September 22

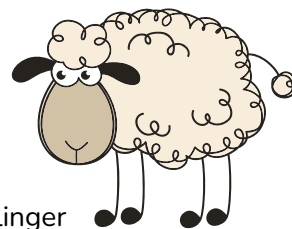
Join us for a fun and welcoming Family Game Night at the library. Explore a variety of board games for all ages while the Game Masters from Critical Grind Board Game Cafe help teach the games.

LIBRARIES EXPLORE! DOLLINGER FAMILY FARM

All Ages | 4-5pm | In Person

Thursday, September 24

Family fun the farm! Join us at Dollinger Family Farm for storytime and learn all about the Dollinger farm, their animals and history. Then spend some time exploring!



Tween, Teen & Family Programs

INTRO TO BABYSITTING

Ages 11-14 | 4-6pm | In Person

Wednesday, August 5

Are you interested in babysitting? Safe Harbor Safety will go over tips to get on the right track to becoming a babysitter! Infant swaddling, diapering and feeding will be covered. We will also be making our own babysitting bags!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Ages 13-17 | In Person

Tuesday, August 4 | 4:30-5:30pm

Wednesday, September 2 | 5-6pm

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!

TEEN DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

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

Tuesday, August 18 & September 15

Ready to explore the realm of dragons and magic? Join with already made characters to hit the ground running with our new campaign!

ASTROLOGY 101

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

Wednesday, August 19

Join us with special guest Jez Layman to learn about sun, moon, and rising signs; planets; and how to read your natal chart to avoid future problems, recognize your strengths, and embrace your best self!

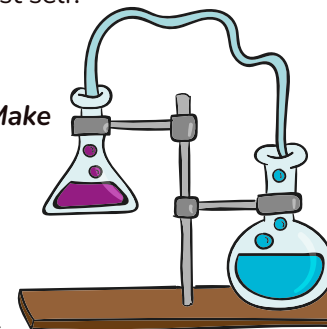
SCIENCE AT HOME!

Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, August 27

Thursday, September 24

Bring your science experiments home! Try these tasty chemical reactions and learn what makes them change right before your eyes! August will be popping boba, and September will be popping candy.



ANIMÉ CLUB

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

Monday, August 24 &

September 28

Calling all animé fans to join our new animé club! Jump into intense action scenes or easy going comedic bits by watching brand new or nostalgic animé here at the library!



SOPHOMORE SUCCESS: POST-SECONDARY PLANNING FOR 10TH GRADE

Ages 13+ | 5-6pm | Virtual

Thursday, August 6

With the help of My College Planning Team, this workshop will guide families through the essential steps students can take during sophomore year to explore post-secondary pathways.

CAREER & COLLEGE PLANNING FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Ages 13+ | 5-6pm | Virtual

Thursday, August 27

My College Planning Team is helping us run a session discussing how career and college planning are key to helping students choose the right path, avoid unnecessary debt, and graduate on time!

PAYING FOR COLLEGE: WHAT'S CHANGING AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

Ages 13+ | 5-6pm | Virtual

Tuesday, September 22

My College Planning Team will lead a workshop exploring recent changes to financial aid that may affect how much parents pay for college and how they can adjust to these changes.

Teen & Adult Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

MUSIC AND BOOK TRIVIA

Ages 13+ | 5-6:15pm | In Person
Monday, September 21

Who wrote the soundtrack for 2001 'The Lord of the Rings' movie? How many books were released with soundtrack CDs? Show off your music and book know-how at our Music and Book Trivia!



BUY BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS: WHY FALL MIGHT BE THE SMARTEST TIME TO MOVE

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person
Tuesday, August 4

Ready to make a move? Join June Allen-Smith to discover why fall is the secret season for real estate success! Learn how to navigate the market with less competition, stronger negotiations, and motivated buyers/sellers. Perfect for those planning a move in the next 6-12 months.

CROCHET DRINK CARRIER

Ages 18+ | 10am-12pm | In Person
Saturday, August 8

Looking for a fun and practical crochet project? In this program, you'll create a reusable drink carrier that's perfect for taking your favorite beverage on the go.

BOOK BEDAZZLING

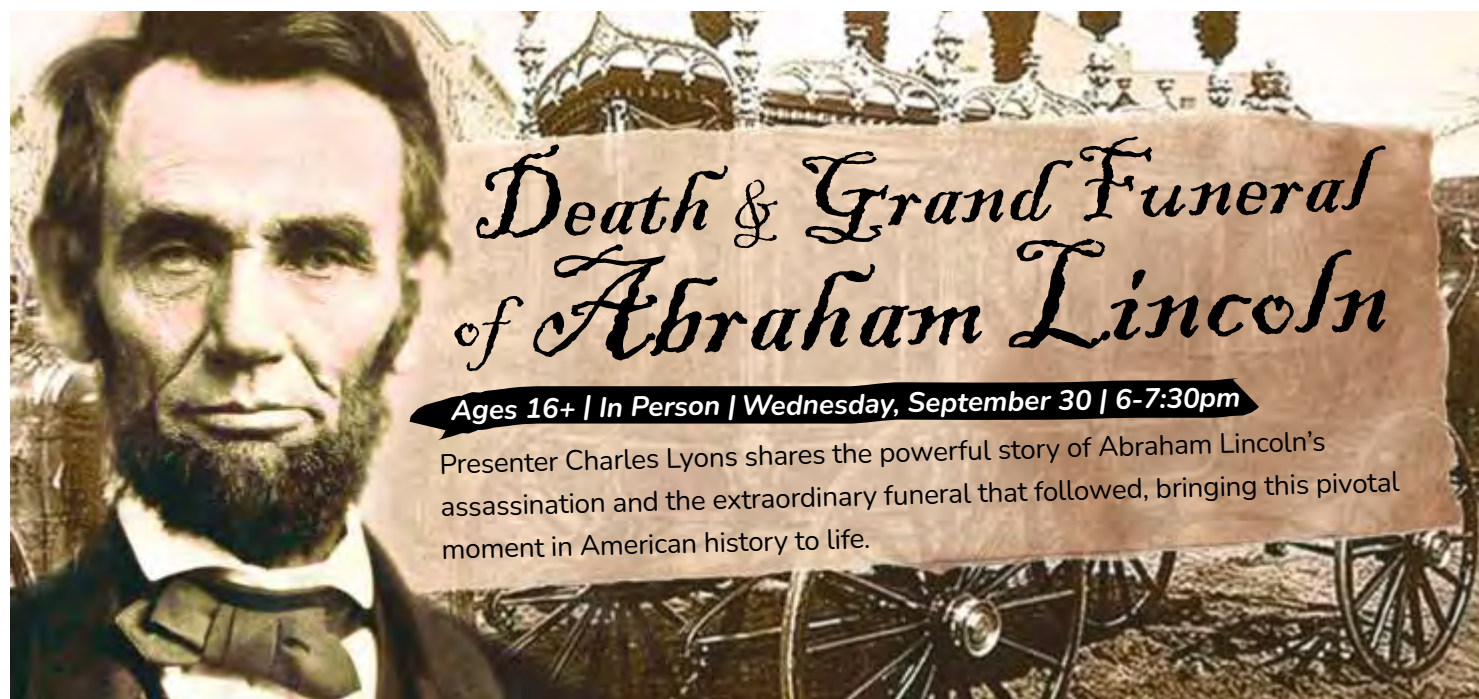
Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person
Monday, August 17

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.

THURSDAY TRIVIA

6-7pm | In Person @ Mad Hachet Brewing (913 Brook Forest Ave)
Thursday, August 13-All About Beer
Thursday, September 10-Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader

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



Death & Grand Funeral of Abraham Lincoln

Ages 16+ | In Person | Wednesday, September 30 | 6-7:30pm

Presenter Charles Lyons shares the powerful story of Abraham Lincoln's assassination and the extraordinary funeral that followed, bringing this pivotal moment in American history to life.

Adult Programs

SHOREWOOD WRITERS GROUP

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person
Thursday, August 27 & September 24

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.

SCAM PREVENTION WITH THE WILL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Ages 18+ | 5:30-6:30pm | In Person
Tuesday, September 1

In this informative scam prevention presentation, led by the Will County Sheriff's Office, learn about current financial scams targeting our community and how to protect yourself from fraud.

TECH HELP TUESDAYS*

Ages 18+ | 9-11am | In Person
Tuesday, August 11 & 25 & September 8 & 22

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



TECH BASICS: CANVA WORKSHOP PART 2

Ages 18+ | 6:30-7:30pm | In Person
Wednesday, August 5

In this Canva Basics Workshop Part 2, we'll explore more Canva essentials to strengthen your design skills.

TECH BASICS: CREATE A PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION WITH CANVA

Ages 18+ | 6:30-7:30pm | In Person
Wednesday, September 2

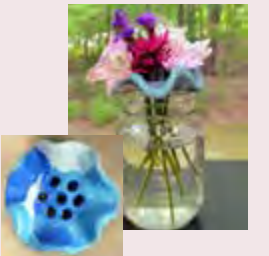
Learn how to create a presentation for school or work using the graphic design tool Canva.

Adult CRAFTS

FLOWER FROG

Ages 18+ | All Day | Take & Make
Thursday, August 20

Create your very own beautiful and functional flower frog from air dry clay!



DIY BEEHIVE

Ages 18+ | All Day | Take & Make
Thursday, September 17

Add a touch of whimsy to your home with this adorable DIY beehive! Using just a planter pot and jute, you'll create a quick and easy craft that's perfect for brightening up your summer décor.



BEE HIVE HANGER

Ages 18+ | In Person
Tuesday, August 18 | 6-7pm
Wednesday, August 19 | 10-11am

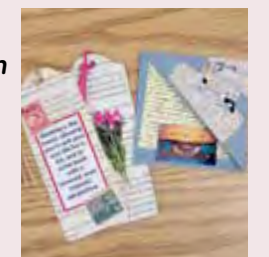
Join us to create a cute DIY Bee Hive Hanger out of a hexagon box and a wooden bee cutout. This craft is easy to create and will be a nice decoration for any home.



DIY BOOKMARKS

Ages 18+ | 6:30-7:30pm | In Person
Monday, September 14 | 6-7pm
Tuesday, September 15 | 2-3pm

Design your own handmade bookmarks using a mix of scrapbooking materials. Let your imagination shine as you personalize traditional and corner bookmarks with stickers, pages from old books, stamps, and decorative paper. Make a one-of-a-kind keepsake you'll love to use again and again.



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Fuller Visionaries: From Illinois to the World

Ages 18+ | 6-7:30pm | In Person
Monday, August 10

What can bold lives from the past teach us about navigating an uncertain future—from right here in Illinois?

This presentation explores the legacy of two remarkable relatives: Margaret Fuller, whose 1843 journey through Illinois inspired reflections on nature, history, and justice, and her great-nephew Buckminster Fuller, the visionary inventor of the geodesic dome and a pioneer of sustainable design.

Though separated by nearly a century, both were ahead of their time. Drawing on the archives of the Fuller Dome Home Museum, this program examines how bold ideas, lasting legacies, and a spirit of innovation continue to shape the world today.

Presented by:



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Ages 18+ | 5:30-8pm

In Person @ Critical Grind in Shorewood
Tuesday, August 3

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 or feel free to bring your own.

MEDICARE 101

Ages 18+ | 6-7:30pm | In Person
Wednesday, September 16

Join Remlinger Financial Group for a free, informative session covering the basics of Medicare, enrollment timelines, and coverage options.

TRAIL TALES: AN AUDIOBOOK WALKING CLUB

Ages 18+ | 9:30-10:30am | In Person
Monday, August 31 & September 28

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



SENIOR SIP & SOCIAL

11am-12pm | In Person
Friday, August 21

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, September 18

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

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 12

The Astral Library by Kate Quinn

- Wednesday, September 9

September House by Carissa Orlando



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 20

Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy

- Thursday, September 17

Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty



TRUE STORY

This monthly book discussion features real-life stories.

6:30-7:30pm | In Person

- Wednesday, August 26

The Aviator and the Showman by Laurie Gwen Shapiro

- Wednesday, September 23

A Walk in the Park by Kevin Fedarko



BYOB CLUB: BRING YOUR OWN BOOK

THE ROYAL TEA ROOM

Ages 18+ | 10-11:30am | In Person @ The Royal Tea Room, 315 Vertin Blvd, Shorewood

- Friday, August 14 & September 11

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, August 25 & September 29

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.



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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday
9AM-8PM

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9AM-5PM

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Passport Hours

Monday-Thursday
10AM-6PM

Friday
10AM-4PM

Saturday
9AM-1PM

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

Upcoming Closings

Friday,
August 7
Staff In-Service

Monday,
September 7
Labor Day