



SHOREWOOD-TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Oct-Nov
2026



Building Community through the Joy of Reading, Learning, and Exploring!
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TRICK OR TREAT, FRIENDS YOU'LL MEET...
HALLOWEEN FUN THAT CAN'T BE BEAT!
JOIN US AT THE LIBRARY FOR A **FRIGHTFULLY** GOOD TIME.

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WEAR YOUR COSTUME AND GET READY FOR A
BEWITCHING TIME! WE'LL HAVE TRICK-OR-TREAT
STATIONS, PHOTO OPS, FOOD, FUN & MORE!

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 24  **12-2PM**
ALL AGES

 ***NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED. WEATHER PERMITTING.**

Library News



The Illinois State Treasurer's Office
will be at the Library
November 17
10am-2pm

Stop by to:

- Search for unclaimed property through the ICASH program
- Learn about Bright Start, Illinois' tax-advantaged college savings program
- Discover ABLE, a savings program designed for people with disabilities



Grown-up Show & Tell
Ages 18+ | 1-2:30pm | In Person
Saturday, October 3

Explore the hobbies, collections, and creative talents of our community! Participants will display their interests at individual tables while visitors browse, ask questions, and get inspired. Interested in exhibiting? Reserve a table and share what you love with others.



2025-2026
FISCAL YEAR
BY THE NUMBERS







 **70,254**
VISITS

That's *more than a Sold Out* Chicago Bears game!

 WE GAINED 1,018 NEW CARDHOLDERS!	 WE OFFERED 659 PROGRAMS ENJOYED BY 18,164 PEOPLE!
 168,741 PHYSICAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT	 61,124 ELECTRONIC ITEMS CHECKED OUT

 **\$2,995,159**
SAVED BY OUR COMMUNITY
MEMBERS THIS YEAR!

*We're talking dollars saved on more than just books!
Think major money-savers by checking out technology
(laptops, Wi-Fi devices, even a Cricut® machine!).
Ask us how!*

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Children's Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

ITTY BITTY ART CLUB

Ages Birth-2 | All Day | Take & Make
Monday, October 19 & November 16

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



ITTY BITTY STORYTIME

Ages 0-3 | 10-10:30am | In Person
Tuesday, October 6

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, October 20 & November 17

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

BABY OPEN PLAY

Ages 6-24 months | 11-11:30am | In Person
Friday, October 23 & November 23

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.

SENSORY SENSATION

Ages 1-4 | All Day | Take and Make
Thursday, October 8 & November 12

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!

MUSIC CLASS WITH MS. JAMIE

Ages 1-4 | 10-10:30am | In Person
Tuesday, October 13, October 27 & November 10

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

TINKER TIME

Ages 3-5 | 10-10:45am | In Person
Monday, October 19 & November 16

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
Thursday, October 29

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'!

WINNIE THE POOH PARTY!

Ages 2-5 | 11am-12pm | In Person
Thursday, October 22

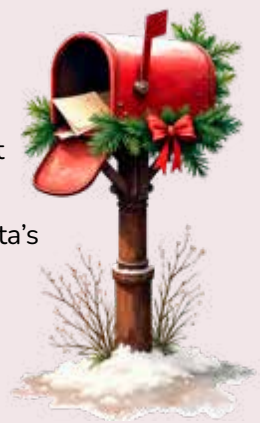
Bounce on over to STPL for a Winnie the Pooh party! The beloved book was published 100 years ago by A.A.Milne. Let's celebrate with some fun!



LETTERS TO SANTA

All Ages | All Day | In Person
November 2-14

Stop by the Children's Department and pick up a form. Fill it out, bring it back, and drop your letter in Santa's mailbox. Tell Santa how good you've been this year, and we'll send your letter to the North Pole! You might even get a reply!



Children's Programs

ARTFUL ADVENTURES

Ages 3-5 | 4-4:30pm | In Person
Wednesday, October 14 & November 11

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

BILINGUAL STORYTIME

All Ages | In Person
Monday, October 5 & November 2 | 10-10:45am
Monday, October 5 | 4-4:30pm

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, October 12 | 11-11:30am, 5-5:30pm
Monday, November 9 | 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!



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DOODLE CLUB

Ages 5-8 | 4-5pm
Tuesday, October 6 | In Person
Tuesday, November 3 | Take & Make

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 | Email @ 9am
Monday, October 5 & November 2

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!

SENSORY STORYTIME

All Ages | 10-10:30am | In Person
Friday, October 2

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

JR. PINTEREST

Ages 8-12 | 5-6pm
In Person
Thursday, October 15

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.



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NATURE'S GUARDIANS

Ages 8-12 | 5-6pm
In Person
Wednesday, October 28

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.



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Children & Family Programs

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HALLOWEEN STUFFED ANIMAL VILLAGE!

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

Wednesday, October 21

Bring your favorite plush friend over to our Halloween version of Stuffed Animal Village! Your stuffy can enjoy some spooky activities!



HALLOWEEN BINGO!

Ages 5-12 | 4:30-5:15pm | In Person

Tuesday, October 20

Want to get into the Halloween spirit? Join us for a fun game of Halloween Bingo! Costumes are welcome, but not required.

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!



**JUST ANIMALS
SHELTER**

Thursday, October 15



**WILL COUNTY
EXECUTIVE JENNIFER
BERTINO-TARRANT**

Wednesday, November 4

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.

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

All Ages | All Day | Take & Make

Tuesday, October 6 & November 3

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.

FREEDOM TO READ STORYTIME

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

Friday, October 9

Celebrate the freedom to read! Join us for stories, songs, and a chance to explore picture books that have been banned!

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

All Ages | All Day | In Person

November 9-15

Children's Book Week is a great time to celebrate your love for all books! Come to STPL for some fun activities!



STEM EXPLORATION OPEN PLAY

Ages 5-9 | 5-5:30pm | In Person

Wednesday, November 11

Interested in science, technology, engineering and math? Our STEM open play is right for you! This program will have open-ended stations for you to explore!

WORLD ANIMAL DAY!

All Ages | All Day | In Person

Monday, October 5

Animals are amazing! Let's celebrate World Animal Day with some fun activities in the Children's Department!

AMAZING AXOLOTLS!

Ages 7+ | In Person

Saturday, November 7

Session 1 | 2-2:45pm Session 2 | 3-3:45pm

Are you curious about axolotls? Join us as we learn all about these amazing creatures! This will include a hands-on exploration experience! Please call the Children's Dept at 815-725-4368 to register.



Tween, Teen & Family Programs



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FAMILY CRAFT

All Ages | 5-6pm | In Person

Thursday, October 1 & November 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!

MISS MAKE-BELIEVE'S BUBBLE GARDEN

All Ages | 11am-12pm | In Person

Saturday, October 3

Miss Make-Believe will entertain all ages with her bubble show! See bubbles in many different forms and do all sorts of tricks. You may even get to stand inside one!

EPIC EASELS

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

Tuesday, October 13

Ready to channel your inner Picasso? Join us for an Epic Easels paint class! Ms. Louise will provide step by step instructions while encouraging your child to create their own masterpiece.



HALLOWEEN PONY BEAD KEYCHAINS

Ages 11-14 | 4-5pm | In Person

Wednesday, October 7

Have a hauntingly good time at STPL making pony bead keychains! We will have a variety of patterns to choose from! No experience needed!



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Ages 13-17 | In Person

Wednesday, October 14 | 5-6pm

Wednesday, November 4 | 6-7pm

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!

ANIME CLUB

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

Monday, October 26 & November 23

Calling all anime fans! Get ready for anime, food, cosplay, and fun at Anime Club. In October, wear your best cosplay, watch anime, and enjoy some ramen. In November, watch anime and take part in fun themed activities!

DUCK COSTUME CONTEST

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

Wednesday, October 7

Use the ducks and supplies provided to create the best costume! The categories are: most creative, cutest, scariest, and funniest duck. Ducks will be displayed in the library for patrons to vote upon.



MINI PUMPKIN CATAPULT CHALLENGE

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

Monday, October 19

Can you make a catapult to launch your pumpkins farther than anyone else? Can you use them to destroy the castle of the enemy? Test your engineering and construction skills with this challenge!

SUNRISE ON THE REAPING BRACELET

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

Monday, November 2

Do you love someone like All Fire? Or is it more like YLM, RONR? Craft your own custom Sunrise on the Reaping-themed bracelet with other fans of the Hunger Games!

Teen & Adult Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

LET BOOKS BE: PROTECT THE FREEDOM TO READ

Ages 13-17 | All Day | In Person

October 5-8

Protect the Freedom to Read this year by crushing our quiz, conquering our reading challenge, or creating a little-bitty library decoration. To register for the reading challenge or to claim a craft kit, stop by the "Ask Here" desk while supplies last.

JUNK JOURNALING

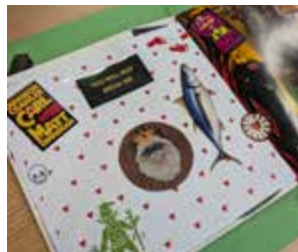
Ages 11+ | 6-7pm | In Person

Tuesday, November 3

Explore the art of junk journaling!

Preserve keepsakes in a low-stress, mixed-media collage

that's perfect for memory keeping and self expression.



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NOVEMBER

TEEN TUESDAY TAKE & MAKE

Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make

Tuesday, October 27 & November 24

Get creative on your own time with our Teen Tuesday Take & Makes! Registrants will be contacted when kits are ready to be picked up.

October-Rock Candy, November-Rainbow Crow automaton

DIY PET TOYS

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

Monday, November 30

If you're looking for a way to enrich the life of your pet, look no further! Attendees can make a custom puzzle toy intended for cats or a waterproof rope toy for dogs.

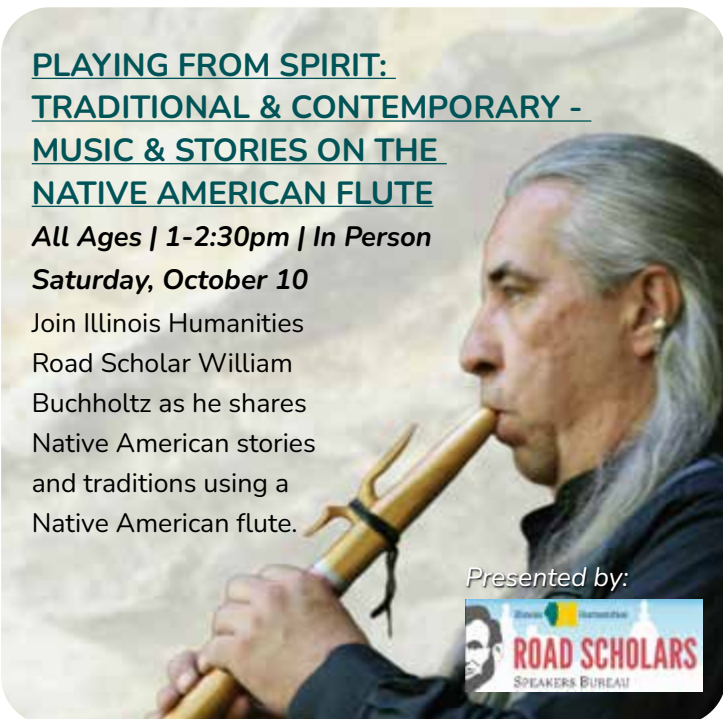
PLAYING FROM SPIRIT: TRADITIONAL & CONTEMPORARY - MUSIC & STORIES ON THE NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTE

All Ages | 1-2:30pm | In Person

Saturday, October 10

Join Illinois Humanities Road Scholar William Buchholtz as he shares Native American stories and traditions using a Native American flute.

Presented by:



Adult Programs

DUNGEON CRAWL AT THE LIBRARY

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

Monday, November 16

New Achievement Unlocked: Dungeon Crawl at the Library! Congratulations! You've found an in-person tabletop dungeon crawl-inspired game. Your reward? Getting out of the house and maybe new friends.

DIY WINE CORK PUMPKIN

Ages 18+ | In Person

Tuesday, October 20 | 6-7pm

Wednesday, October 21 | 10-11am

Decorate your home for the season with a fun DIY Wine Cork Pumpkin! All supplies are provided, and you'll learn how to transform recycled corks into a unique fall decoration.

SHOREWOOD WRITERS GROUP

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

Monday, November 30

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.

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR WINTER & RESALE VALUE

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person

Tuesday, October 6

Join Real Estate Agent June Allen-Smith for this educational real estate and homeownership class designed to help homeowners protect both their property and long-term investment before the winter.

TECH HELP TUESDAYS*

Ages 18+ | 9-11am | In Person

Tuesday, October 13 & 27, November 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.

Adult CRAFTS

NO SEW BURLAP PUMPKIN

Ages 18+ | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, October 15

Create a charming rustic pumpkin using burlap and twine.

This easy fall craft is perfect for adding a cozy touch to your home décor.



MINI SNOWMAN ORNAMENTS

Ages 18+ | All Day | Take & Make

Thursday, November 19

Add a touch of whimsy to your winter décor with these adorable DIY snowmen! Using a ping pong ball and a wood disk, you'll create a quick and easy craft that's perfect for the season.



CREATIVITY CONNECTIONS

Ages 60+ | 10-11:30pm | In Person

Learn new skills, explore your creativity, and make lasting connections with others! *Sponsored by Catholic Charities of Joliet.*

Friday, October 16

Create a Web Art project using hot glue as a drawing medium to design an intricate, web-inspired piece.



Friday, November 20

Celebrate the beauty of autumn by creating a charming Patchwork Pumpkin Canvas! This mixed-media craft combines patterned paper, fabric scraps, paint, and decorative embellishments to form a colorful pumpkin with a patchwork design.



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AUTUMN FAVORITES WITH CHEF MADDOX

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person

Monday, October 5

Celebrate the flavors of fall with Chef Maddox! This live cooking demonstration will feature easy, comforting autumn recipes using seasonal ingredients. Samples and recipes will be provided for all attendees.



THURSDAY TRIVIA

6-7pm | In Person @ Mad Hatchet Brewing

Thursday, October 8–Horror Movie

Thursday, November 12–The Hunger Games

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.

WITS WORKOUT FOR SENIORS

Ages 60+ | 1:30-2:30pm | In Person

Monday, October 5 & 19, November 2 & 16

Give your brain a boost in this fun and engaging brain health program designed for adults ages 60 and older.

TREE STRING ART

Ages 18+ | In Person

Tuesday, November 17 | 6-7pm

Wednesday, November 18 | 10-11am

Create your own Tree String Art using string and nails! All supplies are provided, and no experience is needed. Unleash your creativity and take home a beautiful piece of art.



TRAIL TALES:

AN AUDIOBOOK WALKING CLUB

Ages 18+ | 9:30-10:30pm | In Person

Monday, October 26

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. Meet at the entrance off of Black Road at the pavillion with a fireplace.

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

SENIOR SIP & SOCIAL

Ages 50+ | 12-1pm | In Person

Friday, November 6

Lunch & Learn – Brain Health

Join us for lunch and the "Thankful Creations Active Minds" presentation by Healthcare Plus Joliet.



LINKEDIN FOR JOB SEARCH SUCCESS

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

Tuesday, November 10

Learn how to use LinkedIn to grow your professional network and strengthen your job search. Explore profile optimization, networking strategies, and tips to stand out to employers. Sponsored by the Workforce Services Division of Will County.

FALL FOX PAINTING

Ages 18+ | 6-7:15pm | In Person

Tuesday, November 24

Capture the warmth of fall with this cozy fox painting! Step by step directions and supplies will be provided.



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, October 14

Reader's Choice: Banned Books Edition

- Wednesday, November 11

How to Read a Book by Monica Wood



AS THE PAGE TURNS

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

12-1pm | In Person

- Thursday, October 15

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë

- Thursday, November 19

The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune



TRUE STORY

This monthly book discussion features real-life stories.

6:30-7:30pm | In Person

- Wednesday, October 28

A Mystery of Mysteries: The Death and Life of Edgar Allan Poe by Mark Dawidziak

- Wednesday, November 18

The Indian Card: Who Gets to Be Native in America by Carrie Lowry Schuettzel



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

Ages 18+ | 10-11am | In Person

@ The Royal Tea Room, 315 Vertin Blvd, Shorewood

- Friday, October 9 & November 13

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!





650 Deerwood Drive
Shorewood, IL 60404



FRIENDS OF THE
SHOREWOOD-TROY LIBRARY

PUZZLE COMPETITION

All Ages | 9am-1pm | In Person
Saturday, November 14

Puzzle masters and novices join the Friends of the Library to put your puzzling skills to the test! Thirteen teams of four will each be given a wrapped puzzle containing the same number of pieces at the start of this competition.

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.

Thomas Novinski, President
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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

Wednesday,
November 25
Day before
Thanksgiving
(close at 5PM)

Thursday,
November 26
Thanksgiving Day