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Dec-Jan
2026/27



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

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Wednesday, **December 9**
All Ages | 5:30-7pm
**Registration required*

Santa's coming! Don't miss Santa's annual visit to the Shorewood-Troy Public Library. Join us as we gather around to hear Santa and Mrs. Claus read a holiday inspired story.



Library News



Canterbury Carolers

Ages 6+ | 11am-12pm | In Person
Saturday, December 19

Step back in time and celebrate the holidays with the Canterbury Carolers. Dressed in traditional Victorian attire, this talented group will fill the library with the sounds of the season as they perform beloved Christmas carols.

**Registration required*

Mush! With Sophia the Sled Dog!

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

Saturday, **January 16**

Discover the world of dog sledding with Karen Land (a three-time musher in the 1,000-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race) and Sophia (an Alaskan Husky). They will delight us with "tails" of adventure.

**Registration required*



Children's Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

MUSIC CLASS WITH MS. JAMIE

Ages 1-4 | 10-10:30am | In Person

Tuesday, December 1 & 15 & January 12 & 26

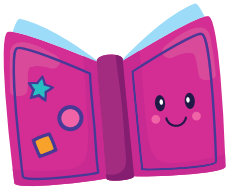
STPL'S favorite Music Educator, Ms. Jamie, leads this fun music class. Learn simple songs and movements that your little ones will love! *Please also register adults.*

LET'S FIND OUT WITH MS. LORI

Ages 3-6 | All Day | Email @ 9am

Monday, December 7

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!



ITTY BITTY STORYTIME

Ages 0-3 | 10-10:30am | In Person

Tuesday, December 8 & January 19

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.



NOON YEAR'S EVE

Ages 2-5 | 11am-12:15pm | In Person

Tuesday, December 29

Join us at our very own STPL Noon Years Eve Party! Countdown to 2027 with music, games, crafts and fun!

SENSORY SENSATION

Ages 1-4 | All Day | Take and Make

Thursday, December 10 & January 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!

STORYTIME EXPLORERS

Ages 3-6 | In Person

Monday, December 14 | 11-11:30am

Monday, January 11 | 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!

ITTY BITTY ART CLUB



Ages Birth-2 | All Day | Take & Make

Monday, December 21 & January 18

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

FRIENDS & PLAYTIME

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

Tuesday, January 5

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

DOODLE CLUB



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

Tuesday, January 5

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

Children's Programs

ARTFUL ADVENTURES



Ages 3-5 | 4-4:30pm | In Person
Wednesday, January 13
Does your little love stories and art? Join us for a themed art project and storytime!

MOVIN' & GROOVIN' STORYTIME

All Ages | 10-10:45am, 4-4:45pm | In Person
Thursday, January 14
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'!

TINKER TIME

Ages 3-5 | 11-11:45am | In Person
Monday, January 18
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!

BABY OPEN PLAY

Ages 6-24 months | 11-11:30am | In Person
Friday, January 22
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.

WINTER STORYWALK AT STPL!

All Ages | 10-11am | In Person
Saturday, January 23
Inspired by There's No Such Thing as Bad Weather by Linda Akeson McGurk, our outdoor winter storywalk is a great time to get outside! Join us at STPL for some hot cocoa as you read each page of a wintery story. Join us inside for a take and make craft and check out your own wintery book!

Holiday Storytimes



STORYTIME WITH ELF ON THE SHELF

All Ages | 11am-12:30pm | In Person
Saturday, December 12
Cocoa, cookies, and storytime magic! The Elf on the Shelf will be at the library for some holiday fun!



GRINCHMAS STORYTIME

All Ages | 4:30-5pm | In Person
Thursday, December 17
All the Whos in Whoville invite you to a Grinchy Storytime! We will listen to a reading of a grinchy story and have fun crafts and activities! Make sure to wear your green!

Children & Family Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

EL MAGO: BILINGUAL MAGIC SHOW!

All Ages | 11am-12pm
In Person
Saturday, December 5



El Mago's magic show will amaze and excite you! This show is for all ages and in both English and Spanish!

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

All Ages | All Day | Take & Make
Tuesday, December 1 & January 5

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.



CHILDREN'S JANUARY BOOK BOX PICK UP

All Ages | All Day | Take and Make
Monday, January 4

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! January's theme is: Cozy Winter!

BILINGUAL STORYTIME

All Ages | 4:30-5pm | In Person
Monday, January 18

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.

TEDDY BEAR STORYTIME AND SLEEPOVER



Ages 5-10 | 4:30-5pm | In Person
Monday, January 25

Bring your favorite stuffy, wear your pajamas and come over to STPL for a bedtime story! If your stuffies are brave enough, leave them at the library for a fun "sleepover." Pick your friends up the next day and we will share all the fun they had.

FUN WITH FRIENDS

Ages 5-8 | 4-4:45pm | In Person
Thursday, January 28

Each session, we will do a different activity with our friends! These can include: Lego building, art projects, games, and more!

STEM EXPLORATION OPEN PLAY

Ages 5-9 | 5-5:30pm | In Person
Wednesday, January 20

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!

WEE WINTER WORKSHOP

Ages 6-12 | 5-6pm | In Person
Monday, December 14

Come to STPL to DIY your own personalized gifts for your loved ones with the help of the Children's Department and Friends of the Library!

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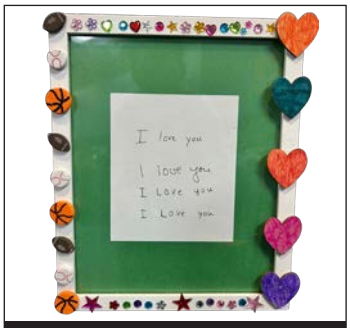
Ages 8-12 | 5-6pm | In Person
Thursday, January 21

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.

Tween, Teen & Family Programs



DECEMBER



JANUARY

FAMILY CRAFT

All Ages | 5-6pm | In Person

Thursday, December 3 & January 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!

PET SAFETY WITH WILL COUNTY ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES

Ages 6+ | 5-6pm | In Person

Tuesday, December 8

Vicki from the Will County Animal Protection Services will be here to give a presentation to families regarding proper pet care practices, followed by a pet-themed Price is Right game.

CREATIVE HORIZONS



Ages 11-13 | 5-6pm

In Person

Tuesday, January 12

If you love all things art, Creative Horizons is right for you! We will make art using different types of tools and techniques to create something great!

IN-BETWEENERS CLUB

Ages 11-14 | 6-7pm | In Person

Wednesday, January 20

Are you looking for a space to hang out, create, and connect with others? Look no further! In-Betweeners is a program where no two sessions are ever the same. Come join the fun!

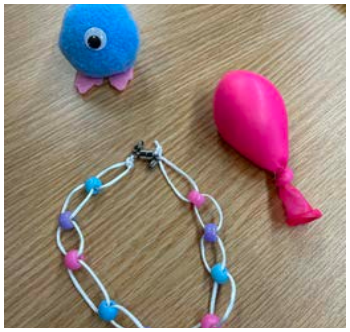
COCOA AND CARDS

Ages 11-17 | 5:30-6:30pm | In Person

Monday, December 7

Join us in making holiday cards for those living at Timbers and Alden Horizons. You can receive volunteer hours for this event.

DIY FIDGETS FOR FINALS



Ages 13-17 | 6-7pm

In Person

Tuesday, December 1

Create your own fidgets to use during finals season. Choose between a stress ball, worry pet, and fidget bracelet. It is a great way to decompress before the stress of finals.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD



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

Wednesday, December 2 & January 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!

ANIME CLUB

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

Monday, December 28

Finish out the holiday season with the Anime Club! Join us to watch festive holiday episodes while eating and drinking classic winter snacks and drinks.

Monday, January 25

Do you think you know everything about the most popular anime right now? Put it to the test at our Anime Trivia Night! Please bring a smartphone or tablet that can connect to wifi.

Teen & Adult Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless marked *

COCOA AND CRAM

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

Tuesday, December 8

Come study, do assignments, and drink hot cocoa while listening to lo-fi before finals. All participants will receive a study goodie bag for attending.

DIY SNOW GLOBE



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

In Person

Monday, December 21

Create your own snow globe jar to help get you into the holiday spirit. Personalize the snow globe however you would like and fill the jar with candy or more decorations!

TEEN TUESDAY TAKE & MAKE

Ages 13-17 | All Day | Take & Make

Tuesday, December 22

-DIY Crystal Ornaments

Create your own ornament for the holidays using science! Watch the transformation your ornament goes through to grow crystals. Registrants will be contacted when kits are ready to be picked up.

Tuesday, January 26

-Chocolate Chip Cookie Pizza

There's nothing better than a warm treat on a cold winter day! Enjoy some baking fun as you whip up a delicious cookie pizza!

DIY SNOWFLAKE



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

Thursday, January 14

Bring a little bit of winter into your home by creating your own snowflake!

JACKBOX GAME NIGHT

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

Monday, January 18

Join us for a fun night of playing Jackbox! Use your drawing skills for games like Tee K.O. and Champed Up. Use your deduction and trivia skills for games like Trivia Murder Party and Push the Button.

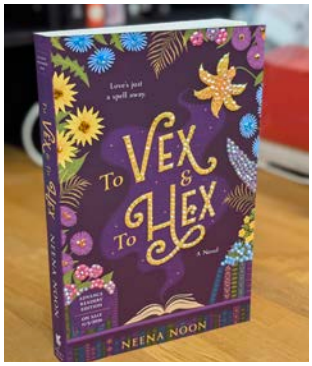
FAFSA AND FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Ages 14-17 | 6-7pm | In Person

Thursday, January 28

Learn more about FAFSA and other financial aid programs with the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. The presentation is geared for freshmen to seniors in high school.

SPARKLE SQUAD



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

Monday, January 11

Whether you're new or pro at sparkling, blinging, or bedazzling, stick with us to work on your rhinestone projects in a relaxed atmosphere! Rhinestones, glue, and pens will be provided.

MINI PAINTING: HEART LOLLIPOPS

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person

Monday, January 4

Take an hour for yourself this month to create a sweet, little heart lollipop acrylic painting. All supplies will be provided, including step by step instructions.

TECH HELP TUESDAYS*

Ages 18+ | 9-11am | In Person

Tuesday, December 8 & 22, January 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.*

Adult Programs



DECEMBER



JANUARY

BEGINNER CROCHET

Ages 18+ | In Person

Follow along with step-by-step instruction as you learn the basics of crochet and create your very own project to take home! This beginner-friendly program is perfect for those new to crochet or anyone looking to refresh their skills.

-Friday, December 4 | 10-11am & 3-4pm
Crochet Potholder

-Monday, January 25 & January 30 | 10-11am
Crochet Bookmark

CLAY POT SNOWMAN



Ages 18+ | In Person
Tuesday, January 19 | 6-7pm
Wednesday, October 20
10-11am

Transform a simple clay flower pot into an adorable snowman decoration! A fun and festive craft that's perfect for adding a touch of winter charm to your home.

SOUND HEALING MEDITATION

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person
Tuesday, January 26

Experience the soothing frequencies of crystal singing bowls combined with a guided meditation led by Jason Bruce from Soul Flo Yoga, designed to encourage deep relaxation and a sense of calm.

Please bring: a yoga mat, blanket, pillow, and eye mask. Chairs are also available for those who prefer them.

Adult CRAFTS

TAKE & MAKE THURSDAYS

Ages 18+ | All Day | Take & Make

Once a month we will have a supply kit with most materials needed for a cute, functional, or seasonal craft. Directions will be provided, as well as a list of any other supplies necessary to complete the craft.





-Macrame Gnome
Thursday, December 17

-DIY Lip Balm
Thursday, January 21

CREATIVITY CONNECTIONS

Ages 60+ | In Person

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



Friday, December 18 | 10-11:30am

Create a one-of-a-kind puzzle piece ornament! Decorate your piece with colorful paint, glitter, ribbons, and festive details to make a keepsake that's uniquely yours. Perfect for holiday decorating, gift-giving, or celebrating how every person is an important piece of the puzzle.



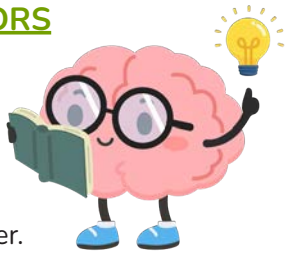
Friday, January 15 | 1-2:30pm

This month, create a colorful firework craft made with lights and vibrant colors to create a fun, festive display. It represents the beauty and excitement of fireworks while being a creative and decorative handmade project.

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WITS WORKOUT FOR SENIORS



Ages 60+ | 1-2pm | In Person
Monday, December 7 & 21
Give your brain a boost in this fun and engaging brain health program designed for adults ages 60 and older.

ORNAMENT & HOT COCOA

Ages 18+ | In Person
Tuesday December 15 | 6-7pm
Wednesday, December 16 | 10-11am
Get festive at the library as we craft two charming holiday ornaments. We'll provide all the materials, including wood slices, fabric, ribbon, and seasonal embellishments. Enjoy a cozy cup of hot chocolate while creating cute keepsakes for your home or to give as heartfelt gifts!



BEYOND BOOKS: DISCOVER YOUR LIBRARY'S DIGITAL RESOURCES

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person
Tuesday, January 5
Did you know your Shorewood-Troy Public Library card gives you free access to a variety of digital resources? Get book recommendations, learn a new language, find financial guidance, research your family history, and more!

Join us as we explore the library's eResources, learn what each one has to offer, and navigate these valuable tools together. You may be surprised by everything your library card can unlock!

THURSDAY TRIVIA

Ages 18+ | 6-7pm | In Person @ Mad Hachet Brewing
Thursday, December 10-Marvel Cinematic Universe
Thursday, January 14-2026 In Review
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.

SENIOR SIP & SOCIAL: BINGO

Ages 50+ | 12-1pm | In Person
Monday, January 4
Lunch & Learn – Brain Health
Health Care Plus will share helpful information on staying active and maintaining balanced nutrition, followed by a fun game of Bingo!

AMERICAN MAHJONG FOR BEGINNERS

Ages 18+ | 1-3pm | In Person
Wednesday, January 6, 13, 20 & 27
Are you interested in learning a new game to play with family and friends? Consider learning about Mahjong, a game that originated in ancient China and is played around the world today. This structured beginners class will be held for four consecutive weeks, following the National Mahjong league rules. Mahjong cards and tiles are provided, but feel free to bring your own if you have them.

Registration is required. Please contact the library to register for this program (815) 725-1715.



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

- Thursday, December 17

The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

- Wednesday, January 13

Mona's Eyes by Thomas Schlesser

AS THE PAGE TURNS

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

12-1pm | In Person

- Thursday, December 17

Skipping Christmas by John Grisham

- Thursday, January 21

The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau by Kristin Harme





TRUE STORY

This monthly book discussion features real-life stories.

6:30-7:30pm | In Person

- Wednesday, December 16

Endurance: A Year in Space, a Lifetime of Discovery by Scott Kelly

- Wednesday, January 27

The Light Eaters: How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Offers a New Understanding of Life on Earth by Zoe Schlanger

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, December 11 & January 8

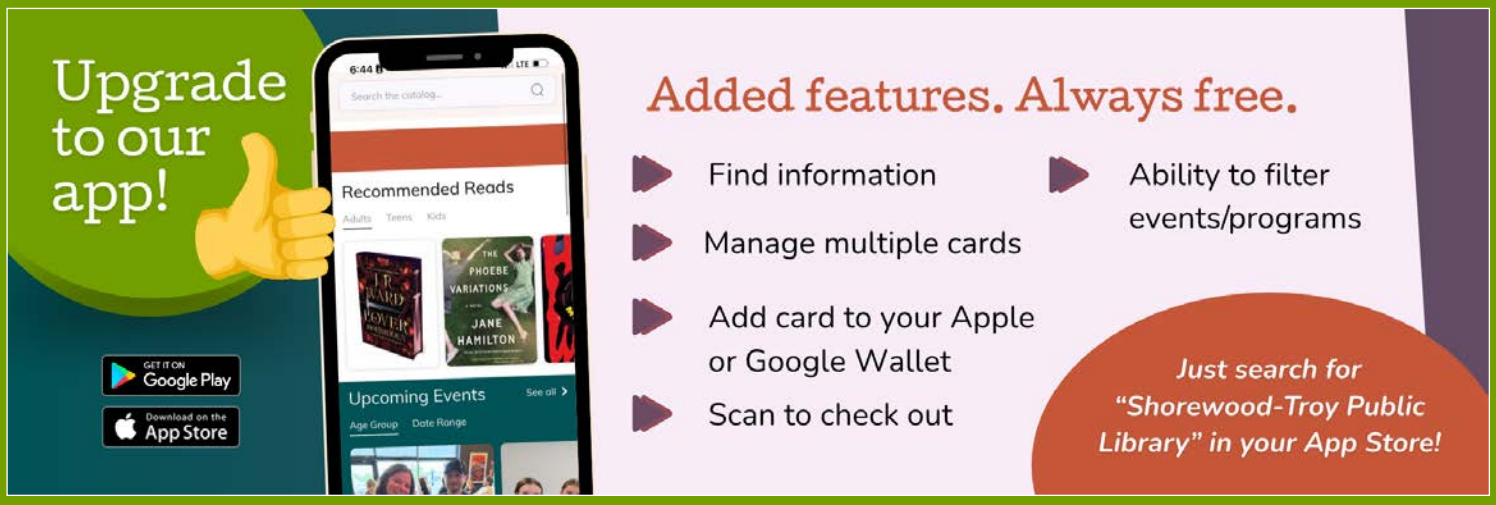
Join in this relaxed, no-pressure book club at the Royal Tea Room. Bring a book you're currently enjoying (or have recently read), and swap recommendations with fellow book lovers. Food and drinks available for purchase while you chat!



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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday
9AM-8PM

Friday-Saturday
9AM-5PM

Sunday
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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

Thursday,
December 24
Christmas Eve

Friday,
December 25
Christmas Day



Thursday,
December 31
New Year's Eve



Friday,
January 1
New Year's Day