



Chatham Area Public Library Newsletter Fall 2024

Director's note:

It's hard to believe that it's back to school time! At the Library, we know that the best school supply is a library card! Over the Summer, we welcomed over 300 young readers to our library with a free Lyle Barry tote bag! Thanks to our Friends of the Library for sponsoring our early literacy initiative! We know that these 300 readers, as well as our other young library friends, are ready to start the school year right.

Also, I want to thank the 320 people that took the time to respond to our Community Survey last June. Your insights are invaluable to our Library Board of Trustees as we continue to strive to provide outstanding services, collections, programming and facilities for members of our community. Please look for more ways to share your thoughts on page 7 of this newsletter.

Happy Fall, Chatham friends!
Amy Byers, Library Director

It's Back to School Time Again!

The new school year is just around the corner, but don't worry! Your library has the tools to make this year a success for all ages.

For our youngest learners, we welcome them to our storytimes that meet four times a week! Storytime has many benefits for children, including promoting early literacy and language development. It can also help develop their concentration, social skills, communication skills, and imagination.



Our school-aged friends can enjoy study and collaboration spaces, as well as digital and print resources for research. Our online databases provide a wealth of information for research papers, as well as enhancing a student's understanding of various topics.

Lifelong learners are welcome to enjoy our study spaces as well. We have desktop and laptop computers, the ability to print from anywhere, and faxing and copying to help further their research.

No matter the age, our librarians are here to help with you and your family's learning journey.

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Children's Programs

After School STEAM

Grades K-6

Wednesday, September 4
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an exciting After School STEAM event: Marble Run! We'll provide a variety of materials, and it's up to you to engineer the perfect track for your marble to travel down.



YA: Swiftie Trivia

Grades 7 and Up

Wednesday, September 11
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Calling all Taylor Swift fans in 7th grade and up! Come hang out with us for a super fun Swiftie Trivia event! You can show off your knowledge with a couple of trivia rounds and get crafty with a fun activity. Grab your friends, make teams of up to 6, and don't be shy—dress up if you want! Just make sure to register ahead of time, so you don't miss out on an awesome afternoon filled with music, fun and creativity.

After School Movies

All Ages

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Coming this fall... after-school movies! Looking for a little entertainment in the afternoon? Come join us for a movie! Enjoy a fun flick with our famous popcorn and lemonade, together with friendly faces here at the Library. If desired, bring a blanket, pillow or favorite stuffy to make yourself comfortable.



Wednesday, September 25 – *IF*

Wednesday, October 23 – *Halloweentown*

Wednesday, November 20 – *The Garfield Movie*

Bike Rodeo

All Ages

Wednesday September 18
4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Come for the fun in our parking lot when the Chatham Police Department puts on its annual Bike Rodeo!



YA: Paint with Dabble

Grades 7 – 12

Wednesday, November 13
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration Required



Teens- join us for a creative and fun-filled evening! Our friends at Dabble will lead a canvas painting tutorial, providing all the supplies

you'll need to create your masterpiece. Enjoy pizza and drinks while you paint and chill with friends. Don't miss out on this artistic adventure—sign up today!

Storytimes

Baby and Toddler Time

For children **newborn to 3** and their parents/caregivers
Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Join us for books, songs and fingerplays.

Family Evening Storytime

For children of **all ages** and their parents/caregivers
Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited for stories the whole family can enjoy with a fun, preschool level craft.

Preschool Storytime

For **preschool children** and their parents/caregivers
Fridays at 10:15 a.m.

Bring your preschoolers for a fun time of stories and a craft that is just right for small hands.

No registration is required.



Halloween Happenings



Craftober - Family Craft Night

For kids up to 6th Grade

Thursday, October 3

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Families with children up to 6th grade are invited to our fall Craftober event! We will have a variety of fall and Halloween-themed crafts to make and popcorn to munch on. It's the perfect way to get into the fall spirit!



Halloween Lego Day

All Ages

Saturday, October 19

10:00 a.m. – Noon

What horrifying things can you create with Legos? A haunted mansion? A spooky scene? A creep-tastic creation? We want to see! And, as always, we will display your fantastic, frightening Legos in the children's department for all to see and scream.



Preschool Halloween Stories

Friday, October 25

10:15 a.m.

Have a cackling good time and complete a spooktacular craft! Preschoolers are encouraged to come dressed in their costumes for our regular Storytime to hear fun Halloween stories and complete a Halloween craft.

Halloween Baby and Toddler Time

Tuesday, October 29

9:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

All Mummies, Daddies and other caregivers are invited to dress your babies in costume and bring them to our Halloween Baby and Toddler Lap-Sit. This program is intended for parents/caregivers and their little ones, newborn to 3 years, and features stories, fingerplays and songs.



Adult Programs

Conversation Circle with LLCC Adult Education

Registration Required

Join us for Conversation Tables at the Library! Practice your English skills, meet new people, and make friends in a welcoming environment. In partnership with Lincoln Land Community College Adult Education and Literacy, these sessions are a fantastic opportunity for language learners of all levels. Registration is required, so sign up today and start your journey towards better communication and new connections!

LLCC will hold information and registration sessions at the Library, on the following dates:

**Tuesday, September 10 – 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. &
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

Thursday, September 12 – 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 17 – 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. &
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

Thursday, September 26 – 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Registration will include a short English language assessment.

**Conversation Tables are free and run weekly on
Mondays: October 7 – November 18 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

For details on Conversation Tables, visit, www.llcc.edu/ELL or contact LLCC Adult Education Coordinator, Mary Beth Hentrich, 217-786-2572 to register.

National Voter Registration Day

**Tuesday, September 17,
All day**

Make your voice heard this National Voter Registration Day on September 17!

Join us in ensuring every eligible citizen is registered and ready to vote. Whether you're registering for the first time or updating your information, now is the perfect time to get involved. Swing by our registration table with 2 accepted forms of identification any time during the day and take a step towards shaping your community's future!

Want to get registered faster? Register online at the Illinois State Board of Elections [website](https://ova.elections.il.gov/):
<https://ova.elections.il.gov/>.



Pass the Aux.

Teens & Adult

Thursday, September 26

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Are Pandora and Spotify suggesting the same songs over and over? Miss the days of cruising and sharing music with friends (via the aux cable) in the car? Let's crowdsource some new music. Come ready to share a song with others and let's have a listening party. Bring a title and artist and make sure it can be found on either Spotify or YouTube. Extra points if it's an artist no one in the group has heard of! *Please no religious music or songs with excessive profanity.*



Illinois Libraries Present!

Virtual programs

Registration Required

Illinois Libraries Present (ILP) is a partnership with other Illinois libraries to have conversations with authors that single libraries would not be able to financially provide. Registration links to view these author events are on the Library's events calendar.



Being Imperfect with Erika Sánchez

Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 p.m.

**Raise Your Voice with Jason Reynolds
(Youth event)**

Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Tips & Tricks with Chef Art Smith

Wednesday, November 20, 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Board Game Nights

Ages 10 and Up

Wednesdays, September 4, October 2, and November 6

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Looking to learn a new board game, or show off your gaming skills? Join us in the library for one of our Wednesday game nights. We have a variety of games to try and fun folks to try out your game-winning strategies.

Adult Programs

Election Security

Adults

Thursday, October 17
6:00 p.m.

Join us for a crucial program presented by County Clerk Don Gray, where you'll gain valuable insights into voter registration options, the opportunities to cast your ballot, and the vital role of election judges. You'll also learn about the security of vote tabulation equipment, the types of cyberthreats facing our elections, and the strategies in place to safeguard against cybercriminals. Don't miss this opportunity to understand how your vote is protected!

Great Puzzle Race

Ages 12 and up

Friday, October 18
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Cookies will be available at 5:30 p.m.

Join us at the library for a thrilling puzzle competition! Form a team of up to 4 members, tackle a 500-piece puzzle, and race against others to finish within two hours. Individual participants are also welcome – reach out to Alanna at asablotny@chathamlib.org, and we'll group you with fellow enthusiasts. Prizes await the most adept puzzlers!

Local Writers Group:

Society of Midwestern Authors

Adults

First Tuesday of each month:

September 3, October 1, November 5
6:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Writing may be solitary, but it doesn't have to be lonely. Are you an aspiring writer, or even a published author, who would like a place to share your work? This friendly community can offer you constructive critiques, kind words of support and helpful knowledge along the way. Check out this group that will help you overcome writer's block and get those thoughts into polished words on the paper. For more information, email pamcox@chathamlib.org.

Connecting You to Free Local and State-wide Government Resources

Adults

Saturday, October 19
10:00 a.m. - Noon

Discover valuable resources at our Government Services Showcase, including the Sangamon County Recorder's Mobile Unit, iCash from the Illinois Treasurer's Office, and resources from the Illinois Department of Insurance, offering free services and support to the community.

Let's Get Crafty

Adults

First Wednesday of the month
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Unleash your creativity! Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just looking to try something new, this is the perfect opportunity to relax, socialize and make something beautiful. All supplies are provided. To help offset the cost of supplies, please consider a donation of \$3 per craft. Come enjoy a morning of fun and creativity at the library—bring a friend or make new ones!



September 4
Mini Barn Quilt



October 2
Wine Cork Pumpkins



November 6
Floral Centerpiece

Puzzle Exchange

All Day

Tuesday, October 29

Are you a jigsaw puzzle lover but are bored with your current collection? Are you looking for new puzzles to keep you entertained this winter? Then we have you covered! Bring in your complete puzzles and trade with other puzzle-lovers for some new-to-you treasures.

Adult Programs

Adult Book Clubs

No registration required – books are available at the Circulation Desk.

Hooked on Books

Second Wednesday of each month

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

We discuss a mixture of fiction and nonfiction books. We always welcome new faces! Upcoming Reads:

September 11 – *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*
by James McBride

October 9 – *North Woods* by Daniel Mason

November 13 – *Her Hidden Genius* by Marie Benedict

Bite Into a Good Book

Third Wednesday of each month

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Savor some lively discussion about different genres and topics. Upcoming reads:

September 18 – *The Spymistress* by Jennifer Chiaverini

October 16 – *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson

November 20 – *The Patron Saint of Second Chances*
by Christine Simon

Outer Edge Book Club

Third Thursday of each month

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Do you love reading science fiction, fantasy and horror books? Do you love talking about the awesome authors in these genres? Then this club is for you! We welcome anyone to join our club, the Outer Edge.

September 12 – *Circe* by Madeline Miller

October 24 – *I Was a Teenage Slasher*
by Stephen Graham Jones

November 21 – *Time's Mouth* by Edan Lepucki

Weekly Card Games

Adults

Every Tuesday

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Social seniors needed at our weekly card games! Bring yourself and be ready to meet new people and have fun. We meet in the conference room.



Making Sangamon County Dementia Friendly

Thursday, November 14

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Registration Required

People with memory loss and dementia often feel isolated and excluded from community activities due to stigma. This program will cover dementia basics and explore how we can create a more dementia-friendly community. Presented by Debbie Kuhns, Program Director, Smith Alzheimer's Center, SIU School of Medicine.

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Thursday

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just looking to try something new, our friendly gatherings offer the perfect opportunity to unwind, socialize and explore your artistic side. To help with the purchasing of supplies, please consider a donation of \$3 per craft.

Adults in high school or older.



Flower Tealight
September 19



Pom-pom
Pumpkin Coaster
October 10



Gnome
Ornament
November 21

Friends of Genealogy

Adults

Saturday, September 14

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Explore your family history with the Friends of Genealogy! Connect, share and find support in our free, open monthly gatherings. Whether you're a regular or dropping in for casual research assistance, join our welcoming community of genealogy enthusiasts eager to support your journey.

Friends of the Library: **Meet New Friends President Kylene Martin**

New Friends President Kylene Martin loves visiting with and helping customers who come into the Friends Bookstore to purchase gently used books to take home.

“My favorite part of working in the bookstore is talking with and helping our customers,” Kylene said.

“I have gotten to know so many customers by name. It is like having a whole pool of new friends.”

Interested in becoming a volunteer for the Friends? Contact the Friends at Friends@chathamlib.org.



Upcoming Focus Groups

The Chatham Area Public Library District Board of Trustees are excited to extend a special invitation to all community members to participate in an upcoming focus group session aimed at shaping the future of the Library.

Your perspectives matter to us. We believe that by engaging with our community members, we can better understand their needs and aspirations, ensuring that our library remains a vibrant and essential resource for all.

Your voice matters!

- Help shape the future of your local library.
- Connect with fellow community members and share your insights.
- Contribute to building a stronger and more inclusive library system for the Chatham Area.

We look forward to your participation and valued input as we work together to ensure that the Chatham Area Public Library continues to thrive and serve as a vital resource for our community.

Saturday, September 28, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 2, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration Required

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

217-483-2713 • To register for programs or for more information, check on our website • www.chathamlib.org

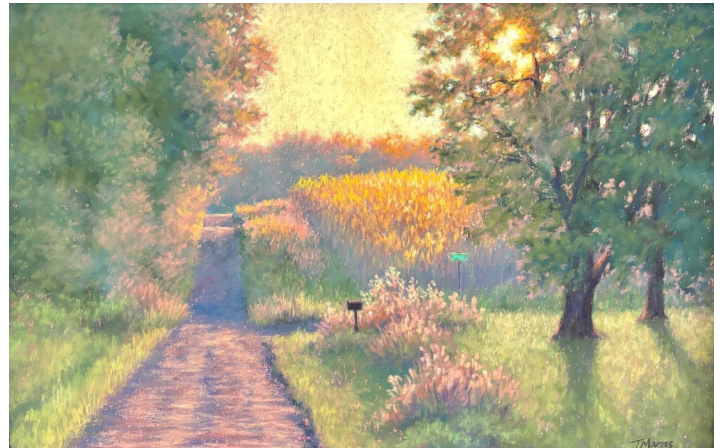
Library Foundation:

Thanks to everyone who has supported our Backyard at the Library project! We are getting close to funding this exciting library addition! Last month, we received another \$25,000 from our anonymous benefactor. Thank you for your continued support and love of our Library! We hope to share more information about this project shortly.

Caring Connections: *Diaper and Period Product Drive* Entire month of November

This November, help us support our community by donating diapers and period products for those in need! Drop off your contributions at the library, and we'll make sure they're available in our bathrooms for anyone who may need them. Your generosity can make a real difference in someone's day. Together, let's create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all!

Art Committee News



August – September

“Tones of Tonalism”

Artwork by Tracy Maras

Tonalism, a uniquely American art movement, has been described as poetic, tranquil, harmonious, peaceful, enchanting and mysterious. This show is a discovery of the artist's style of painting and embraces and honors *Tonalism*.

October – January

Our **Call to Entry Art Show** is back! Our Art

Committee is thrilled to share the talents of our local artist community with our patrons. New this year, we will be presenting a Popular Choice Award, which will be determined by members of the public. Our reception and awards event will be held on Friday, October 18th. Please follow us on social media, on our website or stop by the Library for more information.



CHATHAM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

600 E. Spruce Street
Chatham, IL 62629

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

Holiday Closings

Labor Day

Monday, September 2

Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 27

Closing at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 28

Friday, November 29

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Christine Westerlund - Vice-President

John Moore - Secretary

Vanessa Ross - Treasurer

Trustees

Dianne Roberts, Jenny Vaughn and Rodd Whelpley

Library Trustee meetings are open to the public and are on the **third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.**

Friends' Bookstore & Café Hours

Monday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(Only two banker-sized boxes of donations at a time please.)

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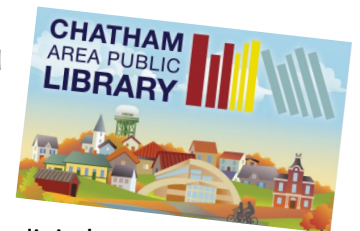
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We've made it even easier – register for a library card online!

In an effort to remove barriers to Library access, we are now offering online library card registration for those 18+. By registering on our website at www.chathamlib.org, those living within the Chatham Area Public Library District will be granted a digital card. This digital card will work *immediately* to access our digital resources including e-books, e-audiobooks, music, movies and more, anytime of the day or night. This digital card can be placed in your phone's wallet app, or you can come into the library to pick up your physical card.



Join the Annual Library Crawl!

Explore local libraries with the Annual Library Crawl, hosted by the Illinois Heartland Library System. Throughout October, visit participating libraries, collect passport stamps, and discover new resources available with your library card. Some patrons even try to visit them all! Pick up your passport at the Library's Adult Service desk and start your adventure today!