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SEPTEMBER 2025 - NOVEMBER 2025



## SPECIAL EVENTS

**September is Library Card Sign-up Month**

**Shredding Event:** September 13

**Hispanic Heritage Month:** September 15 - October 15

**Nerdvana!:** September 20

**Bus Trip to Elf the Musical:** December 6

### **Library Closed:**

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The Library Board of Trustees meet on the 4th Monday of every month at 6 PM in the Small Meeting Room.

**Monday, September 22, 2025**

**Monday, October 27, 2025**

**Monday, November 17, 2025**

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## Hours

**Monday - Thursday**

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

**Friday**

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Saturday**

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Closed Sundays**

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# HELP & INFO

## Informacion en español

Everyone is welcome to the programs mentioned in this newsletter. If you need more information about any of our programs and services or require interpretation do not hesitate to ask for Miss Rosie, Alejandra, or Amilcar.

Todos son bienvenidos a los programas mencionados en este boletín. Si necesita más información sobre alguno de nuestros programas y servicios o requiere interpretación no dude en preguntar por Miss Rosie, Alejandra ó Amilcar.

## Sensory & Neurodiversity

We are committed to creating an inclusive and supportive environment for all our guests. We are pleased to offer accommodations and support for neurodiverse individuals to ensure everyone has a comfortable and enjoyable experience in our library. If you have specific needs or require assistance, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Estamos comprometidos a crear un ambiente inclusivo y de apoyo para todos. Nos complace ofrecer adaptaciones y apoyo a personas neurodiversas para garantizar que todos tengan una experiencia cómoda y agradable en nuestra biblioteca. Si tiene necesidades específicas o necesita ayuda, no dude en hacérselo saber.

## Preferred Name

We understand the importance of personalization and respect for all our patrons and are pleased to offer the option to select a preferred name for your library account. This way, you can choose how you'd like to be addressed when interacting with us. To update your preferred name, contact us.

Entendemos la importancia de la personalización y el respeto por todos nuestros usuarios y nos complace ofrecer la opción de seleccionar un nombre preferido para su cuenta de la biblioteca. De esta manera, puede elegir cómo desea que le traten cuando interactúe con nosotros. Para actualizar su nombre preferido, contáctenos.

## Accessibilty Support

We welcome patrons of all abilities! If you require accommodations as specified by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact us at least 24 hours before the program date by phone or email. (708) 527 - 3150 or christyn@shlibrary.org

¡Damos la bienvenida a usuarios de todas capacidades! Si necesita adaptaciones según lo especificado por la Ley para Estadounidenses con Discapacidades, comuníquese con nosotros al menos 24 horas antes de la fecha del programa por teléfono o correo electrónico. (708) 527 - 3150 ó christyn@shlibrary.org

## How Are We Doing?

Have we met our goal of informing, innovating, and inspiring you?  
We would love to hear about it.

¿Hemos logrado nuestros objetivos de informarte, inovar, y/o inspirarte?  
Nos encantaría escuchar de ti.





# LIBRARY Announcements

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Reader,

Thank you for the outpouring of Library love and support over the past few months. Times have been challenging in Library Land as we continue our fight for funding and the right to read freely. Here at SHPL, we have some exciting and vital changes ahead. Please continue to follow and share our Facebook posts and Instagram announcements as information will be broadcast there first.

In the meantime, thank you to those who signed up to participate in our Level Up Summer Reading Program.

We look forward to hosting you at our upcoming Nerdvana, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Bus Trip event to Elf, the musical. If you need to reach me, please email me at [Christyn@shlibrary.org](mailto:Christyn@shlibrary.org).

Christyn Rayford, Library Director



## SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, September 13

10 AM - 12 PM • WEST PARKING LOT

2 Box Limit. South Holland Residents Only!

**Got old paperwork piling up?**

**Bring it to the Library for our FREE Annual Shredding Event!**  
**Beaver Shredding Trucks will be on-site to safely destroy documents and protect your personal information.**



**Saturday, September 20 • 11 AM - 3 PM**

**Welcome to Nerdvana: Our Ultimate Fanfest!**

Calling all comic book lovers, gamers, and pop culture fans — Nerdvana is happening Saturday, September 20, and you're invited to celebrate your favorite fandoms with us! This free, family-friendly event is packed with fun for all ages, including cosplay, crafts, local artists and vendors, games, raffles, food trucks, and more. Whether you're into superheroes, storytelling, or strategy, there's something for everyone.

**What is Nerdvana?**

Nerdvana is our very own fanfest, dedicated to the worlds of gaming and comic books. Come ready to nerd out and make memories with fellow fans!

**Who can come?**

Everyone is welcome — kids, teens, adults, and superfans of all kinds.

**Can I wear a costume?**

Absolutely! Cosplay is encouraged, and we'll even have a contest. Just keep it family-friendly.

**What should I bring?**

Bring cash if you'd like to shop with our vendors or grab food from the food trucks. Each vendor sets their own payment method.

**Can I take pictures?**

Yes! Just be respectful and ask permission before photographing others.

**Want to boost your raffle chances?**

Post your Nerdvana pics on social media using **#NerdsAssemble** and tag us — each post earns you an extra raffle ticket!

**Know a creative kid?**

We're accepting Kid Artist Vendor applications through **September 6** — a great chance for young artists to showcase and sell their work.



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# NERDVANA

## Schedule

**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Artist Alley, Vendors, Kids Artist Alley

**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Scavenger Hunt, Comic Book Swap

**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Tattoo Parlor

**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Bingo, Superhero Games

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Open Video Game and Board Play

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

\*Character Charades

**12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

\*Mobile Adventure Company Escape Room

**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

\*Community Art Jam

**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

\*Dungeons & Dragons  
Lorcana

**1:00 PM - 1:30 PM**

Panelist

**1:45 PM - 2:15 PM**

Panelist

**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

\*Cosplay Contest

**\*Registration is required and opens on Tuesday, September 2\***



# SPECIAL EVENTS



Special Celebrations In and Around the Library



**September is**

**Library Card Sign-up Month!**

Stop by the Circulation Desk in September to sign up for a new library card, renew or replace your current one, or simply show your valid SHPL card. You'll receive free swag just for being a cardholder!

## Mickey and Minnie's Not So Scary Halloween Party

**Friday, October 31 at 12 PM**

- Join us for a not-so-spooky Halloween party with Mickey and Minnie! Enjoy music, dancing, indoor trick-or-treating, and sweet family fun—plus photo ops with our costumed guests.



## BUS TRIP TO ELF THE MUSICAL

**Saturday, December 6 from 12 PM - 5:30 PM**

Enjoy an afternoon of laughter and rediscover your holiday spirit with Buddy, the human elf.

The performance is 2 hours and 30 minutes long with intermission.

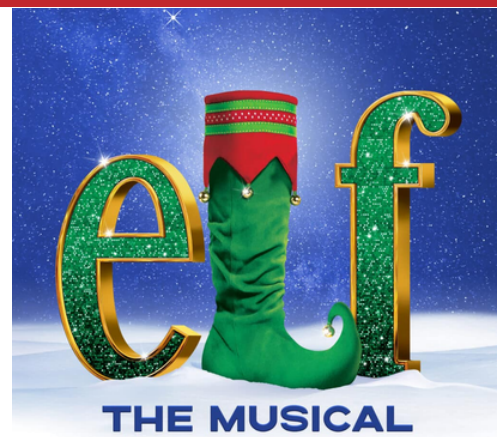
Open to ages 5+.

**IN-PERSON REGISTRATION \$25 FEE per person.**

Cash only, No Refunds.

Registration for **South Holland residents**

begins October 20 - October 31







## Fall Storytimes & Preschool Programs

### Miss Rosie Reads Storytime

Join us for a joyful journey with Miss Rosie Reads! Each week features picture books, rhymes, and interactive fun for babies, toddlers, and big kids. Whether we're roaring like lions or singing favorite songs, there's magic for everyone—grown-ups included!

**Tuesdays at 11 AM**



### The Fall Miss Bunny Bag

Celebrate the season with a Miss Bunny Bag, a special take-home kit lovingly curated by Miss Rosie for little ones ages 0-5.

#### Each seasonal bag includes:

- ★ A selection of engaging books perfect for your child's age and interests
- ★ An age-appropriate developmental activity sheet
- ★ A developmental toy to encourage learning through play
- ★ A delightful felt story to share together

Register online to reserve your bag and bring home some autumn magic!



### Move and Groove Thursdays 11 AM

Ready, set, move! Join us for Move and Groove Thursdays, an action-packed hour full of parachute waves, hot potato games, rhythm sticks, silly songs, and plenty of wiggly fun. It's a joyful time for little ones to jump, dance, and giggle their way through playful adventures. Come shake your sillies out and make new friends—all while staying on the move!

### Día de los Muertos Storytime

**Tuesday, October 28 at 12 PM**

Join us as we prepare for Día de los Muertos, a beautiful celebration of remembrance and love. We'll share a special Día de los Muertos story and create meaningful crafts to decorate our library altar. All crafts will be added to our community Ofrenda (altar) displayed upstairs throughout November. Families are welcome to donate a copy of a photo of a loved one who has passed to honor them on the altar. Come celebrate, learn, and create together as we honor the memories of those we love!



## 1,000 Books Before

## Kindergarten

Register in Youth Services or  
Online Today!

Our free year-round early literacy program for all children from birth to the summer before Kindergarten.

The goal is to read, you guessed it, 1,000 books before Kindergarten! This sounds like an impossible feat; however, if you read one book every day that is 365 books. Join now!

### GROUP VISITS TO THE LIBRARY

Guidelines for a Great Experience

We love welcoming groups to our library! To ensure a safe, respectful, and enjoyable visit for everyone, we kindly ask that all visiting groups follow these simple guidelines:

- 1 Check In at the Desk:** Upon arrival, please have a group leader check in at the main desk so we can assist you and answer any questions.
- 2 Stay Together:** For safety and courtesy to others, groups should remain together during their visit unless otherwise arranged with library staff.
- 3 Follow Library Rules:** Please respect library policies, including keeping noise levels low, handling materials with care, and using spaces as intended.
- 4 Supervision Required:** Group leaders or chaperones should actively supervise participants at all times.

**We offer a 15-minute grace period for all youth programs.**



# CRAFTERNOONS

Join Miss Liz for our monthly craft series designed for kids aged 6 to 12!

Supplies are limited, so please take one kit per child.

### MONSTER MASH-UP: 31 DAYS OF CREATIVITY

Every day in October there will be a different writing or drawing prompt, a craft or other fun activity.

Starting **Monday, October 6 at 4 PM**, kids grade K-5 can come in for our in-person craft! Wear play clothes as we will be using paint.



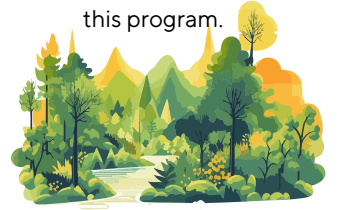
### THANKFUL THREADS NOVEMBER 3 AT 4 PM

Join us to decorate leaves with what you're thankful for and help create a garland to display in the Youth Department all month long! Extra leaves will be available for everyone to add. Please register to participate.



### WOODLAND WONDERS NOVEMBER 17 AT 4 PM

Kids grades K-5th can join us to make a fun woodland creature! Please register for this program.



### Read500

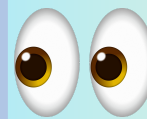
This is a self-paced reading program open to all kids who are starting Kindergarten through the start of 6th grade! Read or listen to 500 books and earn prizes! Sign up via our website!



### Little Chefs, Healthy Bites

#### Wednesdays in November at 5 PM

Join us for a delicious adventure in trying new things! Kids will explore easy, no-cook snacks in a fun, hands-on program designed to spark curiosity and build confidence around food. Perfect for picky eaters and curious snackers alike! For kids any age and their grownups.



Psst!

Over here!

The Tween Section is getting an upgrade—complete with a brand-new TV! Keep an eye out for gaming pop-ups coming your way in the next few months.

Every month, you can also join in on our themed scavenger hunts, perfect for exploring and getting to know our collection. Plus, we've got awesome paper toys for you to take home and build. And while you're here, don't miss our Inquisitive Sets—hands-on activities that make learning exciting, creative, and fun!

## Lit Loot!

A BOOK BOX JUST FOR TWEENS!

Ages 10–13 | South Holland Residents Only | Limited to 5 Participants

Get ready to unwrap something amazing! Our Lit Loot box is packed with one awesome book plus fun, hand-picked surprises to match the story. This special December edition is perfect for cozy winter reading.

**Registration opens December 1**





# TEENS



## 6th-12th Grade Programs

### Teen Room Takeover

**Tuesdays at 4 PM**

Whether you're into video games, tabletop games, art, or you just want a chill space to hang with your friends, we've got what you want.



### Teen Tech Help

**September 1 & 8,  
October 6 & 13,  
November 3 & 10  
3 PM - 5 PM**

Provide 1-on-1 help with tech questions about smart devices, social media, e-books, Microsoft Office, Google Suite, or any other basic computing dilemmas.



**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

**LIMITED TO 3 PARTICIPANTS PER SESSION.**

### Take/Make/Bring Back Kits

Serve the community on your own time, from the comfort of your home. Come in, pick up a kit from the YS desk, and return it finished to earn your hours.

- September: Papel picado
- October: Dog toys
- November: Bookmarks



### Teen Room Theater at 6 PM

Bring a snack and join us for movie night at the library!



**9/16** Blue Beetle

**9/30** West Side Story

**10/14** In the Heights

**10/28** Young Frankenstein

**11/11** Wicked

**11/25** 5 Nights at Freddy's

### Anime Aficionados

**October 22 at 7 PM**

Anime & Manga Fans—We Need You! Share your thoughts on what we should order, skip, or get hyped about! Stop by the Teen Room for snacks and a fun discussion to help shape our future anime collection.



### VOLUNTEERS

**Thursdays from 4 PM - 8 PM**

Whether you need hours for a club or school, or if you are just looking for a way to serve your community, SHPL offers you lots of opportunities.



## STEAM LAB

**Each event starts at 6 PM!**

- **September 25 The Amazing Race:** Create an obstacle course based on engineering principles and race your object against fellow teammates.
- **October 23: Snake in my Plate!** Watch the fascinating chemical reaction of thermal decomposition.
- **November 13 Circuits & Systems:** If you're interested in learning how computers and digital gadgets work, come do some hands-on activities.
- **December 11 Magnetic Water Molecules:** Using 3-D designs, we'll explore concepts of polarity, hydrogen bonding, and states of water. We may even create our own snowflakes!



# CELEBRANDO

*Culturas*

## Mes de la Herencia Hispana: Sabor y Cultura Septiembre 24 - Octubre 22

¡Estamos celebrando las vibrantes culturas, tradiciones y sabores del Mes de la Herencia Hispana! El tema de este año, Sabor a Culturas / Sabores Culturales, resalta la deliciosa diversidad de las cocinas hispanas y las expresiones culturales. El espacio es limitado y debes registrarte, los suministros son limitados. ¡Se proporcionarán todos los suministros mientras duren!

We're celebrating the vibrant cultures, traditions, and flavors of Hispanic Heritage Month!

This year's theme, Flavor of Cultures / Cultural Flavors, highlights the delicious diversity of Hispanic cuisines and cultural expressions. Space is limited and you must register; supplies are limited. All supplies will be provided while supplies last!

### ¡Herencia a través del arte! - Heritage Through Art!

**Wednesday, September 24 at 6 PM**

Únete a nosotros para una experiencia artística especial. Las familias trabajarán juntas en un proyecto práctico y significativo que fomenta la creatividad, la conexión y la exploración cultural. Debes registrarte, los suministros son limitados.

Join us for a special family art experience. Families will work together on a meaningful, hands-on project that fosters creativity, connection, and cultural exploration. Registration is required; supplies are limited.

### Celebrating 30 Years of Selena

**Wednesday, October 8 at 6 PM**

**Celebrando 30 años de Selena.**

Celebra el legado duradero de la Reina de Tejano con una proyección de la icónica película **Selena**. Debes registrarte, los suministros son limitados.

Celebrate the legacy of the Queen of Tejano with a screening of the iconic **Selena** movie. Must register. Supplies are limited.

### Arepas rellenas Colombianas vs. Mexican Gorditas Tasting

**Wednesday, October 1 at 6 PM**

Prueba y compara deliciosas arepas colombianas y gorditas mexicanas. ¿Cuál será tu favorita? Habrá algunas opciones vegetarianas disponibles. Debes registrarte, los suministros son limitados.

Try and compare delicious Colombian arepas and Mexican gorditas. Which will be your favorite? Vegetarian options are available. You must register; supplies are limited.

### Fiesta en un Vaso - Sangria Making & Tasting

**Wednesday, October 15 at 6 PM**

Aprende a elaborar una deliciosa sangría y disfruta de tu creación en un ambiente festivo. Debes registrarte, los suministros son limitados.

Learn how to make a delicious sangria and enjoy your creation in a festive atmosphere. Registration is required; supplies are limited.

### Fiesta de Culturas!

**Wednesday, October 22 at 6 PM**

La instructora de artes culinarias Violeta Trujeque demostrara cómo hacer empanadas tradicionales argentinas. Debes registrarte, los suministros son limitados.

Join Culinary Arts Instructor Violeta Trujeque for a class on how to make traditional Argentinian empanadas. Must register. Supplies are limited.

### Búsqueda

Emprende una divertida búsqueda de tesoro durante todo el mes para tener la oportunidad de ganar un premio. Los ganadores deben asistir al Evento Final para reclamar su premio. Unámonos para honrar la increíble riqueza y variedad de las culturas hispanas.

Embark on a fun scavenger hunt all month long for a chance to win a prize. Winners must attend the Grand Finale to claim their prize. Let's join together to honor the incredible richness and variety of Hispanic cultures.



# PROGRAMAS

## Para Niños y Adolescentes



# CRAFTERNOONS

¡La señorita Liz ha creado una fantástica serie mensual de manualidades diseñada para niños de 6 a 12 años!  
Los suministros son limitados, así que lleve un kit por niño.

### MONSTER MASH-UP: 31 DÍAS DE CREATIVIDAD

Cada día de octubre habrá una actividad diferente para escribir o dibujar, una manualidad u otra actividad divertida.  
A partir del **lunes 6 de octubre a las 4 PM**, los niños de kínder a 5.º grado pueden venir a nuestra manualidad. ¡Usen ropa de juego, ya que usaremos pintura!



### THANKFUL THREADS NOVIEMBRE 3 A LAS 4 PM

¡Únete a nosotros para decorar hojas con tus agradecimientos y ayudar a crear una guirnalda para exhibir en el Departamento de Jóvenes durante todo el mes! Habrá hojas adicionales disponibles para que todos las agreguen. Regístrate para participar.



### WOODLAND WONDERS NOVIEMBRE 17 A LAS 4 PM

¡Los niños de kínder a quinto grado disfrutarán creando una divertida criatura del bosque! Inscríbese en este programa.



### Pequeños cocineros, bocados saludables

#### Miércoles en Noviembre a las 5 PM

¡Únete a nosotros en una deliciosa aventura probando cosas nuevas! Los niños explorarán bocadillos fáciles de preparar sin cocinar en un programa divertido y práctico, diseñado para despertar la curiosidad y generar confianza en torno a la comida. ¡Perfecto tanto para niños quisquillosos como para quienes buscan bocadillos curiosos!  
Para niños de todas las edades y sus adultos.



### Read500

Este es un programa de lectura a su propio ritmo, abierto a todos los niños desde preescolar hasta 6.º grado.  
¡Lean o escuchen 500 libros y ganen premios!  
¡Inscríbanse a través de nuestra página web!



Psst!

¡Por aquí!

La sección para preadolescentes se renueva, ¡con un televisor nuevo! Estén atentos a las novedades de juegos que llegarán en los próximos meses. Cada mes, también pueden participar en nuestras búsquedas del tesoro temáticas, perfectas para explorar y conocer nuestra colección. Además, tenemos juguetes de papel geniales para que los lleven a casa y los construyan. Y ya que están aquí, no se pierdan nuestros sets inquisitivos: ¡actividades prácticas que hacen que el aprendizaje sea emocionante, creativo y divertido!



## Lit Loot

UNA CAJA DE LIBROS SÓLO PARA PREADOLESCENTES!

Ages 10–13 | South Holland Residents Only | Limited to 5 Participants

¡Prepárate para descubrir algo increíble! Nuestra caja Lit Loot incluye un libro genial y divertidas sorpresas cuidadosamente seleccionadas que combinan con el libro. Esta edición especial de diciembre es perfecta para una lectura acogedora en invierno.

La inscripción se abre Diciembre 1

# PROGRAMAS

## Para Adultos



### Encuentra tu motivación

**Martes 9 de septiembre a las 7 PM**

¿Tu "levántate y vete" se ha levantado y se ha ido? Molly Hofer de Illinois Extension hablará sobre la motivación y nos ayudará a recuperar nuestro "levántate y vete".



### Vaporizadores de ducha DIY

**Viernes 7 de noviembre a las 12 PM**

Crea tus propios vaporizadores de ducha refrescantes y relajantes con ingredientes naturales y aceites esenciales. ¡Perfecto para el cuidado personal o para regalar!



### Día de los Muertos

**Sábado, 1 de noviembre (todo el día)**

Únase a nosotros mientras preparamos una ofrenda para el Día de los Muertos, una hermosa celebración de recuerdo y amor. Todos pueden donar una copia de una foto de un ser querido que ha fallecido para honrarlos en el altar. ¡Ven a celebrar, aprender y crear juntos mientras honramos los recuerdos de nuestros seres queridos!

## CLUB DE LECTURA

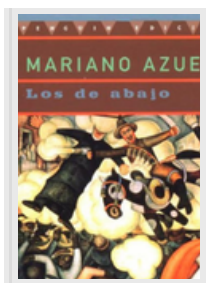
Spanish Title Book Club  
At South Holland Public Library

### Los de Abajo

de Mariano Azuela

**miércoles, 29 de Octubre  
a las 7 PM**

Los de abajo, la novela más conocida del escritor Mariano Azuela, narra la formación y vicisitudes de un grupo de combatientes liderado por el caudillo Demetrio Macías durante la Revolución mexicana.



### Clase de estiramiento

**Martes, 16 y 30 de septiembre,  
14 y 28 de octubre y 11 y 25 de  
noviembre a las 7 PM**

La Dra. Jessica Taylor del Centro Quiropráctico Chicago Wellness nos enseñará ejercicios de estiramiento para mejorar la flexibilidad, prevenir lesiones, mejorar la postura, aliviar el estrés, aumentar la circulación sanguínea y mejorar los niveles de energía.

### ¡Dale sabor!

**Cada 2do lunes**

**8 de septiembre, 13 de octubre y  
10 de noviembre (todo el día)**

Sube de nivel tu cocina con una nueva especia cada mes. Regístrese para recibir una muestra de una nueva especia junto con un paquete de información. Tendrá una semana a partir de la fecha del programa para recoger su especia reservada en el mostrador de referencia; Si no se recoge dentro de la semana, los extras se distribuirán a nuestra lista de espera.



## EXCURSIÓN A ELF THE MUSICAL

**Sábado, 6 de diciembre de 12 PM - 5:30 PM**

Disfruta de una tarde de risas y redescubre tu espíritu navideño con Buddy, el elfo humano.

La actuación dura 2 horas y 30 minutos con intermedio.  
Edades 5+.

**INSCRIPCIÓN EN PERSONA \$25 por persona.**

Sólo en efectivo, sin reembolsos.

Registración para los residentes de South Holland comienza el 20 al 31 de octubre.

# HOLA!

Todos son bienvenidos a los programas enumerados en este boletín. Si necesita más información sobre cualquiera de nuestros programas o servicios, no dude en preguntar por Alejandra, Miss Rosie ó Amilcar.





## *Holiday Letters to Veterans*

**October 1 - November 1**

Brighten the holidays for veterans and active-duty military with a heartfelt card!

The library is proud to participate in the Holiday Cards for Our Military Challenge, a nationwide effort to send warm, handwritten holiday cards to veterans and active-duty service members.

We will be accepting cards from October 1 through November 1 to ensure they arrive in time for the holidays.

You can pick up a card at the reference desk to fill out or drop off your own handmade one.

You can find the official guidelines on [shlibrary.org/programs](http://shlibrary.org/programs)



### **SHPL Travel Kits**

Kits created for families who are traveling. Registration is required. Each kit will have 3-4 books, travel-sized game or activity and coloring pages.

### **Heritage Through Art!**

**September 24 at 6 PM**

Join us for a special family art experience in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, led by dedicated educator Maricela C. Treviño. Families will work together on a hands-on project that encourages creativity, connection, and cultural exploration. Registration is required. All supplies provided while they last!



### **Día de los Muertos**

**Saturday, November 1st All Day**

Join us as we prepare an Ofrenda for Día de los Muertos, a beautiful celebration of remembrance and love. Patrons are welcome to donate a copy of a photo of a loved one who has passed to honor them on the altar. Come celebrate, learn, and create together as we honor the memories of those we love!



## **Explore the World with Our Cultural Kits!**

**Thursday, October 2nd at 6:30 PM**



Take a trip around the globe—no passport required! Our new Explore Kits bring the sights, stories, and traditions of Mexico, Ghana, India, and Colombia right to your home. Each kit includes:

- Books to discover the country's history, culture, and daily life
- A doll in traditional attire
- A hands-on activity to spark creativity
- A worksheet with fun facts, explanations, and family discussion prompts
- Perfect for ages 5 and up, these kits make learning about the world interactive, personal, and fun.





# SHHH! It's Neptune

**Tuesday, September 23 at 7 PM**

On September 23rd, Neptune will shine its brightest—exactly 179 years after its 1846 discovery! We'll use the library's telescope from our SHHH! Collection and you're welcome to bring your own gear, too.



### Think Fast Trivia: Comic Book Trivia

**Monday, September 8 at 7 PM**

Gear up for our Second Annual Nerdvana with Comic Book Trivia! Test your superhero smarts and get prepped for the main event later this month. It all leads up to September 20!



### Dungeons & Dragons

**Saturdays, September 27, October 11 & 25, and November 8 & 22 at 12:30 PM**

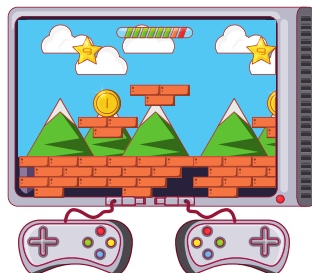
Join our small group of murderers.



### Gen-Z Social: Video Game Night

**Wednesday, September 17, October 29, November 19 at 6 PM**

Join us for a laid-back night of gaming at the library, from Halo matches to Mario Kart races, Sparking Zero battles, and more—it's sure to be a good time!



### Murder, We Painted

**Monday, October 13 at 6 PM**

Get creepy and creative! Paint iconic horror movie characters while watching chilling true crime documentaries in the background. It's the perfect blend of spooky vibes and artistic flair.



### UkuLegends with Robin's Nest

**Thursday, September 18 at 6 PM**

We're teaming up with Robin's Nest to bring you a fun beginner ukulele class for Young Adults and Adults! Learn basic chords, strumming, and play your first song. Ukuleles will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you have one!



### Drop-in Board Game Night

**Thursday, October 16 and November 20 at 5:30 PM**

Do you enjoy more low-tech gaming? Test out new or familiar board games with individuals like yourself.



## TRICK OR TRIVIA

**Thursday, October 23**

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**5 PM - 8 PM**

We're back at Thornton Distilling Co. for a hauntingly good time and delicious drinks! Bring your team (up to 6 players), wear your best costume, and test your Halloween knowledge. Spooky fun awaits! This is a 21+ only event.

Thornton Distilling Co. [400 E Margaret St, Thornton, IL 60476]

# ADULTS



## Nature Walk & Reflection

**Wednesdays, September 3, October 1, and November 5 at 10 AM**

[15891 Paxton Ave., South Holland, IL 60473]

Take a walk at the **Sandridge Nature Center** while experiencing nature and connecting with fellow nature lovers.



## University of Illinois Extension Sleep: Recharge, Refresh, Reenergize

**Thursday, September 4 at 7 PM**

Veronica Aranda of U of I Extension will present strategies to allow your body more rest and better sleep.



## Spice It Up!

**Every 2nd Monday all day  
September 8, October 13, and  
November 10**

Enhance your cooking with a new spice each month. Register to receive a sample of a new spice along with an information packet. You will have one week from the program's date to pick up your reserved spice at the Reference Desk; if not picked up within the week, extras will be distributed to the waitlist.



## University of Illinois Extension Finding Your Get Up and Go

**Tuesday, September 9 at 7 PM**

Has your "get up and go" gotten up and gone? Molly Hofer of U of I Extension will talk about motivation and help us get our "get up and go" back.



## Introduction to Tarot Cards

**Wednesday, September 10  
at 7 PM**

Join Barbara Meyer and learn the basics of understanding the symbols and meanings of reading tarot cards.

## Yarn N' All

**Mondays, September 15, October 20,  
and November 17 at 5:30 PM**

Are you a crafter who creates with yarn, floss, hooks, or needles? Enjoy working on your projects with others creating works in crocheting, knitting and needlepoint. The library will not be supplying materials but there will be someone to assist with questions.



## Caregiver Support Group

**Tuesdays September 16, October 21, and November 18 at 12 PM**

Designed for family and friends who are caring for an older or disabled adult to safely express feelings and receive acceptance and recognition for their common concerns.



## Stretching Class

**Tuesday, September 16 & 30,  
October 14 & 28, and  
November 11 & 25 at 7 PM**


Dr. Jessica Taylor of Chicago Wellness Chiropractic Center will teach us stretching exercises to enhance flexibility, prevent injury, improve posture, relieve stress, increase blood circulation, and improve energy levels.



## Breast Cancer Jewelry

**Thursday, October 2nd at 6:30 PM**

Create beautiful, meaningful jewelry using pink gemstones and more. Make one for yourself or in honor of a loved one affected by breast cancer. All materials provided. Space is extremely limited.



# JOB

# Resume Workshop

**Tuesdays: September 9 and November 11  
from 12 PM - 2 PM**

Need help creating a resume? Attend a resume workshop led by a professional development expert. You will be provided with an easy-to-fill-out template while having access to an instructor to guide you through the process and answer your questions.

**\*Registrants MUST know the login information for their email account or bring their own USB flash drive to save their resumes. Laptops will be provided for the duration of the program for registrants who require them.\***





## Become a Volunteer Tutor!

**Starting in September**

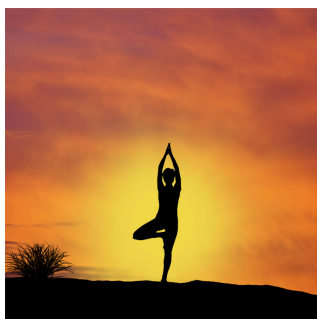
Want to give back, boost your resume, and help your community? Become a volunteer tutor with **South Suburban College's Adult Volunteer Literacy Program**, offering free literacy and computer tutoring for adults at local libraries. Visit the Reference Desk to learn more.



## ABC's About Medicare (Devoted)

**Tuesday, September 16 at 1 PM**

Are you or a loved one approaching Medicare eligibility? Join us for an informative and easy-to-understand presentation that will walk you through the essentials of Medicare.



## Mindful Motion

**Thursday, September 25 and October 30 at 3 PM**

Feeling tired, stressed, or have low energy? Learn some stretching and Qi Gong to improve your energy, balance and body awareness.



## South Suburban Humane Society Q&A

**Thursday, October 16 at 1 PM**

Interested in adopting a pet from SSHS but don't know where to start? Come in between 1-3pm and chat with a volunteer who can answer your questions.



## IWPA - Writer's Workshop

**Saturday, October 25 from 12 PM - 4 PM**

Join our workshop to boost your creativity and hone writing and media skills using both traditional methods and AI—perfect for writers, creators, and media enthusiasts.



## Paint and Sip at Thornton Distilling Co.

**Wednesday, November 5 from 5 PM - 8 PM**

**[400 E Margaret St, Thornton, IL 60476]** Drop in at Thornton Distilling Co. for a relaxed and creative evening. We'll supply the paint; you buy your own sips! No artistic experience needed. You must be 21+ to attend.



## Qigong and Beautiful Sounds

**Thursday, November 6 at 6:30 PM**

Relax with the beautiful practice of qigong and be transported by sounds from soothing instruments. This beginner friendly workshop is a combination of qigong and beautiful sounds which will help reduce stress by calming the mind and body and improve sleep.



## DIY Shower Steamers

**Friday, November 7 at 12 PM**

Create your own refreshing and relaxing shower steamers using natural ingredients and essential oils. Perfect for self-care or gifting!



## Rethink Your Drink

**Thursday, November 13 at 7 PM**

Just in time for the holidays, team members from UChicago Ingalls will share tips and strategies on how to limit sugar-sweetened beverage consumption and how to find tasty alternatives.

# Chicago Tribune NOW ONLINE!

**Starting October 1, 2025**, read the Chicago Tribune anytime, anywhere with your library card at [shlibrary.org](http://shlibrary.org). Our print edition will wrap up in December 2025—but the news you love will still be right at your fingertips! Need help getting started? We're happy to show you how.



# SENIORS

Activities for those 60+.



## South Suburban College's Adult Literacy Program

**Starting in September**

Need help with reading or computing? The **South Suburban College Adult Volunteer Literacy Program** offers free tutoring at local libraries, making learning accessible for all community members.



## Senior Cardio Drumming

**Saturday, October 18 at 1 PM**

Get moving with this fun, energetic drumming workout designed for seniors!



## Chair Yoga

**Thursdays at 11 AM**

September 4, 11, 18

October 2, 23, 30

November 6, 13, 20

Enjoy yoga while in a seated position. This class is accessible for all!

**ZOOM and In-person**



## AARP Smart Driver Course

**Tuesday, October 21**

**Wednesday, October 22**

**12 PM - 4 PM**

**\*MUST ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS\***

Refresh your skills and possibly qualify for a discount on your insurance. There is a cost of \$20 for AARP members or \$25 for non-members and it is due at the first class. Registration is required and will open Sept. 21, 2025.



## Senior Social: Zumba Gold!

**Fridays at 1 PM**

**September 19, October 17,**

**November 14**

Get ready for an afternoon of fun! Dance, move, and groove in this low-impact Zumba class for seniors.



# SWAP IT LIKE IT'S HOT!

**Saturday, October 11 from 11 AM - 2 PM**

**\*Early Access at 10 AM\***

**Calling all crafters!**

Clear out your stash and find new inspiration at our **Super Craft Swap**.

Whether you're looking to declutter or discover something new, this is the perfect event to connect with fellow makers and spark creativity!

Want first pick? Drop off your clean, gently used craft supplies on Thursday, October 9, or Friday, October 10 during library hours and receive a ticket for early access to the swap at 10:00 AM on Saturday.

*Tickets must be presented for early entry.*

### Important Guidelines:

- Donations will only be accepted **October 9-10**.
- No items will be accepted on the day of the swap.
- Items must be **clean, gently used or new**, and in **usable condition**.
- Accepted items include: yarn, fabric, beads, scrapbook paper, stamps, paints, patterns, tools, and more!
- We cannot accept: hazardous materials, broken tools, or items with strong odors or mold.
- All items become the property of the library and will not be returned.

**Craft Swap Donations can be accepted at any service desk.**

# TECHNOLOGY



## Intermediate Level: Computer File Management

**Tuesday, October 7 at 12 PM**

Learn the basics of folders and moving, copying, & deleting files.

\*Registrants MUST know how to turn on & login to a computer.



## Beginner Level: What Is a PDF?

**Monday, October 27 at 5 PM**

A beginner-friendly session that explains common file types and what they actually do.



## Advanced Level: Chrome Internet Browser

**Tuesday, November 4 at 12 PM**

Ready to explore the online world?

Join us to learn how to get on the internet, visit websites, search with Google, and use the library's website to discover new materials and sign up for programs.

*\*Basic computer skills are required, including turning on and logging into a computer, typing on a keyboard, and knowing the difference between left- and right-clicking.*



## Walk-In Tech Help

**First and Second Monday of the month**

**(Excluding Labor Day on September 1)**

**September 8, October 6 & 13, November 3 & 10  
from 3 PM - 5 PM**

Get 1-on-1 help with tech questions about smart devices, social media, library databases, e-books, Microsoft Office, Google Suite, or any other basic computing dilemmas.

## Digital Resource Spotlight

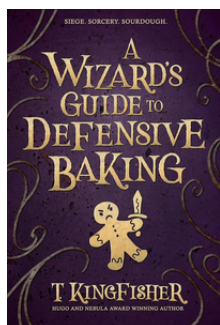
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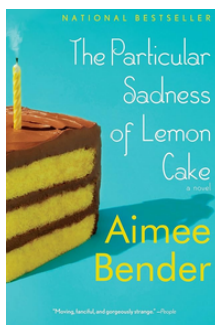
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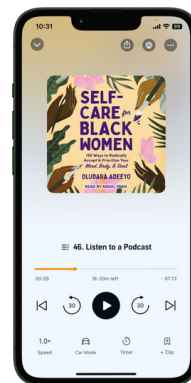
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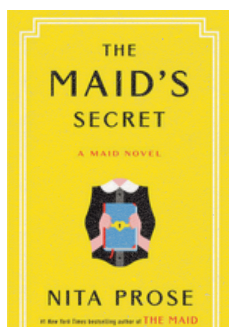
**A Wizard's Guide To Defensive Baking**  
by T. Kingfisher  
*Picked by Nancy - Public Services*



**The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake**  
by Aimee Bender  
*Picked by Andralia - Public Services*



**Self-Care for Black Women**  
read by Angel Pean  
*Picked by Rosie - Youth Services*



**The Maid's Secret**  
by Nita Prose  
*Picked by Regina - Youth Services*



**Elsbeth**  
*Picked by Reuben - Public Services*



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**The First-Time Gardener: Raised Bed Gardening: All the know-how you need to build and grow a raised bed garden**  
by CaliKim  
*Picked by Tori - Circulation*

# BOOK CLUBS

Stop by our service desks to learn more about our Book Discussion groups or to grab your copy of the titles!



**Silent Book Club**  
**Fridays at 4 PM**  
**September 5, 19**  
**October 3, 17, 31**  
**November 14**  
No time and space to read?  
Bring your current or favorite  
book and enjoy some tea and  
silence together.

**JUST THE FACTS**  
Non-Fiction Book Club  
At South Holland Public Library

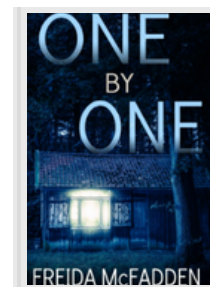
**A Covert Affair**  
by Jennet Conant  
**Wednesday, October 22 at 7 PM**



**Drawn to Reading: Graphic Novel Book Club**  
**Monday, October 6th at 7 PM**  
This month, we're reading *The Road* –  
Cormac McCarthy's devastating post-  
apocalyptic novel, reimagined as a stunning  
graphic novel by artist Manu Larcenet. No  
need to have read the original.

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**WH DUNNIT**  
Mystery Book Club  
At South Holland Public Library

**One by One**  
by Freida McFadden  
**Tuesday, September 23 at 7 PM**





# LIBRARYResources

## NEW ARRIVALS



**Bocce Ball**  
Adventure



**Knife Sharpener**  
Home Goods



**Badminton Set**  
Adventure



**Bubble Machine**  
Adventure



**NES Classic Console**  
Gaming

## Digital Resource Spotlight



Brainfuse Online Tutoring connects people who want to learn with experts who love to teach. Connect with an expert today! Accessible for free with your library card!

## Library Resource



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