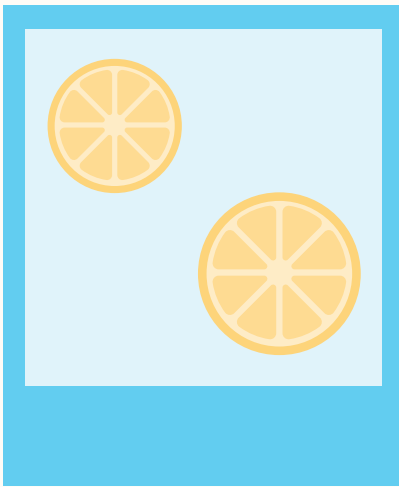
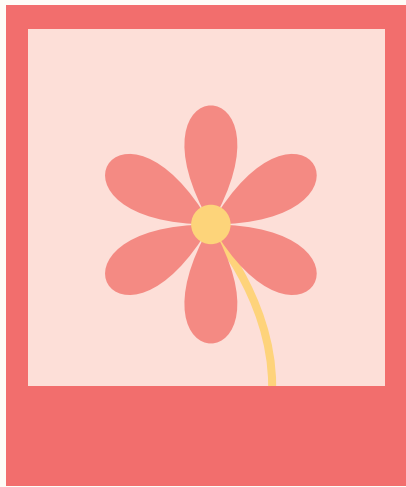
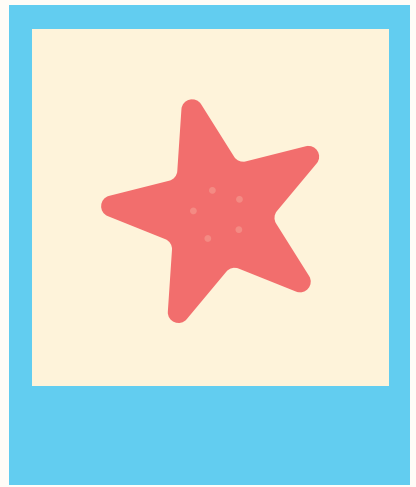
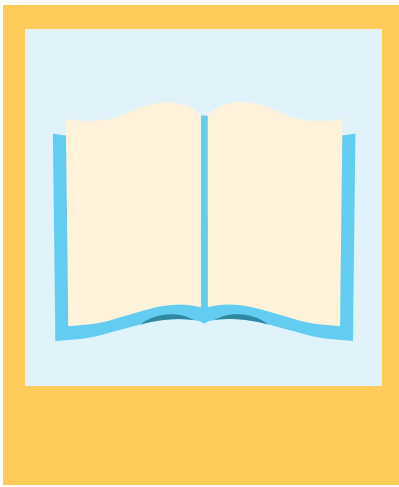
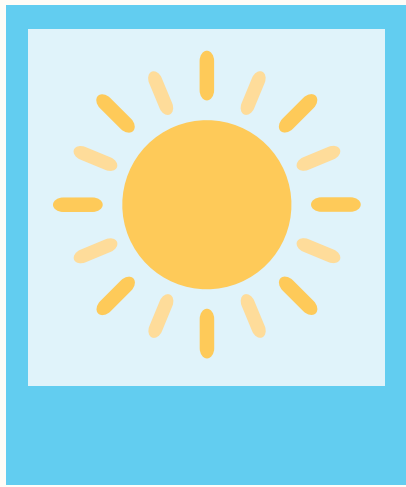
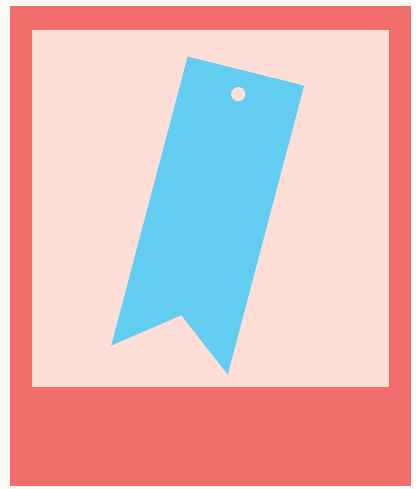
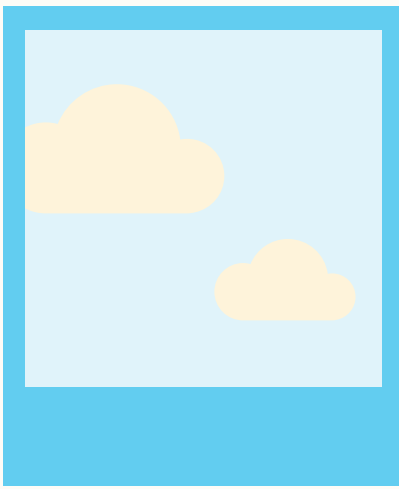




THE HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
NEWSLETTER
JULY-AUGUST 2026

PERKS OF A HUNTLEY LIBRARY CARD

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Need help using library resources on your laptop, tablet, or smartphone? Book a one-on-one session to get assistance with downloading eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines, music, or movies. We can also show you how to use our online catalog and other digital resources. **Call the Information Desk at 847.669.5386, press 3, to schedule your appointment.**

ADULT TECH HELP

Learn mouse skills, computer basics, Internet basics, or email in one-hour sessions. Schedule an appointment with **Matthew at 847.669.5386 ext. 269 or mwhisenhunt@huntleylibrary.org.**

CREATIVE STUDIO

Need to laminate or print a 3D project? Book time with Alex to use the studio equipment. Contact **Alex at 847.669.5386 ext. 268 or AWyman@huntleylibrary.org.** See the full list of available equipment at huntleylibrary.org/creative-studio-appointments.

BRING IT TO DIGITAL

Convert audio and video to digital with Matthew's help. Equipment includes: cassettes, LPs, VHS, 8mm reels, and film/photo scanners. Bring a 16-32 GB USB drive. Sessions are two hours. Talk with **Matthew at 847.669.5386 ext. 269 or MWhisenhunt@huntleylibrary.org.**

Appointment Times:

Thursday | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday | 1 to 3 p.m.

RECORDING STUDIO

Record interviews, podcasts, music, or use our greenscreen in the library's studio. Contact Recording Studio Technician, Owen, to get started at **OMisterovich@huntleylibrary.org or 847.669.5386 ext. 275.**

Appointment Times:

Tuesday & Thursday | 1 to 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday | 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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For ADA accommodations, contact library staff 5 days in advance at **847.669.5386, press 3** or in writing.

HOURS

Monday - Thursday **9AM - 8PM**

Friday - Saturday **9AM - 5PM**

Sunday **12PM - 5PM**

CLOSING

July 3

After 5 p.m. Building & Book Drop Closed

July 4

Independence Day - Closed All Day

August 12

Staff Training - Closed 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

PLANT A SEED, READ

SUMMER READING

THROUGH JULY 31

ALL AGES

Plant a seed, read at the Huntley Area Public Library, and watch your reading grow! The more you leaf through, the more chances you'll have to win prizes (like a \$50 gift card to a local business) and uncover fun surprises along the way. Track your progress, reach your goals, and let your love of reading blossom.

Pick up a paper log at the Children's Desk (kids) or the Information Desk (teens & adults), or download one from our website. You can also branch out and join online at huntleylibrary.beanstack.com!

DAKOTAH HENN RESEARCH AND HANDS-ON INSECT PINNING AND FROG IDENTIFICATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 | 1 TO 2:30 P.M.

ADULTS

Join Dakota Henn MSc on an afternoon filled with wildlife, science, and adventures! Dakota will be providing an update on his amphibian research in addition to providing hands-on experience on how scientists identify frogs and their calls, preserve insect-specimens, and journal in the field. **Registration required.**

HELP US CELEBRATE HUNTLEY'S 175TH BY SHARING YOUR HUNTLEY STORY

SUBMISSIONS DUE JULY 31

Suggested Writing Topics include why you or your ancestor first came to Huntley, IL, special memories of Huntley, and what Huntley means to you. Submissions must include your contact information and can be either an essay or poetry. Your writing must be your own and should be between 50 and 1,500 words. **Each person may submit up to three entries.**

Hand in at the Information Desk

Email LH@huntleylibrary.org (.doc or PDF files)

FIREFLY FAMILY THEATRE: UNDER THE STARS

THURSDAY, JULY 16 | 10 TO 10:45 A.M.



AGES 2-7 WITH FAMILIES

Join Spark the Firefly and friends for a summer night in Firefly Grove. Gather around the campfire to sing songs, listen to stories, and watch the stars with puppets, music, movement, and summer fun!

Registration required for every person attending.

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ADULT EVENTS

REOCCURRING PROGRAMS

Your Turn: Game Play for Adults

Tuesday, July 7 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Registration begins June 2

Tuesday, July 14 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Registration begins June 2

Tuesday, August 4 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Registration begins July 7

Tuesday, August 11 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Registration begins July 7

Location: Program Room 3

Come take your turn at game play featuring a variety of trivia, word, and board games. **Please register for one session per month. Registration required.**



The Fray: Stitchery Club

Mondays, July 13 and August 10 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesdays, July 28 and August 25 | 10 a.m. to Noon

Location: Program Room 3;

Monday, August 10, in Program Room 1

Join the Fray! Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, or work another needlecraft, come to share and socialize. Bring your own supplies and projects.

Registration required.

Kraft Club with Abby & Lizzie

Thursday, July 16 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 30 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 6 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 20 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Do you miss art class? Do you want to mingle and meet other people? Join instructors Lizzie & Abby for some fun, chill crafts! Projects range from abstract construction paper portraits to name pennants, and zentangles. Our focus for this class is self-love and mindfulness through artwork. Use our supplies or bring your own. **Registration required.**

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Tuesday, July 21 | 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Registration begins June 16.

Tuesday, August 18 | 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Registration begins July 21.

Ages 18 and Up

Location: Program Room 3

Join us for a guided discussion of topical world affairs. The Great Decisions program highlights eight critical foreign policy challenges facing Americans each year.

July topic is Chapter 6: Multilateral Institutions in a Changing World Order.

August topic is Chapter 7: U.S. Engagement of Africa. Discussion materials will be available to review at the library in advance of each discussion.

Registration required.

Puzzle Club

Thursday, August 6 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Love jigsaw puzzles? Come to Puzzle Club where we work on putting together 300-to-500-piece puzzles.

Registration required.

Coloring Club

Thursday, August 13 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Come relax and color! Coloring sheets and supplies provided or bring your own. **Registration required.**

Library Genealogy Resources Workshop

Monday, August 17 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Monday, August 31 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Tech Lab

This program is to help with research stumbling blocks or problems you may have encountered.

Michele May, author and past president of the Genealogy Club in Sun City Huntley, will be here to provide individualized help with the various genealogical websites available at our library.

Limited to 8 per class. **Registration required.**

A Sound Healing Experience with the Poetry of Walt Whitman: Sven Hansen

Thursday, August 27 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Sven Hansen, poet and troubadour, performs the original 1855 edition of *Leaves of Grass*, bringing to life Whitman's most revolutionary and inspiring work. This program offers a meditative experience where timeless poetry blends with the healing power of sounds. Sven, a certified sound healer, uses various instruments and memorized poetry to guide participants through a calming journey.

Registration required.

Chuck's History Discussion: World War II

Thursday, July 9 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Location: Program Room 3

The largest war known to mankind. What was the catalyst for a war like this? Who were the belligerents? What was America's role before and during the war itself? How did this war reshape the world? Please join us for a deep and interesting look into this sad chapter of world history. Free coffee and donuts will be provided for your pleasure.

Registration required.



Intro to AI with Ted Hill

Tuesday, July 14 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Learn more about AI in this Tech Talk presented by Ted Hill. This Tech Talk will offer a 30 min lecture followed by Q&A.

Topics covered:

What is AI? – Simple explanation and everyday examples.

Key Concepts & Terms – Overview of Machine.

Learning, Neural Networks, Generative AI, and Large Language Models (LLMs).

Why AI Matters – the growing role of AI in daily life and the workplace.

Use Cases – Practical ways individuals can use AI, along with business applications.

Things to Consider – Key points like privacy, accuracy, and responsible use.

Looking Ahead – Future trends and continued learning. **Registration required.**

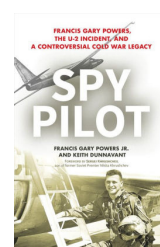
Francis Gary Powers, Jr. Spy Pilot: Francis Gary Powers, the U-2 Incident, and a Controversial Cold War Legacy

Friday, July 17 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Francis Gary Powers, Jr. lectures internationally and appears regularly on C-SPAN, the History, Discovery, and A&E channels.

He is the son of Francis Gary Powers Sr., the U-2 pilot whose plane was shot down over the Soviet Union in 1960, triggering an international incident during the Cold War. **Registration required.**



Genealogy One-on-One Appointments Huntley Library Card Required

Don't know where to start with your family tree? Feeling too overwhelmed or shy to join the Library's Genealogy biweekly workshop? Or are you just wanting a bit of one-on-one help? No matter the reason, you are welcome to schedule an appointment with **Jennie** at **847.669.5386 ext. 241** or email **jclark-moran@huntleylibrary.org**.

Christine Feliciano: Your Inner Poet

Monday, July 20 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Program Room 2

Poetry, Expression, and Reflection

Your Inner Poet invites participants to slow down, listen inward, and shape their thoughts into verse. Using prompts, readings, and shared reflection, this class explores poetry as a tool for self-expression, observation, and connection. Whether you're new to poetry or returning to it, you'll leave with new writing and renewed confidence in your creative voice.

Registration required.

Kevin Aguilar's Mid-Year Journaling Workshop

Tuesday, July 21 & 28 |

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Program Room 2

July 21: A mid-year

check-in workshop

July 28: Explores journaling about your ideal lifestyle

Registration required.



The Growing Scene, Inc. Protecting Your Plants from Rabbits and Other Critters

Thursday, July 23 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Tired of rabbits eating the flowers in your yard? Have chipmunks been digging in your mulch? This class will highlight those plants that are known to be rabbit and deer resistant. We will discuss how to minimize burrowing animals in your yard. We will also detail how to best protect your flowers, shrubs and trees through the use of home-made and commercial plant care products. **Registration required.**

The New Quartet: A Chamber Music Setting

Thursday, July 23 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

All Ages

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3

Presenting the world's great music in a chamber music setting. Deliberately eclectic, the New Quartet's repertoire juxtaposes chamber music of Bartok and Debussy with early classics by Duke Ellington, tangos by Astor Piazzolla and Lofstrom's original cross-genre music. New Quartet concerts always contain a generous sampling of world music, featuring Lofstrom's arrangements of traditional pieces from Africa, Cuba, South America, the Middle East and Ireland. **Registration required.**



Preserving the Harvest

Saturday, July 25 | 2 to 3 p.m.

Location: Program Room 2

Mark Lyons, an experienced garden coach, will review methods that can be used to preserve the harvest through the winter including canning, freezing, dehydrating, and winter storage techniques.

Registration required.

Illinois Railway Museum:

The Cultural Impact of the American Railroad

Wednesday, July 29 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Since the introduction of the railroad in American society, it has captured the imagination of poets, artists, and authors. In this program, we delve into some of the more famous works incorporating the railroad. We also highlight artifacts from IRM's collection that have been featured in movies and TV shows. **Registration required.**

Plant a Seed, Read Summer Reading Challenge Through July 31

Adults (18 and Up)

Participate for chances to win one of our grand prizes—a \$50 gift card to a local business.

Choose either:

Online Reading Program: Sign up at huntleylibrary.beanstack.com and read to earn badges and grand prize tickets.

Paper Log Program: Download your paper log from the library's website or pick one up at the Information Desk and read for grand prize tickets.

Sponsored by the Huntley Area Public Library Friends Foundation.

Read All About It!

Newspapers as a Genealogical Resource

Sunday, August 16 | 2 to 3 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Caron Primas Brennan will show us how to find and use newspapers to gather information about your ancestors as well as the times they lived in.

Registration required.

Ann Minn & Doug Moore, Master Gardeners Planning in the Fall for a Productive Spring

Monday, August 17 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Planning in the fall for a productive spring.

Come join Doug and Ann as they talk about what you can plant in the fall to enjoy in the spring. They will also tackle how to put your gardens to bed for the winter as well as fielding your garden questions.

Registration required.

Everyday Ergonomics:

Protecting Your Body in a Modern World

Tuesday, August 18 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Tech Lab

Join us for an engaging introduction to ergonomics—the science of designing our environments to fit our bodies. Whether you spend your day reading, typing, lifting, or caring for others, you'll discover simple changes that can help prevent strain, boost comfort, and support long-term health. Learn how small adjustments to your workspace, posture, and daily habits can make a big difference. This class introduces the core principles of ergonomics and offers practical, easy-to-apply strategies for home, office, and everyday life. **Registration required.**

Chuck's History Discussion: The 1960s

Thursday, August 20 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Location: Program Room 3

The 1960's

An exciting time. A tumultuous time. A changing time. A turning point for America's culture. Come join us for a fascinating look into a decade that lit up the 20th century. Free coffee and donuts will be provided for your pleasure. **Registration required.**



Blood Drive

Thursday, August 20 | 1 to 6 p.m.

Location: Program Rooms 1 & 2

Do you want to help others? Become a blood donor! Sign up now to give the gift of life with Versiti Blood Center of Illinois. Giving is fast, easy, and greatly appreciated. Register in advance at tinyurl.com/hapl-aug-drive or call the Information Desk at 847.669.5386 and press 3. Walk-ins are welcome as the schedule permits.

Mandala Dot Stone Class with Nanette Fabros

Thursday, August 20 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Creative Studio

Set aside time for creative relaxation and mindfulness as you design your own beautiful stone mandala. This ancient, meditative art form uses colorful painted dots arranged in soothing geometric patterns. You'll be guided step-by-step in creating a unique mandala inspired by the colors of the season. All supplies are provided—just bring your creativity and enjoy the process! **Registration required.**

McHenry County Conservation District Outdoor Recreational Opportunities Close to Home

Thursday, August 27 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Learn all about the outdoor recreational opportunities the Conservation District makes available right here in McHenry County and where to find them. Whether you're looking for a place to picnic, camp or fish or hoping to paddle or pedal, there's something for everyone. **Registration required.**

Drum Circle

Saturday, August 29 | 2 to 3 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Join us for a drum circle at the library. Meet other local percussionists and jam out in a collaborative hand percussion drum circle. We ask that you bring your own hand percussion instruments.

Registration required.

TECH LAB

Canva Basics

Tuesday, August 4 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, August 6 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 8 | 10 a.m.

Tuesday, August 11 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, August 13 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 15 | 10 a.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Learn the basics of how to use Canva.

Classes will be approximately 1 hour long.

Registration required.

3D Modeling in TinkerCAD

Tuesday, August 18 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, August 20 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 22 | 10 a.m.

Tuesday, August 25 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, August 27 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 29 | 10 a.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Classes will be approximately two hours long.

You may bring a Flash drive with if you would like to save your project. **Registration required.**

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Dungeons and Dragons - Monday Quest

Monday, July 6 & 20 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Monday, August 3 & 17 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Teens and Adults

Location: Program Room 2

Players may join the quest at any time.

Please register for only one of the quests.

Registration required.

Dungeons and Dragons - Wednesday Quest

Wednesdays | 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

August 5, 12, 19, & 26

Ages 12 & up

Location: Program Room 2

Players may join the quest at any time.

Please register for only one of the quests.

Registration required.

MINECRAFT

Minecraft Java Edition Summer Free play

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 | 2:30 p.m.

Thursdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 | 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays, July 11, 18, & 25 | 10 a.m.

Ages 7 & up

Location: Tech Lab

2 hour program. Play Minecraft in the Tech Lab.

Our Technology Trainer will be on hand to get players started and monitor the play.

Registration required.

Minecraft Free Play

Fridays | 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Saturdays | 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

July 3, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, & 25

August 1, 7, 8, 15, 14, 21, 22, 28, & 29

Ages 10 and up

Location: Tech Lab

Play Minecraft in Survival Mode.

Staff monitored. **Registration required.**

Minecraft for Beginners Free Play

Thursdays | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

August 6, 13, 20, & 27

Ages 7 & up

Location: Tech Lab

Play Minecraft in the Tech Lab. Our Technology Trainer will be on hand to get players started and monitor the play. **Registration required.**

CREATIVE STUDIO

Mini Hydroponics - Huntley Card Required

Saturday, August 22 & 29 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Location: Creative Studio

Discover the basics of indoor gardening by creating your own mini hydroponic herb garden in this hands-on library program. Participants will learn how to grow fresh herbs without soil using simple, space-saving systems perfect for home use. Leave with a starter setup and the knowledge to keep your herbs thriving year-round. **Registration required.**

TECH TALKS

Everyday AI for Personal Life:

Learn · Try · Refine

Mondays

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Registration required in sequence.

Session 1: Intro to AI for Everyday Life

Monday, July 6 | 6 to 7 p.m.

- Plain-English overview of AI/LLMs and what they can (and can't) do.
- Everyday examples (home admin, travel planning, learning, budgeting, wellness).
- Safe/ethical use, good prompts, and quick wins to get started.

Session 2: Hands-On Use Cases

Monday, July 13 | 6 to 7 p.m.

- Bring one real personal task; define success and pick the right tool.
- Guided prompt-building, iteration, and troubleshooting.
- Capture "recipes" for repeatable workflows (summaries, trip plans, email drafts, spreadsheets).

Session 3: Tune-Up & Next Steps

Monday, July 20 | 6 to 7 p.m.

- Show & tell: review outcomes and refine prompts/workflows.
- Light automation options and guardrails for accuracy/privacy.
- Take-home resources and a practice plan.

PC Basics for Seniors

Wednesday, July 8 & 22 | 11 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, August 5 & 19 | 11 a.m. to noon

Ages 55+

Location: Tech Lab

Intro class for seniors covering PC basics—build confidence with hardware, Windows, files, and the Internet. **Registration required.**

AT&T Helping Our Community with Technology

Monday, July 13 & August 17 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

AT&T is available to teach you how to use a smartphone, iPads, and other smart devices. **Registration required.**

EXPLORE THE WORLD OF SOUND

Improvised Recording Techniques:

A Live Conversation and Q&A

Tuesday, August 11 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Adults

This program is an exploration of using improvisation while studio recording. This will be a live conversation between studio technician Owen Misterovich and trumpeter Jim Teister. As well as a live musical demonstration, and a Q&A from the audience. **Registration required.**



TECHEVENTS

REGISTER AT [HUNTLEYLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS](https://huntleylibrary.org/events)

Plant a Seed, Read: Teen Summer Reading Challenge

Through July 31

Teens/ages 12-18

Location: Information Desk

Sign up for the teen summer challenge, catch up on your TBR (to-be-read) list, AND enter weekly drawings to win fabulous prizes! Pick up or print out a paper log OR use Beanstack to participate online (huntleylibrary.beanstack.com/reader365).

Teen Take Home Kit: Paper Cactus

Month of July (while supplies last)

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk

Construct your own easy-to-care-for paper cactus! Available at the Information Desk starting July 1, while supplies last. **1 kit/teen.**

Teen Photo Challenge: Red, White & Blue

Month of July

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk

Share an original "red, white, & blue" photo (taken by you) for a chance to win a gift card prize. A winner will be selected from the submissions received. Submit your photos using the forms available at the Information Desk or online (huntleylibrary.org/teenphotochallenge) by July 31, 2026.

Garden Rocks

Monday, July 6 | 2 to 3 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Creative Studio

Paint a rock for your garden. For teens/grades 6-12. **Registration required.**



Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course

\$65/person

Tuesday, July 7 | 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ages 11-15

Location: Program Room 1

Learn to safely and responsibly provide care for children and infants (including basic childcare and first aid), develop leadership skills, start a babysitting business, keep yourself and others safe, and help children behave. This class includes a participant workbook, training materials, and a Red Cross training certificate. **Registration required.**

- **Class fee:** \$65 - pay by cash or check (checks made out to "Be Prepared") at the library's Info Desk.
- **Special Instructions:** Participants should bring a lunch on the day of class.

Huntley Fire & Huntley Police Opportunities for Teens

Tuesday, July 14 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Ages 12+ and parents

Location: Program Room 2

Learn more about careers in fire protection services and law enforcement from the Huntley Fire Protection District and Huntley Police Department. Both agencies offer programs for young people that provide educational opportunities and real-world experience. Philip Adams will discuss the Fire Protection District Cadets and Interns programs, and Jerry Keppler will share information about the Huntley Police Cadets program and how to get involved. **Registration required.**

Meet a Plant Pathologist

Thursday, July 16 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

April Lamb, a researcher in plant pathology at the University of Kentucky, will join us virtually (via Zoom/through the Skype a Scientist program) to talk about what a plant pathologist does, how plants get sick, how climate and environment affect crops, and how scientists help protect our food. Join us to learn about plant diseases, agriculture, careers in plants/science, or the life of a scientist! **Registration required.**



Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: Anglerfish

Tuesday, July 21 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Join us in our exploration of different animal species. This month we'll learn about angler fish, deep-sea dwelling fish, with a terrifying visage! Bring any facts or questions you have about these creatures. **Registration required.**

Enchanted Forest Dioramas

Monday, July 27 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 1

We'll create miniature forest scenes using mixed media and collage techniques in little boxes. **Registration required.**

Bedazzled Books

Tuesday, July 28 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Give your favorite book some sparkle! We'll use diamond-painting gems and techniques to bedazzle books, planners, or journals. Bring your own book to bedazzle, or pick one from our selection of freebies. **Registration required.**

Art After Dark: Alebrijes

Thursday, July 30 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Dream up your own alebrije! We'll learn a little about their Mexican folk art origins and then create our own sculptures. **Registration required.**



Teen Take Home Kit: Emotional Support Chickens

Month of August (while supplies last)

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk

This chicken gets you, and it's got you. Make your own emotional support chicken. Available at the Information Desk starting August 1, while supplies last. **1 kit/teen.**

Teen Photo Challenge: Historic Huntley

Month of August

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk

Share an original "historic Huntley" photo (taken by you) for a chance to win a gift card prize. Capture Huntley's history. A winner will be selected from the submissions received. Submit your photos using the forms available at the Information Desk or online (huntleylibrary.org/teenphotochallenge) by August 31, 2026.

TEEN EVENTS

REGISTER AT HUNTLEYLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS

Digital Safety for Teens

Tuesday, August 4 | 4 to 5 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12 + parents

Location: Program Room 3

Learn how to be safe and responsible online. Gwen Gallagher from Turning Point Domestic Violence Services (Woodstock, IL) will provide information about finding a healthy digital balance, chatting safely online, being mindful of one's digital footprint, how to utilize social media and other online tools in safe and respectful ways, relationships in the digital world, and also the reality of what digital abuse can look like and what to do when faced with these situations. **Registration required.**

Self-Care Crafts

August 6 | 2 to 3 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 2

Join us in making a variety of self-care crafts to soothe your stress and boost your mood when you're feeling anxious or down. **Registration required.**

Herbology

Friday, August 7 | 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 1

Channel your inner Professor Sprout and join us for this fun class! We'll test your herbology knowledge, plant a mandrake, and mix our own herbal teas. **Registration required.**

Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: Bison

Tuesday, August 11 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12 + adults

Location: Program Room 3

Join us in our exploration of different animal species. This month we'll learn about the bison that have been reintroduced in McHenry County on land currently being leased by the McHenry County Conservation District. Rachel Gustafson, Community Outreach Coordinator at MCCC, will share some facts about bison as well as their research on the effects of bison on the ecology of our area. Bring any questions you have. **Registration required.**

Art After Dark: Koi Pond Painting

Thursday, August 27 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 2

We'll use various printing and painting techniques to create a koi pond scene. **Registration required.**





STORY TIMES

AT THE LIBRARY

BabyPalooza

Mondays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

July 6, 13, 20

August 3, 10, 17

Ages Birth-23 months with caregiver

Location: Program Room 3

Stories, songs, and playtime. **Weekly registration required.**



Storytime in the Park

Tuesdays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

July 7 | Weiss Park (10300 Bennington Dr., Huntley)

July 21 | Sunset Park Splash Pad (5200 Miller Rd., Lake in the Hills)

Families

Enjoy stories, songs, and fun in the great outdoors! Bring a blanket or chairs. **Drop-in.**



Pajamarama

Tuesday, July 7 | 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11 | 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Ages 2-8 with families

Location: Program Room 1

Grab a stuffed friend and join us for stories, songs, and a craft at the library! Come in your pajamas and slippers if you like. **Registration required.**



Family Storytime

Tuesdays or Wednesdays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

July 8, 14, 22, 28

August 4, 11, 18, 19

Ages 0-6

Location: Program Room 1

Storytime sessions are full of books, songs, and fun activities designed to be enjoyed by young children. Children and their caregivers are encouraged to actively participate during the program. Please choose Tuesday or Wednesday. **Weekly registration required.**



Saturday Family Storytime

Saturday, July 11 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 8 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-6 with caretaker

Location: Program Room 1

Stories, songs, and fun for young children and their families. Caregivers are expected to stay and participate in the program.

Registration required.



Community Storytime

Friday, July 17 | 10 to 11 a.m. (Fire)

Thursday, July 30 | 10 to 11 a.m. (Police)

Families

Location: Program Room 2 & 3

Join us at the library for stories read by a police officer or a firefighter, then possibly see a police car or a fire truck up close! **Drop-in.**



Yoga Storytime

Thursday, July 23 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Thursday, August 20 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Ages 3-6 to attend on their own

Location: Program Room 2

Thirty minutes of story and movement fun! Please bring a yoga mat or towel to use.

Registration required.



Stories for School Kids

Tuesday, July 28 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, August 25 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Ages 5-10 attend on their own

Location: Program Room 1

Join us for longer stories, more complex crafts, and fun activities. **Registration required.**





Preschool AND BABIES

Preschool Art Explorers

Thursday, July 2 | 12 to 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 6 | 12 to 12:30 p.m.

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Location: Program Room 1
Come explore art and artists and enjoy being creative. Dress for mess!
Registration required.



Little STEAMers

Friday, July 24 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Friday, August 28 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Location: Program Room 1
Preschoolers are naturally curious, so jump into science, technology, engineering, and math with hands-on fun experiences and activities.
Registration required.

Little Bookworms Reading Challenge Ongoing

Infants through Pre-K

This program encourages all families and caregivers to read 1,000 books or more with their young children before entering kindergarten. Register and pick your log at the Children's Desk today!



Pet Cents

Monday, July 6 | 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Ages 6-10

Location: Program Room 1 & 2

Discover the costs of caring for an animal and build smart money skills along the way.

Registration required.

Amazing Animals

Sharks: Wednesday, July 8 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Turtles: Tuesday, August 4 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Ages 5-8

Location: Program Room 1

Join us to learn about this amazing animal! We will read a short book, playfully learn facts, and make a craft. **Registration required.**

Junior Readers Book Club

Thursday, July 9 | 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, August 6 | 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Grades K-3 with caregiver

Location: Program Room 1

Calling all chapter book readers and their grown-up sidekicks! Join us as we discuss a book each month and have a hands-on activity. **Registration required.**



Read to a Dog

Saturday, July 25 | 9:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 10 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 10:45 a.m.

Early Readers

Location: Program Room 3

Make a 15-minute reservation for your child to practice their reading skills by reading to Simon, a patient and lovable dog. Register 1 family with up to 2 children per session.

Registration required.



Builders' Challenge: Snap Circuits

Wednesday, July 1 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Ages 5-7

Location: Program Room 1

Build a snap-together safe electric current to make a light build light up or a fan spin.

Registration required.

Coding Club: Unplugged

Wednesday, August 12 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Ages 5-7

Location: Program Room 1

Join us as we playfully explore the fundamentals of coding without actually using devices. **Registration required.**

Stories & STEM

Monday, July 13 | 10 to 10:45 a.m. (Outside!)

Monday, August 17 | 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Ages 5-7

Location: Benches east of the library or Program Room 1

Join us each month as we begin by reading a book. Then we will engage in STEM activities that inspire curiosity, creativity, and problem solving based on the book. July's program will be held outside at the benches east of the library. **Registration required.**

ARTS & MUSIC

Creative Kids 1

Thursday, July 23 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Saturday, August 22 | 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 6-8

Location: Program Room 1

Find your creativity exploring various artists, art techniques, and artistic mediums. Dress for mess! **Registration required.**

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KIDS OLDER



Chess Club

Wednesday, July 1 & 15 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, August 5 & 19 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Ages 8-14

Location: Program Rooms 1 & 2

Chess players of any skill level meet to play and strategize. Beginners are welcome. **Registration required.**

Page Masters Book Club

Thursday, July 16 | 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11 | 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Grades 3-6

Location: Program Room 1

We'll gather once a month to discuss our book of the month, share our thoughts, and enjoy creative activities based on what we read. **Registration required.**

Kool Kids Graphic Novel Club

Monday, July 20 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Monday, August 24 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Ages 7-12

Location: Program Room 1

Discuss a graphic novel, do an activity that goes along with the book, and decide what book to read next!

Registration required.



Back to School Bash

Thursday, August 13 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1 & 2

Join us for a fun-filled event with hands-on crafts and fun activities to help kids feel excited and ready for the school year ahead. **Registration required.**

Genre Cafe

Thursday, August 27 | 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1

Hungry for your next read? Get your appetite ready to "sample" a variety of different book genres, much like enjoying a buffet of flavors. **Registration required.**

ARTS & MUSIC

Drawing: Creature Design

Saturday, July 18 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Ages 9-12

Location: Program Room 1

Learn how to draw with step-by-step instructions from a *Creative Arts* instructor. Using basic shapes, complete a pencil drawing, then outline it with ink. Color in the drawing with colored pencils if time permits.

Registration required.

Creative Kids 2

Thursday, July 23 | 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

Saturday, August 22 | 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Ages 9-12

Location: Program Room 1

Find your creativity exploring various artists, art techniques, and artistic mediums. Dress for mess!

Registration required.



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Builders' Challenge: 3Doodler

Thursday, July 9 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1

Learn to build and create a small object to keep with a temperature-safe 3D plastic melting pen.

Registration required.

Be Internet Awesome

Tuesday, July 14 | 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Grades 2-5

Location: Program Rooms 1 & 2

Empower kids to stay safe, kind, and confident online by teaching critical thinking, privacy skills, and respectful online behavior.

Registration required.

Coding Club: Scratch

Wednesday, July 22 | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Tech Lab

Join us to learn how to create your own fun game using Scratch, a coding platform using block codes.

Registration required.

GENRE QUEST

Ongoing

Elementary School Readers

Location: Children's Desk

Looking for your next reading adventure? Then join us for Genre Quest, our youth reading program! Expand your reading horizons by exploring new genres and earn some sweet prizes along the way.

Are you ready to accept the Genre Quest?

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Plant a Seed, Read Summer Reading Challenge Through July 31

Location: Entry forms at the Children's Desk or online

Plant a Seed, Read at the Children's Library and start growing your chances for prizes and fun. Look out for Pop-up Prize days and great activities. Pick up your log at the Children's Desk, download it online or participate via Beanstack at huntleylibrary.beanstack.com.



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Families

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The New Quartet: A Chamber Music Setting

Thursday, July 23 | 6 to 7:30 pm

All Ages

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3

Presenting the world's great music in a chamber music setting. Deliberately eclectic, the New Quartet's repertoire juxtaposes chamber music of Bartok and Debussy with early classics by Duke Ellington, tangos by Astor Piazzolla and Lofstrom's original cross-genre music.

New Quartet concerts always contain a generous sampling of world music, featuring Lofstrom's arrangements of traditional pieces from Africa, Cuba, South America, the Middle East and Ireland. **Registration required.**

Dakotah Henn

Research and Hands-On Insect Pinning and Frog Identification

Saturday, August 15 | 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Join Dakotah Henn MSc on an afternoon filled with wildlife, science, and adventures! Dakotah will be providing an update on his amphibian research in addition to providing hands-on experience on how scientists identify frogs and their calls, preserve insect-specimens, and journal in the field. **Registration required.**



Book BUDDIES



Practice Reading with an Adult Volunteer

Ages 5 and up

Location: Children's Library

Library volunteers read with children once a week, helping beginner readers build skills and a love of reading. Pick up info at the Children's Desk.

Multi-Age

Monthly Grab & Go Craft

Begins the first of each month, while supplies last

Ages 5-12

Location: Children's Desk

Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up your take-home craft.

Crafty Kids: Colorful Q-tip Dragonfly

Wednesday, July 29 | 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Ages 5-12

Location: Program Room 1

Create a vibrant dragonfly using a fun Q-tip painting technique. **Registration required.**

Firefly Family Theatre: Under the Stars

Thursday, July 16 | 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Ages 2-7 with families

Location: Program Room 1, 2 & 3

Join Spark the Firefly and friends for a summer night in Firefly Grove. Gather around the campfire to sing songs, listen to stories, and watch the stars with puppets, music, movement, and summer fun!

Registration required for every person attending.



Movie in the Park - Miracle

Friday, July 17 at Dusk

Location: Parisek Park

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General Meetings

No July General Meeting - Come golf with us!

Local History Presentation

Friday, August 21 | 11 a.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Presentation by local history specialist
Nancy Bacheller.

Minilinks@thelibrary

Friday, July 17 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Last golfer must start the course by 7 p.m.
Course closes at 7:30 p.m.

Golf is free, donations are appreciated.

Enjoy some Friendly competition in the library before enjoying the *Movie in the Park - Miracle: The Boys of '80*. The movie is sponsored by the Village of Huntley. The movie begins at dusk. Kona Ice will be in our east parking lot from 6 - 8:30 p.m.

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