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THE HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

JULY/AUGUST 2025

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Hello, friends!

Summer is in full swing here at the Huntley Area Public Library, and we are soaking up every minute! Whether you've been Leveling Up with summer reading, attending programs, or just escaping the heat inside the library with a good book, we're glad you've made us a part of your summer plans.

July marks the final month of our Level Up at Your Library Summer Reading Challenge, so don't forget to complete your reading logs and claim your prizes!

We're also thrilled to invite you to this year's annual Movie in the Park on Thursday, July 18 in partnership with the Village of Huntley! We will be watching Inside Out 2, and will have Kona Ice and Your Sister's Tomato here for some delicious treats. Before the movie, stop inside the library for Minilinks@thelibrary, a mini-golf fundraiser hosted by the Friends Foundation.

And for the creatives among us, we're launching a Writer's Workshop series, an exciting new opportunity to connect with fellow writers, explore your voice, and get inspired.

As summer wraps up and we head into Back-to-School season, don't forget the most important school supply in your backpack - your library card!

- Aris Sherwood, Head of Marketing

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HOURS/CLOSINGS

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday-Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed: Friday, July 4, 2025 (Independence Day)
Early Closure (1 PM): Friday, August 5, 2025
(Staff Training)

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THE VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY & THE HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
PRESENTS

MOVIE IN THE PARK



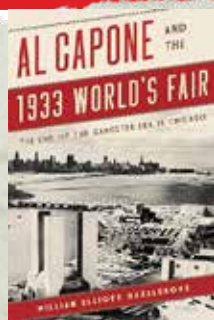
Grab your blankets, lawn chairs, and your favorite people—it's time for this year's Movie in the Park! Join us on the lawn at Parisek Park for a special outdoor screening of *Inside Out 2*, starting around 8:15 p.m.

Pack your own snacks for a cozy picnic or treat yourself to something tasty from one of the food trucks on-site. Before the movie, swing by the Huntley Area Public Library for the Friends Foundation's Minilinks@thelibrary, a fun mini-golf fundraiser happening indoors from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

It's going to be a night full of fun, food, and feelings!

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025
6 PM UNTIL MOVIE ENDS





William Hazlegrove Presents: Al Capone and the 1933 World's Fair: The End of The Gangster Era in Chicago
Thursday, July 10 | 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Adults

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

William Hazlegrove provides the exciting and sprawling history behind the 1933 World's Fair, the last of the golden age. He reveals the story of the six millionaire businessmen, dubbed The Secret Six, who beat Al Capone at his own game, ending the gangster era as prohibition was repealed. The story of an intriguing woman, Sally Rand, who embodied the World's Fair with her own rags to riches story and brought sex into the open. The story of Rufus and Charles Dawes who gave the fair a theme and then found financing in the worst economic times the country had ever experienced. Books will be available for purchase (cash or card). **Registration required.**

LIBRARY LINEUP

REOCCURRING PROGRAMS

Adult Take Home Kit (while supplies last)

Month of July – Mason Jar Lid Suncatcher

Month of August – Cork Beverage Coaster

Adults

Location: Information Desk

Make a mesmerizing Mason Jar Lid Suncatcher in July and/or make a catching Cork Beverage Coaster in August. Available at the Information Desk starting the first of each respective month, while supplies last. 1 kit/adult.

Your Turn: Game Night for Adults

Tuesday, July 1 | 6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration begins June 3

Tuesday, August 5 | 6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration begins July 1

Adults

Location: Program Room 3

Come take your turn at game night for adults featuring a variety of trivia, word, and board games. **Registration required.**

The Puzzled Colorists Club

Thursday, July 17 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Adults

Location: Program Room 2 & 3

Puzzle Club and Coloring Club are coming together for the summer! Level up your jigsaw puzzling skills by working on 300- and 500-piece puzzles. Or, if you're not up for a challenge, relax with a soothing coloring page. **Registration required.**

Puzzle Club

Thursday, August 7 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Adults

Location: Program Room 3

Are you a jigsaw puzzle enthusiast? If you answered yes, come to Puzzle Club! We'll socialize while we work on putting together 300-piece puzzles. Sometimes, we even go for the challenge of a 500-piece puzzle! **Registration required.**

Coloring Club

Thursday, August 14 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Adults

Location: Program Room 3

Come relax and color your stress away! We'll provide a limited supply of coloring pencils, markers, and coloring pages, but you are welcome to bring your own materials. **Registration required.**

The Fray: Stitchery Club

Tuesdays, July 8 and August 12 | 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Tuesdays, July 29 and August 26 | 10 a.m. to Noon

Adults

Location: Program Room 3

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.**

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Tuesday, July 15 | 1:30 to 3 p.m.

No August meeting.

Adults

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

July's topic is Chapter 6: The Future of NATO and European Security. Discussion materials are available to review at the library in advance of each discussion. **Registration begins June 17 for July.**

Preventing Household Food Waste

Saturday, July 19 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Adults

Location: Program Room 3

Do you have too much food waste? Cecelia Carman, Waste Reduction Co-Chair of The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County, will offer solutions and help you limit food waste in your home.

Registration required.



Women of the Special Operations Executive (S.O.E.)

Tuesday, July 22 | 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Adults

Location: Program Room 3

The history of SOE's war in the shadows had been told many times, mainly about the men who fought underground. However, our presenter, Kit Sergeant, will tell us about the women who defied odds and risked their lives for Britain and the liberation of France. **Registration required.**

Jim Slusher prevents: News Media, Truth and Trust

Tuesday, July 22 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Adults

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

The news media is more diverse than ever—with more ways to learn about our world, but also more chances for misinformation. From social media platforms like X and TikTok to biased news outlets, how can we find the truth? Join us for a thought-provoking discussion on news, trust, and navigating today's media landscape. **Registration required.**

The Great Jigsaw Puzzle Race

Thursday, July 31 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Ages 12 and up

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2 & 3

Come help us celebrate the end of another successful summer reading program and level up your puzzle skills at the Great Jigsaw Puzzle Race! This is an individual competition. You will have 10 different 100-piece puzzles to choose from. The first teen (ages 12-17) and the first adult (ages 18+) to complete their puzzle will win a special prize, and everyone will get to take their chosen race puzzle home with them. **Registration required.**

Quhat's in a Nayme?

Genealogical Research

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

Ages 16 and up

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Maureen Brady will give a presentation that looks at the history of names, various naming patterns, and research strategies for locating the "right" spelling of a name in various types of records.

Registration required.



Aromatherapy

Tuesday, August 12 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Adults

Location: Program 3

Have you ever wondered about all the hype around essential oils? Do you want to try them but feel overwhelmed or confused about what's true and what's not? Then come to the Aromatherapy 101 presentation with Julie Brow-Palanco, an experienced herbalist and health coach. We will learn what essential oils are and how they are extracted, as well as their overall benefits. **Registration required.**

Library Genealogy Resources Workshop- Need Help?

Monday, August 18 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Adults

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 5 per class. Waitlist available.

Registration required.

TEEN EVENTS

REGISTER AT HUNTLEYLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS

Teen Take Home Kit: Pressed Fairy Bookmarks

Month of July (while supplies last)

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk

Create your own pressed fairy bookmark with the supplies provided in this kit. Available at the Information Desk starting July 1, while supplies last. 1 kit/teen.

There and Back Again, a Hobbit Scavenger Hunt

Month of July

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk

Pick up a copy of Thrór's map at the Information Desk and locate items around the library. Return to the desk to receive a prize when you have completed the hunt (while supplies last).

Rubber Ducky Cosplay

July 1 - 15 (entries accepted), July 16-31 (voting)

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk



Grab a rubber ducky from the Information Desk (while supplies last) and give it a cosplay makeover! Submit a photo (details included with your duck) and vote for your favorite July 16-31 in the Teen Space. The top ducky wins a prize!

Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course -

\$65/person

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

Ages 11-15

Location: Program Room 1

Learn safe, responsible babysitting—including child care, first aid, safety, and leadership. Includes a workbook, materials, and Red Cross certificate. **Registration required.**

Class fee: \$65 - pay by cash or check (checks made out to "Be Prepared") at the library's Information Desk prior to the start of class.

Special Instructions: Participants should bring a lunch on the day of class.

Shrink Plastic Jewelry

Monday, July 7 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Creative Studio

Make shrink plastic charms for necklaces, bracelets, and earrings (or use for other purposes). Registration required. **Registration required.**

Evolution of Dance

Friday, July 11 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Learn some dance moves from different decades in a fun and relaxed environment from dance instructor, Melanie Andersen (Turning Pointe Academy of Dance in Elgin). Please bring water, wear comfortable clothing that is easy to move in, and expect a good workout. **Registration required.**



Teen Puzzle Challenge

Monday, July 14 | 4 to 6 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Teams of 1-4 will race to finish the same 500-piece puzzle in 2 hours. Fastest team (or fewest pieces left) wins a prize! Register solo or with a team—we'll match you if needed. Puzzles are yours to keep. Light refreshments provided. **Registration required for each player.**



CREATE

Thursdays, July 17 and August 28 | 4 to 5 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Bring your own project or create something wonderful with our supplies (we'll have something new to try each month). **Registration required.**

Teen Trivia Night

Tuesday, July 22 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 1

Test your knowledge of movies from all time! Are you a movie buff? Join us for our teens' trivia night and see what you know. Teams of 1 - 4 teens will have a chance to win prizes for the most correct answers! Snacks provided. **Registration required.**

Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: Ants

Thursday, July 24 | 4 to 5 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Meet ant expert Zim Lieberman (UC Davis) via Zoom and discover fun facts, photos, and field stories about ants! Bring your questions—we'll get *answers*! **Registration Required.**

Hunger Games Survival Skills

Tuesday, July 29 | 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 1

Would you volunteer as Tribute? Would you survive the Hunger Games? Gather for a good time as we learn some survival skills and engage in other fun activities based on the books. **Registration required.**

Teen Table Tennis (open play)

Wednesday, July 30 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Rooms 1 & 2

Join us for some friendly game play! We'll have tables set up for table tennis (ping pong). Bring your friends or challenge a librarian! **Registration required.**



Teen Take Home Kit: Tin Can Organizers

Month of August (while supplies last)

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk

Make a decorative can to hold your art supplies (or other things) with the supplies in this kit. Available at the Information Desk starting August 1, while supplies last. 1 kit/teen.

Back to School Yoga

Saturday, August 2 | 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Refresh and renew your energy with this fun, beginner-friendly yoga class! Our instructor, Lorrie Palczynski, is a certified yoga instructor with a background teaching yoga and meditation classes to all ages, and currently teaches at Northwestern Medicine Health & Fitness Center in Huntley. Yoga mats and props will be available for participants, or you may bring your own. **Registration and signed waiver required.**

CPR for Teens - \$20/person

Tuesday, August 5 | 9 a.m. to approx. 12:00 p.m.

(class runs 2.5-3 hours)

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Huntley Fire Station

Program description: Get certified in Heartsaver CPR/AED, Stop the Bleed, and emergency prep in this AHA course led by Huntley Fire Protection District. Held at the fire station across from the library (11118 Main St). Please arrange for pick-up after class. **\$20 class fee may be paid by cash or check (made out to Huntley Fire Protection District) and will need to be made prior to the start of class. Registration required.**

Manga Jeopardy

Wednesday, August 6 | 2 to 3 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Test your manga expertise at our manga Jeopardy event! We'll have a variety of questions both specific and general of varying degrees of difficulty. **Registration Required.**

Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: Seahorses

Thursday, August 7 | 5 to 6 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 1

Join us in our exploration of different animal species. In August, we will be studying seahorses. Bring any facts you want to share or questions you have! **Registration Required.**

Time Management for Teens

Tuesday, August 19 | 4 to 5 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

How do you really use your time? Learn some strategies to help you better manage your busy life. **Registration Required.**

Memory Boxes

Monday, August 25 | 4 to 5 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Creative Studio

We'll provide supplies to decoupage (glue) a variety of papers and images to a cardboard memory box that you can decorate however you like. **Registration Required.**

5-July/August-The Whole Story

ARTS & MUSIC

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.

Cardboard Weaving

Tuesday, July 1 | 2 to 3 p.m.

Ages 7-12

Location: Program Room 1

Learn how to make a simple animal shaped loom from cardboard and weave on it with colorful yarn.

Registration required.

Preschool Art Explorers

Thursday, July 3 | 12 to 12:45 p.m.

Thursday, August 7 | 12 to 12:45 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.**

Photo Holder Craft

Thursday, July 10 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1

Make your own photo holder with wire, rocks, and decorations. **Registration required.**

Creative Kids 1

Wednesday, July 16 | 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 with Miss Julie.

Dress for mess! **Registration required.**

Creative Kids 2

Wednesday, July 16 | 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 with Miss Julie.

Dress for mess! **Registration required.**

Crafty Kids: Fidget Snake

Saturday, July 19 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Ages 7-12

Location: Program Room 1

Make your own fidget snake using beads and plastic cord. **Registration required.**

Chalk it Up!

Monday, July 28 | 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

All Ages

Location: East Lawn

Come decorate the library's sidewalks with chalk and enjoy the outdoors with bubbles. Weather permitting. **Drop in.**

Rock 'N' Kids

Tuesday, July 29 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

OR 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Ages 0-5

Location: Program Room 1

A music and movement program featuring rhythm, music, fine and gross motor movements, creativity, imaginative play, sensory stimulation, and socialization. Please choose one session only. **Registration required.**

Crafty Kids: Paper Squishy

Saturday, August 23 | 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Ages 5-12

Location: Program Room 1

Join us to make your own paper squishy! Participants will use paper, clear tape, and stuffing to make a fun squishy that also makes a great fidget toy.

Registration required.



Builders' Challenge: Making Music with Makey

Wednesday, July 9 | 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Tech Lab

Makey Makey turns everyday objects into computer touchpads. We'll use these everyday objects to make music with a Makey Makey app on the computer.

Registration required.

Builders' Challenge: 3Doodler

Saturday, July 11 | 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.

No Bake Cooking

Monday, August 4 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Location: Program Room 1

Preschoolers will learn how to make a simple no-bake tasty recipe! **Registration required.**



Little STEAMers

Friday, July 25 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Friday, August 29 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Location: Program Room 1

Preschoolers are naturally curious and introducing them to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) at an early age can be both fun and educational. Join us every month with your preschooler to discover a new STEM activity.

Registration required.

Builders' Challenge: Pixel Fun

Thursday, August 21 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Ages 5-8

Location: Program Room 3

Graph fun images using colorful foam cubes and simple instructions. **Registration required.**

Coding Club: Unplugged

Monday, August 25 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Ages 5-8

Location: Program Room 1

Join us as we playfully explore the fundamentals of coding without actually using devices. **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 up your log at the Children's Desk.



Genre Quest

Ongoing

Elementary School Readers

Looking for your next reading adventure? Then join us for Genre Quest, our newest 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? Register and pick up your log at the Children's Desk.



Practice Reading with an Adult Volunteer

Ages 5 and up

Library volunteers are available to read with your child at the library once a week. Let your child practice reading while encouraging a lifelong, positive connection to the library – a place where endless opportunities await your child! Beginner readers are welcome.

Pick up information at the Children's Library Desk or contact Candace Maloney at cmaloney@huntleylibrary.org or call her at: 847.669.5386 ext. 245.

kids EVENTS

MOST KIDS' PROGRAMS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION THE 1ST OF PRIOR MONTH
REGISTER AT HUNTLEYLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS

LIBRARY LINEUP

REOCCURRING PROGRAMS

Chess Club

Wednesdays, July 2, 16 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.
Wednesdays, August 6, 20 | 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.

The Meet Up

Monday, July 7 | 5 to 5:45 p.m.
Monday, August 4 | 5 to 5:45 p.m.
Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1
Each month, we will gather together and connect with others by exploring new topics or developing skills through engaging games, creative crafts, captivating stories, or fun activities. **Registration required.**

Kool Kids' Graphic Novel Club

Monday, July 21 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
Monday, August 18 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
Ages 7-12

Location: Program Room 1
Share your favorite graphic novel and find a new one! Draw your own graphics and decide what books we want to read for our next meeting.
Registration required.

Sensory Shenanigans

Tuesday, August 5 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Ages 0-23 months

Location: Program Room 3
Sensory time for babies stimulates their senses through various activities, aiding their motor skills, cognitive abilities, and social interactions in a fun environment. **Registration required.**

Read to a Dog

Saturday, August 9 | 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Early Readers

Location: Program Rooms 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.**

Life Size Games

Friday, July 18 | 10 to 11 a.m.
Ages 5-12
Location: Program Rooms 1, 2 & 3
Play life sized Jenga, connect four, tic-tac-toe, and more! **Registration required.**

Pokémon Party

Monday, July 29 | 4:30 to 6 p.m.
Ages 7-12
Location: Program Rooms 1 & 2
Get ready to embark on an exciting adventure in the world of Pokémon! Our party is packed with fun activities, games, and surprises that will make every Pokémon Trainer's dreams come true.
Registration required.

Back to School Bash

Monday, August 11 | 10 to 11:15 a.m.
Ages 8-12
Location: Program Rooms 1 & 2
Get yourself ready for school! First, make a backpack keychain, a friendship bracelet, and a bookmark. Next, enjoy having your nails painted with friends and add some fun stickers!
Registration required.

The Genre Cafe

Wednesday, August 27 | 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Ages 7-12
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 to help kids discover a new read or help them complete the Genre Quest Book Challenge. Snacks will be provided. **Registration required.**



STORY TIME IN THE PARK

Tuesdays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.
July 8 Deicke Park (11419 IL-47, Huntley)
July 22 Sunset Park Splash Pad (5200 Miller Rd., Lake in the Hills)
For families
Drop-in.

Enjoy stories, songs, and fun in the great outdoors! Bring a blanket or chairs. Look for us near the playground.

Community Storytimes!

Firefighters: Thursday, July 17 | 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Police: Thursday, July 24 | 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Families

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3
Join us at the library for stories read by a police officer or firefighter, then possibly see a police car or fire truck up close! **Drop-in**



Adaptive Storytime

Saturday, July 5 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, August 2 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3-7 with caregiver
Location: Program Room 2
An interactive storytime for children with neurodiversity or who have difficulty engaging traditionally. Welcoming all learning styles and abilities with caregivers.
Registration required for child only.

BabyPalooza

Mondays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.
July 7, 14, 21
August 18, 25
Ages birth-23 months
Location: Program Room 3
Stories, songs, and playtime. **Weekly registration required.**

Family Storytime

Tuesdays or Wednesdays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.
July 9, 15, 16, 23
August 19, 20, 26, 27
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 grownups are encouraged to actively engage and participate during the program. Register for either Tuesday or Wednesday each week. **Weekly registration required.**

Saturday Family Storytime

Saturday, July 12 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, August 16 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Ages 0-6
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.**

Pajamarama

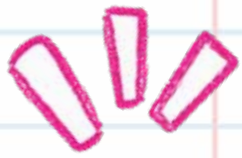
Tuesday, July 15 | 6:30 to 7 p.m.
Families of 2-8 year olds
Location: Program Room 1
Grab a stuffed friend and join us for stories, songs, and a craft at the library! Come in your pajamas and slippers if you like. **Registration required.**

Stories for School Kids

Tuesday, July 22 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.
Tuesday, August 26 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.
Ages 5-10
Location: Program Room 1
Join us for longer stories, more complex crafts, and fun activities. **Registration required.**

Yoga Storytime

Thursday, July 31 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Thursday, August 21 | 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 a towel to use. **Registration required.**



Writer's

Kevin Aguilar

Kevin Aguilar is passionate about journaling as a transformative tool for personal growth. Through journaling, he has learned to connect deeply with himself, navigate emotions, and cultivate a mindset of self-compassion and reflection.



Introduction to Journaling - with Kevin Aguilar

Tuesday, July 8 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 15 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Adults

Location: Program Room 2

This introductory workshop will introduce participants to the art of journaling to build a strong, nurturing relationship with themselves. Participants will explore journaling techniques that encourage self-discovery, emotional well-being, and personal growth. No prior experience is required; the session is designed to be inclusive and welcoming to everyone, whether they're new to journaling or seasoned writers. Registrants may only choose only one date.

Registration required.

Kevin Aguilar's Journaling - Becoming Your Own Best Friend

Friday, July 11 | 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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

Adults

Location: Program Room 2

My journey in journaling. Why journal? What are the benefits? Guided journaling will be offered in two sessions with reflective prompts focused on self-discovery and self-compassion. Each session will cover three topics.

Topics covered in first session: Stream of Consciences; Gratitude; Self Reflection

Topics covered in second session: Future Self; Intentions; Dreams.

Registration required.

Christine Feliciano

Christine is a local writer and author. A few of her achievements are the Editor's Choice Award for outstanding poetry with The National Library of Poetry, the Playwright for Music Theatre Workshop, the cultural diversity project featured at The Field Museum in Chicago, and A Published Content Writer. Her poetry was also published in The National Library of Poetry.

Let's Get Started! Origin of Poetry. What is Poetry?

Wednesday, July 9 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.

Ages 13 & Up

Location: Program Room 2

Creative Start: Found Poetry-bring old newspaper, magazines, or books- no pressure, just fun!

Registration required.

Painting with Words. Imagery and the Senses.

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

Ages 13 & Up

Location: Tech Lab

How poetry makes you feel. Read and discuss.

Registration required.

Having Fun with Rhythm, Rhyme, and Flow

Wednesday, July 23 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.

Ages 13 & Up

Location: Program Room 3

Poetry with a Beat. Let's listen, read, and discuss.

Registration required.

Heart on Paper. What moves us?

Tuesday, July 29 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.

Ages 13 & Up

Location: Program Room 2

Poetry is all about feelings. Let's talk about how we express joy, sorrow, love, and everything in between. Read and discuss.

Registration required.

Fun and Experimental. Not your typical poems

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

Ages 13 & Up

Location: Program Room 3

Let's get creative with acrostic, blackout poetry, shape poetry, and other fun forms. **Registration required.**

Poetry Showcase and Celebration.

Monday, August 11 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.

Ages 13 & Up

Location: Program Room 3

Let's share. If you are up for it, read a poem you have written or one you love. Reflect and chat.

Registration required.



Workshop

Patricia A. Hare

Patricia A. Hare is a poet, writer, and speaker living in Huntley, IL. She has a poetry blog at: www.patricaahare.com Poetry from the Heart.



Why Seniors Should Write Their Memoirs

Thursday, August 14 | 4 to 5 p.m.

Adults

Location: Program Room 2

"My history is part of their history, and they should know it."

In this program, Patricia A. Hare will teach you how to write a memoir, a collection of short stories that you can pass down to your children and their children. Patricia is a speaker, writer, and poet. Copies of her book *Why Seniors Should Write Their Memoirs* will be available for \$5.00 cash only.

Registration required.



Ron Giordano

Ron Giordano lives in Woodstock, IL. You can find him on Huntley Community Radio 101.5 FM where he broadcasts radio shows that highlight local charities and organizations. Ron has published three books, one of which is self-published.



Self Publishing Can Be Rewarding

Thursday, August 28 | 4 to 5 p.m.

Adults

Location: Program Room 2

Join Ron for a discussion on how to get started, tips, and other valuable information that will help you self-publish your own book.



Jennie Clark-Moran

For the past ten years, her longest writing stint, Jennie has been drawn to the succinct nature of poetry, supported by participating in three writing groups. Jennie is a lexical enthusiast and "verbivore" and a self-proclaimed schedule-juggler extraordinaire for her busy family as well as a gregarious encourager for all who may need it. One day, Jennie hopes to publish her poetry and prose. Until then, she hopes this wordy narrative will make you smile.



Give Poetry a Chance!

Part 1 - Be in the Know

Monday, August 25 | 5 to 6 p.m.

Part 2 - Prompted to Write

Thursday, August 28 | 5 to 6 p.m. Adults

Location: Program Room 2

Give Poetry a Chance! Workshop - What could be more perfect for our time-crunched society than to write/express in short form. Forget the stress of yesteryear's classroom and have fun finding out why "Poetry" just might be the best way to write. We will explore different poetry forms and ways to squeeze writing into your hectic schedule: Part 1 "Be in the Know" and if you are hooked, join us for part 2 "Prompted to Write." Registrants may choose to register for one or both programs.

Registration required.



TECH EVENTS

Minecraft Summer Freeplay

Tuesday, July 8 | 10 a.m.
Thursday, July 10 | 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 12 | 10 a.m.
Tuesday, July 15 | 10 a.m.
Thursday, July 17 | 6:30 p.m.

Ages 10 and up

Location: Tech Lab

Play Minecraft for longer in the summer.
Classes will be approximately 2 hours long.
Registration required.

Learn the Basics of Microsoft Excel

Tuesday, July 22 | 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, July 24 | 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 2 | 10 a.m.
Tuesday, August 5 | 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 7 | 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 9 | 10 a.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Classes will be approximately one hour long.
Registration required.

Basic 3D Modeling

Tuesday, August 12 | 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 14 | 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 16 | 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 19 | 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 21 | 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 23 | 10 a.m.

Ages 10 and up

Location: Tech Lab

Learn how to use the basics of 3D modeling in TinkerCAD. **Registration required.**

Minecraft for Beginners Free Play

Thursdays | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
August 7, 14, 21, 28

Ages 7 and 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.**

Minecraft Free Play

Play Minecraft in Survival Mode

Fridays | 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
July 11

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Ages 7 and up

Location: Tech Lab

Technology Trainer will be on hand to get players started and monitor. **Registration required.**

CREATIVE STUDIO

A Huntley Area Public Library Card is required to make an appointment.

Infinity Mirror - Huntley Card Required

Saturday, July 19 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 26 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.

Adults

Location: Creative Studio

Build a NeoPixel Infinity Mirror with Bluetooth Remote Control! 3D printed parts snap fit together so it's easy to build. Soldering will be required to assemble. Please register for only one session.
Registration required.

Zelda: Breath of the Wild - Guardian Sword with NeoPixel LEDs - Huntley Card Required

Saturday, August 23 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 30 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.

Adults

Location: Creative Studio

The Guardian Sword from Zelda, Breath of the Wild. It's fully 3D Printed and has a ton of NeoPixel LEDs. This thing is super bright and looks so awesome! Soldering will be required to assemble. Please register for only one session. **Registration required.**

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Dungeons and Dragons - Wednesday Quest

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

July 2, 9, 16, 23

August 6, 13, 20, 27

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.**

Dungeons and Dragons - Monday Quest

Mondays, July 7, 21 | 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Mondays, Aug 11, 25 | 5 to 7:30 p.m.

For Teens and Adults

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Players may join the quest at any time. Please register for only one of the quests. **Registration required.**



A Huntley Area Public Library Card is required to book an appointment.

Book a Librarian

Need some help using library resources on your laptop, tablet, or smartphone? Book a one-to-one session and we will help you download eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines, music, or movies from our library collections. We can also demonstrate our online catalog and other digital resources. Please call the Information Desk at 847.669.5386 and press 3 to schedule an appointment.

Adult One-on-One Computer Classes

Learn mouse skills, computer basics, internet basics, or email (one-hour sessions). Make an appointment by contacting Matthew at: 847.669.5386 ext. 264 or mwhisenhunt@huntleylibrary.org.

Creative Studio Appointments

Need to laminate something? Have a 3D printer project you want to print? Make an appointment with Alex to use the studio equipment to complete a project. Contact Alex at: 847.669.5386 ext. 268 or awyman@huntleylibrary.org.

For a list of the equipment you will have access to during your appointment, please visit huntleylibrary.org/creative-studio-appointments

Digital Conversion Appointments

Digital Conversion Appointment Equipment available: Audio Cassette and LP to a digital format. Kodak Scanza Film scanner, and Epson Photo Scanner. VHS converter as well. Smaller VHS is possible, however if you still have your camcorder and cords, that will make it easier. 8mm reels as well. Bring your own USB drive 16-32gb. Matthew will be available to help you start your digital conversion. There is a two-hour time limit for the conversions. Make an appointment by contacting Matthew at: 847.669.5386 ext. 264 or mwhisenhunt@huntleylibrary.org. Appointments are AVAILABLE at these times: Thursday | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays | 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Recording Studio

The library's recording studio offers you the opportunity to record interviews or a podcast, record music, take photos using the greenscreen, or a variety of other possibilities. Talk to our Recording Studio Technician, Joe, about your project. jklaw@huntleylibrary.org or 847.669.5386 ext. 275

General Meetings

No July General Meeting - Come golf with us!

Friday, August 15 | 11 a.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Program: Local History Presentation by Nancy Bacheller

Please register for the program so we know how many to expect.

Thank You, May Luncheon Sponsors

Thank you for sponsoring our luncheon and helping the Friends support the library!

\$500 - Defiore Funeral Home

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\$100 - Pamela Kempwerth, Hamilton Farms - Darrell Kampwerth, The Hochwarer Family, Anonymous, and Arthur and Janis Ruffino

Support the library by becoming a Friends Foundation Member

Not a member? Join us in 2025 and be a part of this dynamic organization that supports the library.

Complete the membership application form available at the library or visit our website at: www.huntleylibraryfriends.org.

Individuals, \$10; Family Membership, \$15; Book Lovers, \$50; Lifetime Membership, \$100; Corporate Lifetime Membership, \$250. Remember, lifetime members don't need to renew!

Best time to Drop-off Items:
Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We encourage patrons who would like assistance unloading donations to please call ahead.

Contact Lisa Rossi-Moser: 847.669.5386 ext. 228
We accept donations of gently used books, CDs and DVDs in their original packaging, new textbooks (within the last five years), and new magazines in good condition.

Please do not include other items with your donations!

Due to the current marketplace, we are no longer able to accept:

- Cassette tapes, VHS tapes, electronics, or LPs
- Moldy or wet books or books that have been stored in damp areas
- Encyclopedias
- Magazines or textbooks older than five years
- Newspapers
- Journals, used coloring or activity books, etc.



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A great selection of gently used books, CDs, and DVDs for sale. This fundraiser benefits the Friends year-round and helps us fulfill our mission to support the Huntley Area Public Library.

Learn More about the Friends

huntleylibraryfriends.org

Information about book sales, meeting dates, fundraisers, membership forms, donation forms, and more can be found on our website.



BOOK DONATIONS

SAVE THE DATE:

MINILINKS @THELIBRARY

Friday, July 18 | 5:30 to 7:30

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 - Inside Out 2

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 to 9 p.m. Friends earn a percentage of all sales!



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WHEN MUSIC WAS MUSIC



Wednesday, July 30 | 5 to 8 p.m.

All Ages

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3

Join us for this wonderful opportunity to watch, listen, and enjoy the Fabulous Falconaires Orchestra who will bring the best of "big band" music from the 1920's to today including Rock and Roll and Disco.

This orchestra is comprised of 17 musicians, a conductor, and a vocalist. Don't miss this opportunity to experience all genres, styles, tempos of American and European, music.



BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, August 21 | 1 to 6 p.m.

Adults

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 <https://tinyurl.com/blooddrive-hapl> or call the Information Desk at 847.669.5386 and press 3. Walk-ins are welcome as the schedule permits.



Art on Display



June Display by Ashley Fuster

The Artist Gallery features artwork by local artists. The exhibits are on display for one month. Local artists are welcome to display their artwork. If you or someone you know would be interested in sharing their art with us, please contact Samantha at sandersen@huntleylibrary.org or 847.669.5386 ext. 225 for more information.