



THE HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

# NEWSLETTER

**NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2025**

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# A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

| FRANK NOVAK



As the days grow shorter and the air turns colder, the library is here as a cozy, welcoming spot for everyone. This season always makes me think of settling in with a good book, and our Winter Reading Program is the perfect way to do the same. Readers of all ages can join in, discover new favorites, and stay connected through the winter.

Of course, the library offers more than books. Whether you come for a program, to try new technology, or to spend time with friends and neighbors, we hope you find something here that brightens your winter.

I'm so grateful for your support and the joy you bring to the library. Wishing you warmth, happiness, and plenty of good stories this holiday season.

Warmly,

Frank Novak

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## HOURS

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

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

Sunday **12PM - 5PM**

## CLOSING

### November 5

Maintenance - Closed all day

### November 26

After 5 p.m. book drop & building closed

### November 27

Thanksgiving - Closed all day

### December 23

After 8 p.m. building & book drop closed

### December 24

Christmas Eve - Closed all day

### December 25

Christmas Day - Closed all day

### December 30

After 8 p.m. building & book drop closed

### December 31

New Years Eve - Closed all day

### January 1

New Years Day - Closed all day

## ONLINE

**Huntley Library:** [huntleypub.org](http://huntleypub.org)

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## ASSISTANCE

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

## WINTER READING 2025



YOU CAN'T MISS OUR

# WINTER READING CHALLENGE!

**STARTING DECEMBER 1ST**

Track your progress, reach reading goals, and discover surprises and prizes along the way! Grab a paper log at the Children's Desk for children's logs and at the Information Desk for adult and teen logs. You can also download one from our website or join online at [huntleylibrary.beanstack.com](https://huntleylibrary.beanstack.com).

GET A LIBRARY CARD  
THIS MONTH AND  
SNAG **FREE MERCH**

## ART ON DISPLAY MARILUZ WELVERS



Display your work in our 2-month gallery exhibit. Contact Samantha at [sandersen@huntleylibrary.org](mailto:sandersen@huntleylibrary.org) or 847-669-5386 ext. 225.

## BIRDS OF A FEATHER READ TOGETHER

**DECEMBER 1 - JANUARY 31**

**ALL AGES**

Logs available at:

**ONLINE READING PROGRAM:** SIGN UP  
AT [HUNTLEYLIBRARY.BEANSTACK.COM](https://HUNTLEYLIBRARY.BEANSTACK.COM)

**PAPER LOGS:** INFORMATION DESK (ADULTS & TEENS),  
CHILDREN'S DESK (CHILDREN), OR ON OUR WEBSITE

## HOLIDAY CARDS TO KEEP AND SHARE

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.**

**AGES 10 TO ADULT**

**Location:** Program Room 3

Join us for Giving Tuesday! Drop in and make cards to keep and cards to share with Heritage Woods of Huntley Assisted Living.

HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC  
**LIBRARY**  
EXPLORE ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES



## REOCCURRING PROGRAMS

### Library Genealogy Resources Workshop: Need Help?

**Monday, November 3 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

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

**Location:** Tech Lab

Get one-on-one genealogy help from Michele May, author and former Sun City Huntley Genealogy Club president. Limited to 8 participants.

**Registration required.**

### Puzzle Club

**Thursday, November 6 | 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Location:** Program Room 3

Love jigsaw puzzles? Join Puzzle Club to socialize while tackling 300- and sometimes 500-piece puzzles! **Registration required.**

### Your Turn: Game Play for Adults

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

Registration begins October 7

**Tuesday, November 18 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

Registration begins October 7

**Tuesday, December 2 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

Registration begins November 11

**Tuesday, December 9 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

Registration begins November 11

**Location:** Program Room 2 or 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.**

### Coloring Club

**Thursday, November 13 | 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Location:** Program Room 1

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

### Foreign Policy Roundtable Discussion

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

Registration begins October 21

**Tuesday, December 16 | 1:30 to 3 p.m.**

Registration begins November 18

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

Join Professor Gary Midkiff to discuss key foreign policy issues. Registrants will receive an article by email. **Registration required.**

### The Fray: Stitchery Club

**Tuesday, November 25 | 10 a.m. to Noon**

**December 30 | 10 a.m. to Noon**

**Location:** Program Room 3

Join the Fray! Share and socialize while working on your knitting, crochet, cross-stitch, or other needlecrafts. **Registration required.**

### The Puzzled Colorists Club

**Thursday, December 11 | 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

Celebrate the holidays with Puzzle and Coloring Clubs! Tackle puzzles or enjoy a coloring page. **Registration required.**

### Alice's Ordinary People

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

**Location:** Program Room 3

Join director Craig Dudnick for a screening of Alice's Ordinary People, honoring the Chicago Freedom Movement. A Q&A with the director will follow.

**Registration required.**

### An Evening with Daniel Kraus

**Thursday, November 6 | 7 to 8 p.m.**

**Location:** McHenry County College Auditorium

McHenry County public libraries are pleased to host Daniel Kraus, the bestselling author of several novels. His latest, Angel Down, is set against a backdrop of World War I. Copies of his titles will be available for purchase and signing at the event thanks to Woodstock bookstore Read Between the Lynes. **Registration required.**

### Conair Glass Blowing Presentation

**Saturday, November 8 | 1 to 4 p.m.**

**Location:** Program Rooms 1 & 2

Join Conair Glass Co. for a live glass blowing demo!

Learn about the history, techniques, and science behind the craft, and browse unique handmade pieces available for purchase (cash or credit).

**Registration required.**



### Mental Health and Dealing with the Holidays

**Thursday, November 13 | 1 to 2:00 p.m.**

**Location:** Program Room 3

Mental Health is very important for all of us for our well-being and sometimes it can be especially hard around the holidays. We will have a representative from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health) come to the library to give us strategies and ways to deal with times when our mental health may be at risk. We all need some help at one time or another, so please join us for this important discussion. **Registration required.**

### McHenry County Treasure: ABCs of McHenry County Property Taxes

**Thursday, November 13 | 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

Join Alex Benitez, Joe Tirio, and Donna Kurtz for a panel on understanding tax bills, exemptions, appeals, fraud alerts, and other taxpayer questions. **Registration required.**

### Making the Most of Social Security

**Wednesday, November 13 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Location:** Program Room 3

Stacy Bromann, of The Dala Group, will provide details on the various filing strategies available to single individuals, married couples, divorced individuals, and widows. These strategies can often provide monthly lifetime Social Security benefits higher than the standard options that are typically selected. Stacy will be covering topics such as Social Security earned income limits and the taxation of Social Security benefits. **Registration required.**

### Sound Therapy with Sven Hansen

**Thursday, November 13 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, December 20 | 10 to 11 a.m.**

**Location:** Program Room 3

Experience how healing sounds can refresh and re-energize you. Sit or lie on your yoga mat and enjoy a peaceful "reset" to start your weekend with a full heart. **Registration required.**

### Dementia and Memory Care

**Wednesday, November 19 | 3 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Location:** Program Room 3

Dr. Dave, a neurologist, from Mercy Health will speak about the warning signs of dementia, the loss of cognitive functioning, which includes thinking, remembering, and reasoning to such an extent that it interferes with a person's daily life and activities. Whether you are experiencing symptoms yourself or you are a caregiver for someone you love, please join us for this very important discussion about aging. **Registration required.**

### Blood Drive

**Thursday, November 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. Register in advance at [tinyurl.com/haplnovdrive](http://tinyurl.com/haplnovdrive) or call the Information Desk at 847.669.5386 and press 3. Walk-ins are welcome as the schedule permits.

### Folded Book Birdhouse Craft

**Sunday, November 30 | 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Upcycle an old book to make a whimsical bird house. **Registration required.**

### Songs of the Silver Screen

**Tuesday, December 2 | 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

**Location:** Program Room 3

Take a break from the busy holiday season and enjoy an afternoon of classic movie songs with John LeGear, one of our favorite music and history presenters. Relive the memories and sing along to your favorites. **Registration required.**

### Flowers Love to Be with People:

#### Hands on flower design for the holidays

**Thursday, December 11 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Location:** Program Room 3

Join us to create a beautiful arrangement to display. A bow, wreath, and swag clinic will be offered. Bring fabric scissors, a non-serrated pairing knife, garden pruner a bolt of holiday ribbon, and a vase or mason jar. **Registration required.**

### William Hazelgrove Titanic

**Thursday, December 18 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

**"They all could have been saved..."**

In just 160 minutes, the Titanic sank into the icy Atlantic. While a third of passengers survived, wireless operators Jack Phillips and Harold McBride helped save many lives. Learn more with William Hazelgrove. **Registration required.**



## Teen Take Home Kit: Leaf Beard Gnomes

Month of November (while supplies last)

Teens/grades 6 – 12

Location: Information Desk

Make an autumn gnome with a colorful leaf beard. Available at the Information Desk starting November 1, while supplies last. **1 kit per teen.**



## Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: Black & White Ruffed Lemurs

Tuesday, November 11 | 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 black & white ruffed lemurs, an endangered species of lemur native to Madagascar. Bring any facts you want to share or questions you have! **Registration required.**

## Art After Dark: Push Light Moon

Thursday, November 20 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6 – 12

Location: Program Room 3

Illuminate the night and make your own glowing moon. **Registration required.**

## Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course

\$65/person

Monday, November 24 | 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.**

- 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.

## Winter Bird Scavenger Hunt

Month of December

Teens/grades 6 – 12

Location: Information Desk

Let's go birding in the library! Find winter birds (in a climate-controlled environment) hidden around the library. Learn a little bit more about birds in the area and solve a puzzle using clues found with each bird. Begin your hunt at the library's Information Desk starting December 1st, where you can pick up a list of birds. Return to the desk when you have finished to receive a prize.

## Teen Take Home Kit: Ornaments

Month of December (while supplies last)

Teens/grades 6 – 12

Location: Information Desk

Choose from icicles, stars, or birds (or make all 3). Available at the Information Desk starting December 1, while supplies last. **1 kit of each variety/teen.**

## Birds of a Feather Read Together Winter Reading Challenge

December 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026

Teens/ages 12 – 18

Join the fun this winter as we read together through the coldest months of the year. Starting December 1, you can pick up a paper reading log at the Information Desk, download a log from our website, or participate online using Beanstack ([huntleylibrary.beanstack.com](http://huntleylibrary.beanstack.com)). Read and earn incentives and entries into our prize drawings.

## Teen Volunteer Project:

Holiday Cards to Keep and Share

Tuesday, December 2 | 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Teens/grades 6 – 12

Location: Program Room 3

Need some volunteer hours? Join us for Giving Tuesday! Drop in and make cards to keep and cards to share with Heritage Woods of Huntley Assisted Living. You do not need to be a registered library volunteer to participate in this volunteer activity. **Drop-in. Register if you want to receive reminders about this event.**

## Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: 'I'iwi

Tuesday, December 9 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6 – 12

Location: Program Room 2

Join us in our exploration of different animal species. This month we'll learn about the 'I'iwi, the scarlet honeycreeper, an iconic Hawaiian bird. Bring any facts you want to share or questions you have! **Registration required.**

## Art After Dark: Felted Birbs

Thursday, December 18 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6 – 12

Location: Program Room 1

Make an adorable, plump bird (known as "birbs" when they're really round and cute) using needle felting techniques. **Registration required.**

## Hot Tea and Titles

Saturday, December 20 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Teens/grades 6 – 12

Location: Program Room 1

Join us for some hot tea and chat about your favorite books and the hottest titles. Bring a book to share. **Registration required.**



## CPR for Teens – \$20/person

Monday, December 29 | 9 a.m. to approx. 12:00 p.m.

(class runs 2.5-3 hours)

Teens/grades 6 – 12

Location: Huntley Fire Station

This American Heart Association certified course will teach Heartsaver CPR/AED training, along with Stop the Bleed and how to prepare for emergencies. Training will be provided by the Huntley Fire Protection District. We will meet at the fire station (located across the street from the library at 11118 Main Street, Huntley, IL 60142). Please make arrangements for pick up at the end of class. **Registration required.**

- Payment by cash or check (checks made out to Huntley Fire Protection District) will need to be made prior to the start of class.

## Yes, And: Improv for Teens

Saturday, January 3 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Teens/grades 6 – 12

Location: Program Room 3

Get ready to laugh, think fast, and get creative with Woodstock Improv! This fun, interactive improv workshop is designed just for teens. Through games and exercises, you'll learn the basics of improv, boost your confidence, improve communication skills, and work together as a team – all while having a great time. No experience needed – just bring your imagination and a willingness to play! **Registration required.**

## Read It and Rate It

Ongoing/monthly

Teens/grades 6 – 12

Write and share your book reviews for a chance to win the monthly prize drawing (\$10 Amazon gift card). Fill out a Read It and Rate It form and submit it before the end of the month. **Paper forms are available at the library's Information Desk, or online at [huntleylibrary.org/riri](http://huntleylibrary.org/riri).**

## HAPL Teen BookMatch

Teens/grades 6 – 12

(and adults who enjoy teen books!)

If you're looking for book/author recommendations, try out our teen book matching service. Fill out the online form and our YA librarian will create a list of up to 5 book recommendations just for you.

Try it out here: [huntleylibrary.org/tbm/](http://huntleylibrary.org/tbm/).

# Preschool AND BABIES

## Preschool Art Explorers

Thursday, November 13 | 12 to 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 4 | 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, November 21 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Friday, December 19 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Location: Program Room 1

Preschoolers are naturally curious. Introduce them to STEAM in a fun and educational way by joining us each month for a new hands-on activity. 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.



# STORY TIMES AT THE LIBRARY

## Adaptive Storytime

Saturday, November 1 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-7 with caregiver

Location: Program Room 2

An interactive story time 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.

November 3, 10, 17

December 1, 8, 15

Ages birth-23 months

Location: Program Room 3

Stories, songs, and playtime.

Weekly registration required.



## Saturday Family Storytime

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

Saturday, December 20 | 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.



## Monarch Monday

Monday, November 10 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Monday, December 8 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Grades K-3

Location: Program Room 1

Learn about the Monarch award, then hear two of the Monarch nominees read aloud along with some hands-on fun!

Registration required.



## Family Storytime

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

November 11, 12, 18, 19

December 2, 3, 9, 16, 17

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.

## Pajamarama

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

Tuesday, December 9 | 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, November 18 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30 | 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, November 20 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Thursday, December 18 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.

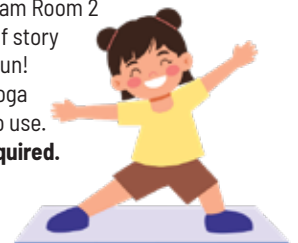
Ages 3-6 to attend on their own

Location: Program Room 2

Thirty minutes of story and movement fun!

Please bring a yoga mat or a towel to use.

Registration required.



# GENRE QUEST

Ongoing

Elementary School Readers

Location: Children's Desk

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?

# kids EVENTS

REGISTER AT [HUNTLEYPUB.ORG/EVENTS](https://huntleypub.org/events)

# kids EVENTS

MOST PROGRAMS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION THE 1ST OF  
PRIOR MONTH AT [HUNTLEYLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS](http://HUNTLEYLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS)

## KIDS IN SCHOOL!

### Junior Readers Book Club

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

Thursday, December 4 | 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Grades K-3 with caregiver

Location: Program Room 3

Calling all chapter book readers and their grown-up sidekicks! Join us as we explore our Junior Fiction collection together. We'll introduce and read books, chat about our favorite characters, and dive into a hands-on activity. **Registration required.**



### Read to a Dog

Saturday, November 22 | 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.**



### Birds of a Feather Read Together Winter Reading Challenge

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Ages 0-12

Have fun coloring as you read and enjoy other winter activities! Starting December 1, you can pick up a paper reading log at the Children's Desk, download a log from our website, or participate online using Beanstack ([huntleylibrary.beanstack.com](http://huntleylibrary.beanstack.com)). **Happy Reading!**



## ARTS & MUSIC

### Builders' Challenge: Gigi Bloks

Monday, November 3 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Ages 5-8

Location: Program Room 2

Come have fun learning and building together with hundreds of oversized, interlocking cardboard blocks. Meet challenges and be creative. **Registration required.**



### Coding Club: Unplugged

Monday, December 1 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Ages 5-8

Location: Program Room 2

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

### Creative Kids 1

Saturday, November 15 | 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.**



## Photos with Santa

Thursday, December 4 | 4, 4:30, 5, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30

Location: Program Room 1

Bring your own camera for a holiday photo session!

Staff will help take photos, and kids can enjoy

music and coloring while they wait.

Afterward, sign up for Winter Reading.

**Registration required.**

**Please register as a family.**



### Dinovember! Burpee Museum Presents Fossils & Paleontology

Monday, November 24 | 10 to 11 a.m. OR

Monday, November 24 | 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Ages 3 and up (under 5 with caregiver)

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Explore Earth's past with museum educators!

Handle real fossils, join hands-on

activities; and discover ancient

Illinois, famous dinosaurs, and

how paleontologists study life

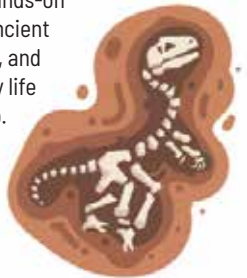
from millions of years ago.

**Please choose one**

**session only;**

**registration required**

**for every attendee.**



### Cocoa & Caring

Wednesday, December 10 | 4:30 to 6 p.m. OR

Wednesday, December 10 | 6 to 7:30 p.m. OR

Saturday, December 13 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Families

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3

Join us this season to give back. Make gifts for

Heritage Woods residents,

birdseed hangers for

backyard birds, and a

family craft to keep.

Enjoy cocoa and treats too.

**Please choose one**

**session only;**

**registration required**

**for every attendee.**





# KIDS OLDER



## The Meet Up

**Monday, November 3 | 5 to 5:45 p.m.**

**Monday, December 1 | 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.**

## Bluestem Book Battle

**Tuesday, November 4 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.**

**Tuesday, December 2 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.**

**Grades 3-5**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Love to read? Like playing competitive games? Are you a team player? This program is for you! Join us as we discuss, play games, and have fun with the twenty books on this year's list.

**Registration required.**



## Coding Club: Scratch

**Tuesday, November 18 | 4:30 to 5:15 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.**

## Builders' Challenge: Domino Chain Reaction

**Saturday, November 29 | 10 to 11 a.m.**

**Ages 8-12**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Join us for a fun, hands-on experience where children build and explore domino setups, learning physics and teamwork through creative play!

**Registration required.**

## Builders' Challenge: Lego

**Thursday, November 13 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 11 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.**

**Ages 8-12**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Put your Lego skills to the test and join us for Lego building challenges. **Registration required.**

## Builders' Challenge: 3Doodler

**Tuesday, December 30 | 2:30 to 3:30 p.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.**

## Dog Man Mania: A Book Release Paw-ty!

**Tuesday, November 11 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.**

**Ages 7-12**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Celebrate the 14th book in this series, Big Jim Believes, with fun activities and a chance to win the book!

**Registration required.**



## Kool Kids Graphic Novel Club

**Monday, November 17 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.**

**Monday, December 15 | 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 & decide what book to read next month. **Registration required.**



## Chess Club

**Wednesday, November 19 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, December 3, 17 | 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.**



# ARTS & MUSIC

## Creative Kids 2

**Saturday, November 15 | 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.**



## Crafty Kids: Hand Warmers

**Monday, December 22 | 1 to 2 p.m.**

**Ages 8-12**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Join us to learn how to make DIY hand warmers using cotton fabric and beans or rice.

You'll learn a little bit of sewing in the process!

**Registration required.**



# Multi-Age and family

## 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.

## Homeschool Hive

**Friday, November 14 | 10 to 11 a.m.**

**Friday, December 19 | 10 to 11 a.m.**

**Ages 5-12 with families**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Explore rotating science and arts activities. Depending on the child's age, some activities may require the assistance of a caregiver.

**Registration required.**



## Crafty Kids: Paper Ornaments

**Tuesday, November 25 | 2 to 2:45 p.m.**

**Ages 5-12**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Come on in for a pleasant afternoon of crafting paper ornaments.

**Registration required.**

## Birds of a Feather Read Together Winter Reading Challenge

**December 1, 2025 - January 31, 2026**

**Ages 0-12**

Have fun coloring as you read and enjoy other winter activities!

Starting December 1, you can pick up a paper reading log at the Children's Desk, download a log from our website, or participate online using Beanstack ([huntleylibrary.beanstack.com](http://huntleylibrary.beanstack.com)). **Happy Reading!**



# kids EVENTS

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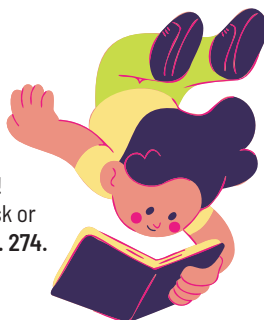
## Book Buddies

Practice Reading with an Adult Volunteer

*Ages 5 and up*

**Location:** Children's Library

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](mailto:cmaloney@huntleylibrary.org) or 847.669.5386 ext. 274.



## Corn Husk Dolls

**Monday, November 10 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

*All Ages*

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

Join us for a family program exploring the history of corn husk dolls! Enjoy an interactive presentation, create your own doll in a hands-on craft session, and finish with fun games that bring the experience together. **Registration required.**

## Dinovember! Burpee Museum Presents

### Fossils & Paleontology

**Monday, November 24 | 10 to 11 a.m. OR**

**Monday, November 24 | 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.**

*Ages 3 and up (under 5 with caregiver)*

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

Explore Earth's past with museum educators! Handle real fossils, join hands-on activities; and discover ancient Illinois, famous dinosaurs, and how paleontologists study life from millions of years ago. **Please choose one session only; registration required for every attendee.**



## Photos from Santa

**Thursday, December 4 | 4, 4:30, 5, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Bring your own camera for a holiday photo session! Staff will help take photos, and kids can enjoy music and coloring while they wait. Afterward, sign up for Winter Reading. **Registration required. Please register as a family.**



## Library Question of the Week

**December 8 to February 8**

*All Ages*

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

Answer our question of the week to be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card to a local business—a new question each Monday at the Information Desk. Limit one entry per week.

## Cocoa & Caring

**Wednesday, December 10 | 4:30 to 6 p.m. OR**

**Wednesday, December 10 | 6 to 7:30 p.m. OR**

**Saturday, December 13 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

*Families*

**Location:** Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3

Join us this season to give back. Make gifts for Heritage Woods residents, birdseed hangers for backyard birds, and a family craft to keep. Enjoy cocoa and treats too.

**Please choose one session only; registration required for every attendee.**



## Marlowe Middle School Orchestra

**Tuesday, Dec 16 | 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

*Ages 5 and up*

**Location:** Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3

The Chamber Orchestra ensembles include students from Heineman Middle School, Marlowe Middle School, and Huntley High School. These after-school groups bring together musicians of varying grades and skill levels, providing an enriching extracurricular experience. **Drop in for the music event!**



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

## 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 One-on-One Computer Classes

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](mailto:mwhisenhunt@huntleylibrary.org).**

## Creative Studio Appointments

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](mailto:awyman@huntleylibrary.org).** See the full list of available equipment at [huntleylibrary.org/creative-studio-appointments](http://huntleylibrary.org/creative-studio-appointments).

## Digital Conversion Appointments

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](mailto:mwhisenhunt@huntleylibrary.org).**

## Available Times:

**Thursday | 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Saturday | 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

## Recording Studio

The library's recording studio lets you record interviews, podcasts, music, or take photos with the greenscreen. Talk to our Recording Studio Technician, **Owen, about your project at [OMisterovich@huntleylibrary.org](mailto:OMisterovich@huntleylibrary.org) or 847.669.5386 ext. 275.**

## Available times for appointments:

**Tuesday & Thursday | 1:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday |**

**9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



## Cricut Throw Pillow Cover

Saturday, November 8 | 1 p.m to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 22 | 1 p.m to 3:00 p.m

Teens and Adults

Location: Creative Studio

Customize your very own throw pillow cover using the Cricut and Cricut EasyPress. Throw pillow cover and vinyl will be provided. **Huntley library card required for registration. Registration required.**

## Paper Christmas tree center piece

Saturday, December 6 | 1 p.m to 3:00 p.m.

Teens and Adults

Location: Creative Studio

Create your very own Christmas tree center piece to get festive for the holidays. **Huntley library card required for registration. Registration required.**

## 3D printed Snow globe

Saturday, December 13 | 1 p.m to 2:00 p.m.

Teens and Adults

Location: Creative Studio

Construct your very own Snow globe with 3D printed accessories for a one of a kind present. **Huntley library card required for registration. Registration required.**

# TECH LAB

## Basic Internet use

Tuesday, November 4 | 10 a.m.

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

Saturday, November 8 | 10 a.m.

Tuesday, November 11 | 10 a.m.

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

Saturday, November 15 | 10 a.m

10 and up

Location: Tech Lab

Learn Internet basics in this one-hour class.

**Registration required.**

## Canva Basics

Tuesday, November 18 | 10 a.m.

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

Saturday, November 22 | 10 a.m.

Tuesday, November 25 | 10 a.m.

Saturday, November 29 | 10 a.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Learn the basics of Canva in this one-hour class.

**Registration required.**

## Help with Word, Excel or PowerPoint

November 19, 26 & Wednesdays in December | 1:00 or 2:00 p.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Register for one session per week and choose a help topic. **Registration required.**



## Dungeons and Dragons - Monday Quest

Mondays | 5 to 7:30 p.m.

November 3, 17

December 1, 15

For Teens and Adults

Location: Program Room 3

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

**Registration required.**

## Dungeons and Dragons - Wednesday Quest

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

November 12, 19, 26

December 3, 10, 17

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 for Beginners Free Play

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

November 6, 13, 20

December 4, 11, 18

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

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

November 7, 14, 21

December 5, 12, 19

Ages 10 and up

Location: Tech Lab

Play Minecraft in Survival Mode. Staff monitored. **Registration required.**

## Minecraft in December

Tuesday, December 2 | 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 4 | 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 6 | 10 a.m.

Tuesday, December 9 | 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 11 | 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 13 | 10 a.m.

Tuesday, December 16 | 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 18 | 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 20 | 10 a.m.

10 and up

Location: Tech Lab

Join us this December for two hours of Minecraft freeplay where you can build, explore, and let your imagination run wild. **Registration required.**



## Windows 10 vs Windows 11

Monday, November 3 | 5 to 6: 00 p.m.

Location: Tech Lab

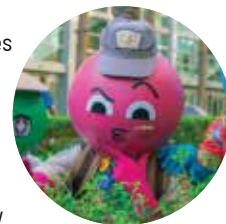
Join Kevin Stringer for an in-depth tech talk comparing Windows 10 and Windows 11. Learn about the key differences, new features, and practical tips to make the most of each operating system. Whether you're considering an upgrade or just want to get more out of your PC, this session is packed with insights for users of all levels. **Registration required.**

## Advanced Intro to Cosplay

Monday, November 6 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

An introduction to making cosplay pieces like foam armor, 3D printed props, and how to go about making custom models. Come and learn more about how some cosplayers make their creations. **Registration required.**



## Who's Watching You

Monday, November 10 | 5 to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Tech Lab

Join Aimé DeLattre for an eye-opening tech talk on how companies collect your data online. Learn what information is gathered, why it's collected, and how it's used. Aimé will also share practical tips and strategies to help you protect your privacy and stay safer while browsing the web. **Registration required.**

## The History of Electronic Music

Tuesday, November 18 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Explore the evolution of electronic music with our Recording Studio Technician, Owen Misterovich. From its early experimental roots to modern-day sounds, this talk dives into the history, technology, and artists that shaped electronic music, giving you a deeper appreciation for the beats and melodies we enjoy today. **Registration required.**



### General Meetings

**Friday, November 21 | 11 a.m.**

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

Program: Turkey Trivia & Holiday Basket Preview  
Prizes for Turkey Trivia winners. All attendees will receive two Holiday Basket raffle tickets!

**Registration required.**

**Friday, December 19 | 11 a.m.**

**Location:** Program Room 2 & 3

**Join us for light refreshments and holiday cheer!**

Holiday basket winners will be drawn at 11:30 a.m.

**Registration required.**

### December Book Sale

**Saturday, December 6 | 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 7 | Noon to 4 p.m.**

**Sunday Only: \$10/bag, or 2 for \$15**

*All Ages*

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

The sale includes a visit from Santa, holiday books, music, and DVDs for all ages.

**Friends Members Only Sale:**

**Friday, December 5 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

If you are not a Friend and would like to become a member, visit the library for a membership form or download a membership form at:  
[huntleylibraryfriends.org](http://huntleylibraryfriends.org).



### #GIVINGTUESDAY

**Tuesday, December 2**

#GivingTuesday is a global day dedicated to giving back to your community. On the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, people around the world will come together to celebrate generosity and give back.

Please consider a donation to the Friends Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity. Money raised by the Friends supports programming for all ages, electronic resources, Large Print books and other library projects.

### How to Donate

1. Cash or Check Donations: Deliver your donation to the library or mail to: Huntley Library Friends Foundation, 11000 Ruth Road, Huntley, IL 60142.

2. Credit Card Donations:

Visit [www.huntleylibraryfriends.org](http://www.huntleylibraryfriends.org), click on the "Make a Payment or Donation" button and follow the instructions.

### Holiday Baskets

**November 21 – December 18**

**Raffle Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5**

**Tickets on sale at the Information Desk beginning November 21**

Baskets will be on display in the Art Gallery Hallway.

Winners will be drawn during the Friends December General Meeting on Friday, December 19.

Basket themes will include electronics, cash, dining out and grocery store gift cards, lottery tickets, Lego sets, Morke's Chocolates, and more! Baskets will be listed on the Friends website beginning November 15 at [huntleylibraryfriends.org](http://huntleylibraryfriends.org).

How to purchase tickets:

1. Cash or check: Purchase at the library Information Desk beginning November 21.
2. Credit Card: Purchase tickets online using a credit card beginning November 21.
  - a. Visit [huntleylibraryfriends.org](http://huntleylibraryfriends.org) to view the baskets
  - b. Click the Make a Donation or Payment button
  - c. Enter the total amount for all the tickets you are purchasing
  - d. On the next screen click on: Add special instructions to the seller. Type in the basket number and number of tickets you would like for each basket.
  - e. Complete the payment information. You will receive a confirmation email.



### 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: [huntleylibraryfriends.org](http://huntleylibraryfriends.org).

**Individuals, \$10**

**Family Membership, \$15**

**Book Lovers, \$50**

**Lifetime Membership, \$100**

**Corporate Lifetime Membership, \$250**

### Corner Books – Always Available, Refreshed Daily

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.

### BOOK DONATIONS

**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.

### Learn More about the Friends

**[huntleylibraryfriends.org](http://huntleylibraryfriends.org)**

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



## Library District Box Holder

Socialize with us:



# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS YOU CAN'T MISS

### Over There: The War to End All Wars

**Saturday, November 1 | 2 to 3 p.m.**

**Location:** Algonquin Public Library Main Library

Terry Lynch will present how World War I resulted in "a world turned upside down." This war, more than any other, brought with it major changes to the leadership in Europe, changes in warfare, and changes to society, especially for women. **Register here:** [aapld.libnet.info/event/13814273](http://aapld.libnet.info/event/13814273)

### Photos from Santa

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**Location:** Program Room 1

Bring your own camera for a holiday photo session! Staff will help take photos, and kids can enjoy music and coloring while they wait. Afterward, sign up for Winter Reading.

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### Dakotah Henn

**Saturday, December 13 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Teens & Adults**

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

Join Dakotah Henn as he discusses his past, present, and future research on amphibians across the world. Dakotah has traversed places like the montane cloud forests and wetlands of Costa Rica in search of unique frogs! Dakotah will provide an interactive opportunity in addition to his presentation. **Registration required.**



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