

THE HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER



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

May 1 - May 2

Carpet Replacement Project - Only Children's Area, Program Rooms, and Vending Machine Area Closed

May 15

In Service - Closed early at 1 p.m.

May 25

Memorial Day - Closed All Day

ONLINE

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

PLANT A SEED, READ

SUMMER READING

JUNE 1 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!

MATT SANDBANK'S SHADOW FACTORY: A WILD GOOSE CHASE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 | 10 TO 10:45 A.M.

AGES 4 TO 12 WITH FAMILIES

Puppets, poems, and pandemonium! Poetry springs hilariously to life as soon as Matt Sandbank's shadow puppets hit the screen! A Wild Goose Chase is a series of witty, whimsical stories and verses that introduce young people to the joy of wordplay. **Registration required for every person attending.**

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)

STORYTIME IN THE PARK

DROP IN FOR STORIES, SONGS, & OUTDOOR FUN!



JUNE 9 PARISEK PARK

(OUTDOOR SEATING EAST OF THE HUNTLEY LIBRARY)

JUNE 30 LEROY GUY PARK

(ANNANDALE DRIVE, LAKE IN THE HILLS)

HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC
LIBRARY
EXPLORE ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES



ADULT EVENTS

REOCCURRING PROGRAMS

DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution)

First Sunday of the month

Sunday, May 3 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Sunday, June 7 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Volunteer genealogists from the Fox River Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will offer one-on-one help with genealogical questions. For more information, email frvdar@gmail.com. **Drop-in.**

Library Genealogy Resources Workshop

Monday, May 4th | 10 to 11:30 a.m.

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

Location: Tech Lab

Get help with genealogy research challenges. Michele May will offer one on one support using the library's databases. Limited to 8 participants. **Registration required.**

Your Turn: Game Play for Adults

Tuesday, May 5 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Registration begins April 7

Tuesday, May 12 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Registration begins April 7

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

Registration begins May 5

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

Registration begins May 5

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.**



Puzzle Club

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

Location: Program Room 2

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

The Fray: Stitchery Club

Mondays, May 11 and June 8 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesdays, May 26 and June 30 | 10 a.m. to Noon

Location: Program Room 3

Tuesday, May 26, 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.**

Coloring Club

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

Location: Program Room 3

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

Kraft Club with Abby & Lizzie

Thursdays, May 14, 28 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Thursdays, June 4, 18 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Program Room 2

Miss art class? Join Lizzie & Abby for fun, relaxing crafts—from zentangles to name pennants—focusing on self-love and mindfulness. Supplies provided or bring your own!

Registration required.

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Tuesday, May 19 | 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Registration begins April 21

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

Registration begins May 19

Location: Program Room 3

Join us for Great Decisions, a guided discussion on current global issues. May's topic is Ruptured Alliances and Nuclear Risk, and June covers Ukraine and European Security. Materials are available at the library beforehand. **Registration required.**

A Sound Healing Experience with the Poetry of

Walt Whitman: Sven Hansen

Thursday, May 21 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 25 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Program Room 2

Sven Hansen, poet and troubadour, performs the original 1855 edition of *Leaves of Grass*, bringing Whitman's revolutionary work to life. Combining poetry with the healing power of sound, Sven—a certified sound healer—uses instruments and memorized verse to guide participants through a calming, meditative experience.

Registration required.

The Puzzled Colorists Club

Thursday, June 4 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Socialize while working on jigsaw puzzles or enjoying a soothing coloring sheet.

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 jclark-moran@huntleylibrary.org.

Bea Pedersen Presents:

From Perseverance to Hope

Thursday, May 7 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Based on her book, *After Seven When The Rates Are Cheaper*, Bea is an Author and A Dynamic Keynote Speaker Who will Inspire, Motivate, and Transform. Bea Pedersen has spent her life sharing her faith and life's achievements through the delightful art of storytelling. Her whimsical, and sometimes acerbic wit, uplifts and inspires all with whom she has shared these colorful tales. **Registration required.**

Flowers Love to Be With People

Mother's Day with Sven Oscar Hansen

Thursday, May 7 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Join us to create a beautiful arrangement to display.

How to Easily Construct and Design Beautiful Floral Pieces for Mother's Day and Spring — and Year-Round. Join Sven, a floral designer with 20 years of experience, for a hands-on workshop that will inspire your creativity and give you the confidence to design your own fresh flower arrangements. You'll learn: The basic principles of floral design and how to create your own arrangement. Practical, easy-to-follow skills you can use year-round. **Registration required.**

What to bring:

- A bunch or two of fresh flowers from your local grocery store
- A small or medium vase (a mason jar works too)
- Garden pruners
- A paring knife (non-serrated)
- Come ready to design, create, and leave with your own beautiful floral pieces!

An Evening with Jane Hamilton & Elizabeth Berg

Tuesday, May 12 | 7 to 8 p.m.

Location: Luecht Auditorium McHenry

Join us for a special literary event with authors Jane Hamilton and Elizabeth Berg, celebrated for their rich characters and evocative storytelling. They'll discuss their Midwestern roots, craft, and upcoming work. Books will be available for purchase and signing from Read Between the Lynes. **Registration required.**

The Falconaires Orchestra

Wednesday, May 13 | 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3

The FABULOUS Falconaires Orchestra, founded in 2008 by Alfred F. Tenuta, Jr., performs big band, rock, and disco hits. This 17-member ensemble, with conductor and vocalist, celebrates music "When Music Was Music." **Registration required.**



Capone's Vault - The Real Story of the Biggest Disaster in Television History**Thursday, May 14 | 6 to 7 p.m.****Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

Al Capone's vaults that would define Geraldo Rivera's career and change television forever. Coinciding with the 40th anniversary of the broadcast, join us for an inside look at the historic televised reveal of Al Capone's vaults that would define Geraldo Rivera's career and change television forever.

Registration required.**Founding Families of Huntley Celebrating 175 Years of History 1851-2026****Saturday, May 16 | 10 to 11 a.m.****Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

As Huntley celebrates its 175th anniversary, the Library's Local History Department highlights the town's earliest settlers and their contributions. This program explores the lives of pioneer families who left home in search of new opportunities.

Registration required.**Life after Death: Probate Records Clues to Your Ancestors' Lives****Sunday, May 17 | 2 to 3 p.m.****Location:** Program Room 3

Professional genealogist, Kimberly Nagy will show us what we can learn about our ancestors' lives by studying the estate records created after their death. Not just family information but clues to their occupations, education level, and interests.

Registration required.**Blood Drive****Thursday, May 21 | 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-may-drive or call the Information Desk at 847.669.5386 and press 3. Walk-ins are welcome as the schedule permits.

Christine Feliciano: Your Inner Poet**Thursday, May 28 | 6 to 7 p.m.****Location:** Program Room 2

Poetry, Expression, and Reflection.

Your Inner Poet invites participants to slow down and shape their thoughts into verse. Through prompts, readings, and shared reflection, this class explores poetry as a tool for self-expression, observation, and connection. Open to all levels, you'll leave with new writing and renewed confidence in your creative voice. **Registration required.**

Birds, Bees, & Butterflies:**Plant Your Own Pollinator Garden****Monday, June 8 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.****Location:** Program Room 3

Sarah Michehl, The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, will give us easy tips & information on gardening with native plant communities that will provide beauty and everything a pollinator could need. **Registration required.**

Puzzle Exchange**Accepting Puzzles: June 10 to June 12****Exchange: Saturday, June 13 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.****Sale: Sunday, June 14 | Noon to 4 p.m.****Location:** Drop off at Information Desk;

Exchange in Program Room 1

Trade your no-longer-used puzzles of any difficulty for "new" ones! For each puzzle you drop off at the Information Desk beginning June 10, you will receive a coupon good for a "new" puzzle! The exchange takes place June 13 and 14. Puzzles may be purchased without a coupon on June 14. **No missing pieces and please tape/rubber band puzzle boxes.**

Worldwide Knit in Public Day**Saturday, June 13 | 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.****All Ages****Location:** Huntley Conference Room

Come celebrate Knit in Public Day at the library!

Knitters and all fiber crafters can bring their projects to work on. Enjoy the camaraderie of crafting with other fellow stitchers! We'll start congregating at 11 a.m. Hang out with us for a couple of hours or all day! We'll take photos of you and your project (or just your project) to post to our online gallery so our community can see what kinds of projects fiber artists work on. Check in at the Information Desk to be entered into drawings for prizes. **Drop-in.**

Learn to Knit**Saturday, June 13****Session 1: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.****Session 2: 1 to 2 p.m.****Session 3: 3 to 4 p.m.****Ages 10 and up****Location:** Huntley Conference Room

Not a knitter, but want to be one? We're offering three basic sessions of "Learn to Knit." We'll show you how to cast on and how to do the knit stitch. Practice for a bit and then join the Worldwide Knit in Public Day. **Registration required. Please sign up for only one session.**

**Aldo Leopold and Our Relationship to the Land****Tuesday, June 23 | 7 to 8 p.m.****Location:** Raue Center - Crystal Lake

Environmentalist Jennifer Sterling traces the pivotal moments in land conservationist Aldo Leopold's life—from his childhood observations to his work as a forester and professor—that shaped his evolving view of humanity's role in the natural world. Framed within the broader social and ecological changes of his time, the presentation culminates in sharing the meaning of a "land ethic": Leopold's enduring call for a moral and ethical relationship between people and the land. **Registration required.**

THE BUSINESS CORNER**AT&T Helping Our Community with Technology****Location:** Tech Lab**Adults 55+**

Charlie L., Sr. Specialist with AT&T will teach you how to use a smartphone, iPads, and other smart devices.

Registration required.**Series 1:** Getting to Know your Smart Device.**Monday, April 20 | 1 to 3:00 pm**

What phone model do you have and what functions would you like to learn more about? Lecture and Q&A.

Series 2: Texting, Voicemail, and More.**Monday, May 18 | 1 to 3:00 pm**

We'll cover the basics like sending and reading text messages, checking and managing voicemail, and understanding common phone features.

Series 3: Emails and How to Protect Your Identity.**Monday, June 22 | 1 to 3:00 pm**

Any final questions on the basics? We'll also cover emails, tips for avoiding and preventing identity theft, and a general introduction to social media.

Maximizing Your Retirement**Tuesday, May 12 | 6 to 7 p.m.****Location:** Program Room 2

Join Kevin Mooney with Vestgen Wealth Partners to learn about Retirement: It isn't one decision, it's a series of choices that quietly add up, especially in the first 5-10 years. Whether you're two years out or ten years in, you can explore actionable frameworks and key planning considerations to help advance your retirement strategy. One poorly timed withdrawal can create a tax bill you didn't see coming. One stretch of market volatility without a plan can, in some cases, permanently alter income.

Registration required.**Career Coaching by former CEO Chuck Passarelli Resume and Interview Preparation****Wednesday, May 20 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.****Wednesday, June 17 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.****Location:** Tech Lab

Join former CEO Chuck Passarelli for an in-depth session on job search preparation, focusing on effective resumes and interview skills. Attendees will gain a complete edge and may schedule personal career counseling sessions by appointment.

Registration required.**Intro to AI****Thursday, June 18 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.****Location:** Program Room 3

Join Ted Hill for an engaging Tech Talk on Artificial Intelligence in Program Room 3. This 30-minute lecture, followed by a Q&A session, will break down what AI is, introduce key concepts like Machine Learning, Neural Networks, Generative AI, and Large Language Models, and explore its growing role in daily life and the workplace. Learn practical ways to use AI, understand important considerations like privacy and accuracy, and get a glimpse of future trends and opportunities for continued learning.

Registration required.

TECH LAB

Excel Basics

Tuesday, May 5 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 7 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9 | 10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 12 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 14 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 16 | 10 a.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Learn the basics of how to use Excel in this 1-hour class. **Registration required.**

Advanced 3D Modeling in Blender

Tuesday, May 19 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 21 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 23 | 10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 26 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 28 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 30 | 10 a.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Follow a Blender tutorial in a 2-hour class. Bring a flash drive to save your project.

Registration required.

RECORDING STUDIO

DIY Recording Basics

Tuesday, May 19 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Location: Recording Studio

Learn how to start recording at home. This hands on class is great for musicians, podcasters, and anyone curious about recording technology. **Huntley Library card and registration required.**

Podcast Interviewing

Tuesday, June 16 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Location: Recording Studio

Learn interview basics, craft questions, prepare, and feel confident on the mic with hands on practice in a real studio. **Huntley Library card and registration required.**

CREATIVE STUDIO

Mother's Day Apron

Saturday, May 2 or 9 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Cricut Tote Bag

Saturday, June 13 or 27 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Create a custom Mother's Day apron in this hands-on Cricut workshop—design, cut, and heat press your own heartfelt gift. **Huntley Library card and registration required.**

Create a gardening-themed tote! Use a Cricut to design and cut your graphic, then transfer it onto a reusable bag with a heat press. **Huntley Library card and registration required.**

MINECRAFT

Minecraft Java Edition Summer Free play

Tuesdays, June 2, 9, & 30 | 2:30 p.m.

Thursdays, June 4, 11, & 25 | 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays, June 6 & 27 | 10 a.m.

Ages 7 & up

Location: Tech Lab

Tech Trainer will assist and oversee this 2-hour session. **Registration required.**

Minecraft Free Play

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

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

May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30

June 5, 6, 12, 26, 27

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.

May 7, 14, 21, 28

June 4, 11, 25

Ages 7 & up

Location: Tech Lab

Play Minecraft with guidance from our

Technology Trainer. **Registration required.**

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Dungeons and Dragons - Monday Quest

Mondays | 5 to 7:30 p.m.

May 4, 18 & June 1, 15

Teens & Adults

Location: Program Room 3

Players may join the quest at any time.

Registration required: Register for one quest.

Dungeons and Dragons - Wednesday Quest

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

May 6, 13, 20, 27 & June 3, 10, 24

Ages 12 & up

Location: Program Room 2

Players may join the quest at any time.

Registration required: Register for one quest.

TECH TALKS

Everyday AI for Personal Life:

Learn · Try · Refine

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Registration required in sequence.

Session 1: Intro to AI for Everyday Life

Tuesday, May 5 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Intro into AI and LLMs—what they can and can't do. Explore everyday uses like travel, budgeting, learning, and wellness, plus tips for safe, ethical use and creating effective prompts.

Session 2: Hands-On Use Cases

Tuesday, May 12 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Bring a personal task, set a goal, choose a tool, and build repeatable workflows with guided prompt help.

Session 3: Tune-Up & Next Steps

Tuesday, May 19 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Show & Tell: review results, refine prompts, explore light automation (privacy-first), plus take-home resources and a practice plan.

PC Basics for Seniors

Wednesdays

May 13 | 11 am to Noon

June 10 | 11 am 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.**

Intro to Excel:

Everyday Skills for Your Personal Life

Location: Tech Lab

Join our three-part hands-on Microsoft Excel series—no prior experience needed.

Registration required in sequence.

Session 1: Excel Basics & Building Confidence

Tuesday, June 9 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Explore Excel basics: rows, columns, cells, and worksheets. Enter data, use Autofill, format quickly, and save your files.

Session 2: Introduction to formulas & functions

Tuesday, June 16 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn essential functions like SUM, AVERAGE, MIN/MAX, and COUNT. Sort and filter data, freeze rows and columns, and create basic charts.

Session 3: Creating simple household budgets

Tuesday, June 23 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Create lists and trackers for pantry items, medications, and tasks. Learn basic calendars, habit tracking, and tips to stay organized.

Introduction to Microsoft Word: Create, Format, and Share Documents

Tuesday, May 26 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Join us for a hands-on intro to Microsoft Word. Learn to create and edit documents, format text, use bullet points and simple tables, and save, print, or export as PDFs. Follow along on Tech Lab laptops with guided exercises—no experience needed. **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: huntleypub.org/rii.

HAPL Teen BookMatch

Ongoing/monthly

Teens/grades 6-12 (& 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: huntleypub.org/tbm/.

Teen Take Home Kit: Mini Lightsabers

Month of May (while supplies last)

Teens/grades 6 - 12

Location: Information Desk

Construct a lightsaber out of the materials in this kit and learn a little bit about simple circuits. **1 kit/teen.**

Teen Photo Challenge: Spring Flower(s)

Month of May

Teens/grades 6 - 12

Location: Information Desk

Share an original spring flower photo you took for a chance to win a gift card! Photograph a spring-blooming flower this month and submit your entry at the Information Desk or online (huntleypub.org/teenphotochallenge) by May 31, 2026. A winner will be selected from all submissions.

Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: Bees (and other stripy, buzzy friends)

Tuesday, May 12 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

This month we'll learn about bees and other bee-like insects so you can identify them in the wild. Bring any questions you have. **Registration required.**

Nature Journals

Saturday, May 23 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Keep your own nature journal! We'll provide journals and some supplies and guidance on getting started. **Registration required.**

Women in Space Exploration

Tuesday, May 26 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12 + Adults

Location: Program Room 3

Michelle Nichols from the Adler Planetarium showcases the women behind human spaceflight, from early aviators to space exploration pioneers. Discover their groundbreaking stories! **Registration required.**

Art After Dark: Grid Trees

Thursday, May 28 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Create a colorful tree scene using markers and a grid pattern. **Registration required.**

Plant a Seed, Read: Teen Summer Reading Challenge

June 1 - 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 (huntleypub.beanstack.com/reader365).

Teen Take Home Kit: Avocado Stuffies

Month of June

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk

Make an adorable avocado stuffie. Some sewing required. Available at the Information Desk starting June 1, while supplies last. 1 kit/teen.

Teen Photo Challenge: Summer Fun

Month of June

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk

Share an original summer fun photo (taken by you) for a chance to win a gift card prize. What fun things are you doing this summer? Take a photo to capture the moment! A winner will be selected from the submissions received. Submit your photos using the forms available at the Information Desk or online (huntleypub.org/teenphotochallenge) by June 30, 2026.

Bouquet Buffet

Thursday, June 4 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Ages 10+, teens, & adults

Location: Program Room 2

Make your own bouquet of paper flowers to take home. Allow at least 20-30 minutes to make flowers. **Drop in; register if you would like to receive a reminder.**

CPR for Teens - \$25/person

Monday, June 8 | 9 a.m. to approx. 12 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 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. **\$25 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.**

Paint a Pot

Tuesday, June 9 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 2

Paint a pot and plant it up (or use it for organizing). You'll decorate a terra cotta plant with acrylic paint and go home with some seeds to start. **Registration required.**

TEEN EVENTS

REGISTER AT HUNTLEYPUB.ORG/EVENTS

Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: Red Fox

Tuesday, June 16 | 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 red foxes - one of the wild canines that live in our area. Bring any facts you want to share or questions you have.

Registration required.

Floral Picture Frames

Thursday, June 18 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

We'll use a variety of flowers to decorate our picture frames. Add the photo of your choice at home!

Registration required.

Art After Dark: Party Cow Paintings

Thursday, June 25 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 1

We'll use acrylic paints to create these festive bovines. **Registration required.**

Paper Bag Sunflowers

Monday, June 29 | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12 + adults

Location: Creative Studio

Drop in and make a paper bag sunflower! Takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. **Drop in; register if you would like to receive a reminder.**



Henna Art

Tuesday, June 30 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 1

Learn about the art of henna and receive a temporary henna design from artist, Rebecca Huston of Heathen Ink Tattoo. We will have extra henna cones available for program attendees to experiment with as well. **Registration and a parent/guardian-signed permission form required.**





STORYTIMES AT THE LIBRARY

BabyPalooza

Mondays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

May 4, 11, 18

June 8, 15, 29

Ages Birth-23 months with caregiver

Location: Program Room 3

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



Pajamarama

Tuesday, May 12 | 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9 | 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.

May 5, 6, 12, 13

June 2, 3, 10, 16, 24

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, May 16 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 6 | 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.



Supported Storytime

Saturday, May 9 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-7 with caregiver

Location: Program Room 2

An interactive storytime for children of all abilities who prefer a small group setting. This program is structured with a visual schedule and includes picture books, songs, and movement activities under sensory-friendly lighting. **Registration required.**



Stories for School Kids

Tuesday, May 19 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, June 23 | 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.



Monarch Monday

Monday, May 11 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Grades K-3

Location: Program Room 1

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



Yoga Storytime

Thursday, May 28 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Thursday, June 25 | 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.



Storytime in the Park

Tuesdays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

June 9 | Parisek Park (outdoor seating just to the east of Huntley Area Public Library)

June 30 | LeRoy Guy Park (Annandale Drive between Whitmore and Windgate, Lake in the Hills)

Families

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





Preschool AND BABIES

Preschool Art Explorers

Thursday, May 7 | 12 to 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 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.



Sensory Shenanigans

Tuesday, May 26 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages Birth - 23 months

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 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.**

Little STEAMers

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

Friday, June 19 | 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.



KIDS IN SCHOOL!



Junior Readers Book Club

Thursday, May 7 | 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, June 4 | 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, May 30 | 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.

Amazing Animals: Snakes

Tuesday, June 2 | 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.**

Journey from Farm to Table

Thursday, June 4 | 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Ages 6-10

Location: Program Room 1

Discover how farmers grow raw materials and how they're turned into everyday foods. Kids will explore the farm-to-table process in a fun, simple way. **Registration required.**

ARTS & MUSIC

Creative Kids 1

Thursday, May 28 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 27 | 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.**



Stories & STEM Outside!

Tuesday, June 16 | 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Ages 5-8

Location: Benches east of the library or Program Room 1

Let's meet outside and make our own bubble wands! We'll start with a story to capture our imaginations. Then we'll use a variety of materials to build a bubble wand and try them out. Meet at the outdoor story area on the east side of the building.

Registration required.

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The Meet Up

Monday, May 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.**

Page Masters Book Club

Tuesday, May 5 | 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9 | 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Grades 3-6

Location: Program Rooms 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.**

Chess Club

Wednesdays, May 6, 20 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Wednesdays, June 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.**

Kool Kids Graphic Novel Club

Monday, May 18 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Monday, June 22 | 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 month. **Registration required.**



Learn to Knit

Saturday, June 13

Session 1: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Session 2: 1 to 2 p.m.

Session 3: 3 to 4 p.m.

Ages 10 and up

Location: Huntley Conference Room

Not a knitter, but want to be one? We're offering three basic sessions of "Learn to Knit." We'll show you how to cast on and how to do the knit stitch. Practice for a bit and then join the Worldwide Knit in Public Day. **Registration required. Please sign up for only one session.**

Be Internet Awesome

Tuesday, June 23 | 10:30 to 11:30 a.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.**

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?

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Crafty Kids: Recycled T-Shirt Tote Bag

Wednesday, May 27 | 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1

Bring an old favorite t-shirt and learn how to turn it into a tote bag! **Registration required.**

Creative Kids 2

Thursday, May 28 | 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

Saturday, June 27 | 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.



Bean Mosaic Art

Thursday, June 18 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Ages 7-12

Location: Program Room 1

Discover how to transform everyday beans into stunning mosaic art. **Registration required.**

Crochet for Beginners

Tuesday, June 30 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Ages 8-12 (8 & 9 with caregiver)

Location: Program Room 1

Learn the basics of crochet! Children will learn how to make a slip knot and will make their first chain. They can turn their chain into a bracelet or bookmark. **Registration required.**



Coding Club: Scratch

Wednesday, May 13 | 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.**

Makey Makey for Beginners

Wednesday, June 10 | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Tech Lab

Draw your own circuit and use Makey Makey to turn your drawing into a computer touchpad. **Registration required.**

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The Falconaires Orchestra

Wednesday, May 13 | 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3

The FABULOUS Falconaires Orchestra's Story. The Falconaires Orchestra is a group of professional musicians founded and organized in March of 2008 by Alfred F. Tenuta, Jr as a State of Illinois Registered 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization. The Orchestra is a "5/4/4/4" organization comprised of seventeen (17) musicians, a conductor and a vocalist. The Orchestra's musical focus is BIG BAND, ROCK and DISCO music to please a variety of clients and audiences under its theme of "When Music Was Music." **Registration required.**

Happy Birthday Huntley!

Monday, June 1 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: Program Room 1, 2, & 3

Come celebrate the 175th birthday of Huntley and kick off the Plant a Seed, Read summer reading program. There will be fun party games, a chance to plant a real seed, and enjoy Kona Ice and the Lake in the Hills Rec2U Van (between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.). **Drop-in.**



Plant a Seed, Read Summer Reading Challenge

June 1 to 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.



Chalk it Up!

Friday, June 5 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Location: East Sidewalk

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

Huntley 158 Raiders Read Together Summer Reading Program

Mondays

June 8, 15, 22, & 29 | 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

July 6 | 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Elementary families

Location: Program Rooms 1 & 2

Huntley Community School District 158 is once again partnering with the Huntley Area Public Library to host its summer reading program, Raiders Read Together. This year's book is *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary. Each session will include a chapter read-aloud with guest readers, followed by a craft or activity related to the book. Students will also have the chance to plan their own travel adventure by visiting local businesses. Books and a reading schedule/bookmark will be provided to Huntley 158 families of elementary students at the end of the school year. **Registration is not required**, and parents/guardians must accompany their child/children to the sessions. Questions can be directed to communications@district158.org. **Drop-in.**

Write Your Story, Huntley!

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

Location: Program Room 2

Please join us for a village-wide, multigenerational opportunity to write your story in celebration of Huntley's 175th and the Library's Local History Department's 25th Anniversaries. Our dynamic and fun guest speaker Tina Beard will guide and inspire us on how to "Put Pen to Paper" and get started Writing Your Story. Tina is the owner of Tamarack Genealogy and lectures nationally. She is the 1st Vice President of the Illinois State Genealogical Society and board director for the Oswegoland Heritage Association. If inspired, we hope you will Write Your Story, Huntley! and share it with us. Submissions for our collection of essays and poems are due by 7/31/26, email to lh@huntleylibrary.org. Remember, Together We Build Huntley's History. **Registration required.**

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.

Homeschool Hive

Friday, May 8 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Ages 5-12 with families

Location: Program Room 1 & 2

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

Registration required.



K-Pop Demon Hunters Quest

Monday, June 8 | 4 to 5 p.m.

Ages 6-12

Location: Program Room 1 & 2

K-Pop beats, games, and prizes! Join the ultimate K-Pop Quest! **Registration required.**

Matt Sandbank's Shadow Factory: A Wild Goose Chase!

Wednesday, June 17 | 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Ages 4-12 with families

Location: Program Room 1, 2, & 3

Puppets, poems, and pandemonium! Poetry springs hilariously to life as soon as Matt Sandbank's shadow puppets hit the screen! A Wild Goose Chase is a series of witty, whimsical stories and verses that introduce young people to the joy of wordplay. **Registration required for every person attending.**

Worldwide Knit in Public Day

Saturday, June 13 | 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All Ages

Come celebrate Knit in Public Day at the library! Knitters and all fiber crafters can bring their projects to work on. Enjoy the camaraderie of crafting with other fellow stitchers! Hang out with us for a couple of hours or all day! We'll take photos of you and your project (or just your project) to post to our online gallery so our community can see what kinds of projects fiber artists work on. Check in at the Information Desk to be entered into drawings for prizes.

Drop-in.



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General Meetings

No May General Meeting

Friday, June 19 | 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Everyone is welcome to attend – you do not need to be a Friends member!

Program: What's Popping at the Recording Studio with Owen Misterovich

Find out what the HAPL recording studio offers:

Music recording, podcast production, and video production. Hear about some projects Owen has worked on since starting work here, such as a 6-person podcast, an experimental jazz record, poetry recordings, video podcasts, and more. He will also go over the guidelines of the studio. The presentation is followed by a Question & Answer period.

May Luncheon Fundraiser

Friday, May 15 | 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3

\$40 per Person Adults

Purchase tickets until May 7.

Seating is limited.

June Book Sale

Saturday, June 13 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 14 | Noon to 4 p.m.

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Friends Members Only Sale: Friday, June 12, 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.



SAVE THE DATE - Minilinks@thelibrary:

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

Ready for a friendly game of Minilinks@thelibrary?

Don't forget to save the date.

This event takes place the same day as the Village of Huntley's Movie in the Park, featuring Miracle (1980 Olympic hockey). The movie begins at dusk.

Support the library by becoming a Friends Foundation Member

Not a member? Join us and support the library.

Apply at the library or visit our website at huntleylibraryfriends.org.

Individuals, \$10

Family Membership, \$15

Book Lovers, \$50

Lifetime Membership, \$100

Corporate Lifetime Membership, \$250

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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.

BOOK DONATIONS

Best time to Drop-off Items:

Monday through Friday | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We encourage patrons who would like assistance unloading donations to please call ahead. Please do not include other items with your donations!