

THE HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2026



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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.**

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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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HOURS

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

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

Sunday **12PM - 5PM**

CLOSING

September 6

After 5 p.m. Building & Book Drop Closed

September 7

Labor Day - Closed All Day

October 16 - 20

CCS Library Network Offline

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SHOW US YOUR SPOOKY STYLE



JOIN US WITH OUR ANNUAL COSTUME CONTEST

CATEGORY 1 | AGES 1-12

CATEGORY 2 | AGES 13-18

CATEGORY 3 | AGES 18+

CATEGORY 4 | PETS

Participate in our captivating library costume contest in October by completing the form and submitting a delightful photo per individual on our website. This exclusive contest is open exclusively to Huntley cardholders, so seize the opportunity! If you choose to showcase your enchanting photos on social media, remember to tag them with our special hashtag. The eagerly anticipated announcement of the winners is scheduled for November 5th, so mark your calendars!

There will be three winners per age group. Prizes will be a 3D printed trophy (courtesy of our Creative Studio) for each age group and Petsmart Gift cards for the pets group. Trophies will be on display on the fireplace beginning October 1st.

UNUSUAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS WITH JOE RAUEN

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 10:30 TO 11:30 A.M.



AGES 5-12 WITH FAMILIES

Joe Rauen is an artist and musician who makes playable musical instruments out of household items. His creations include the Tennis Racquet Banjo, Shovel Guitar, and the Pool Noodle Clarinet. Joe will present more than a dozen of these instruments and perform music on them in various combinations. **Registration required.**

CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP

ACCEPTING CRAFT SUPPLIES: OCTOBER 21 - 23

SWAP: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Have craft supplies you no longer need? Looking for new supplies without breaking the bank? Join us for our Craft Supply Swap!

Please note: **Donations are limited to two bankers size boxes per person.** You are not required to bring in supplies in order to come to the Swap on Saturday to pick out items.

Drop off at Information Desk

Exchange in Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3



ADULT EVENTS

REOCCURRING PROGRAMS

Your Turn: Game Play for Adults

Tuesday, September 1 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Registration begins August 4

Tuesday, September 8 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Registration begins August 4

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

Registration begins September 1

Tuesday, October 13 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Registration begins September 1

Location: Program Room 3

Come take your turn at game play for adults featuring a variety of trivia, word, and board games.

Please register for one session per month.

Registration required.



Chair Yoga

Tuesdays, September 1, 8, 15, 29 | 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20 | 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Experience the benefits of yoga completely off the floor. Join instructor Lynn Meredith for a gentle, accessible session of chair-assisted exercises. This welcoming class combines seated movements and supported standing poses to improve your balance and stability. Please bring your own yoga block and strap to class. **Registration required.**

The Puzzled Colorists Club

Thursday, September 3 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

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

Registration required.

Kraft Club with Abby & Lizzie

Thursdays, September 3 & 17 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Thursdays, October 1 & 15 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Creative Studio

Do you miss art class? Do you want to mingle and meet other people?

Join instructors Lizzie & Abby for some fun, chill crafts!

Registration required.



DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution)

First Sunday of the Month

Sunday, September 6 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Sunday, October 4 | 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**

The Fray: Stitchery Club

Monday, September 14 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesdays, September 29 & October 27 |

10 a.m. to Noon

Location: Program Room 3

Wednesday, October 14, in Program Room 2

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, September 15 | 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Registration begins August 18

Location: Program Room 3

Join us for a guided discussion of topical world affairs. The Great Decisions program highlights eight critical foreign policy challenges facing Americans each year. September's topic is Chapter 8: The Future of Human Rights and International Law. Discussion materials will be available to review at the library in advance of each discussion. **Registration required.**

Library Genealogy Resources Workshop

Monday, September 21 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Mondays, October 5 & 19 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Tech Lab

Michele May, author and former president of the Sun City Huntley Genealogy Club, will offer individualized help with genealogical research and the library's genealogy websites. **Limited to 8 per class.** **Registration required.**

A Sound Healing Experience:

Connecting to the Ecstatic Now with the Poetry of Walt Whitman

Wednesday, September 23 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Sven Hansen, poet and troubadour, performs the original 1855 edition of Leaves of Grass, bringing to life Whitman's most revolutionary and inspiring work. **Registration required.**



Puzzle Club

Thursday, October 1 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

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

Coloring Club

Thursday, October 8 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Come relax and color!

Coloring sheets and supplies provided or bring your own.

Registration required.



Foreign Policy Roundtable Discussion

Tuesday, October 20 | 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Registration begins September 15

Location: Program Room 3

Join Professor Gary Midkiff to discuss current foreign policy issues facing America. An article will be emailed to registrants before the session; please provide an email address at registration. **Registration required.**

Home Instead Fall Prevention

Thursday, September 17 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Location: Program Rooms 3

Discover practical home modifications, balance-building exercises, and safe transferring techniques. **Registration required.**

Fall Themed Paint Party with Alicia Landos!

Thursday, September 17 | 5 to 8 p.m.

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3

A Fall-themed packet will be provided. You may choose a picture to create your painting. All supplies will be provided. **\$25 cash or check fee prior to the start of class.** **Registration required.**

In a Nutshell: Frances Glessner Lee

The Mother of Forensic Science

Sunday, September 20 | 2 to 3 p.m.

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Sarah Sullivan will discuss the life of the American forensic scientist, creator of the Nutshell Studies of Unexplained Death, and the first female police captain in the United States. **Registration required.**

Terry Lynch Salem Witch Trials

Tuesday, September 29 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Step back into 1692 with historical actor Terry Lynch as he portrays Magistrate John Hathorne. Discover the chilling truth behind the Salem Witch Trials. **Registration required.**

It's Chicago! Chicago History and Architecture

Tuesday, September 29 | 7 to 8 p.m.

Location: McHenry County College Auditorium

Join Geoffrey Baer, Carla Bruni, Heidi Stevens, Keir Graff, and Shermann "Dilla" Thomas for an engaging conversation celebrating Chicago's history, architecture, neighborhoods, and culture. Presented by McHenry County Libraries United. The discussion will be followed by a Q&A and book signing, with merchandise available in the lobby/cafe of the MCC's Luecht Auditorium. **Registration required.**

Christine Feliciano: It's National Poetry Day

Thursday, October 1 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Conference Room

Inspired by this year's National Poetry Day theme of "Wonder," you will learn easy techniques to capture everyday moments and turn them into compelling poems. **Registration required.**

Medicare 101

Thursday, October 1 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Join us for Medicare 101, an educational seminar designed to help you understand your Medicare options and make informed decisions about your healthcare coverage. There is no cost to attend, and questions are encouraged. **Registration required.**

Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher

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

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2 & 3

Peter will perform music from the new CD, including the Bach *Lute Suite No.3*, Usher Waltz by Russian composer Nikita Koshkin, an arrangement of the famous Shaker hymn Simple Gifts, and music by Gaspar Sanz, Fernando Sor and Francisco Tarrega. The concert will culminate with the Cordoba and Leyenda by Spanish composer Isaac Albeniz. **Registration required.**



Intro to AI with Ted Hill

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

Location: Program Room 3

Topics covered:

Key Concepts & Terms – Overview of Machine Learning, Neural Networks, Generative AI, and Large Language Models (LLMs).
Why AI Matters – the growing role of AI in daily life and the workplace.
Use Cases – Practical ways individuals can use AI, along with business applications.
Things to Consider – Key points like privacy, accuracy, responsible use, and future trends and continued learning. **Registration required.**

Christine Feliciano: Random Acts of Poetry

Wednesday, October 7 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Using prompts, readings, and shared reflection, this class explores poetry as a tool for self-expression, observation, and connection. Whether you're new to poetry or returning to it, you'll leave with new writing and renewed confidence in your creative voice. **Registration required.**

A Guide to Overseas Genealogy

Sunday, October 11 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

Genealogist Jacquie Schattner will present key research strategies and resources for exploring emigration, immigration, and international records to help you trace your family roots across the ocean. **Registration required.**

Dala Group Social Security

Monday, October 12 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

This seminar from The Dala Group offers tailored guidance for singles, married couples, divorced individuals, and widows. You'll also learn about earned income limits and how Social Security benefits are taxed. **Registration required.**

AARP

Wednesday, October 14 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday, October 15 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Program Room 3

\$20 for AARP members, \$25 for nonmembers:

2-day, 8 Hour Class for Ages 50 & up.

Must register to attend. You may use a credit card to pay using the link provided below. Have a question? Call 847.305.1036. Participants must attend both dates to receive the class certificate that may qualify them to a discount on auto insurance. Participants may bring snacks or lunch to eat during the program. Register and pay using the link: www.aarp.info/c48838.

Registration required.

Remembering Orion Samuelson

Thursday, October 15 | 5 to 7 p.m.

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3

Orion Samuelson was the legendary radio host for Midwestern agriculture. Let's celebrate his dedication to the agricultural community! **Registration required.**

Mandala Dot Stone Class with Nanette Fabros

Thursday, October 22 | 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Location: Creative Studio

This ancient, meditative art form uses colorful painted dots arranged in soothing geometric patterns. You'll be guided step-by-step in creating a unique mandala inspired by the colors of the season. All supplies are provided—just bring your creativity and enjoy the process!

Registration required.

THE BUSINESS CORNER

Ready to Retire Series with Trevor Johnson

Wednesday, September 9 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 24 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Program Room 2

1. The Most Important Financial Moves to Make Before You Retire

This class focuses on the key financial decisions that can have the biggest impact in the years leading up to retirement.

2. Turning Your Savings into Retirement Income

This session explains how retirement savings can be structured into a steady and reliable income. We will walk through different approaches for creating income and what to consider when balancing stability and flexibility in retirement.

3. Retirement Planning Mistakes to Avoid in Your Final 5 Years

This class highlights common planning mistakes people make in the final stretch before retirement.

Ready to Retire Series with Trevor Johnson

Monday, October 5 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Program Room 2

1. Understanding Taxes in Retirement

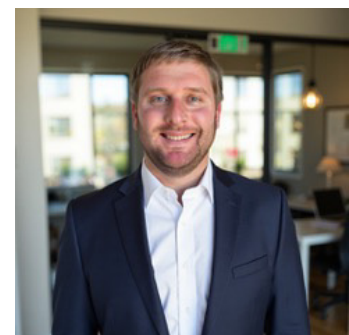
This class provides a clear overview of how taxes work once you retire, including Social Security and retirement account withdrawals, and why tax planning becomes especially important in retirement.

2. Understanding the Pros and Cons of Different Retirement Investments

This session breaks down the main types of retirement investments and how they function differently once you are no longer working. We will discuss the tradeoffs between stocks, bonds, cash, and other investment options.

3. How Retirement Account Withdrawals Really Work

This class explains how money is actually taken from retirement accounts and the impact those decisions can have on taxes and long-term savings. We will cover withdrawal order, required minimum distributions, and other common mistakes.



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. 245 or email jclark-moran@huntleypub.org.

TECH LAB

Intro to Android Phones and iPhone

Tuesdays, September 1, 8, & 12 | 10 a.m.

Thursdays, September 3, 10, & 17 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays, September 5 & 12 | 10 a.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

1 hour program. Learn the basics of Android Phones and iPhone. **Registration required.**

How to Set Up Parental Controls on Tablets and Video Game Consoles

Tuesdays, September 22 & 29 | 10 a.m.

Thursdays, September 24 & October 1 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays, September 26 & October 3 | 10 a.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Learn the basics of how to set up parental controls on tablets and video game consoles. Classes will be approximately 1 hour long. **Registration required.**

3D Modeling in TinkerCAD

Tuesdays, October 6, 13, & 20 | 10 a.m.

Thursdays, October 15 & 22 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays, October 10, 17, & 24 | 10 a.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Classes will be approximately two hours long. You may bring a Flash drive with if you would like to save your project. **Registration required.**

RECORDING STUDIO

DIY Recording Basics

Tuesday, September 15 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Location: Recording Studio

Learn how to get started recording yourself at home. Whether you are a dedicated musician, a beginner podcaster, or someone who is curious about recording technology, this hands-on class will help you get started with recording. **Huntley Library card and registration required.**

The Basics of Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs)

Tuesday, October 6 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Do you want to learn more about Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs)? Experience a hands-on workshop using a free DAW called Reaper. You will explore using the software, how to use the basic tools, how to edit audio, file management, exporting audio and more. **Huntley Library card and registration required.**

MINECRAFT

Minecraft Free Play - Play Minecraft in Survival Mode (Staff Monitored)

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

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

September 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26

October 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30

Ages 10 and up

Location: Tech Lab

Registration required.

Minecraft for Beginners Free Play

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

September 3, 10, 17, 24

October 1, 15, 22, 29

Ages 7 & up

Location: Tech Lab

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

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Dungeons and Dragons - Monday Quest

Mondays | 5 to 7:30 p.m.

September 21 & October 5, 19

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.

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & October 7, 14, 21, 28

Ages 12 & up

Location: Program Room 2

Players may join the quest at any time.

Registration required: Register for one quest.

CREATIVE STUDIO

Cricut Throw Pillow Cover

Saturdays, September 12 & 26 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Customize your very own throw pillow cover using the cricut and cricut easy press. Throw pillow cover and vinyl will be provided. **Huntley Library card and registration required.**

Witch Hat Wreath

Saturdays, October 17 & 24 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Get spooky this Halloween with a Witch Hat Wreath to decorate your house for the scariest time of the year. **Huntley Library card and registration required.**

TECH TALKS

Intro to Excel: Everyday Skills for Your Life

Join us for a three-part session, hands-on introduction to Microsoft Excel designed for beginners. No prior experience is required.

Registration required in sequence.

Monday, September 14 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Session 1: Excel Basics & Building Confidence

- Navigating the Excel workspace.
- Understanding rows, columns, cells, and worksheets.

- Entering and formatting data.

- Using Autofill and basic layout tools.

- Saving and organizing Excel files.

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

Session 2: Intro to Formulas & Functions

- Essential functions (SUM, AVERAGE, MIN/MAX, COUNT)

- Sorting and filtering information.

- Freezing rows and columns.

- Creating simple charts.

Wednesday, September 16 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Session 3: Creating Simple Household Budgets

- Building personal lists and trackers (pantry, medications, tasks, etc.)
- Designing easy calendars and habit trackers
- Intro to lookups for everyday use.
- Helpful tips & tricks for staying organized.

Everyday AI for Personal Life

Registration required in sequence.

Monday, September 21 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Session 1: Intro to AI for Everyday Life

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

Monday, September 28 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Session 2: Hands-On Use Cases

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

Monday, October 5 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Session 3: Tune-Up & Next Steps

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

Using AI for Work

Monday, October 19 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

This two-session series covers an intro to AI, then we move straight into building real prompts for the workplace tasks, like drafting, summarizing, tone adjustment, and analysis. The second session, works on challenges you bring from your own job, refining results together and building habits that stick. No tech background needed. You'll leave with skills and prompts you can use the next morning. **Registration required.**

Read It and Rate It Ongoing/monthly

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

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: www.huntleylibrary.org/riri.

HAPL Teen BookMatch

Teens/grades 6-12

(and adults who enjoy teen books!)

Location: Program Room 3

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: www.huntleylibrary.org/tbm/.



Teen Take Home Kit: Faux Stained Glass

Month of September (while supplies last)

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk

Make your own faux stained glass. This is stained glass on the easy. No fancy equipment is needed and takes much less time. Available at the Information Desk starting September 1, while supplies last. 1 kit/teen.

Teen Photo Challenge: School Days

Month of September

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk

Share an original photo (taken by you) that captures your return to school for a chance to win a gift card prize. A winner will be selected from the submissions received. Submit your photos using the forms available at the Information Desk or online (www.huntleylibrary.org/teenphotochallenge) by September 30, 2026.

Crochet Slays

Thursday, September 3 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 1 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Tuesday, September 3 in Program Room 2
Thursday, October 1 in Program Room 2

Join other teens who crochet (or learn how to do it from more experienced crocheters) for a fun hour of crafting. Please bring your own yarn and hook(s). Beginners welcome. **Registration required.**

Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: Red Pandas

Tuesday, September 15 | 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 pandas, a unique creature that's not actually related to pandas at all! Bring any facts or questions you have about this fascinating creature.

Registration required.

Art After Dark: Perler Beads

Thursday, September 24 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Make something neat with Perler beads (fusible plastic beads)! **Registration required.**



CPR for Teens - \$25/person

Saturday, September 26 | 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 (for adults, children, and infants), along with essential lifesaving skills, including recognizing the signs of heart attack or stroke, choking relief, drowning prevention and response, and opioid-associated 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.

\$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.

Teen Take Home Kit: Autumn Transparency

Month of October (while supplies last)

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk

Make your own autumn scene using layers of tissue paper (provided in this kit). Available at the Information Desk starting October 1, while supplies last. 1 kit/teen.

Teen Photo Challenge: Haunted House

Month of October

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk

Share an original photo (taken by you) of a house that looks haunted for a chance to win a gift card prize. A winner will be selected from the submissions received. Submit your photos using the forms available at the Information Desk or online (www.huntleylibrary.org/teenphotochallenge) by October 31, 2026.

We're Gonna Be Golden!

Saturday, October 10 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Learn some choreography to "Golden" from *K-Pop Demon Hunters* 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 and signed waiver required.



GlamBat Studios Presents:

Halloween Special Effects Makeup

Monday, October 12 | 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Creative Studio

Join us for this fun, hands-on class on special effects makeup presented by GlamBat Studios. Participants will learn a variety of beginner-friendly special effects techniques such as creating realistic cuts, bruises, burns, textures, and fake blood effects. Just in time for Halloween! Supplies and tools will be provided for your use, as well as some take-home materials so you can continue practicing.

Registration required.

TEEN EVENTS

REGISTER AT HUNTLEYLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS

Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: Vampire Squid

Tuesday, October 13 | 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 vampire squid, so called for its dark coloration and webbing that makes it look like it's wearing a cloak! Bring any facts or questions you have about this deep-sea dwelling, bioluminescent creature. **Registration required.**

Art After Dark: Ghost in a Mirror

Thursday, October 22 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Create a ghostly image in a mirror for the perfect spooky decoration. **Registration required.**



Full Moon Yoga

Tuesday, October 27 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Practice yoga by the light of the full moon in 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.

Cryptids Convention

Thursday, October 29 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Come as you are or as your favorite cryptid! We'll talk about the cryptids nearest and dearest to our hearts and learn a little more about them.

Registration required.

Vagabond

Saturdays, September 5 & 19 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Saturdays, October 3 & 17 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Teens/Adults

Location: Conference Room

Play and learn the new TableTop RolePlaying System, Vagabond. It is a fusion of classic games like Dungeons & Dragons with modern "rules over rules" systems. Build entire worlds with fellow players as you explore the hobby described as, "Improv theater with board game rules."

Registration required.





STORY TIMES

AT THE LIBRARY

Family Storytime

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

September 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16

October 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21

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.**



Pajamarama

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

Tuesday, October 13 | 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Ages 2 to 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.**



Babypalooza

Mondays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

September 14 & 21

October 5 & 19

Ages Birth-23 months with caregiver

Location: Program Room 3

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



Saturday Family Storytime

Saturday, September 19 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 10 | 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 Award Storytime

Wednesday, September 23 | 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14 | 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Grades K-3

Location: Program Room 1

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

Registration required.



Yoga Storytime

Thursday, September 24 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Thursday, October 29 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Ages 3-6 to attend on their own

Location: Program Room 2

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



Stories for School Kids

Tuesday, September 29 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27 | 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.**



Storytime in the Park

Wednesday, September 30 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Families

Location: Avalon Park

(5395 Avalon Drive, Lake in the Hills)

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





Preschool AND BABIES

Preschool Art Explorers

Thursday, September 3 | 12 to 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 1 | 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.



Potty Party

Wednesday, September 23 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Potty trainees and their caregivers

Location: Program Room 1

Celebrating and reinforcing potty training with stories, songs, and activities.

Registration required.

Little STEAMers

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

Saturday, September 26 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Friday, October 30 | 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 experiments or activities.

Registration required.

Sensory Shenanigans

Monday, September 28 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages Birth to 23 months with caregiver

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.

Halloween Party!

Tuesday, October 27 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

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

Ages 2-5 with caregiver

Location: Program Rooms 1 & 2

Join us for a fun preschool Halloween party filled with costumes, games, 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.



Junior Readers Book Club

Thursday, September 3 | 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, October 1 | 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, September 5 | 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

Tuesday, October 6 | 5 to 5:30 p.m.

Ages 5-8

Location: Program Room 1

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

ARTS & MUSIC



Creative Kids 1

Monday, September 28 | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 17 | 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 6-8

Location: Program Room 1

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

Play Dough Fun

Tuesday, September 22 | 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Ages 5-7

Location: Program Room 1

Explore your imagination by molding colorful dough into various shapes and figures, enhancing creativity and problem solving in a fun way. Registration required.

Spooky Lantern

Saturday, October 3 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Ages 5-7

Location: Program Room 1

Choose your decorations to make a spooky lantern. Dress for mess. Registration required.

Builders' Challenge: Pixel Fun

Tuesday, September 1 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Ages 5-7

Location: Program Room 2

Graph fun images using colorful foam cubes and simple instructions.

Registration required.

Stories & STEM

Monday, September 14 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Monday, October 19 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Ages 5-7

Location: Program Room 1

Join us each month as we begin by reading a book, then engage in STEM activities that inspire curiosity, creativity, and problem solving based on the book. Registration required.

Builders' Challenge: Brick Builders

Wednesday, September 30 | 4:45 to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28 | 4:45 to 5:30 p.m.

Ages 5-7

Location: Program Room 1

Calling all Lego lovers! Bring your imagination and build our monthly challenge or create something on your own. Registration required.

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KIDS OLDER



Chess Club

Wednesdays, September 2 & 16 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Wednesdays, October 7 & 21 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Ages 8-14

Location: Program Rooms 1 & 2

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

Page Masters Book Club

Tuesday, September 8 | 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6 | 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Grades 3-6

Location: Program Room 2

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

Kool Kids Graphic Novel Club

Monday, September 21 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Monday, October 19 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Ages 7-12

Location: Program Room 1

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

Registration required.



Fight or Flight: Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book Release Party

Tuesday, October 20 | 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Ages 7-12

Location: Program Room 1

Celebrate *Fight or Flight*, the 21st book in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series, with fun activities and a chance to win the book! **Registration required.**

ARTS & MUSIC

Creative Kids 2

Monday, September 28 | 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, October 17 | 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Ages 9-12

Location: Program Room 1

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

Registration required.



Crochet for Beginners

Wednesday, September 23 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1

Learn the basics of crochet! Children will learn how to make a slip knot, make their first chain, and create a simple project. Caregivers are welcome to stay and help. All materials will be supplied. **Registration required.**

Crafty Kids: Piñata

Monday, October 12 | 3 to 4 p.m.

Ages 9-12

Location: Program Room 1

Learn about the history of piñatas and create your own decorative piñata! **Registration required.**

Glow in the Dark Trick or Treat Bags

Thursday, October 29 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1

Halloween is almost here! Join us to create a spooktacular glow-in-the-dark Trick or Treat bag.

Registration required.

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Future STEAMers

Tuesday, September 1 | 5:15 to 6 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1

Learn and make cool projects through hands-on STEAM creative challenges which spark curiosity and creativity. **Registration required.**

Coding Club: Scratch

Wednesday, September 9 | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14 | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Tech Lab

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

Registration required.

Builders' Challenge: 3Doodler

Tuesday, September 22 | 3 to 4 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.

Builders' Challenge: Lego

Thursday, September 24 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, October 22 | 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.**

GENRE QUEST

Ongoing

Elementary School Readers

Location: Children's Desk

Looking for your next reading adventure?

Then join us for Genre Quest, our youth reading program! Expand your reading horizons by exploring new genres and earn some sweet prizes along the way. Are you ready to accept the Genre Quest?

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Puzzle Exchange

Accepting Puzzles: Wednesday, September 9 to Friday, September 11

Exchange: Saturday, September 12 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sale: Sunday, September 13 | Noon to 4 p.m.

Drop-off Location: Information Desk

Exchange Location: 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 September 9, you will receive a coupon good for a "new" puzzle! The exchange takes place September 12 and 13. Puzzles may be purchased without a coupon on September 13. **(No missing pieces and please tape/rubber band puzzle boxes).**



Pumpkin Book Character Decorating Contest

Drop-off: Friday, October 16 to Monday, October 19

Display and Voting: Tuesday, October 20 to Monday, October 26

Winners Announced: Tuesday, October 27

Pickup: Tuesday, October 27 to Friday, October 30

Participate in our annual Pumpkin Book Character Decorating Contest! Decorate a pumpkin (any size!) to represent a children's book or book character. Paint it. Dress it. Accessorize it.

BUT NO CARVING OR PUNCTURING PLEASE! Entries will be displayed in the Children's Department, and prizes will be awarded to the winning entry in two categories: Youth (12 years old and under) and Family. The entry form, which details the rules for entering, is available at the Children's Desk or online.



Craft Supply Swap

Accepting Craft Supplies: Wednesday, October 21 to Friday, October 23

Swap: Saturday, October 24 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Drop-off Location: Information Desk

Exchange Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3

Have craft supplies you no longer need? Looking for new supplies without breaking the bank? Join us for our Craft Supply Swap! Please note: **Donations are limited to two bankers size boxes per person.** You are not required to bring in supplies in order to come to the Swap on Saturday to pick out items.



Suggested Donation Items:

Knitting needles, crochet hooks, fabric, buttons, trims, ribbons, clay, unopened paints, brushes, canvases, drawing supplies, jewelry-making tools and supplies, thread, beads, fancy hole punches, scrapbook paper, and yarn.

Donation Guidelines:

All items should be clean and new or very gently used. Please keep small items, like buttons and beads, or sets of items, like markers and pencils, bagged.

Please avoid donating the following items:

- Partial bottles of glue, glue-type liquids, spray paint, or paint thinners or additives
- Items exposed to smoke
- Equipment (Sewing/Embroidery machines, Irons, etc.)
- Furniture (Cabinets/Tables, Chairs, Containers, Lamps, etc.)
- Large Miscellaneous Items
- Unfinished Projects
- Books and Magazines

The library has the right to refuse or recycle items. Leftover items will be donated to donation centers.

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, September 4 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Friday, October 9 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Ages 5-12 with families

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Explore rotating science and arts activities.

Depending on child's age, some activities may require the assistance of a caregiver.

Registration required.

Unusual Musical Instruments with Joe Rauen

Monday, October 12 | 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Ages 5-12 with families

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3

Joe Rauen is an artist and musician who makes playable musical instruments out of household items. His creations include the Tennis Racquet Banjo, Shovel Guitar, and the Pool Noodle clarinet. Joe will present more than a dozen of these instruments and perform music on them in various combinations. **Registration required.**

Book BUDDIES

Book Buddies

Practice Reading with an Adult Volunteer

Ages 5 and up

Location: Children's Library

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



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General Meetings

Topic to Be Determined

Friday, September 18 | 11 a.m.

Adults

Location: Program Room 3

Check Communico for updates here:

<https://huntley.libnet.info/event/16331366>

Friends Open House – Light Refreshments Served

Friday, October 16 | 11 a.m.

Adults

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Join us for this Open House and light refreshments! Meet the Friends Board of Directors and other members to learn about the many ways the Friends support the library. Please register here: <https://huntley.libnet.info/event/16790479>

September Book Sale – At the Huntley Area Public Library

Saturday, September 12 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, September 13 | Noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday Only • \$10 Bag Sale or 2 for \$15

All Ages

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Members Only Sale:

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

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Culver's Fundraiser Night

Monday, October 19 | 4 to 8 p.m.

Culver's of Huntley

Friends earn a percentage of all sales.

50/50 Cash Raffle in the Dining Room - tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5

All funds raised by the Friends Foundation support the many programs and services available at the Huntley Area Public Library.



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