THE HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

# NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2026

# PERKS OF A HUNTLEY LIBRARY CARD

## BOOK A LIBRARIAN

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

## ADULT TECH HELP

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

## 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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# SOCIAL MEDIA

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# PHONE EXTENSIONS

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| **PRESS 1** | CIRCULATION DESK | Circulation@HuntleyLibrary.org |
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| **PRESS 3** | LIBRARY2GO | (Homebound Delivery) |
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# ASSISTANCE

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

# HOURS

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| Monday - Thursday | **9AM - 8PM** |
| Friday - Saturday | **9AM - 5PM** |
| Sunday | **12PM - 5PM** |

# CLOSING

**November 5**
In Service - Closed till 1 p.m.

**November 25**
Thanksgiving Eve - Close at 5 p.m.

**November 26**
Thanksgiving - Closed All Day

**December 24 - 25**
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day - Closed All Day

**December 31**
New Year's Eve - Closed All Day

# ONLINE

**Huntley Library:**
huntleylibrary.org

**Local History:**
lh.huntleylibrary.org

**Friends:**
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# READ. STRETCH. REPEAT.

## WINTER READING

***All Ages***

Warm up your reading muscles and join the Winter Reading Workout at the Huntley Area Public Library! The more you read, the more chances you'll have to win fun prizes. Track your progress, reach your reading goals, and give your brain a workout all winter long.

Pick up a paper log at the Children's Desk (kids) or the Information Desk (teens & adults) or download one from our website. Teens and adults, you can choose to take your reading workout online at huntley.beanstack.com!

# COCOA & CARING

**Tuesday, December 1 | 4:30 to 6 p.m.**
**Tuesday, December 1 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.**
**Saturday, December 5 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

***All ages***

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

Join us in giving back to our community. 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 person attending the program.**

# THANK YOU

## TO OUR SUMMER READING SPONSORS

All Seasons Apple Orchard in Woodstock
Chicago Fire Men's Soccer Team
Chicago Stars Women's Soccer
Chicago White Sox
Chick-fil-A in Algonquin
Chipotle Mexican Grill
Classic Cinemas in Woodstock
Culver's in Huntley
Dolphin Swim Club in Crystal Lake
Kane County Cougars
Kona Ice
Kuipers Apple Orchard in Maple Park
Leafs Ice Center and Canlan Sports
Lou Malnati's Pizza
Lucky Strike Bowling in Algonquin
McDonald's in Huntley
Morkes in Huntley
Morton Arboretum
Niko's Pointer Saloon in Marengo
Oriental Trading
Paintball Explosion in West Dundee
Raising Cane's in Algonquin
Santa's Village and the Polar Dome in Dundee
Stingray Bay Water Park-Huntley Park District

# DINOSAUR DIMENSIONS

**Tuesday, November 17 | 6 to 7 p.m.**

***All ages***

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

Meet the dinosaurs! Have a dino-mite, high-energy, educational experience when you get up close with oversized animatronic dinosaur puppets. **Registration required.**

# ADULT EVENTS

## RECURRING PROGRAMS

### DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution)
**First Sunday of the Month**
**Sunday, November 1 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.**
**Location:** Program Room 3
**Sunday, December 6 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.**
**Location:** Program Room 1
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 - Need Help?
**Monday, Nov 2 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.**
**Monday, Nov 16 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.**
****No Classes in December****
**Location:** Tech Lab
This program is to help with research stumbling blocks, problems you may have encountered, or if you're just interested in dedicated research time. Michele May, author and past president of the Genealogy Club in Sun City Huntley, will be here to provide individualized help with the various genealogical websites available at our library. Limited to 8 per class. **Registration required.**

### Chair Yoga
**Tuesdays, November 3, 10, & 17**
**Tuesdays, December 1, 8, & 15**
**9:30 to 10:30 a.m.**
**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 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.**

### Your Turn: Game Play for Adults

**Tuesday, November 3 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.**
Registration begins October 6
**Tuesday, November 10 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.**
Registration begins October 6
**Tuesday, December 8 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.**
Registration begins November 3
**Tuesday, December 15 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.**
Registration begins November 3
***Adults***
**Location:** Program Room 3
Come take your turn at game play for adults featuring a variety of trivia, word, and board games. **Registration required.**

### Kraft Club with Abby & Lizzie
**Thursday, November 5 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.**
**Thursday, November 12 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.**
***Adults***
**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!
Projects range from abstract construction paper portraits to name pennants, and zentangles. Our focus for this class is self-love and mindfulness through artwork. Use our supplies or bring your own. **Registration required.**

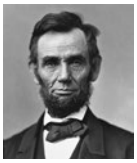
### The Fray: Stitchery Club
**Mondays, November 9 and December 14 | 1 to 3 p.m.**
**Tuesdays, November 24 and December 29 | 10 a.m. to Noon**
***Adults***
**Location:** Program Room 3
Join the Fray! Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, or work another needlecraft, come to share and socialize. Bring your own supplies and projects. **Registration required.**

### Christine Feliciano: Your Inner Poet
**Wednesday, November 11 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.**
**Thursday, December 17 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.**
**Location:** Program Room 3
Join Christine for a welcoming poetry workshop inspired by gratitude, memories, and the moments that shaped your year. Through creative prompts and guided writing, turn everyday experiences into meaningful poems and reflect on the stories worth carrying into the new year. No experience needed. **Registration Required.**

### The Puzzled Colorists Club
**Thursday, November 12 | 2 to 4 p.m.**
**Thursday, December 3 | 2 to 4 p.m.**
**Adults**
**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3
Socialize while working on jigsaw puzzles or enjoying a soothing coloring sheet. **Registration required.**

### Foreign Policy Roundtable Discussion
**Tuesday, November 17 | 1:30 to 3 p.m.**
Registration begins October 20.
**Tuesday, December 15 | 1:30 to 3 p.m.**
Registration begins November 17.
***Adults***
**Location:** Program Room 3
Learn about and discuss current critical foreign policy issues facing America in a discussion led by Professor Gary Midkiff.
An article selected for discussion will be emailed to all registrants in advance of the meeting—please provide an email address at registration. **Registration required.**

### Winter Driving Preparedness
**Monday, November 2 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**
***Ages 15 and up.***
**Location:** Program Room 3
Winter's coming! Robert Boyle, Assistant Professor, Automotive Service Technology of College of DuPage, will share key tips for vehicle preparation, safe driving, and assembling a roadside emergency kit. **Registration required.**

### Chuck's History Discussion: Lincoln
**Tuesday, November 3 | 6 to 7 p.m.**
**Location:** Program Room 2

Abraham Lincoln – a man who represented the quintessential American story of a rise from abject poverty to the presidency of the United States. An absorbing look into his trials and tribulations, how he managed through them, and the profound effect he had on America and humanity itself. **Registration required.**

### Maximizing Your Retirement
**Wednesday, November 4 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.**
**Location:** Program Room 3
Retirement 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. **Registration required.**

## BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

**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 jclark-moran@huntleylibrary.org.**

### Meet the Experts: Medicare Q&A

**Tuesday, November 10 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.**
**Location:** Program Room 3
Topics may include:
Medicare enrollment and eligibility; Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage plans; Prescription drug coverage; Costs, premiums, and out-of-pocket expenses; Coverage after retirement & Special enrollment situations. **Drop-in**

### Metta Sound Healing and Meditation

**Wednesday, November 11 | 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
**Location:** Program Rooms 1 & 2
Experience a calming blend of ancient Buddhist chanting, guided mindfulness and loving-kindness meditation, and soothing sound healing with crystal singing bowls. **Registration required.**

### Former Electric Interurban Railways of Northern Illinois

**Thursday, November 12 | 6 to 7 p.m.**
**Location:** Program Room 3
Discover the fascinating history of Northern Illinois's once-vast network of inter-city electric railways. This program explores the rise of these historic electric trains, their decline during the Great Depression, and how the rise of automobiles and paved highways changed American transit forever.
The presentation highlights the remarkable resurrection of this transit history. Learn how a 1958 land purchase allowed the Illinois Railway Museum to relocate in 1964, transforming a long-dormant right-of-way from the Elgin and Belvidere Electric Company into the vibrant 5+ mile historic railway operating today.

### Drum Circle

**Saturday, November 14 | 2 to 3 p.m.**
**Location:** Program Room 3
Join us for a drum circle at the library. Meet other local percussionists and jam out in a collaborative hand percussion drum circle. We ask that you bring your own hand percussion instruments. **Registration required.**

### Blood Drive

**Thursday, November 19 | 1 to 6 p.m.**
***Adults***
**Location:** Program Rooms 1 & 2
Do you want to help others? Become a blood donor! Sign up now to give the gift of life with Versiti Blood Center of Illinois. Giving is fast, easy, and greatly appreciated. **Register in advance at tinyurl.com/hapld-nov-drive or call the Information Desk at 847.669.5386 and press 3. Walk-ins are welcome as the schedule permits.**

### "Stay Steady" Fall Prevention Program

**Friday, November 20 | 10 to 11 a.m.**
**Location:** Program Room 2
Led by Physical Therapist Dana Tress, this class is designed to help you improve balance, strength, and confidence to reduce your risk of falls. Through practical tips, guided movement, and education on home safety and body mechanics, you'll learn how to stay active and independent safely. Perfect for anyone feeling unsteady on their feet or wanting to be proactive in fall prevention, this interactive session includes demonstrations, take-home resources, and time for Q&A. **Registration required.**

### Winter Reading Workout! Adult Winter Reading

**December 1 - January 31**
**Ages 18 and up**
Participate for chances to win one of our grand prizes.
Choose either: Online Reading Program: Sign up at **https://huntleylibrary.beanstack.com/** Paper Log Program: Pick one up at the Information Desk or download your paper log from the library's website.

### The Essential Christmas Carol

**Sunday, December 6 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.**
***Ages 12 and up.***
**Location:** Program Room 3
In this storytelling lecture, William Pack will perform a reading of A Christmas Carol using a script derived from Dickens' 1867 abridged reading copy. The reading will be enhanced with a modern recreation of a magic lantern slide show popular during Dickens' lifetime followed by a Q&A, where William will answer your questions about the curious origins and motivations behind the story. **Registration required.**

### Library Question of the Week

**December 7 - January 31**
***All Ages***
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.**

### Falconaires Orchestra: When Music Was Music

**Wednesday, December 9 | 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**
***All Ages***
**Location:** Program Rooms 1, 2 & 3
Join us for this wonderful opportunity to watch, listen, and enjoy the Fabulous Falconaires Orchestra who will bring the best of "big band" music from the 1920s to today including Rock and Roll and Disco. This orchestra is composed of 17 musicians and a conductor. Don't miss this opportunity to experience all genres, styles, tempos of American and European, music. **Registration required.**

### Intro to AI with Ted Hill

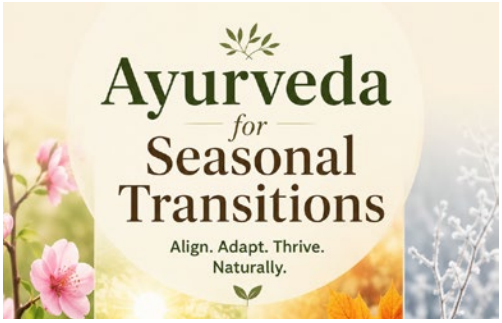
**Thursday, December 10 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.**
**Location:** Program Room 3
Learn more about AI in this Tech Talk presented by Ted Hill. This Tech Talk will offer a 30-minute lecture followed by Q&A.
Topics covered:

- What is AI? – simple explanation and everyday examples
- Key Concepts & Terms – overview of Machine Learning, Neural Networks, Generative AI, and Large Language Models (LLMs)
- Why AI Matters – the growing role of AI in daily life and the workplace
- Use Cases – practical ways individuals can use AI, along with business applications
- Things to Consider – key points like privacy, accuracy, and responsible use
- Looking Ahead – future trends and continued learning.

**Registration required.**

### Ayurveda for Seasonal Transitions

**Tuesday, December 15 | 6 to 7 p.m.**
**Location:** Program Room 3
Discover how the ancient science of Ayurveda can help you stay healthy and balanced as the seasons change. Learn practical strategies for adjusting your diet, daily routine, sleep, and self-care practices to support digestion, strengthen immunity, and maintain physical and emotional well-being throughout the year. Participants will leave with simple, easy-to-implement Ayurvedic tips that can be incorporated into everyday life. **Registration required.**



# RECORDING STUDIO

**Song Creation with Aaron Holbrook**
**Tuesday, November 10 | 6 to 7 p.m.**
***Teens and Adults***
**Location:** Recording Studio
In this program, music producer Aaron Holbrook will walk the audience through his process of creating music using a Digital Audio Workstation. There will be a live demonstration of Aaron's music creation process, as well as a Q&A with the audience. **Huntley Library card required for registration.**

**Podcasting Workshop:**
**How to Start Your Own Podcast**
**Saturday, December 12 | 2 to 3 p.m.**
***Teens and Adults***
**Location:** Recording Studio
Are you interested in starting your own podcast? This workshop is designed to show you all the tools and resources to get you started in creating your own podcast. **Registration Required.**

# TECH LAB

**How to use streaming services**
**Learn streaming services**
**Tuesdays, Nov 3 & 17 | 10 a.m.**
**Thursdays, Nov 5, 12, & 19 | 6:30 p.m.**
**Saturday, Nov 7, 14 & 21 | 10 a.m.**
***Adults***
**Location:** Tech Lab
1 hour program. How to use the basics of streaming services. **Registration required.**

**Career Coaching by former CEO Chuck Passarelli**
**Resume and Interview Preparation**
**Monday, November 2 | 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 competitive edge and may schedule personal career counseling sessions by appointment. **Registration required.**

# MINECRAFT

**Minecraft for Beginners Free Play**
**Thursdays | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**
**November 5, 12, & 19**
**December 3, 10, & 17**
***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 play. Sessions are approximately one hour long. **Registration required.**

**Minecraft Free Play**
**Fridays, Nov 6, 13, & 20 and Dec 4, 11 & 18 | 3:30 p.m.**
**Saturdays, Nov 7, 14, & 21 and Dec 5, 12 & 19 | 3:30 p.m.**
***Ages: 10 and up***
**Location:** Tech Lab
Play Minecraft in Survival Mode in the Tech Lab. Staff will be on hand to monitor play. Sessions are approximately one hour long. **Registration required.**

**Winter Minecraft Freeplay**
**Tuesdays, Nov 24 & Dec 1, 8, & 15 | 2:30 p.m.**
**Thursdays, Dec 3, 10, & 17 | 5:30 p.m.**
**Saturdays, Dec 5, 12, & 19 | 10 a.m.**
***Ages 10 and up***
**Location:** Tech Lab
Play Minecraft in the Tech Lab. Our Technology Trainer will be on hand to get players started and monitor play. Sessions are approximately two hours long. **Registration required.**

# DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

**Dungeons and Dragons - Monday Quest**
**Mondays | 5 to 7:30 p.m.**
**Nov 2 & 16 and Dec 7 & 21**
***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.**
**Nov 4, 11, & 18**
**Dec 2, 9 & 16**
***Ages 12 & up***
**Location:** Program Room 2
Players may join the quest at any time.
**Registration required: Register for one quest.**

# CREATIVE STUDIO

**Thanksgiving Day Apron**
**Saturday, November 7 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.**
**Saturday, November 14 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.**
***Teens, Adults***
**Location:** Creative Studio
Get ready for Thanksgiving in style! Join us for a fun, hands-on craft where you'll create your own festive Thanksgiving apron using the Cricut and heat transfer vinyl. **Huntley Library card required for registration.**

**3D printed Snow globe Kids Session**
**Saturday, December 5 | 1 to 2:00 p.m.**
***Ages 10 and up***
**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.**

# TECH TALKS

**Quick Guide: How to Use Your Phone Camera**
**Tuesday, November 3 & 17 | 2 p.m.**
**Tuesday, December 8 | 1 p.m.**
**Location:** Tech Lab
Learn about the basic features and functions of your smartphone's camera and editing features. Please bring your phone, it does not matter whether you have an Android or iPhone. **Registration required.**

**Everyday Ergonomics: Protecting Your Body in a Modern World**
**Tuesday, November 10 | 6 to 7 p.m.**
**Location:** Tech Lab
Join us for an engaging introduction to ergonomics — the science of designing our environments to fit our bodies. Whether you spend your day reading, typing, lifting, or caring for others, you'll discover simple changes that can help prevent strain, boost comfort, and support long-term health. Learn how small adjustments to your workspace, posture, and daily habits can make a big difference. This class introduces the core principles of ergonomics and offers practical, easy-to-apply strategies for home, office, and everyday life. **Registration required.**

# TEEN EVENTS

**REGISTER AT HUNTLEYLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS**

### 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: www.huntleylibrary.org/riri.**

### HAPL Teen BookMatch
**Ongoing**
***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: www.huntleylibrary.org/tbm.**

### Teen Take Home Kit: No Stress November
**Month of November (while supplies last)**
***Teens/grades 6-12***
**Location:** Information Desk
Commit to less stress this month and pick up a kit to help you reach your goal! Available at the Information Desk starting November 1, while supplies last. **1 kit/teen.**

### Teen Photo Challenge: Thankfulness
**Month of November**
***Teens/grades 6-12***
**Location:** Information Desk
Share an original photo (taken by you) that depicts something you are thankful 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 November 30, 2026.**

### Winter Driving Preparedness
**Monday, November 2 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**
***Ages 15 and up***
**Location:** Program Room 3
Winter's coming! Robert Boyle, Assistant Professor, Automotive Service Technology of College of DuPage, will share key tips for vehicle preparation, safe driving, and assembling a roadside emergency kit. **Registration required.**

### Crochet Slays
**Saturday, November 7 | 10 to 11 a.m.**
**Thursday, December 3 | 6 to 7 p.m.**
***Teens/grades 6-12***
**Location:** Program Room 3
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.**

### Book + Snack Cake Pairings
**Monday, November 16 | 6 to 7 p.m.**
***Teens/grades 6-12***
**Location:** Program Room 2
Feast on snack cakes as you peruse their perfectly paired books and suggest your own pairings! What whets your appetite? *Twilight* and Twinkies? *Anne of Green Gables* and Raspberry Zingers? **Registration required.**

### Art After Dark: Mermaid Bag Charms
**Thursday, November 19 | 6 to 7 p.m.**
***Teens/grades 6-12***
**Location:** Program Room 3
We'll show you how to make a mermaid bag charm from supplies provided. **Registration required.**

### Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: Quokka
**Tuesday, November 24 | 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 quokkas, Australian marsupials related to kangaroos, whose smiles have earned them the title of "happiest animal." Bring any facts or questions you have about this fascinating creature. **Registration required.**

### Teen Take Home Kit: Felt Fox Bookmarks
**Month of December (while supplies last)**
***Teens/grades 6-12***
**Location:** Information Desk
Make an adorable red fox bookmark out of felt to mark your place. Available at the Information Desk starting December 1, while supplies last. **1 kit/teen.**

### Teen Photo Challenge: Celebration
**Month of December**
**Teens/grades 6-12**
**Location:** Information Desk
Share an original photo (taken by you) of a celebration 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 December 30, 2026.**

### Winter Reading Workout
**December 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027**
***Ages 12-18***
Exercise your brain and read this winter! Pick up a reading log at the Information Desk, download/print one at **www.huntleylibrary.org**, or participate online through Beanstack (**https://huntleylibrary.beanstack.com/reader365**). You'll be entered into a grand prize drawing for each book you read/activity you complete, and those who finish the challenge will receive a prize. The challenge begins December 1st!

### Cardboard Gingerbread Houses
**Saturday, December 5 | 2 to 4 p.m.**
***Teens/grades 6-12***
**Location:** Program Room 1
Assemble and decorate a cardboard gingerbread house (in the style of a traditional gingerbread house but made from cardboard). We'll provide all the supplies; you bring your artistic vision! **Registration required.**

### Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: Snowy Owl
**Tuesday, December 15 | 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 snowy owls, which overwinter in the northern US. Sightings of these owls attract many bird enthusiasts. Bring any facts or questions you have about these beautiful, unusual raptors. **Registration required.**

### Art After Dark: Forest Headband
**Thursday, December 17 | 6 to 7 p.m.**
***Teens/grades 6-12***
**Location:** Program Room 3
Craft your own headband from forest and fairy finds. Add flowers, mosses, ears, antlers. We'll have a variety of materials to make each one unique! **Registration required.**

### Bedazzled Books
**Saturday, December 19 | 2 to 4 p.m.**
***Teens/grades 6-12***
**Location:** Program Room 3
Give your favorite book some sparkle! We'll use diamond-painting gems and techniques to bedazzle books, planners, or journals. Bring your own book to bedazzle or pick one from our selection of freebies. **Registration required.**

### Self-Defense for Teens
**Monday, December 28 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
***Ages 12-18***
**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3
Lindsey Daehnke of Strictly Self Defense will introduce participants to basic physical self-defense skills and techniques, focusing on mindset, skill set, and planning. This training will include age-appropriate discussion of self-defense related topics that encourage attendees to make good decisions, speak up when something does not seem right, and to use physical techniques only if there is a real threat. **Registration and signed electronic waiver required in order to participate. (Link to waiver will be emailed to you once you have registered).**

### CPR for Teens - $25/person
**Tuesday, December 29 | 9 a.m. to approx. 12 p.m. (class runs 2.5-3 hours)**
**Teens/grades 6-12**
**Location:** Huntley Fire Station, 11118 Main St., Huntley, IL 60142
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 pickup 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.**

# STORYTIMES AT THE LIBRARY

## BabyPalooza

**Mondays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.**
**November 2, 9, 16**
**December 7, 14**
***Ages Birth-23 months with caregiver***
**Location:** Program Room 3
Stories, songs, and playtime.
**Weekly registration required.**

## Family Storytime

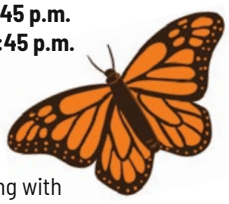
**Tuesdays or Wednesdays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.**
**November 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18**
**December 2, 8, 9, 15**
***Ages 0-6 with caregiver***
**Location:** Program Room 1
Storytime sessions are full of books, songs, and fun activities designed to be enjoyed by young children. Children and their caregivers are encouraged to actively participate during the program. Please choose Tuesday or Wednesday. **Weekly registration required.**

## Pajamarama

**Tuesday, November 10 | 6:30 to 7 p.m.**
**Tuesday, December 8 | 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.**

## Monarch Award Storytime

**Wednesday, November 11 | 5 to 5:45 p.m.**
**Wednesday, December 16 | 5 to 5:45 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.**



## Saturday Family Storytime

**Saturday, November 14 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.**
**Saturday, December 19 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.**
***Ages 0-6 with caregiver***
**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.**

## Yoga Storytime

**Thursday, November 19 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.**
**Location:** Program Room 3
**Thursday, December 17 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.**
**Location:** Program Room 2
***Ages 3-6 (attend on their own)***
Thirty minutes of story and movement fun! Please bring a yoga mat or towel to use.
**Registration required.**

## Stories for School Kids

**Tuesday, November 24 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.**
**Tuesday, December 29 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.**
***Ages 5-10 (attend on their own)***
**Location:** Program Room 1
Join us for longer stories, more complex crafts, and fun activities. **Registration required.**

# Preschool AND BABIES

### Preschool Art Explorers
**Thursday, November 12 | 12 to 12:30 p.m.**
**Thursday, December 3 | 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
**Monday, November 30 | 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, November 20 | 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 up your log at the Children's Desk.

# KIDS IN SCHOOL!

### Junior Readers Book Club
**Thursday, November 5 | 6 to 6:45 p.m**
**Thursday, December 3 | 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, November 7 | 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 2
Make a 15-minute reservation for your child to practice their reading skills by reading to Simon, a patient and lovable dog. Register 1 family with up to 2 children per session. **Registration required.**

### Builders' Challenge: Snap Circuits
**Thursday, November 19 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.**
***Ages 5-7***
**Location:** Program Room 3
Build a snap-together safe electric current to make a light bulb light up or a fan spin. **Registration required.**

### Stories & STEM
**Monday, November 23 | 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 we will engage in STEM activities that inspire curiosity, creativity, and problem solving based on the book. **Registration required.**

### Creative Kids 1
**Monday, November 30 | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**
***Ages 6-8***
**Location:** Program Room 1
Find your creativity exploring various artists, art techniques, and artistic mediums. Dress for mess! **Registration required.**

### Builders' Challenge: Brick Builders
**Tuesday, December 15 | 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.**

### Amazing Animals
**Tuesday, December 22 | 3 to 3:30 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.**

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### Future STEAMers
**Monday, November 2 | 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.**

### A Sprinkle in Time: Dog Man Book Release Party
**Tuesday, November 3 | 5 to 5:45 p.m.**
***Ages 7-12***
**Location:** Program Room 1
Celebrate A Sprinkle in Time, the 15th book in the Dog Man series, with fun activities and a chance to win the book! **Registration required.**

### Chess Club
**Wednesdays, November 4, 18 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.**
**Wednesdays, December 2 | 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, November 10 | 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.**
**Tuesday, December 8 | 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.**

### Coding Club: Scratch
**Wednesday, November 11 | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**
**Monday, December 7 | 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.**

### Builder' Challenge: LEGO
**Thursday, November 12 | 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.**

### Kool Kids Graphic Novel Club
**Monday, November 16 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.**
**Monday, December 14 | 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.**

### Builders' Challenge: 3Doodler
**Saturday, November 21 | 10 to 11 a.m.**
***Ages 8-12***
**Location:** Program Room 1
Learn to build and create a small object to keep with a temperature-safe 3D plastic melting pen. **Registration required.**

### Creative Kids 2
**Monday, November 30 | 5:45 to 6:45 p.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
**Monday, December 28 | 3:30 to 4:30 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.**

### 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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## ALL AGES

### Chai & Connections
**Monday, November 9 & Monday, December 7 | 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
**Location:** Program Rooms 1 & 2
Looking for great conversation, and friendly faces? We invite all South Asian seniors—and anyone looking for community—to join us for an afternoon of games, activities, and meaningful connections. All seniors are welcome. **Drop-in**

### 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.

### Huntley's 175th Scavenger Hunt
**Month of November**
***All Ages***
Celebrate Huntley's 175th Anniversary with the Local History Indoor Scavenger Hunt. It will be ongoing for the entire month of November. Can you solve our Local History conundrum?

### Library Question of the Week
**December 7 - January 31**
***All Ages***
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.**

### Falconaires Orchestra: When Music Was Music
**Wednesday, December 9 | 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**
***All Ages***
**Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3**
Join us for this wonderful opportunity to watch, listen, and enjoy the Fabulous Falconaires Orchestra as they bring the best of big band music from the 1920s to today, including rock and roll and disco. This orchestra is composed of 17 musicians and a conductor. Don't miss this opportunity to experience a wide variety of genres, styles, and tempos of American and European music. **Registration required.**

## Multi-Age and family

### Winter Reading Workout
**December 1 – January 31**
***Ages 0-12***
**Location:** Children's Desk
Join us in having fun doing a Winter Reading Workout! Read and enjoy other fun winter activities for a chance to win prizes. Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up your reading log or download from our website beginning December 1.

### Homeschool Hive
**Friday, November 6 | 10 to 11 a.m.**
**Friday, December 4 | 10 to 11 a.m.**
***Ages 5-12***
**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.**

### Dinosaur Dimensions
**Tuesday, November 17 | 6 to 7 p.m.**
***All ages***
**Location:** Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3
Meet the dinosaurs! Have a dino-mite, high-energy, educational experience when you get up close with oversized animatronic dinosaur puppets. **Registration required**.

### Pajama Bingo!
**Monday, November 23 | 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.**
***Families***
**Location:** Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3
Join us to win prizes while playing Bingo in your pajamas! Bring along your favorite stuffed animal and register your family to play with you. **Registration required for everyone attending.**

### Cocoa & Caring
**Tuesday, December 1 | 4:30 to 6 p.m.**
**Tuesday, December 1 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.**
**Saturday, December 5 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.**
***All ages***
**Location:** Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3
Join us in giving back to our community. 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 person attending the program.**

### Crafty Kids: Winter Bookmark
**Monday, December 21 | 3 to 3:45 p.m.**
***Ages 5-12***
**Location:** Program Room 1
Color and laminate a winter bookmark or create your own design. **Registration required.**

### Noon Year's Eve
**Tuesday, December 29 | 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**
***Ages 3-8 with caregiver***
**Location:** Program Rooms 1 & 2
Ring in the new year as we countdown to 12 Noon! Join us for games, activities and music as we celebrate the turning of the calendar! **Registration required.**

### 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. **Drop-in.**

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

**General Meetings**
**Friday, November 20 | 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!
**Please register here:**
**https://huntley.libnet.info/event/17065752**

**Friday, December 18 | 11 a.m.**
**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3
Join us for light refreshments and holiday cheer! Holiday basket winners will be drawn at 11:30 a.m.
**Please register here:**
**https://huntley.libnet.info/event/15294887**

**December Book Sale**
**Saturday, December 12 | 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
**Sunday, December 13 | 12 to 4 p.m.**
***All Ages***
**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3
The sale includes holiday books, music and DVDs for all ages.

**Friends Members Only Sale:**
Friday, December 11 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.
**Sunday Only:** $10/bag, or 2 for $15

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**.

**#GIVINGTUESDAY**
**Tuesday, December 1**
#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 **huntleylibraryfriends.org**, click on the "Make a Payment or Donation" button and follow the instructions.

**Holiday Baskets**
**November 20 – December 17**
Raffle Tickets: $1 each or 6 for $5
Tickets on sale at the Information Desk beginning November 20. Baskets will be on display in the Art Gallery Hallway. Winners will be drawn during the Friends December General Meeting on Friday, December 18.

Basket themes will include electronics, cash, dining out and grocery store gift cards, lottery tickets, LEGO sets, Morkes Chocolates, and more! Baskets will be listed on the Friends website beginning November 20 at **huntleylibraryfriends.org.**

**How to purchase tickets:**
1. Cash or check: Purchase at the library Information Desk.
2. Credit Card: Purchase tickets online using a credit card.
   a. Visit **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.
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