

ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION
Monday, September 10, 2012 – 6:00 P.M.
St. Charles Police Department Conference Room
211 N. Riverside Avenue

Minutes have been sent to the following:

*N. McFarland – Youth Commissioner	B. Abraham, STC EHS
*J. Diorio – Youth Commissioner	R. Ochromowicz, STC Park District
*C. Hime – Youth Commissioner	D. Schlomann, Superintendent CUSD 303
K. Kauke – Youth Commissioner	M. Dockum, Wredling M.S.
*D. Kelly – Youth Commissioner	P. Yensen, United Way
S. Schwerdtfeger – Youth Commissioner	J. Otepka, TriCity
*M. Tilton – Youth Commissioner	G. Swanson, Township
*M. Weick – Youth Commissioner	J. Greenwald, STC Park District
* J. Wong – Youth Commissioner	C. Kyle, STC EHS
*J. Knewitz, CUSD 303	J. Baird, CUSD 303
*B. Tynan, STC PD	S. Morrill, Thompson M.S.
J. Lamkin, Police Chief	H. Cabel, Park District
B. Townsend, City Administrator	E. Baxter, STC Library
D. DeWitte, Mayor	D. Beasley, STC Underground
STC Alderman	S. Warren, STC Underground
R. Miller, Haines M.S.	*M. DeLaRosa, TriCity
M. Karson, STC EHS	K. Zupec, STC NHS

*Attended meeting.

Meeting called to order @ 6:05 p.m.

Introduction of new Youth Commissioners – Jim Diorio and Jeff Wong

Secretary Report – Approval of the Minutes from June 4, 2012 meeting – Motion to approve minutes carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Cliff Hime

- \$15,000 budget intact. (See attached report)

CORRESPONDENCE –

- A. A letter from Tri-City Family Services regarding nominations for William D. Barth Award. (See attached)
- B. Illinois Municipal League Announcement: “No Text On Board Pledge Day” coming up on Wednesday, September 19, 2012. (See attached)

PRESENTATIONS – None.

LIAISON REPORTS –

D303 – John Knewitz

- School has started
- Discussed first suicide in district since 2009

Park District – None

Police Department – Bill Tynan

- Juvenile Arrest report attached
- Bill mentioned a driving simulator is available to simulate texting and driving. The police department will try to work to integrate it into driver's education classes in the high schools (provided by AAA)

Library Programs – Marianne Wieck

- Marianne distributed "Reading is So Delicious" t-shirts to celebrate a successful summer reading program at the Library
- September-December 2012 Newsletter attached
- Library is collecting feedback for future planning (form attached)

Tri-City Family Services – Michelle De La Rosa

- Three (3) week wait for programs for kids
- Mindful Emotions girls group starting
- Mindful Emotions retreat upcoming as well
- Smart Choices Anger Management course starting for grade school age children

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Homecoming Parades 2012 – discussion regarding Youth Commission participation in Homecoming Parades rather than City parades. Will be determining which, if any, parades to participate in.
- B. 2012/2013 Challenge Grant – copies of last year's Challenge Grant distributed to Youth Commission members. Discussion regarding this year's Challenge Grant application. Discussion regarding one theme versus wide-open application process (any worthwhile projects). Discussed changing wording specifics of Challenge Grant. Nancy will update Youth Commission application for next meeting. It was decided to title this year's application to "Make a Better Tomorrow Today."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Cliff Hime mentioned upcoming fundraiser – Exchange Club Spaghetti Dinner on October 9, 2012.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. – motion carried.

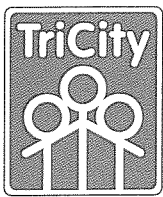
The next Youth Commission meeting will be Monday, October 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Police Department Conference Room located at 211 N. Riverside Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Kelly, Youth Commissioner

City of Saint Charles
 Youth Commission
 Treasurer's Report 2012-13

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Family Services

1120 Randall Court • Geneva, IL 60134 • (630) 232-1070 • (630) 232-1471 fax

August 9, 2012

Joan Arteberry-Zavitz
St. Charles Youth Commission
10 State Ave.
St. Charles, IL 60174

Nancy McFarland

Dear Joan:

Nancy

TriCity Family Services is seeking nominations for the 28th Annual William D. Barth Award. Established in 1985, the Barth Award recognizes one individual who has made a significant and positive impact, through community service, on the central Kane County area.

As a leader who is fortunate to know many volunteers in the area, **I am hoping you can think of a deserving candidate to nominate.** Over the years, many excellent nominations have come from people like you.

Nominees must be individuals whose investment in the community, and concern for those living here, is shown by an ongoing involvement in community life. The award recipient will exemplify the legacy of William D. Barth, a founder of TriCity Family Services and a dedicated community leader. The award will be presented at the annual Barth Award Dinner on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at the Riverside Reception and Conference Center in Geneva.

Nominations must be submitted in writing by Friday, September 28, 2012. A William D. Barth Award Nomination Form is available, but not required if equivalent information is submitted. I am enclosing the form and a list of prior awardees with this letter.

Please send nominations to me: Miranda Barfuss, TriCity Family Services, 1120 Randall Ct., Geneva, IL 60134. Via email, send to mbarfuss@tricityfamilyservices.org. Via fax, send to 630-232-1471. Please feel free to call me at 630-232-1070 with questions or for more information.

I hope you will nominate someone wonderful this year.

Sincerely,

Miranda Barfuss
Development Manager





28th Annual William D. Barth Award

The William D. Barth Award was established in 1985 and recognizes one individual each year that has made a significant and positive impact, through community service, on the central Kane County area.

The Barth Award is brought to you by TriCity Family Services in honor of William D. Barth. Bill Barth was a founder of TriCity Family Services and a dedicated community leader.

Nominations for the 2012 William D. Barth Award must be received **by Friday, September 28, 2012**. A nomination form is available, but is not required if equivalent information is submitted. All Barth Award nominations must be submitted in writing.

The 2012 William D. Barth Award will be presented at the William D. Barth Award Dinner on Thursday, October 25, 2012. The event is from 5:00 to 8:00 PM and will be held at Riverside Receptions, located at 35 N. River Lane, Geneva, IL. The event features a buffet dinner and cash bar, a donor recognition reception and presentation of the William D. Barth Award. There is no cost to attend, though donations are appreciated.

Past Recipients of the William D. Barth Award

2011: Sarah Kimber
2010: James Kintz
2009: Mary Lu O'Halloran
2008: Pam Mann
2007: Doris Hunt
2006: Cris Anderson
2005: Steve Lillie
2004: Peg Halladay
2003: Vernon Oie
2002: Melinda Hinners
2001: Darlene Marcusson
2000: Betsy Penny
1999: Marjorie Hissong
1998: Robert Hawse
1997: Carol Rosene
1996: Ralph & Lucile Little
1995: Vernon Gynn
1994: Howard Wallin
1993: James Abbot
1992: Joanne Hansen
1991: Max Hunt
1990: Russell Forkins
1989: Nellie Wood
1988: Nancy Temple
1987: Glen Haines
1986: Jim McCausland
1985: Frank Burgess



William D. Barth Award Nomination Form 2012

Nominee Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City State Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____

Title and/or Leadership positions: _____
Achievements: _____

Honors and/or awards: _____

How has this individual displayed leadership? _____

Contributions to the community: _____

Other information you would like us to know: _____

Please include as much information as possible. Feel free to attach additional pages or information, including a recommendation letter, a resume, news clippings, other testimonies, or any other information that you think would help demonstrate why your nominee should receive the William D. Barth Award.

Nominator Information

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
Relationship to Nominee: _____

Send nominations by September 28, 2012 to:
Miranda Barfuss, Development Manager
TriCity Family Services, 1120 Randall Ct. Geneva, IL 60134.
Email mbarfuss@tricityfamilyservices.org. Fax 630-232-1471.
Phone 630-232-1070 x114 with questions or for additional information.

Dear Municipal Official:

We are writing today to ask for your help in an emerging public safety issue that has become an epidemic: texting and driving. In recent years, there has been a spike in the number of car crash-related injuries and fatalities specifically caused by texting while driving. In fact, according to one study, wireless users who text while driving are 23 times more likely to be involved in a car crash.

The cold truth is texting-related accidents are preventable. By taking control of when and where we text, wireless users can help reduce the number of tragic accidents that result from texting while driving.

Today we're pleased to inform you of a partnership between the Illinois Municipal League and AT&T Illinois that is designed to raise awareness to ensure that everyone arrives to their destination safely.

AT&T's "IT Can Wait" campaign" provides a clear message to motorists of the dangers of texting and driving. Now, on September 19th, AT&T is holding its national "No Text on Board Pledge Day." On this day, people will vow to never text and drive again. The goal of this initiative is two-fold: to encourage people to make a commitment to keep themselves and others on the road safe, and to spread awareness of the dangers of texting while driving.

Gov. Quinn is supporting the effort by urging drivers to take this pledge, and proclaiming September as "Texting and Driving Awareness Month" in Illinois and, specifically, proclaiming Sept. 19 as "No Text on Board Pledge Day" in our state. ([Governor's Proclamation](#))

Today we are writing to ask your municipality to issue a proclamation:

- **Proclaim Sept. 19th as "No Text on Board – Pledge Day" or proclaim September as "Texting and Driving Awareness Month"**
We've included a [sample proclamation](#) for your convenience.

We know education is the key, because no text message is worth dying for.

To learn more, to take the pledge or to watch the very powerful 11-minute documentary called "The Last Text," log on to www.att.com/ItCanWait or click [HERE](#).

Together, our two organizations have helped Illinois make progress on many fronts. Today, we're pleased to join forces to address this issue that affects each one of us, our friends, our families and our children.

We appreciate your willingness to help. Copies of your municipality's proclamation can be faxed to the IML office at 217-525-7438.

Sincerely,

Ray Muniz
President
Illinois Municipal League

Paul La Schiazza
President
AT&T Illinois

SC Juvenile Arrest listing

Statute Code	Description	Arrest Date And Time	subject ID Number	Arrestee Address City	Arrestee Jacket Type
9-52-010	CHILD: Curfew	06/17/2012 10:10:00	IL0451400:9757:J	SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
5-08-270D	LIQUOR: Illegal Consumption By A Minor	06/30/2012 01:26:00		ELBURN	Juvenile Jacket
5-08-270D	LIQUOR: Illegal Consumption By A Minor	07/17/2012 02:33:00	IL0451400:7870:J	SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
9-51-030	CANNABIS: Possession - < 30 Grams	07/17/2012 02:33:00	IL0451400:7870:J	SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
625 ILCS 5.0/6-101-A	TRAFFIC: No Drivers License	08/17/2012 13:42:00		GENEVA	Juvenile Jacket
625 ILCS 5.0/11-601-B	TRAFFIC: Other Violations	08/18/2012 01:21:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
625 ILCS 5.0/6-101-A	TRAFFIC: No Drivers License	08/18/2012 01:21:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
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Discover Your Library

St. Charles Public Library News and Event Guide

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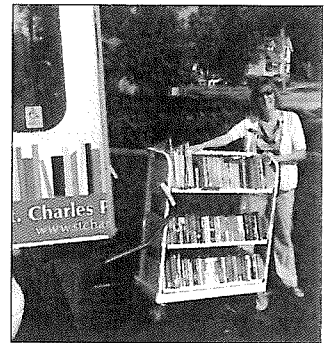


■ Your Library in the Community

“To serve the community as well as possible, it is important for the Library staff to be actively involved in the community.” – Director Diana Brown

You're not imagining it—if you think you've seen Library staff members delivering books to an elderly neighbor, marching in a St. Patrick's day parade, at the train station re-stocking the “Rack at the Track,” or attending community organization meetings. These are a few examples of how our staff is involved in the community.

Our Outreach Services Department delivers library materials to those with mobility or vision issues as well as to seniors who are homebound or in senior facilities. Anyone who is temporarily or permanently disabled is eligible for home delivery. Outreach Services also assists homebound patrons in registering to vote, and maintains paperback swaps with reading materials at the Salvation Army, La Huerta Supermarket and local apartment complexes.



The Library van and staff are a familiar sight at the St. Charles Farmer's Market, Pride of the Fox Riverfest and the Scarecrow Fest. Be sure to stop by to meet with staff members, find out what's new and to spin the Library wheel!

Many individual staff members are actively involved in community organizations. Assistant Director Bryan Wood has been a member the Noon Rotary Club of St. Charles for 12 years and volunteers at Club events. Outreach Services Manager Jean Langlais has been a member of the

St. Charles Breakfast Rotary for five years and has helped collect coats for the Salvation Army to distribute to children at Christmas, served meals at Lazarus House and sorted food at the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Bonni Ellis, Circulation Services Manager, serves as a Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley board member, and is an Altrusa board member, chairing the Service Committee. Altrusa is an international service organization with a focus on literacy, women and children. Librarian Sue Glad serves on the St. Charles Heritage Center Board. She helps coordinate programs that are cosponsored with the Library.

Young Adult Librarian Marianne Weick has been a St. Charles Youth Commissioner since 1997. Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor. Marianne notes that, “It offers a great opportunity to network with other community members who work

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A Library for the Community

The St. Charles Public Library is preparing a new strategic plan to guide the development of its services and facilities. The outlook will be long-term, but the immediate focus will be on what steps to take within the next three years. The plan will be based on an understanding of the community, its needs and the Library's role within the community.

Last year, we asked you to evaluate specific services the Library offers and to give us an idea of how to improve them. Results included requests for more e-books and other electronic resources, a better website, better parking and expanded weekend hours. We have substantially increased our e-book collection and added new electronic resources and services, expanded and standardized summer Sunday hours and begun construction of a new parking lot. In 2012/2013, we will work on making our website more user-friendly.

This fall, we again are asking for your opinions. This time, there are fewer questions and they are more general:

1. What do you see as the most important needs in the St. Charles Community?
2. In your opinion, how could the Library address these needs?

The questions will be online, and you may answer them from your home computer or from a computer in the Library at www.scpfuture.org now through September 15.

New this time will be two public meetings for people to gather and exchange ideas about the issues: Thursday, September 20 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. and Sunday, September 23 from 2:00–3:30 p.m. We hope you can attend.

For over a century, the Library has been a community gathering and information place. Today, it serves more than 55,000 people with both traditional and electronic resources. Your responses will help the Library evolve so that it will continue to fulfill its role as a vital and forward-looking community resource.

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with the youth of St. Charles. Through my work on the Youth Commission, I have been able to partner with and support initiatives of CUSD 303, St. Charles Park District and Tri-City Family Services and have garnered community support for the Library's teen services."

The Youth Services Department supports the educational efforts of St. Charles by visiting schools and preschools in the Library District and hosting field trips to the Library for students. From story times that introduce children to literature through books and songs, research skills workshops for elementary and middle school students and presentations designed especially for Scouts, our librarians work with hundreds of students each month.

Our staff members are a vital bridge connecting the Library to the community, and we are proud to be of service to St. Charles residents.

Footnotes

Operation VFW Memories

St. Charles resident Austin Rose of Boy Scout Troop 80, has presented a copy of his Eagle Scout project **Operation VFW Memories** to the Library. Rose and members of his troop interviewed veterans from the St. Charles VFW and the American Legion. The interviews were transcribed word-for-word to provide an accurate description of their experiences. Local veterans from World War II through Desert Storm are included. A copy of the book is available for check out.



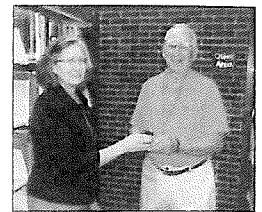
Technical Services Manager Receives Award

Technical Services Manager Myung Sung is the 2012 recipient of the TBS, Inc. Technical Services Award, which is sponsored by Today's Business Solutions. The award is given every year by the Resources and Technical Services Forum of the Illinois Library Association. It's awarded to an individual who has made a substantial contribution in the area of library technical services. Myung notes that "This recognition serves as a reminder and motivator to keep working hard and represent the St. Charles Public Library in the best way possible. I would like to thank everyone I have worked with and all the colleagues and friends who nominated me for this award." The award ceremonies will be held at the Illinois Library Association Conference in October.



Twenty Years of Service

Library volunteer Larry Engel received a volunteer recognition pin from Director Diana Brown in honor of his twenty years of service. Larry began volunteering in February of 1992 and has performed a wide variety of tasks, including assisting in the Outreach Department, and is presently helping in the Circulation Department.



Friends Award Scholarships

The Friends of St. Charles Public Library recently awarded six scholarships totalling \$4,000 to Library staff members for use in both undergraduate and graduate programs. The Friends have been giving scholarships to qualified staff members since 2004 and have awarded \$20,000 since the program began. Scholarship Committee Chairman Barb Backley presented scholarships to Brandon Buckley, Steve Bumpas, Nick Chaney, Anna Johansen, Brendan Riley and Deborah Stowell.

What the Staff Is Reading

Sunrise Point

by Robyn Carr (FIC CARR)

This is the 19th novel in Robyn Carr's *Virgin River* series, which begins with **Virgin River**. In **Sunrise Point**, former Marine Tom Cavanaugh returns home to take over the family orchard and happens to fall for a single mom who helps out at harvest time. While the books do have some romance, mostly they are just good contemporary stories with characters that reappear throughout the series. You don't have to read the series in order to enjoy them!

A Storm of Swords

by George R.R. Martin. (FIC MARTIN)

This is book three in Martin's *A Song of Ice and Fire* fantasy series, following **A Clash of Kings**. It is not what you think fantasy might be. There is magic, but also mystery, romance and a great deal of intrigue as the struggle for power continues. This series is very addictive and good for someone who is looking to be totally immersed in the works and characters of one author. It defies everything you think you know about how a story should be told.

Truly Madly

by Heather Webber (FIC WEBBER)

Heather Webber has written a series featuring the character Lucy Valentine. **Truly Madly** is the first book, followed by **Deeply**, **Desperately** and **Absolutely, Positively**. These are paranormal contemporary mysteries with a hint of romance.

Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond

by Lilly Ledbetter (331.42153 LED)

Lilly Ledbetter thought getting a job at the nearby Goodyear plant would provide financial stability. She managed to work her way up from the factory floor into management, but encountered one difficulty after another. When she received an anonymous note stating that she earned 40% less than her male counterparts, she took her complaint to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Rin Tin Tin: The Life and the Legend

by Susan Orlean (636.7376 ORL)

In 1918 an American soldier, himself an orphan, found a puppy in a bombed-out German dog kennel. He took him home. Rin Tin Tin, who displayed incredible athletic and acting abilities, caught the eye of Warner Bros. Studios, and became a box office star. Orlean spent 10 years researching the remarkable dog that became a legend and produced a book full of history, humor and heart.

Chopsticks

by Jessica Anthony and Rodrigo Corral (YA FIC ANTHONY)

This Young Adult novel is unusual because there are very few words. The unique narrative uses photographs, sketches, scrap paper, wine labels, playlists, letters and other bits of visual imagery to tell a teen love story. Once you begin reading, you will quickly realize that this is much more than a love story and delves deeply into something far more serious.

St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays ■ 9:15 a.m. ■ Huntley Meeting Room unless noted

Moderator Richard Holinger leads the group that is designed for both fledgling and experienced writers 18 or older. Questions? Contact Merilee Curtis at 630-584-0076, ext. 240 **DROP IN**

Inconsistencies: From drab diction to overwritten tripe
September 8

The art of the sentence ■ September 22 ■ Carnegie Room
❖ **Readings and Open Forum** ■ 1:30 p.m. ■ Charlestowne Mall

What writing for children can teach everyone ■ October 13
Carnegie Community Room

❖ **What editors want in a story** ■ October 27 ■ 9:30 a.m.
Charlestowne Mall

Book discussion: In honor of Ray Bradbury, Dandelion Wine
November 10

Points of view: To shift or not to shift ■ November 24

A writing workshop featuring writing exercises ■ December 8

The public is invited to join the group for their Holiday Reading
December 15

❖ Part of *Charlie's Center for the Arts*. See page 4 for details.

Friends of St. Charles Library



The Friends are committed to raising funds in support of the Library for the benefit and enhancement of its services, programs, facilities, staff and the community it serves.

Pot Luck Supper

Monday, September 10 ■ 6:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Meeting Room

Come and enjoy supper and learn more about the group.

Used Book Sale

Friday, October 19 ■ 2:30–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 20 ■ 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 21 ■ Noon–2:00 p.m.

Huntley Meeting Room

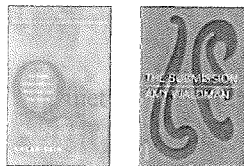
Get a good deal on books while supporting your Library! The fall and spring book sales are the Friends' primary fundraisers for the year. If you have a love of books and a desire to help support your Library, you are just who the Friends are looking for! More information is available at www.friendsofstcharleslibrary.com or by contacting Judi Asselborn at 630-587-1340.

Second Tuesday Book Discussion Groups

The Library offers two book discussion groups. Mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Evenings at 7:00 p.m. • Bisbee Conference Room **DROP IN**

September 11

Morning – Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain (155.232 CAI)



Evening – The Submission by Amy Waldman (FIC WALDMAN)

October 9

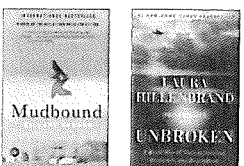
Morning – You Know When the Men Are Gone by Siobhan Fallon (FIC FALLON)



Evening – Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain (155.232 CAI)

November 13

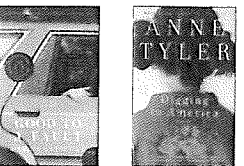
Morning – Mudbound by Hillary Jordan (FIC JORDAN)



Evening – Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand (940.547252 HIL)

December 11

Morning – Good to a Fault by Marina Endicott (FIC ENDICOTT)



Evening – Digging to America by Anne Tyler (FIC TYLER)

Great Decisions

Tuesdays ▪ 7:00 p.m.

The Great Decisions Series, sponsored by the Geneva and St. Charles Libraries, is intended to stimulate a discussion of foreign policy issues. Participants must pick up a copy of the discussion article at the Reference Desk before the discussion. **DROP IN**

September 11 ▪ **State of the Oceans: Waves of Change**
St. Charles ▪ Huntley Meeting Room

October 9 ▪ **Promoting Democracy: Foreign Policy Imperative?**
Geneva Public Library ▪ 127 James St.

November 13 ▪ **Energy Geopolitics: Quandaries Intensify**
St. Charles ▪ Huntley Meeting Room

Bringing Nature Home Film and Panel Discussion

Wednesday, September 19 ▪ 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Native plants are a vital component to the landscape. Without them we won't have the insect populations to feed the birds and wildlife we all love. The Library and the Northern Kane County Chapter of Wild Ones, invite you to a locally taped lecture by Dr. Doug Tallamy, author of **Bringing Home Nature: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants**, followed by a live discussion by a local panel of experts. **DROP IN**

Drop-In E-Book and E-Audiobook Help

Adults and Students with Adult

Friday, September 21 ▪ 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Monday, October 22 ▪ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Monday, November 19 ▪ 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 13 ▪ 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18 ▪ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 3 ▪ 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Get assistance with downloading books and audiobooks from the Library. Please bring your device with all cords and a laptop if you have one. Your valid St. Charles Library card is required. Contact Reference (630-584-0076, ext. 1) or the ASK ME Desk (630-584-9390) with questions. **DROP IN**

Charlie's Center for the Arts: A Pop-Up Arts Event at the Charlestowne Mall

Saturday, September 22–Sunday, October 27

The St. Charles Arts Council, in partnership with the St. Charles Public Library, CUSD 303 and the St. Charles Park District invite you to experience art through music, literature, dance, theater and much more over five weeks. For complete event listings visit stcharlesartscouncil.org. Come immerse yourself in the arts! **DROP-IN St. Charles Library sponsored events.**

St. Charles Writers Group

Saturday, September 22 ▪ 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Program with readings by the writers followed by an open forum for questions about the writing and publishing experience

Saturday, October 27 ▪ 9:30–11:00 a.m.

The regular meeting of the group will be held at the Mall

Bring Your Own Chair Poetry Slam

Saturday, October 27 ▪ 7:00–9:00 p.m.

YOUTH EVENTS are listed on page 13.

REGISTER for Adult programs at the Reference Desk.

■ Drum Circle and World Music Concert

Sunday, September 23 ■ 2:00 p.m. ■ Drum Circle ■ Outside
3:00 p.m. ■ World Music Concert ■ Huntley Meeting Room

A drum circle is any group of people gathered into a circle for the purpose of making music with percussion instruments. Bring a drum if you have one. This interactive drum circle experience will be held on the lawn across from the Library. (Rain location is St. Mark's Lutheran Church.)

The drum circle will be followed by Tom Sharpe and friends World Music Concert at 3:00 p.m. in the Huntley Meeting Room. With a fresh approach to world music, their high energy, passion and emotion, combined with superb musicality, leave audiences amazed and inspired! **DROP IN**

■ Civil War Spy: Elizabeth Van Lew

Thursday, September 27 ■ Noon ■ Huntley Meeting Room

Elizabeth Van Lew (1818-1900) was one of the most effective espionage agents of the Civil War. Believing passionately that slavery was wrong and that the Union must be preserved, she developed a successful spy system and became the recognized leader among the Unionists of Richmond, Virginia, the capital city of the Confederacy. After the war her courage was lauded by Union generals, but for her "betrayal" to the South she was scorned and ridiculed for the rest of her life. Join Miss Van Lew in her Richmond mansion and meet an intelligent, crafty and independent woman.

This fascinating program will be presented by Historical Portrayer Annette Baldwin and is cosponsored by the Library and the St. Charles Heritage Center. Bring your lunch. We will provide the coffee and tea. **DROP IN**



Wednesday, October 3 ■ 7:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room

Join Daily Herald film critic Dann Gire for a kaleidoscopic look at the motion pictures shot in Chicago. Starting with "Call Northside 777," Gire whips through clips from 17 of the most significant movies made before, during and after the reign of Mayor Richard J. Daley, who was responsible for a decade of no movies being shot downtown. Featured clips include "The Untouchables," "The Dark Knight," "Home Alone," "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," "The Blues Brothers" and many more. Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation. **DROP IN**

■ TnT (Twenties and Thirties)

If you are between the ages of 20 and 40 then this is the group for you! Join us for networking and learning opportunities in a fun social environment. Additional details are on the TnT page on our website or contact TnT@stcharleslibrary.org. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

Spices and the Age of Exploration

Wednesday, October 10 ■ 7:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Meeting Room

Learn from the experts at The Spice House in Geneva. The evening includes several spice tastings and plenty of time for Q&A.

Annual Holiday Cookie Exchange & Craftastic Contest

Wednesday, December 12 ■ 7:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Meeting Room

RSVPs are appreciated but not required for these two programs.

■ Sunday Afternoon Concerts

Sundays ■ 2:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room

❖ **October 14** – Pianist Jon Warfel

October 28 – How many "moon songs" do you know? You'll hear many familiar ones performed by Heather Braoudakis

❖ **November 11** – Arianna Duo featuring Carlyn Lloyd on flute and Laura Fako Utley on harp

❖ **December 9** – Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra's Honors Chamber Ensemble

❖ Designates a classical concert funded by donations to the St. Charles Public Library Foundation. **DROP IN**

■ Organize and Share Your Family History

Saturday, October 27 ■ 10:30 a.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room

Learn a method and format to make your research efforts more efficient and the results easier to read, digest and share. Presenter Steve Szabados will help you make your history a must read for your family. **DROP IN**

■ Humans vs. Zombies

Saturday, November 3 ■ 4:30-9:00 p.m.

Zombocolypse is here, and you've just realized that your local library may contain a lot of information that can help you survive. There's only one problem: When you arrive at the Library you find yourself locked inside with roving—and very hungry—zombies. You have teammates, important missions to complete and a nerf arsenal at your disposal. But the question remains: Can you keep your brains and last the night? There's only one way to find out: join in this frightfully fun chase and strategy game. You must be in high school or older. A Library card is not required. Limited to 30 participants. A signed parental permission slip is required for those under 18. Refreshments will be served.

REGISTER IN PERSON BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Art, Law Enforcement & Transformation with Artist Lindsay Olson



Wednesday, November 7 ■ 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

In the fall of 2008, Lindsay Olson received permission from Chief Rick Tanksley to begin a volunteer Artist-in-Residence program with the Oak Park Police Department. Given an unusual amount of access to the department and personnel, she learned the inner workings of law enforcement and created art work illuminating the vital and life affirming work of the police. Using original artwork and slides, she will share her artistic journey from landscape painter to conceptual artist and how empathy can be the most important tool in an artist's toolbox. **DROP IN**

Lyric Opera Lectures

Tuesdays ■ 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Each program will be presented by a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps. You will hear the story, learn about the composer and listen to musical highlights. **DROP IN**

November 20 ■ *Don Pasquale*
by Gaetano Donizetti

December 4 ■ *Hansel & Gretel*
by Engelbert Humperdinck

Heritage Center Book Discussion Group

Tuesdays ■ 7:00 p.m.
Bisbee Conference Room

September 4 ■ *Murder City: The Bloody History of Chicago in the Twenties*
by Michael Lesy



November 6 ■ *Windy City: A Novel of Politics*
by Scott Simon



Introductory Computer Classes

Notes:

- ✓ Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.
- ✓ A \$10 refundable cash deposit is required at the time of registration.
- ✓ **REGISTER** at the Adult Reference Desk.
- ✓ **Class size is limited to 10 people.**
- ✓ Class cancellations will be posted in the Library and on our website.

REGISTRATION begins on the following dates for each month's classes:

September: Sunday, Aug. 19 ■ Noon

October: Sunday, Sept. 16 ■ Noon

November: Sunday, Oct. 21 ■ Noon

January: Sunday, Dec. 16 ■ Noon

For complete class descriptions, please visit the Reference Desk or our website: www.stcharleslibrary.org/tech/classes.htm

Introduction to Windows 7

Class is three 1½-hour sessions that must be taken in succession. Successful completion of this class is a prerequisite for all other computer classes offered.

Wednesdays, September 5, 12 & 19
6:30–8:00 p.m.

Mondays, October 8, 15 & 22
7:00–8:30 p.m.

Thursdays, November 1, 8 & 15
7:00–8:30 p.m.

Digital Music Downloads 101

Class is one 2-hour session.
Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows 7

Monday, September 10 ■ 5:30–7:30 p.m.

eBay Buying & Selling

Class is two 2-hour sessions that must be taken in succession.
Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows 7

Mondays, September 17 & 24
5:30–7:30 p.m.

Introduction to MS Publisher 2010

Class is two 2-hour sessions that must be taken in succession.
Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows 7

Wednesday, September 26 & Thursday, September 27 ■ 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Introduction to MS PowerPoint 2010

Class is two 2-hour sessions that must be taken in succession.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows 7

Wednesdays, October 10 & 17
5:30–7:30 p.m.

Digital Camera Basics

Class is two 2-hour sessions that must be taken in succession.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows 7

Fridays, October 12 & 19
5:30–7:30 p.m.

Digital Camera Photo Editing

Class is one 2-hour session.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows 7

Friday, October 26 ■ 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Email Etiquette

Class is one 2-hour session.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows 7

Monday, October 29 ■ 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Introduction to MS Excel, Level 1

Class is two 2-hour sessions that must be taken in succession.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows 7

Mondays, November 5 & 12
5:30–7:30 p.m.

Introduction to MS Excel, Level 2

Class is two 2-hour sessions that must be taken in succession.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows 7 and Introduction to MS Excel, Level 1

Mondays, November 19 & 26
5:30–7:30 p.m.

Introduction to MS Word 2010

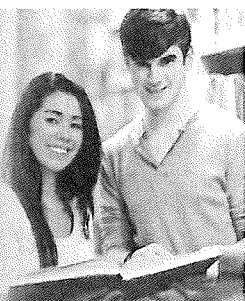
Class is two 2-hour sessions that must be taken in succession.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows 7

Wednesdays, November 7 & 14
5:30–7:30 p.m.

Call 630-584-0076 ext. 1 to register. No Library card required.

Preparing for College



SAT & ACT Practice Tests

SAT – Saturday, September 29
9:15 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

ACT – Saturday, October 13 OR
Saturday, November 10
9:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Huntley Meeting Room

Conquer those pretest jitters early and improve your scores by taking a practice ACT or SAT exam. Kaplan instructors will contact students individually with personalized results. College is right around the corner! **REGISTER**

Perfecting Your ACT Writing Assessment

Saturday, October 6
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Learn easy ways to immediately transform your scores on the ACT Writing portion! Professional writer and ACT writing specialist Jordan Catapano will teach specific writing techniques so you will be able to compose an articulate, sophisticated essay in 30 minutes. **REGISTER**

Choosing a College Major

Thursday, October 25 ■ 7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

What parents and students need to know about connecting college majors to emerging careers and the future job market. Peg Hendershot from Career Vision will guide you through the steps you need for successful college major selection and career planning. Parents welcome.

REGISTER

College Knowledge: Tips from Inside the Admission Committee

Thursday, November 1 ■ 7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

This presentation will cover the college admissions process, including campus visits, application tips, financial assistance and finding the right school for you. Julie Nelson, Regional Recruitment Director for Xavier University brings with her a wealth of information from her nearly 20 year career in college admissions and can answer any questions or concerns you have about the admissions process. Parents welcome.

REGISTER

30th Anniversary of Banned Books Week

September 30 – October 6

Join the Banned! Protect your right to read. Celebrate the freedom to choose and to express one's opinion, even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular. This week stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of diverse viewpoints to all who wish to read them.

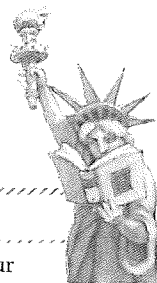


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Teen Read Week: October 14–20

This year's Teen Read Week theme is *It Came From the Library!* Read what's lurking in the stacks.

The 2012 Teens' Top Ten nominations are here! Pick-up a list of the nominated books in The Loft or at the Reference Desk. Readers, ages twelve to eighteen, can vote online at www.ala.org/teenstopten, anytime between now and September 14. Title winners will be announced during TRW. See selections to the right.

Humans vs. Zombies

Saturday, November 3 ■ 4:30–9:00 p.m.

For complete details see page 5.

Selected Teens' Top Ten Nominees

Tempest by Julie Cross

Jackson is a typical college kid until the day his girlfriend, Holly, is shot. Jackson decides he must use his one incredible gift, the ability to time travel, to discover a way to alter the future so that Holly lives. The future is full of uncertainty and the past is full of betrayal. Is there anyone Jackson can trust?



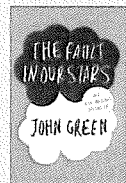
Scarlet by A.C. Gaughen

Will Scarlett is one of the Merry Men. Robin Hood's legendary band of thieves, but what few people know is that Will Scarlett is actually...a girl! Disguised as a boy to escape from her past, Scarlett robs from the rich and gives to the poor. When an old enemy of Scarlett's appears, she must choose: Keep her identity hidden? Or keep the people of Nottingham safe?

The Fault in Our Stars

by John Green

Hazel and Augustus meet and forge a relationship at a support group for kids battling cancer. As Hazel and Augustus struggle with the "side-effects of dying," they come to learn the strength of wishes, the complexities of long human lives and the wondrous ways of the universe.



Shine by Lauren Myracle

When her best friend falls victim to a horrible hate crime, sixteen-year-old Cat sets out to discover the culprits in her backwoods town in North Carolina.

This Dark Endeavor: The Apprenticeship of Victor Frankenstein

by Kenneth Oppel

In this prequel to **Frankenstein**, Victor Frankenstein is on a dark quest to save his twin's life.

With help from his best friend Henry, and his lovely cousin Elizabeth, the three go on a quest to concoct the mythical Elixir of Life. How far is he willing to go to save his twin?



Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys

In 1941, Lina, her mother and younger brother are taken from their home in Lithuania and sent to Siberia. The only thing that keeps her going is her secretly created art and the hope that one day she'll be reunited with her father.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE TITLE!

■ Foundation Donations

The St. Charles Public Library Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation established in 1993 to provide support for the Library through tax-deductible contributions.

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide funds to enhance and enrich Library programs and services. Funds have supported projects and programs such as author and speaker series, construction of the Helen Gale Story Room in Youth Services, renovation of the Carnegie Community Room to serve as a community cultural and conference facility and the construction and landscaping of a brick walk leading to the original main entrance. Future funds will support Library collections, cultural programs and landscaping for the new parking lot.

Tax deductible contributions may be made payable to the St. Charles Public Library Foundation and sent to: St. Charles Public Library Foundation, One South Sixth Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174.

Foundation donations received July 1, 2011– June 30, 2012

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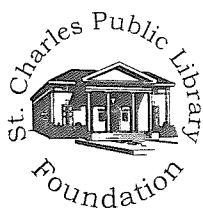
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If you notice any omissions or inaccuracies on this list, please bring them to our attention by calling Ginni Tsipas at 630-584-0076, ext. 230.



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■ Foundation Landscape Project

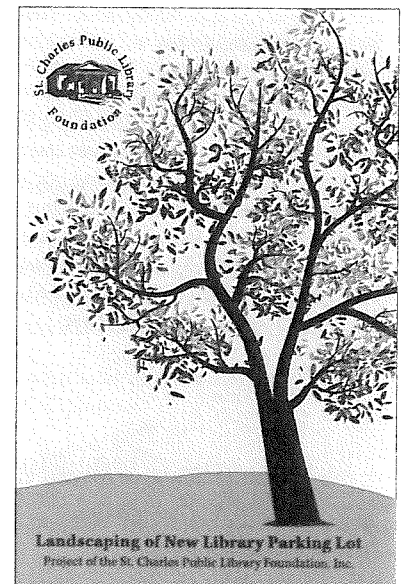
The St. Charles Public Library Foundation has chosen the landscaping of the new parking lot as its latest fundraising project. The project also includes placing identification tags on many of the plants on Library property.

The donor categories include:

- Seed: Up to \$50
- Leaf: \$51 - \$100
- Branch: \$101 - \$300
- Trunk: \$301 - \$699
- Tree (specific tree selected from plans): \$700 and up

Donations of \$100 and up will be listed on a recognition plaque near the new parking lot. Donations of under \$100 will be recognized on a special "tree" in the Library lobby. Tree donations will be acknowledged with individual donor plates near the trees. In addition, all donors will be mentioned in future issues of this newsletter. All donations are tax deductible.

Donor cards with envelopes are available in the Library lobby or will be mailed upon request. For information about the project, please contact Diana Brown at 630-584-0076, extension 228, or dbrown@stcharleslibrary.org.



G Grandparents — look for this symbol for events for you and your grandchildren to attend!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

for Upcoming Registration Dates
www.stcharleslibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp

In-person and online event registration begins

Fall – Saturday, September 8

Winter – Saturday, January 5

Telephone registration begins

Fall – Tuesday, September 11

Winter – Tuesday, January 8

EVENTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN – INFANT-AGE 5 PRE-K

Multi-Age Story Time



Infant – Age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Tuesdays, September 11–November 13 (No stories Oct. 16 & Nov. 6)
 9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, September 12–November 14 (No stories Oct. 17)
 9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Open attendance, just show your St. Charles Public Library card.

Storytellers will present stories and songs that will tickle, delight and amuse. Children and adults attend together. To ensure an enjoyable story experience for everyone attending, each session will have a total capacity of 40 children and adults. Please arrive early as we will begin to distribute tickets each day 10 minutes before the story time. Door opens 5 minutes before the event begins. **DROP IN**

Age Specific Story Times

The following early childhood events encourage the adult to participate with the child by serving as a role model, leading the child's hands through a fingerplay or showing him/her how to bend and stretch.

Siblings may attend. Register each child and adult. Participation is limited to registered children and parent/caregiver. An adult may bring up to two children. Ask about accommodations for twins or triplets. **REGISTER**

Everyone needs stories.
 Register for either Session A or B,
 the programs are the same.

Infant with Parent/Caregiver

Mondays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

Session A: September 10–October 8

Session B: October 15–November 12

One Year Old with Parent/Caregiver

Mondays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Session A: September 10–October 8

Session B: October 15–November 12

Thursdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

Session A: September 13–October 11

Session B: October 18–November 15

Two Year Old with Parent/Caregiver

Tuesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

Session A: September 11–October 9

Session B: October 16–November 13

Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Session A: September 12–October 10

Session B: October 17–November 14

Three & Four Year Olds



Tuesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

Session A: September 11–October 9

Session B: October 16–November 13

Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Session A: September 12–October 10

Session B: October 17–November 14

This story time fosters a love of books and reading and develops good listening skills. To encourage the child's self-reliance, we ask that the child be comfortable attending the program alone.

Four & Five Year Olds Pre-K

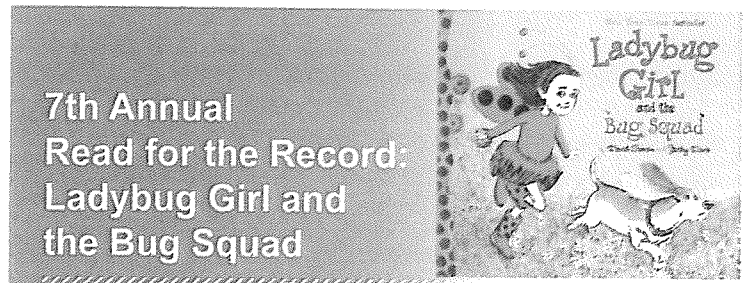


Tuesdays, 1:30–2:10 p.m.

Session A: September 11–October 9

Session B: October 16–November 13

This story time will inform, delight and stimulate on a higher level the listening and motor skills of a more mature child who has had previous group experience. This group meets for 40 minutes.



7th Annual
 Read for the Record:
 Ladybug Girl and
 the Bug Squad

Family



Thursday, September 27 OR Friday, September 28
 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Join us and hundreds of thousands of record-breakers around the nation, as together we read **Ladybug Girl and the Bug Squad** by David Soman and Jacky Davis. In celebration of reading, bring everyone to enjoy the story, sing songs and take home a special memento of the day. **REGISTER**

YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

Stories Live!



Family

9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 27 ▪ *Three Billy Goats Gruff*

Thursday, December 6 ▪ *Tortoise & the Hare*

Wednesday, December 12 ▪ *Anansi*

Your favorite stories will come alive as the storyteller tells and then explores with you the various ways to share the story again through puppetry, fingerplay, song and more. These early literacy story experiences are offered throughout the year. We encourage you to attend each multiple times over the years, as children will experience a story differently at each age/stage of development. REGISTER

Stories at the Nature Center



Stories will resume in 2013 at the new Creek Bend facility located in the LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve.

Book Character Visits



Family



Fridays ▪ 4:00 p.m.

September 14 ▪ *Biscuit*

November 9 ▪ *Skippy Jon Jones*

Come for a story and a visit with your favorite costumed book character. Bring your camera. In partnership with Barnes & Noble of Geneva. REGISTER or DROP IN

Families living outside the Library District may attend on a space available basis.

EVENTS FOR STUDENTS K–8

Kids Corner



Grades 1 & 2

Mondays, 4:00–4:45 p.m.

September 24 ▪ *Imagination*

October 22 ▪ *Freaky Fun*

November 12 ▪ *Around the World in Folktales*

December 10 ▪ *Delicious*

Explore literature through storytelling, books and of course, lots of surprises. Register for one or all. REGISTER

Book Magic



Kindergartners

Tuesdays, 4:00–4:45 p.m.

September 18 ▪ *School Days*

October 16 ▪ *Autumn Fun*

November 13 ▪ *Around Town*

December 11 ▪ *Friends*

An afternoon story romp with books, storytelling, poetry, songs and more. Register for one or all. REGISTER

You Build with LEGO®



Grades 3–8

4:00–5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26

Tuesday, October 23

Monday, November 26

These after school dates are exclusively for students. Bring your imagination. We have all you will need to create with LEGO® bricks. Your creation will be displayed in Youth Services until the next event. Parental signature is needed for photos to be posted to the Library's Kids Facebook page. See page 14 for family LEGO® event. REGISTER

Let's Talk Books! Student Book Discussion Groups



Grades 2-8

Thursdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m. ■ Huntley Meeting Room

Read the book and have fun talking about it with other kids. Copies of the books are available at the ASK ME Desk. Snacks and lemonade provided. Discussions are limited to 18 students per date. Sponsored by the St. Charles Optimist Club. [REGISTER](#)

Book Capers for Grades 2 & 3

- Oct. 11** **Seven Treasure Hunts** by Betsy Byars
Jackson and his friend Goat make up a series of treasure hunts for each other then set out, armed with maps and clues, to try to outsmart one another with disastrous and hilarious results.
- Nov. 8** **The Trouble with Chickens** by Doreen Cronin
A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case.
- Dec. 6** **Vacation Under the Volcano** by Mary Pope Osborne
Their magic tree house takes Annie and Jack to Pompeii just as Vesuvius is about to erupt. They must find a Roman scroll before everything is covered with burning ash.



Scene Stealers for Grades 4 & 5

- Oct. 25** **Boys Against Girls** by Phyllis Naylor
Abaguchie mania! Caroline Malloy shivers in anticipation when her on-again, off-again enemy Wally Hatford tells her that a strange animal known as the abaguchie has been spotted in their area. You won't be able to keep up with all the tricks and traps the boys and girls plan for each other in this hilarious story!
- Nov. 15** **The Battle for the Castle** by Elizabeth Winthrop
Twelve-year-old William uses a magic token to return, through the toy castle in his attic, to the medieval land of Sir Simon, which now is menaced by a skeleton ship bearing a plague of rats.
- Dec. 13** **The Sixty-Eight Rooms** by Marianne Malone
Ruthie thinks nothing exciting will ever happen to her until her sixth-grade class visits the Art Institute of Chicago. She and her best friend Jack discover a magic key that shrinks them to the size of gerbils and allows them to explore the Thorne Rooms, the collection of sixty-eight miniature rooms from various time periods and places, and discover their secrets.



View Point for Grades 6-8

- Nov. 29** **The Secret Life of Ms. Finkleman** by Ben Winters
Spurred by a special project from her social studies teacher, seventh grader Bethesda Fielding uncovers the secret identity of her music teacher.



Babysitter Training

Babysitter with First Aid and CPR for Infant & Child

Ages 11-15

Monday, November 19 AND Tuesday, November 20

Two 6-hour training workshops from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$45 [REGISTER](#)

Become a Red Cross certified babysitter. Training will cover all aspects of babysitter responsibilities and includes a Babysitter Training set which features valuable resources – handbook, emergency reference guide and CD-ROM with templates, organizer, activities and more. Students must attend the entire training workshop and successfully pass all observable skills to receive First Aid certification valid for 3 years, CPR certification for 1 year and Babysitter certification.

Grant funding provided by the Friends of St. Charles Public Library and St. Charles Kiwanis. Min. of 8 / max. of 10 students.

Students living outside the Library District may register beginning 11/5 for \$55.

Registration Requirements:

A completed **Babysitter application form**, including student and parent signatures, is due at registration. The form is available at the ASK ME Desk and online. In-person registration only.

Full payment (cash or check payable to St. Charles Public Library) is required to register or to add your name to the waiting list. Cancellations must be made by noon on Friday, November 16 for 11/19 workshop. Late cancellations or no-shows will result in loss of fee. In the event that a student on the waiting list is not called to attend, a refund will be mailed.

Waiting List – Up to two applications will be accepted per training session. All applicants will be contacted after the cancellation deadline regarding registration status.

YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

It's Greek To Me!



The Myths & Legends of Ancient Greece



Grades 4–8

Monday, October 8 ▪ 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses will come alive through interactive dramatization of classic stories: Pandora's Box, Arachne, and Jason and the Fleece.

Presented by Caton Enterprises, Ltd. High school students and adults also may attend.

REGISTER

Families living outside the Library District may attend for \$2 per person on a space available basis.

Drop-In E-Book and E-Audiobook Help

Adults and Students with Adult

Friday, September 21 ▪ 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Monday, October 22 ▪ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Monday, November 19 ▪ 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 13 ▪ 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18 ▪ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 3 ▪ 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Get assistance with downloading books and audiobooks from the Library. Please bring your device with all cords and a laptop if you have one. Your valid St. Charles Library card is required. Contact Reference (630-584-0076, ext. 1) or the ASK ME Desk (630-584-9390) with questions. **DROP IN**

Junior Friends of the Library

Grades 6–8

Middle school students are eligible to volunteer weekly in Youth Services. Due to the high return of experienced Junior Friends, there are limited openings for new volunteers. If you are interested, we recommend placing your name on the waiting list at the ASK ME Desk. Thinking about next summer? We will contact students on the waiting list in May for summer 2013.

Movie Nights

Grades 4–8

Fridays, September 28, October 12 &
November 16 ▪ 4:30–7:00 p.m.

Watch a recent release on the big screen. Titles will be posted at the ASK ME Desk. Pizza provided by Gino's East, popcorn and lemonade will be served. **REGISTER**

Pokémon Tournament

Grades 3–8

Friday, January 4 ▪ 1:30–5:00 p.m.

It will be a *Pokémon Battle Revolution*. Bring your DS with Pokémon Diamond or Pokémon Pearl and get ready to conquer all of the Colossiums. All participants must agree to Tournament Rules. General information and rules are posted on the Library website, on the game blog and available via RSS Feed and at the ASK ME Desk. Registration is required – maximum of 32 players – so register early to guarantee your spot. **REGISTER**



You've Got to Read This!

These titles have been reviewed or commented on by you—St. Charles Public Library readers. For more suggestions, visit **You've Got to Read This!** on our website.

Graphic Novels

Hatter M. Volume 1. *The Looking Glass Wars*

by Frank Beddor (J 741.5 BED)

Based on the novel series *The Looking Glass Wars*, this is the story of Hatter Madigan's search for Princess Alyss of Wonderland. Hatter is the chief of Wonderland's Millenary and the Queen's bodyguard. When the

Queen's evil sister, Redd, attacks the Heart Palace, Hatter is told to take Alyss through the Pool of Tears and to keep her out of Redd's reach until Alyss comes of age and can regain Wonderland. When they become separated, Hatter uses his lethal hat and concealed blades to combat the forces of Black Imagination in his quest to find Alyss. (Ages 12+)

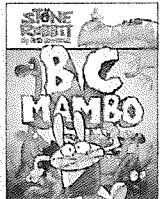


BC Mambo

by Erik Craddock (J 741.5 CRA)

Stone Rabbit has discovered a portal and a bottle of barbecue sauce in his bathroom! This portal brings him to the prehistoric time period where he meets Neanderthal Willie. Willie believes that the

barbecue sauce will be the key ingredient in his plan to dominate the world. (Ages 8–10)



Secret Science Alliance and the Copycat Crook

by Eleanor Davis (J 741.5 DAV)

Julian is excited that he will have to go to a new school because he is tired of being known as a nerd. So at his new school, Julian decides to do everything he can to fit in, even if it means pretending that he doesn't know the answers to the easy questions and saying that he hates chess (despite the fact that he has a button that says "I love chess!"). Julian's plan to fit in doesn't work out so well, until he meets Greta and Ben. Together, they form the Secret Science Alliance and everything with the Alliance



EVENTS FOR THE FAMILY

goes well until their invention notebook goes missing. Who has taken the notebook and will they be able to get it back before it's too late? (Ages 8–12)

Rapunzel's Revenge

by Shannon Hale (J 741.5 HAL)

Rapunzel uses her long braids like lassos and rebels against the wicked Gothel in this retelling of the classic fairy tale set in the Wild West. She joins forces with Jack (from Beanstalk fame) to rescue her real mother from the gold mines and destroy Gothel's power once and for all. (Ages 10+)



Adventures of Tom Sawyer

by Mark Twain; adapted by Jean David Morvan (J 741.5 MOR)

Most of us know the story of Tom and his relationship with Aunt Polly, Becky and Huck. Tom is an orphan who lives with Aunt Polly and her son, Sid. Becky is his true love even though he tries to make her jealous. Tom does know how to get into 'sticky' situations, which is the cause of Aunt Polly's slipper on his backside. With the anime-inspired artwork, the story is told with verve and fascination. (Ages 10+)



The Way Home & The Bittersweet Summer

by Andy Runton (J 741.5 RUN)

Owly is an owl who wants nothing more than to have a friend. At first, Wormy is scared of Owly, since owls are known to be fierce hunters. When Owly saves Wormy's life, Wormy learns that he can trust him. Follow Owly and Wormy's adventures with other forest creatures in these wordless stories. (Ages 6–10)



Binky the Space Cat

by Ashley Spire (J 741.5 SPI)

Binky the cat receives a membership to F.U.R.S.T. (Felines of the Universe Ready for Space Travel). His mission is to blast off to outer space, so he constructs a spaceship in the privacy of his litter box. Will Binky, who has never actually been outside, be ready for this adventure? This adorable story will appeal to cat lovers and anyone with dreams of adventure. (Ages 7–10)

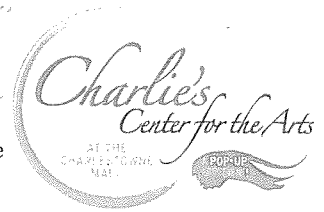


Charlie's Center for the Arts: A Pop-Up Arts Event at the Charlestowne Mall



Saturday, September 22–Sunday, October 27
St. Charles Public Library All Arts Events

The St. Charles Arts Council, in partnership with the St. Charles Public Library, CUSD 303 and the St. Charles Park District invite you to experience art through music, literature, dance, theater and much more over five weeks. For a complete program listing visit stcharlesartscouncil.org Come immerse yourself in the arts! **DROP-IN**



Saturday, September 29 ■ Story Time

10:30–11:00 a.m. & 11:15–11:45 a.m.

Stories and songs that will tickle, delight and amuse will be told. Especially for families with young children, infant-age 5 Pre-K.

Saturday, October 13 ■ Storytelling

2:00–4:00 p.m. on the Quarter Hour

2:00–2:55 p.m. ■ Especially for families with young children

3:00–3:55 p.m. ■ Especially for students and adults

Gather round for the telling of tales. There will be eight different sets over the two hours with each starting on the quarter hour. So sit a spell and listen to your heart's content.

Thursday, October 25 ■ Squirms & Giggles

11:00–11:30 a.m.

Halloween fun with just a touch of mystery will have you squirming and giggling. Wear your costume and join in the parade at the conclusion of the stories.

ADULT EVENTS are listed on page 4.

Traveling Tales



September–December

Discover Your Library out and about in St. Charles at businesses that partner with the Library. Stories will be shared, services highlighted and you may register for a Library card. Already have a St. Charles Library card? Show your card to receive a special gift. Mark your calendar for our Traveling Tales roadshow—there will be plenty of surprises. Every family that attends 5 of the 6 roadshows will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate. **REGISTER** or **DROP-IN**

Colonial Café & Ice Cream ■ 552 South Randall Road ■ 630-443-8338

Wednesday, September 19 ■ 1:30 p.m.



Burger King ■ 959 South Randall Road ■ 630-584-7622

Thursday, September 27 ■ 4:00 p.m.



Breadsmith ■ 121 North Second Street ■ 630-584-2323

Thursday, October 18 ■ 4:00 p.m.



Qdoba Mexican Grill ■ 2701 East Main Street ■ 630-584-0321

Tuesday, November 13 ■ 1:30 p.m.



Panera ■ 2871 East Main Street ■ 630-513-1044

Thursday, November 29 ■ 1:30 p.m.



Oberweis ■ 790 West Main Street ■ 630-443-6666

Wednesday, December 19 ■ 10:30 a.m.



Would your business like to partner with the Library? Call 630-584-0076 ext. 236 for further details.

YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

You Build with LEGO®



Friday, December 28 ■ 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Bring your imagination. We have all you will need to create with LEGO® bricks. Your creation will be displayed in Youth Services until the next event. Children through age 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Students in grades 3–8 may attend without an adult. Parental signature is needed for photos to be posted to the Library's Kids Facebook page. See page 10 for student LEGO® events.

REGISTER



Saturday, November 3 ■ 10:00 a.m.–Noon & 1:00–4:00 p.m.



Board games, Wii, PS3 and Xbox 360 with Kinect – drop by for an hour or two or more to test your skills with members of your family or with other participants. Stop by the ASK ME Desk in Youth Services to sign-in for gaming during the designated hours. **DROP IN**

Illinois Family Reading Night

Thursday, November 15 ■ 7:00–7:45 p.m.

Settle in for some cozy listening as storytellers read aloud their favorite stories. In between the stories spin the Library wheel. Time may be included on your Family Read-Aloud book log.

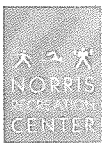
REGISTER

Family Read-Aloud Book Club

Register at the ASK ME Desk beginning November 15

The Family Read-Aloud Book Club encourages lifelong literacy and motivates families to share reading aloud as a daily tradition. Here's how it works: Record time spent as a family reading aloud and receive rewards. Rewards for families include books dedicated to the family, autographed children's books, certificates to local businesses and canvas book bags. Receive your family book log and details at registration.

Thank You to all of the local business who are supporting our Family Read-Aloud Book Club!



Concert: Jim Gill



Thursday, January 3 ■ 11:00 a.m.–Noon

Silly songs for a winter day will have you laughing, singing and joining in with lots of audience participation. Jim's latest CD *Music Play for Folks of All Stripes* was named a 2012 Notable Children's Recording by the American Library Association! REGISTER

Families living outside the Library District may attend for \$2 per person on a space available basis.

Scouting at the Library



For Girl Scout Leaders

Tuesday, September 25 ■ 7:00–8:30 p.m.

In partnership with Girls Scouts of Northern Illinois, leaders are invited to get acquainted with the Girl Scouts USA National Program Portfolio. Let your Library guide you to the resources you need to share with your Girl Scouts for their Journeys and Skill Builder badge achievements. Our workshop will address the Girl Scouts USA National Program Portfolio including the new *Girls Guide to Girl Scouting, the Journeys* and how to customize it for your troop. You will learn quick tips and shortcuts to locating Library resources, online and print, that will provide background information related to the Girl Scout Legacy and Skill Builder badges.

REGISTER

Leaders that live outside the Library District may register for \$2 beginning 9/11.

For Boy Scouts

Grades K–8

4:00–5:00 p.m.

Attention Leaders—bring your Scouts to the Library. Check your calendars and think Library as you plan your activities for the year. Scout Services are outlined on the Youth Services pages at www.stcharleslibrary.org Registration ends two days before workshop date. Leader registers den. REGISTER

Workshops are designed to meet several of the requirements of the Scout achievement. The Tall Tales workshop will be offered during January–March 2013.

Tiger	Reading Fun Wednesday, October 24
Wolf	Books, Books, Books Tuesday, November 27
Bear	Past is Exciting & Important Tuesday, October 9
Webelo	Communicator Monday, October 1
	Citizenship Tuesday, November 13

Library tours and workshops for Girl & Boy Scouts will be offered during January–March 2013.

EVENTS FOR PARENTS / ADULTS

Preschool Forum



Adults Only—Registration Required

Thursday, November 8 ■ 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: Noon on Thursday, November 8

Which preschool is right for your child? Representatives from preschools in St. Charles will speak about the unique qualities of their school. After the presentation, each preschool will be available to answer questions. NOTE: Next Forum will be November 2013.

REGISTER

Adults living outside the Library District may attend on a space available basis. Details at 630-584-9390.

Looking for a preschool in Geneva or Batavia? Drop by the Preschool Fair on Wednesday, November 7 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at the Batavia Public Library. Details at www.geneva.lib.il.us and/or www.bataviapubliclibrary.org

Every Child Ready to Read



Especially for Parents, Grandparents, Preschool Educators and Child Care Providers

Adults Only—Registration Required

Wednesday, November 28 ■ 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Reading is one of the most important gifts you can give your child. Learn what you can do at home to develop your child's pre-reading skills. Get suggestions for age-appropriate books and resources, as well as easy ways to include these skills in your daily activities. In just 90 minutes, discover how to best use your time to read and interact with your child. Your workshop leaders have received training to help prepare your child to be ready to read. REGISTER

Adults living outside the Library District: Register at the ASK ME Desk for \$5 per person beginning 11/14.

Special Event - Mark Your Calendar!



Model Train Display

Saturday, January 26 ■ 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 27 ■ noon–4:30 p.m.

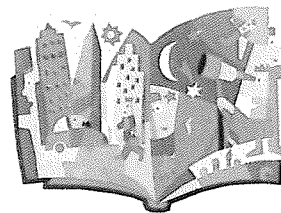
All Aboard! The Midwest Division of the Train Collector's Association will return with their hands-on train layout. You may bring your own Lionel train for a free tune-up.



Event Registration Information

Most Youth Services events, offered for children and students through grade 8 residing in the St. Charles Public Library District, require registration.

- A child's, student's or parent's St. Charles Library card is required. Grandparents may register grandchildren for events with the symbol
- Child or student must be the appropriate age or grade to be registered for an event. Each eligible person attending an event must be registered.
- Registration is on a first come basis and continues until all openings have been filled. Drop-in participation may be available.
- Families living outside the Library District may attend certain events for a fee on a space available basis. Check-in at the ASK ME Desk 15 minutes before the event. All attendees must meet the age/grade requirements. Non-resident seating will begin 5 minutes before the event. Check event listings for those that include nonresident attendance.



For your child's safety, a parent or adult must accompany all children seven (7) years of age and under while in the Library. Please review the "Keeping Safe in the Library" brochure with your child.

Register online at:
www.stcharleslibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp

In-person registration forms are available on our website.

Fall – Saturday, September 8

Winter – Saturday, January 5

Telephone event registration begins

Fall – Tuesday, September 11

Winter – Tuesday, January 8



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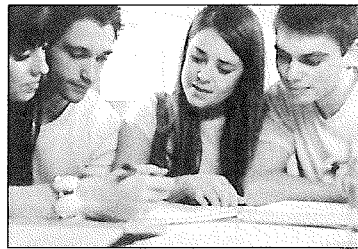
Due to postal delivery routes, some residents who live outside the St. Charles Public Library District will receive this mailing. If you are a nonresident and would like to obtain a library card for a fee, please contact the Library.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Discover Your Library: Your gateway to information, reading enjoyment, cultural enrichment, community involvement and lifelong learning.

You've Got Class

And we can help with the homework. Whether you're starting college, returning to higher education as an adult or a high school freshman, we can help you get that "A."



Our Online Resources include specialized sites (sometimes we call them databases) for literature, history, science, test preparation (LSAT, SAT, ACT, NCLEX, etc.) and more. Need help getting started? Professional reference staff is ready to help you find just the article, biography or poem that you need. Additionally, online tutors for students and adults are standing by via Homework Help.

If you're learning a new language, forget pricey programs advertised at night on TV or at the mall. Try one of our FREE (to St. Charles cardholders) online language learning programs. We have programs geared toward children, adults and travelers. Finally, if you're eager to learn, but don't have the time or funds to go back to school, check out Universal Class—online Continuing Education classes on more than 500 subjects that you can work on at your convenience.



Of course we have thousands of books, periodicals and DVDs. You never know when you'll have printer problems, or Internet connection snafus (always happens when you're on a deadline). When you need them, we have computers with Internet and the complete Microsoft Office suite attached to printers, plus a free scan-to-email or fax machine. Not sure where to start? Contact us!

Save This Issue!
Discover Your Library is published three times per year and will be available only in your mailbox or online through the Library's website.

Hours

Monday–Thursday	9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Noon–5:00 p.m.

Closings

- Monday, September 3
- Wednesday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 22
- Monday, December 24
- Tuesday, December 25
- Monday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m.

Library Board Members

- Victoria A. Haines, President
- Kimberly D. M. Reese, Vice-President/
Secretary
- Debra McManus, Treasurer
- Karen S. DeVault
- Michael Hill
- Norman C. Huntley
- Dr. Cynthia Steimle
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Library Board Meetings

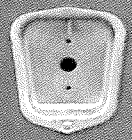
- Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the
Bisbee Conference Room
- September 12
- October 10
- November 14
- December 12

SAT Practice Test
Saturday, Sept. 29
9:15 a.m.–1:45 p.m.

ACT Practice Test
Saturday, Oct. 13,
OR
Saturday, Nov. 10
9:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**Perfecting Your
ACT Writing
Assessment**
Saturday, Oct. 6
10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

REAL Life.
REAL Answers.



**Choosing a
College Major**
Thursday, Oct. 25
7:00 p.m.

**College
Knowledge:
Tips From Inside
the Admission
Committee**
Thursday, Nov. 1
7:00 p.m.

**Human vs.
Zombies**
Saturday, Nov. 3
4:30–9:00 p.m.



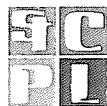
Planning for the Library's Future

The St. Charles Public Library is developing a new strategic plan to guide the Library's services for the next three years. The plan will be based upon an understanding of the community and its needs. To do so, we want your thoughts on these needs and how the Library can address them. If you'd prefer to comment online, please go to www.scplfuture.org.

1. What do you see as the most important needs in the St. Charles community?

2. In your opinion, how could the Library address these needs?

Your Gender _____ Your Age _____

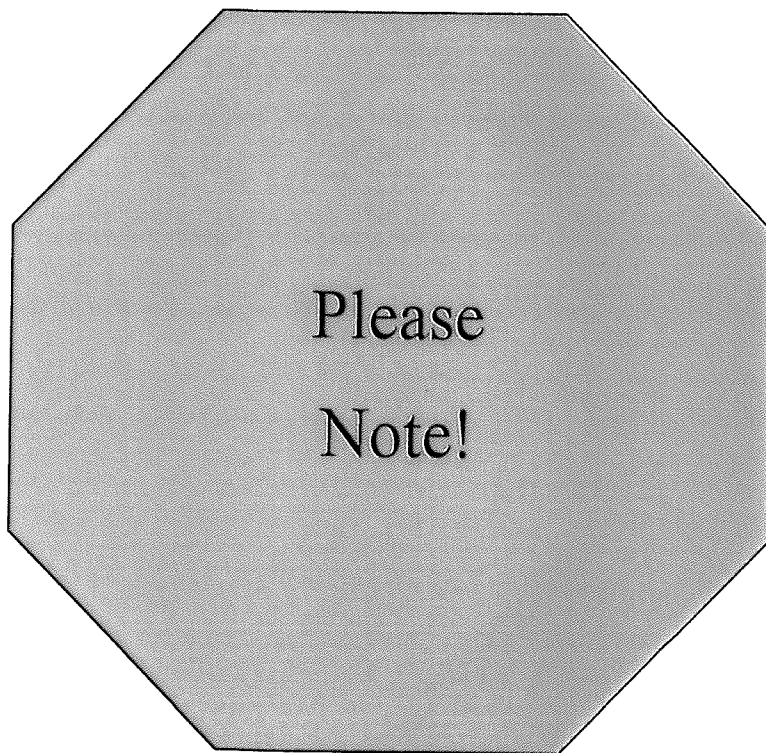


Thank you for your help!
(Feel free to continue your thoughts on the back of this card.)

Please drop your card in the box labeled Future Cards.

2011/12

Stop!!



All Challenge Grant application ideas/proposals **MUST** originate from St. Charles youth. Other ideas for projects which might benefit the young people of St. Charles may be submitted as standard grant proposals.

Contact Nancy McFarland @ 630-377-7059.

St. Charles Youth Commission
2 East Main Street St. Charles, Illinois 60174 (630) 377 4445

CHALLENGE GRANT (2011/12)
Information Cover Sheet

Please answer the following grant criteria by writing neatly or typing your answers. **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME(S), SCHOOL, OR GROUP IDENTITY IN ANY OF YOUR ANSWERS.**

I. Information

This page should be the only page to contain your name(s), school, or group that is submitting this grant request. Please complete the information and submit it to the address listed by no later than **December 9, 2011.**

II. Status of St. Charles Youth

It is the belief of the Youth Commission that our young people have insights into both the issues that impact our youth and ideas to bring about positive change. The focus of this year's Challenge Grant should relate to the heading of:

“Our Youth Making St. Charles #1”

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III. The Project

In one paragraph or in outline format, please describe your project and how it will address your identified area of concern.

IV. Community Contribution *Impact on Youth Project Goals*

In one paragraph please state why you believe your project would be a positive contribution to the youth and our community.

V. Motivation

In one paragraph please indicate what has motivated you to develop this project: life experiences, leadership skills, talents, and family.

VI. Budget and Timeline

Please provide a proposed budget of what you estimate your expenses to be as well as a timeline for the implementation of your project. We are seeking your application early in the school year so, if accepted, you will have ample time to implement your project and make a progress report to the Youth Commission before the end of the school year and a final assessment when the project is up and running or completed. A report back to the Youth Commission is considered an essential part of the Challenge Grant program.

VII. Impact of Project *Measurement of Project Success*

Please provide details on how you will evaluate the impact your project has on the community including the number of youth involved, number of youth affected, and, if appropriate, how you will sustain this project in future years. Also include your measurement of success for this project.

YOUTH COMMISSION CHALLENGE GRANT

CHALLENGE GRANT (2011/12)

YOUTH COMMISSION CHALLENGE GRANT APPLICATION

Application # _____

I. INFORMATION

Please write neatly or type your application following the criteria requested on each page. **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME(S) OR GROUP IDENTITY ON ANY OTHER PAGES.** To remain fair in our selections, we blindly evaluate each application.

Name(s) and Age(s) of Applicant(s): _____

Group (if applicable): _____

Name(s) of Adult(s) involved with your project: _____

Contact Person:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

All applications must be postmarked no later than December 9, 2011. Please return all pages to:

St. Charles Youth Commission
C/o The Mayor's Office
2 East Main Street
St. Charles, IL 60174

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