



Chatham Area Public Library Newsletter Vol. 38 No. 1 Spring 2022

Stories from the Stacks

Why I Love the Library

I have been a patron of our library since 2005, and through every season of my life since then the library has helped me learn and grow. It's where I brought my babies to spend hours and hours. It's where I checked out *The Beautiful Struggle* and *Darius the Great is Not Okay* and so many other books that transformed my understanding of the world.



Over the years I've seen the library change to be a space that welcomes and includes everyone. From book displays and story hours to art shows and book groups, there has been a concerted effort to work toward becoming a place where everyone in our community can belong.

Last year our library partnered with the Chamber of Commerce to host the school board candidate forum and the Christmas Tree Lighting on the square. It partnered with the Social Justice Club at GHS to host a viewing and discussion of *Driving While Black*. I hope to be part of more community collaborations like these going forward, and to continue to learn and grow with the help of the library for many years to come.

Dr. Andrea Rediger



Welcome to the Library!

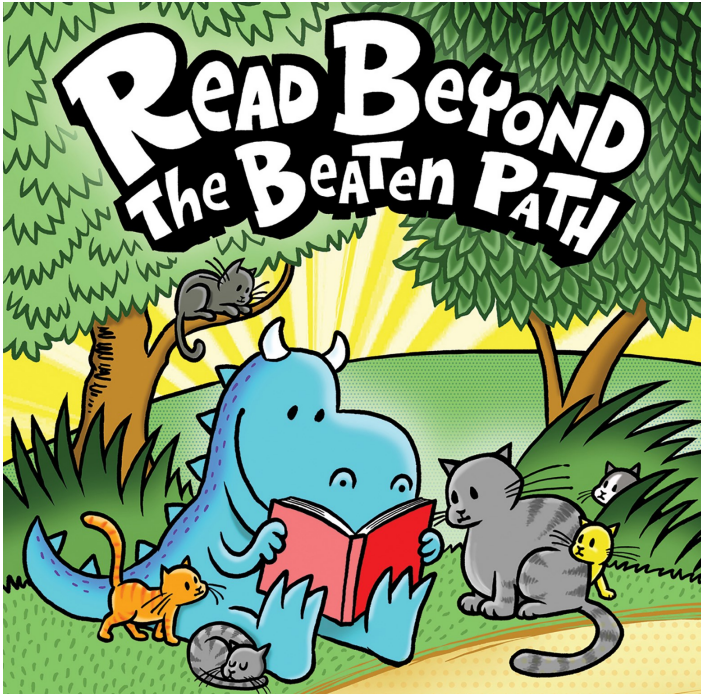
Our Children's Librarians (L-R Miss Julie, Miss Joyce and Miss Catherine) are excited to share some enhancements coming to our Children's department. Be on the lookout for new spaces and furniture, geared towards our younger patrons, coming to your Library this Spring!



**Celebrate
National Library
Week**
April 3rd – 9th

Be sure to check out our social media throughout this week as special community guests take over! They will be sharing how they use the Library, why it's important to them, and more!

Children's Programs



2022 Book Camp

Read Beyond the Beaten Path

Ages 4 years old through 6th grade

June and July

Registration is required.

FINALLY, Book Camp is back in person! We can't wait to welcome all our campers in person to play amazing games, create incredible crafts, and read fantastic stories with us as we *Read Beyond the Beaten Path* in our camping-themed Book Camp this summer. **Choose a week in June or July.** Please join us!

The Book Camp schedule is as follows:

Aged 4 – Kindergarten (10:15 am—11:15 am)

June 27, 29 and July 1 **or** July 11, 13, 15

1st – 2nd graders (10:15 am—11:15 am)

June 21, 22, 24 **or** July 18, 20 and 22

3rd – 4th graders (10:15 am—11:15 am)

June 13, 15, 17 **or** July 25, 27, 29

5th – 6th graders (1:00 pm—2:30 pm)

June 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23

These grade levels are for the grade your child will be going into for the 2022-2023 school year. The cost for camp is \$5 (non-refundable). See our website and Facebook page for signup information beginning in March.

Signup space is limited and registration is required.

Summer Reading 2022 –

Read Beyond the Beaten Path

June and July

Ages 4 years old through High School

It may not seem like it now, but the long, hot days of summer will soon be here. What better time for an adventure? Join Summer Reading and discover what adventures (and prizes) await you. Choose your books, choose your adventure, and earn prizes as you dare to *Read Beyond the Beaten Path*.



Here are the quick facts about Summer Reading 2022:

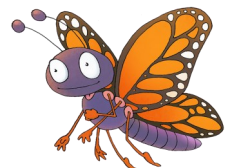
- Sign up begins May 1 on **Beanstack**, our online Reading Tracker website and mobile app. (chathamlib.beanstack.org) There is a simple **Beanstack** tutorial on the right side of our website.
- There are challenges for every age group:
- Rubber Ducky Club for birth through age 3: Read 30 books together and receive a rubber ducky
- Summer Reading for ages 4-8*: Receive prizes after each 100 minutes read.
- Summer Reading for ages 8-12*: Receive prizes after each 150 minutes read.
- Tween/Teen Summer Reading for ages 12-18*: Receive a virtual ticket to enter a raffle for a gift card of your choice after every book read, and be automatically entered into a grand prize drawing.
- Read and redeem prizes between June 1 and July 30. Summer Reading ends Saturday, July 30.

*** For children aged 8 or 12, choose the one challenge that best suits your child.**

Summer Reading Kick-Off Activity – Butterfly Encounter

All ages

Thursday, June 9 anytime between
10:00 and 11:00 am



Get up close and personal with – Butterflies! Study the amazing life cycle of the butterfly with hands-on interactive props then step into a feeding tent and use a hand held butterfly feeder to feed live butterflies. A thrilling up-close opportunity to say hello to these amazing creatures.

Children's Programs

Teen Volunteer Informational Meeting

Ages 14 years – graduating high school seniors

**Friday, April 29 at 4:00 p.m. OR
Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 a.m.**

Teens looking for opportunities to earn service hours, help our community and be a role model to younger kids are invited to attend **ONE** of our Teen Volunteer meetings. Learn how to be involved with the Library's summer Book Camps. This is a volunteer opportunity in which teens can choose just how many hours they want to offer.



Storytimes

We are pleased to once again offer in-person storytimes for all ages. We will continue to follow State health guidelines and make adjustments as necessary.

No registration is required.

Baby and Toddler Time

For children newborn to 3 and their parents/caregivers
Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Join Miss Julie for books, songs and fingerplays.

Family Evening Storytime

For children of all ages and their parents/caregivers
Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited for stories the whole family can enjoy with a fun preschool-level craft to take home.

Preschool Storytime

For preschool children and their parents/caregivers
Fridays at 10:15 a.m.

Bring your preschoolers for a fun time of stories and a take-home craft that is just right for small hands.

Special Arabic Storytime

All ages

Tuesday, March 22

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Please join native Arabic speaker Sondus Abu Saad for a special storytime offered in the Arabic language! Whether or not you speak Arabic, you are in for a fun evening! Arabic speakers will enjoy hearing their native language; non-Arabic speakers will get to enjoy a cultural experience through the universal joy of storytelling. Questions? Please email children@chathamlib.org.

Monthly Board Game Nights

Ages 10 and up

March 2, April 6, May 4

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Whether you choose new games to learn or old favorites, we invite you to come spend an evening with friends, librarians and the Library's broad selection of games.



Spring Break Activities

All ages

April 21-25

When you stop by the library during the week of spring break, be on the lookout for fun activities in the Children's department based on the American Girl book character Josephina. These activities, designed for boys and girls, will vary each day. Watch our website for details.



LEGO DAY

All ages

Saturday, April 23

10:00 a.m. - noon

Everything is awesome! Especially when you drop in at the Library for another awesome Lego Day. We'll have bricks, people, wheels, hinges, and specialty pieces (shark, anyone?) galore to help spark your creativity. What shape will your imagination take today? Everyone is awesome — and welcome!



Adult Programs

Searching for a New Job

Creating a Captivating LinkedIn Profile

Adult

Thursday, March 24

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Learn tips on how to enhance your LinkedIn profile and how to use the platform to create meaningful connections. Taught by Larissa Hansen of *Targeted Marketing Resources*.



Interview Workshop

Adult

Wednesday, March 30

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Learn a simple STAR technique that will help you frame your responses to interviewers. Bring your resume if possible. Taught by Dave Ryan representing Rogers HR Consulting.

Professional Headshots

Adult

Thursday, March 31

5 minute time slots available between 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. Each participant will receive one FREE professional headshot by Kari Bedford Photography. **Registration required, no walk-ins.**

Leadership Book Club

Adult

Tuesday, April 26

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

OFFSITE at Scoop Du Jour

Registration Required

This book club will be a networking opportunity to share and learn about different leading styles and experiences. This quarterly book that we are reading for discussion is **“Dare to Lead” by Brene Brown**. Be sure to pick up the Read Along Workbook to go along with the book that you check out at the library.



Small Business Series

Starting a Small Business in Illinois

All Ages

Wednesday, March 16

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Thinking about owning your own business? This enlightening workshop helps entrepreneurs understand what it takes to get started.



Prevent Procrastination

Wednesday, March 23

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Learn how to create a to-do list and action plan that will prevent procrastination and get you off of the hamster wheel of inefficiency once and for all! Presentation by Jennifer Stewart, Tech & Productivity Trainer with Gateway Productivity.

Eliminate Email Overwhelm

Wednesday, April 13

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Learn three strategies that will make email work for you, instead of you working so hard on your email. Discover how folders, filters, and follow-through can eliminate your email overwhelm. Presentation by Jennifer Stewart, Tech & Productivity Trainer with Gateway Productivity.

Basics of Marketing

Wednesday, April 6

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join Larissa Hansen from *Targeted Marketing Resources* to learn how to calculate how much you should spend on marketing, different ways to market, and things to consider when using marketing to establish and build your business.

Social Media Marketing 101

Wednesday, May 11

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join Larissa Hansen from *Targeted Marketing Resources* to learn why and how you should use social media to market your business, and how to be sure it is effective.

Funding for these grant programs was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

Adult Programs

Computer Classes

No registration required

Best Travel Apps

Adults

Tuesday, March 1

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Learn how popular travel apps such as *Priceline*, *Trip Advisor*, *Uber* and even *First Aid* can help you enjoy your next trip.

Smartphone tips & tricks

Adults

Tuesday, April 5

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Learn how to make PDF scans from your phone, how to find saved passwords on your device, and how to use QR codes.

How to Use Google Photos

Adults

Tuesday, May 3

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Learn how to back up your photos from your phone to Google and how to create and share albums using Google Photos.

Illinois Libraries Present:

An Evening with Jenny Lawson

Adult

Wednesday, March 30

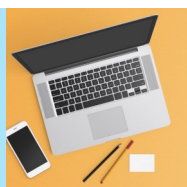
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Watch this VIRTUAL author talk with New York Times Bestselling author of “**Furiously Happy**” and “**Broken (in the Best Possible Way)**.” Register to watch at home or come into the library for a watch party.



DID YOU KNOW...

We have laptops and hotspots that you can check out for 2 weeks!



Star Party

All Ages

Friday, May 6, 2022

(Rain/Cloud date Saturday, May 7)

Sunset will be at 8:00 p.m. but viewing stars will happen about 1 hour later.

CAPLD South Lawn

Volunteers from the Sangamon Astronomical Society will set up telescopes outside so viewers, young and old alike, can see the Moon, star clusters, nebulae, and galaxies.



Underground Railroad at the Woodlawn Farm

All Ages

Tuesday, May 10

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

From slavery to freedom, the Underground Railroad ran through Jacksonville, Illinois and Woodlawn Farm! Learn more about the secret movement of the freedom seekers from station to station and the dangers that were faced on their journey to freedom through Illinois.



Local Writer's Group:

Society of Midwestern Authors

Adults

6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

First Tuesday of each month:

March 1, April 5 and May 3

If you love to write, check out this skilled, supportive group of local writers for critiques of your work, discussion and networking. For more information, please email pamcox@chathamlib.org.

Local Author Fair

All ages

Saturday, May 14

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Ten local authors will be at the library to showcase and sell their books. Come support our local writing community. Light refreshments will be provided while supplies last.

Adult Programs

Adult Book Clubs

No registration required – books are available at the Circulation Desk.

Hooked on Books

**Second Wednesday of each month
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

We discuss a mixture of fiction and nonfiction books. We always welcome new faces! Upcoming reads:

March 9 – *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline

**April 13 – *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion*
by Fannie Flagg**

May 11 – *The Bookish Life of Nina Hill* by Abbi Waxman

Bite Into a Good Book

**Third Wednesday of each month
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

Savor some lively discussion about different genres and topics. Upcoming reads:

March 16 – *Juvenile Book: Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein

**April 20 – *The Personal Librarian*
by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray**

**May 18 – *The Woman They Could Not Silence*
by Kate Moore**

Outer Edge Book Club

**Third Monday of each month
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

The Outer Edge Book Club discusses science fiction and fantasy books. Upcoming reads:

**March 21 - *The Ten Thousand Doors of January*
by Alix E. Harrow**

April 18 - *All Our Yesterdays* by Cristin Terrill

May 16 - *Gideon the Ninth* by Tamsyn Muir

Adult Winter Reading Program

Thank you to all who participated in our Adult Winter Reading Program. We had many participants this year! Stay tuned for information about our Summer Reading Program, coming in June! *These programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Craft Night

Felt Succulents

**High school age and older
Thursday, March 17
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Registration required**

We will create faux succulents out of felt.



Alcohol Ink coaster

**High school age and older
Thursday, April 21
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Registration required**

We will create colorful coasters out of ceramic tiles.



Sharpie vases

**High school age and older
Thursday, May 19
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Registration required**

We will decorate white ceramic vases with Sharpie markers and paint pens.



Art Committee News

The Retired Art TeacherS (RATS) are back again with another fantastic show. We hope you'll stop by between now and the end of April to view the work of our local area retired art teachers.

In May, the Library will welcome local artist Christy Freeman Stark's show entitled "Rooted" which will continue through mid-July.

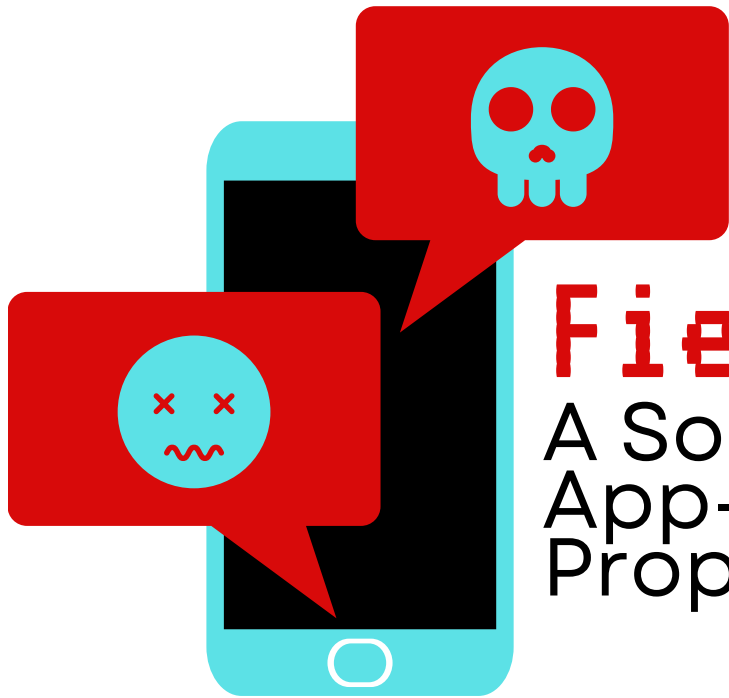
Call to Entry Art Show Update: Our annual **Call to Entry Art Show** is coming back this Fall! If you are interested in showing your work, please email Arts@chathamlib.org to be placed on the mailing list to receive further entry information this summer.

Friends of Genealogy

**Saturday, April 16
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

Are you interested in your family history? Have questions about how to break down brick walls you have in your family history research? Join us for a Friends of Genealogy meeting where we will discuss all things genealogy and get tips and tricks on how to break the walls down.

The Friends of the Chatham Area Public Library Present:



Fiend Request
A Social Event of
App-Pocalyptic
Proportions

22nd Annual Murder Mystery Fundraiser
April 8th & 9th, 2022

Tickets are \$25 each. Seating is open. Doors open at 6:00 and shows start at 7:00 p.m.

Our Murderer's Row cast is excited to perform our newest original play, live and in-person!

Detach and send this form, with payment,
to the Friends of the Library, 600 East
Spruce Street, Chatham, IL 62629.
Tickets will be available at will call.

-or-

Visit our website to pay
online at:
www.chathamlib.org

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NAME: _____
This is the name that will be used to pick up tickets at will call

PHONE #: _____ EMAIL: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS: _____ TOTAL INCLUDED: _____

WHICH SHOW?

☐ FRIDAY, April 8th 7:00pm ☐ SATURDAY, April 9th 7:00pm

Can you guess Whodunit? You may win a prize from our fabulous community sponsors!

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Monday-Thursday	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

Holiday Closings

Easter Eve

Saturday, April 16

Closing at 1:00 p.m.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 30

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The Library follows State guidance regarding the use of face masks and capacity limits.

Friends of the Library Volunteer Spotlight: Mary Bishop

Mary Bishop's favorite part of volunteering at the Café and Bookstore is meeting new people. "I've made so many friends over the years," she said. "I love being out and around other people; it also gives me a sense of satisfaction to help others."

Mary started volunteering with Friends of the Library in 2009. She works behind the counter to ring up book, coffee and snack sales. If a customer needs help finding a book, she helps them search. If they aren't busy, she likes to straighten books (and maybe find a few for herself!)

She encourages others to volunteer. "I appreciate the sense of belonging. It takes the focus off yourself and puts it on others. It's a great way to pay it forward!"

Thanks for your volunteer service, Mary! If you are interested in volunteering with Friends of the Chatham Library, please visit our website at: www.chathamlib.org/contact-us-friends-library-volunteering.



Friends' Café & Bookstore

Our wonderful Friends of the Library are back, selling great reads as well as serving drinks and treats! All proceeds help support the Library's programming and services! We'd love for you to visit our friendly volunteers in the Café & Bookstore today!

Open Hours and Donation Acceptance Days & Times (Pending Volunteer Availability)

Monday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Library Board News

Future Library Board meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Library on March 22nd, April 18th and May 16th.

Board Members

Michael Roubitchek - President

Christine Westerlund - Vice-President

Leslie Ross - Secretary

Eric Bolinger - Treasurer

Trustees

John Moore, Vanessa Ross and Dan Holden