



Chatham Area Public Library Newsletter Vol. 38 No. 4 Winter 2022/2023

Stories from the Stacks

Ho-Ho-Ho! Hello to my Chatham Area friends! Did you know that Mrs. Claus and I love the Chatham Area Public Library? It's true! We come to the Library all of the time. It's our favorite place to meet with friends, learn a new skill and relax!



Each time I stop by the Library, I visit the Jessica Hay Toddler Play Area to ask the children what the popular toys are for this year. Then, I stop by the Adult Services area, where I can use the computers to type out my list in Excel. I love having the help of the adult services assistants when I have questions!

Mrs. Claus loves using the Library's resources at home. She watches Hallmark holiday movies year-round with our access to Hoopla. For me, I love socializing. Each month, the Elves and I pick up a book club kit for our book club. I love talking about books with my friends.

As we get closer to December, I'll check out the Library's telescope, so I can determine the best flight patterns for my late-night journey.

Once my journey is complete, I will plan on checking out a few travel books, a hotspot and a Roku, so Mrs. Claus and I can go on a much-needed vacation. This Library has it all!

Also, don't forget to come see me at the **Chatham Friends of the Park's Light Up the Park!** For more information, visit the Chatham Friends of the Park's Facebook Page.

Santa's got his list. Send him yours.

Have you been good this year? Tell it to the Big Man himself! Write a Christmas letter to Santa this holiday season and send it off to the North Pole! The Library will provide the coloring sheets and card templates. You can ask Santa questions, tell him a story, draw him a picture — and don't forget to tell him what you want for Christmas! Be sure to include your name and return address so Santa knows where to send his reply!

Drop off your letter to Santa at the Chatham Friends of the Park's Light Up the Park event, located in Chatham's South Park, going on now through December 25th!

Let's Talk About It Kits

How do we navigate the death of a loved one or the loss of a pet? How do we explain divorce to our children? How do we explain the changes that are going to happen to a child when a new baby joins the family? Now the Chatham Area Public Library offers **Let's Talk About It Kits**, which include multiple books on each difficult topic, as well as resources designed to help parents and families navigate life's most challenging moments.



The Chatham Area Public Library is eager to share these kits with members of the community. The Librarians are also seeking feedback from families who use the kits to further improve the program. These kits are located in our Juvenile Non-Fiction area, near the Biographies.

Loss, grief, and healing are a journey, unique to each individual experiencing them. These kits are a great resource to help get families started on their journey to health and healing.

Children's Programs



The Library at Christmas in Chatham Events

All Ages

Celebrate the holiday season at the Chatham Veteran's Memorial Square. The Chatham Area Public Library will be on hand for the festivities, and we hope to see you there!

Christmas Storytime with Miss Amy and Miss Catherine

Friday, December 2

6:00 p.m.

After the tree lighting ceremony on the Square, Miss Amy and Miss Catherine will read some holiday books.

Holiday Make It Take It

Saturday, December 3

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Join us for fun holiday crafts at the community building.

Storytimes

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 us 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.

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 craft that is just right for small hands.

No registration is required.

Family Game Day

All Ages

Wednesday, December 28

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Back after a too long hiatus, it's family game day! We will have a variety of games for all ages and skill levels for you to play. You can also bring your own game and teach the rest of us a thing or two.

Family Movie

Frozen:

Sing-Along Edition

All Ages

Tuesday, January 3

2:00 p.m.



Join us this winter for a special showing of Frozen. We know you want to sing-along anyway, so we will make it easy for you by highlighting the lyrics on the screen with a bouncing snowflake. We will also be serving our famous popcorn and lemonade.

The Science of Snow

Friday, January 27

All Ages

Noon – 3:30 p.m.

Come find out more about the chilling science behind snow and snowflakes.

Lego Day

Saturday January 28

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Bring your imagination and we will provide the LEGOs!



Saturday, February 4

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Choose from a variety of Valentine's crafts to make with love to show your love.

Children's / Adult Programs



Tween/Teen Drop-In Craft **Pour Over Paint Cigar Boxes**

Ages 12-18
Friday, December 30
2:00 p.m.



Looking to get your tween or teen out of the house after Christmas? Do they like to let their creativity shine with an easy craft? They can come try the pour over paint craze with some cool shapes and sizes of cigar boxes. This event is free; all materials are provided, but supplies are limited.

Latin Hip Hop as the New Poetry

Virtual program
Adults/Teens
Tuesday, December 6
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Latin hip hop artists are advancing the poetic traditions of their countries in unique ways. Nevertheless, academia and poetic circles have surprisingly not embraced and celebrated these artists as poets. This program, with video and lyric examples will make a case for hip hop as the new poetry with a focus on Latinos in the U.S. and the Americas. Catalina Maria Johnson, Ph.D. leads this lively, light, and fun program focused on participation, discussion, and musical enjoyment! The Zoom link is on the Library website's events calendar.

Funded by the Illinois Humanities.



Friends of Genealogy

Saturday, January 7
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Are you interested in your family history? Have questions about how to break down brick walls you have encountered 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.

Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham *Virtual Visit*

Saturday, February 11
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Registration required if watching from home



Love graphic novels? Join the author and illustrator team behind the graphic novels **Real Friends**, **Best Friends**, and **Friends Forever**, Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham! They will talk about their books, answer your questions, and share an engaging activity! Participate via Zoom or watch it at the library. Zoom link for this event is on the library website's events calendar.

Monthly Board Game Nights

Wednesdays, December 7, January 4, February 1
Ages 10 and Up
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Fight cabin fever and keep your mind active this winter by playing board games! We have games to choose from, or you can bring your own.



Home Delivery

Can't make it to the Library? The Library will come to you! The Chatham Area Public Library offers home delivery of library materials. The service is available to Chatham Area Public Library cardholders of all ages with a temporary or long-term illness, injury, impairment, medical condition, or disability who are unable to visit the library. For more information, please contact the library at info@chathamlib.org or call 217-483-2713.



Book a Librarian

Want help backing up your phone photos? Email us at Reference@chathamlib.org to set up an appointment with a Librarian and get one-on-one help.

Adult Programs



Adult Mini-Gingerbread House Decorating and Contest

Adults

Thursday, December 8

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Come put your creativity to the test by decorating mini-gingerbread [graham cracker] houses! Feel free to bring any extra “building materials” you want, but we’ll provide all the basic supplies including graham crackers, icing and some candies. The only rules are that the material *must be edible*, and the *artist(s) must be 18+*. Leftover kits will be available between December 12 – 16.

We will display the houses in a show December 19 – 30 in the library, and the public will vote for their favorite. All houses must be returned by December 19 to be considered for the contest. The winner will receive an awesome prize, along with all the fame of being the first Mini-Gingerbread House Show winner!

Illinois Libraries Present!

Illinois Libraries Present (ILP) is a partnership with other Illinois libraries to have conversations with authors that single libraries would not be able to financially provide. Registration links are on the Library website’s events calendar.

Midwest Baking with Shauna Sever

(virtual) December 13, 7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

Inciting Joy: A Conversation with Ross Gay

(virtual) January 11, 7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

February event TBD.

Check on the Library’s events calendar for updates.



Local Writer’s Group:

Society of Midwestern Authors

Adults

6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

First Tuesday of each month:

December 6, January 3, February 7

If you love to write, please check out this supportive group of local writers for critiques, networking and lively discussions. This group is very welcoming to newcomers so don't be afraid to come and share. For more information, please email pamcox@chathamlib.org.

Senior Crafty Creations

Adults

Offsite at Ball-Chatham Senior Center

111 W. Mulberry Street

First Wednesday of the month

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Crafting is for grown-ups too, not just kids! Seniors, you are invited to a series of casual crafty meetups. Connect, create, and relax with other people in an easygoing environment. All supplies for our simple crafts will be provided – you just need to bring the conversation! To help with the purchasing of supplies, please consider a donation of \$3 per craft.

December 7 – **Snowman Ornament**

January 4 – **Sock Gnomes**

February 1 – **Fabric Marker Tote Bags**

Photo Organization

Adults

Thursday, January 12

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

What story do your photos tell of your life?

Are your photos tossed in a drawer or

stuck in a device? Learn how to create a photo legacy so that you can enjoy these memories now and share them with generations to come with Megan Johnson, owner of *The Sorted Home*.



Adult Programs



Computer Classes

No registration required

Facebook App 101

Adults

Thursday, December 8

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

We will look at how Facebook is set up on a smartphone, how to post, how to share a post, what stories are, and how to check your privacy settings. Bring your smartphone and your Facebook questions.

Best Productivity Apps

Adults

Saturday, January 21

10:00 p.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Learn about some apps to help your productivity. We'll look at apps for budgeting, grocery lists, note taking, time management, and more.

Microsoft Excel Basics

Adults

Thursday, February 16

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

In this introductory class, we will learn the basics of Excel such as inserting text, AutoFill and AutoSum features, perform basic calculations, and how to print a spreadsheet.

Adult Winter Reading Program

Chill Out and Read Bingo

Adults

January 2 – February 13

Join us for our Adult Winter Reading Program, "Chill Out and Read Bingo".

Patrons can "play" on Beanstack, our online Reading Tracker website

and mobile app (chathamlib.beanstack.org).

A tutorial on how to use Beanstack can be found on our website. More information on how to participate will be posted on our website and social media accounts soon.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Dementia Caregiving 101

Mondays: January – March

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Join us for an educational series of what to expect when caring for those with dementia or memory loss. The series is eight weeks long – feel free to register for one session, or all eight. This program is designed to equip family caregivers of individuals living at home.

Monday, January 23

Understanding Alzheimer's
After Diagnosis

Monday, January 30

Communication Strategies
Alzheimer's Behaviors

Monday, February 6

Brain Nutrition
Meaningful Activities
Tips for Successful Holidays

Monday, February 13

Family Roles & Dynamics
Caregiver Panel

Monday, February 20

Clinical Trials/Research
Medicine & Supplements

Monday, February 27

Planning for the Future
Financial, Legal, End of Life Discussions

Monday, March 6

Driving
What is Dementia Friendly?
Beyond the Medical Center

Monday, March 13

All About the Caregiver - Who's Taking Care of You?

Weekly Card Games

Adults

Every Tuesday starting December 6

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Join us for fun and cards every week this winter. We'll play a variety of card games like Pinochle, Phase 10, Uno, and whatever else people know how to play. We'll also have other games like Mexican Train and Yahtzee available. Bring yourself and be ready to meet new people and have fun!



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 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

December 14 – *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams
January 11 – *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman
February 8 – *The Day the World Came to Town*
by Jim DeFede

Bite Into a Good Book

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

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

December 21 – *Rose Code* by Kate Quinn
January 18 – *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper*
by Phaedra Patrick
February 15 – *Still Life* by Louise Penny

Outer Edge Book Club

Third Monday of each month
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

We discuss science fiction and fantasy books, and always welcome new faces! Upcoming reads:

December 19 – *The Colorado Kid* by Stephen King
January 16 – *Y: The Last Man: Unmanned*
by Brian K. Vaughan
February 20 – *Monk & Robot Duology: A Psalm for the Wild-Built and A Prayer for the Crown-Shy*
by Becky Chambers

Getting Started with Google Analytics

Adults
Thursday, February 2
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Larissa Hansen from *Targeted Marketing Resources* will go over the basics of how to use Google Analytics. Learn about navigating the Interface and viewing reports to help measure your website's traffic.



Ulysses S. Grant Press Conference

All Ages
Saturday, February 4
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

President/General U.S. Grant will answer all of your tough questions. A list of frequently asked hard-nosed questions will be provided to get things started. Grant is probably our most under-estimated American hero. Come and hear him field a variety of questions about his role in American history.

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Free crafts for adults in high school or older.

Bottle cap snowman

Thursday, December 15
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Registration required.

Create a cute snowman out of bottle caps.



Shower steamers

Thursday, January 19
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Registration required.

Shower steamers dissolve in a warm shower releasing calming scents. Make a few to take home and enjoy this cold winter season.



Valentine's cards

Thursday, February 9
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Registration required.

Spread love by making Valentine's cards. Addresses will be provided to some local senior living facilities if you don't want to take your cards home.



Leadership Book Club

Adults
Tuesday, February 21
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Offsite at Scoop Du Jour
95 Plummer Boulevard
Registration required

This book club will be a networking opportunity to share and learn about different leading styles and experiences. This quarter's book is "*Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us*" by Daniel H. Pink.

"Friend" the Library – Join Friends of the Library for 2023

Kick off your 2023 and become a **Friend of the Library!** Memberships help support the Summer Reading Program for all ages, a new Storywalk in Chatham Veteran's Memorial Square and so much more.

Annual memberships start at \$5 for seniors, \$10 for individuals and \$25 for families. Each membership dollar goes to support value-added community programming and additional equipment through the Library.

Join us for a *Holiday Friends Preview Night* at the Friends' Café and Bookstore on **Wednesday, December 7, from 6-7:30 p.m.** Come renew or register for a Friends of the Library 2023 Membership. Enjoy a hot chocolate bar, festive holiday cookies and catch up with fellow book lovers. With your 2023 Friends membership, you can pick out a free book that evening, too!

Did you know?

The Friends also has a Café and Bookstore run entirely by wonderful volunteers and is another way to support your library all year!

Open Hours

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Open Wednesday from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.
The Café and Bookstore will be closed for the holidays from December 23rd - January 5th.

Join the Friends OF THE CHATHAM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Support the Friends and our mission to provide additional services, programs and equipment to the Chatham Library community. We help fund reading programs, Library on the Go, art shows and so much more. Interested in volunteering? We have opportunities for you from helping in the Café and Bookstore to special events like the book sale or Murder Mystery. We have a blast!



To become a Friends member or to renew an existing membership, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3WsCPji

Thank you for your support!

Save the date:

The 23rd Annual Friends Murder Mystery original play: **Dead-Nouement: Offing an Author**, will be held on Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11, 2023. Tickets go on sale on January 6, 2023. For more details, visit the Library's website.



CHATHAM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

600 E. Spruce Street
Chatham, IL 62629

Library Hours

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

Christmas Holiday

Saturday, December 24

Monday, December 26

New Year's Holiday

Saturday, December 31

Closing at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, January 2

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



ART SHOW UPDATE

Our current Call to Entry Art show will be up until January. We hope you'll stop by soon to see the beautiful work of over 30 local artists. At our reception in October, we shared awards with three artists:

Best in Show: Tracey Maras, "Kaleidoscope"

Popular Choice (Award sponsored by Julie Hale Miller - COUNTRY Financial): Floyd Roy, "Seaside Enchantment"

Best New Artist (Award sponsored by Sylvan Learning): Joshua Steely, "The Sea Exults"

Congratulations to our award winners, and thank you to all of the artists in the show for their spectacular submissions.

2022 AARP Tax Help Update

At the time of this printing, AARP tax volunteers were working on setting up locations and times for tax assistance. If the Library is a location for tax assistance, information will be posted on the Library's website by mid-January.

Library Board Future Meetings:

Monday, January 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members

Michael Roubitchek – President

Christine Westerlund – Vice-President

Leslie Ross – Secretary

Vanessa Ross – Treasurer

Trustees

Dan Holden, John Moore and Jenny Vaughn

2023 Consolidated Election for the Library Board of Trustees

The consolidated election for the Chatham Area Public Library's Board of Trustees will take place April 4, 2023. There will be four positions open on our Library Board. Due to the timing of the filing period, candidates are not known at the time of the printing of this newsletter.