

From the Director

Every three to five years, the Library undertakes a thorough strategic planning process designed to reexamine its vision, mission, and strategic priorities. It is critical that we regularly examine ourselves and adapt to our local community's current aspirations and challenges, advances in technology, and developments within the broader library field.

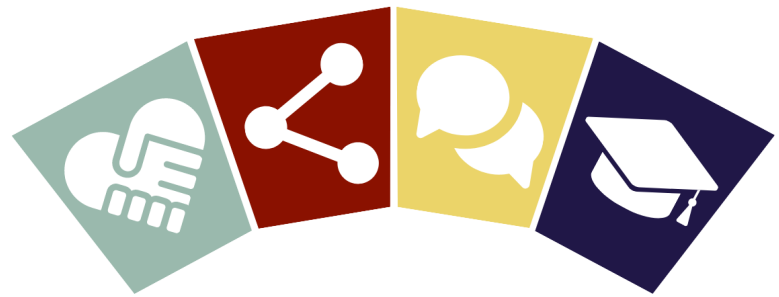
The information shared with you on this page shows the Library's newest Strategic Plan which was approved by the Library Board of Trustees on October 18th, 2021. Over the next three years, we will strive to Welcome, Connect, Communicate and Educate.

In consideration of space in this newsletter, more detailed information, including the planning process, the Library's Year One (2022) plan as well as our updated Mission, Vision and Values statements are available under the About Us section on our website.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the creation of this plan by responding to surveys and attending focus and community groups.

Amy Byers

STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2024



WELCOME



- Create and maintain a welcoming environment for all
- Enhance staff competencies and internal communications
- Enhance equity, diversity and inclusion throughout the Library

CONNECT

- Engage and connect with the Community
- Develop partnerships that foster deeper community ties
- Preserve and promote Chatham's history and heritage



COMMUNICATE



- Promote the services and materials the Library has to offer
- Facilitate dialog between community members

EDUCATE

- Enrich resources, services, and spaces to encourage and inspire lifelong learning
- Expand non-traditional materials of various types



Children's Programs



Storytimes

No registration is required. In order to conduct storytime in a safe manner, we are limiting the number of people. We will add additional storytimes, if needed. Masks are required for everyone over the age of two. Snacks and drinks are not permitted.

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.

Holiday Make and Take



Preschool to school aged children with adult supervision
Saturday, December 4, 10:00 a.m. - noon

At this Make and Take drop-in activity children may choose several from an assortment of holiday crafts to make and take home. The crafts and all

necessary materials and supplies will be provided.



Christmas Tree Storytime

All ages

Saturday, December 4, 6:15 p.m.

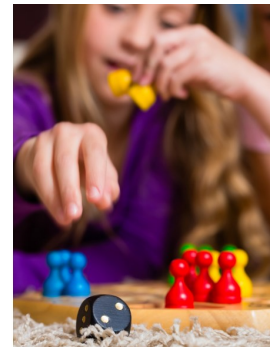
Join Miss Joyce at the Veterans Community Square where she will help get you in the holiday mood with festive stories. At 6:30 p.m., Santa will make an appearance!

Family Game Day

All ages

Thursday, December 30
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Come beat the post-holiday boredom by playing board games with us. We have a fun collection of family favorite games to play.



Special Arabic Storytime

All ages

Tuesday, January 25, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a special storytime offered in the Arabic language, with stories read by Sonus Abu Saad. All are welcome.

LEGO DAY

All ages

Saturday, January 29,
10:00 a.m. - noon

Take the Lego scoop challenge! What unique pieces will you discover in your scoop of Legos? What fantastic creation will they spark in your imagination? We provide the Legos; you take it from there! Drop in anytime during this program.



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten coming to Beanstack

Birth to Kindergarten

This new year our popular early literacy program is teaming up with our **Beanstack** online reading challenge format to make it even easier to keep track of your little one's progress. If you have already signed up, you will receive information soon about how to transition from paper to digital. If you haven't signed up yet, create a **Beanstack** account and give your little one a head start on the path to literacy. For more information about **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**, just ask our children's staff.



Children's Programs



Valentine Make It Take It

Preschool to school aged children
with adult supervision
Saturday, February 5, 10:00 a.m. - noon

Love is in the air as we make crafts to let the ones we love know how much we care. The crafts and all necessary materials and supplies will be provided.

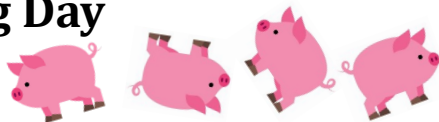
Make a Marble Run

School aged children with adult supervision
Wednesday, February 23, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Drop in after school and have a ball creating your own fantastic marble run using simple household items.

National Pig Day

All ages
Tuesday, March 1



National Pig Day is March 1 and we are celebrating everyone's favorite porcine pals in a scavenger hunt at the Library. Drop in anytime to peek for porkers and possibly procure a prize!

Coming Soon! Film Discussion Kits

As part of the *Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Focus on Small and Rural Libraries* grant, the Library is creating a collection of Film Discussion Kits that will be available for checkout; think of them like Book Club Kits but with films. The goal of the Kits is to support community members in exploring and discussing social justice topics with their friends and families through documentary film viewings. The hope is to have the Kits ready and available by the end of 2021.



Want to learn more about the Library's experience and lessons learned connected to the LTC grant? Check out the *The Libraries Transforming Communities Grant: Lessons Learned and Next Steps* blog post on the Library's website at <https://chathamlib.org/news>.

Teen Trivia

7th - 12th grade
Thursday, February 17
In-person registration 5:15 p.m.; Trivia 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

After 2 unsuccessful attempts due to weather, we are moving back inside to try this again! Teams of 6 players will compete for prizes and glory. Door prizes, pizza, and soda will be provided for all in this FREE event. Masks will be required when we are not eating. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Monthly Board Game Nights

Ages 10 and up
December 1, January 5, February 2
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



Looking for a fun way to keep your mind sharp and fend off cabin fever? Board games can help! Join us at the library to learn a new game or impress others with your strategic abilities. We have a wide variety of games for every skill level.

New Library App!

The Library now has an app available for patrons using Apple and Android devices!



SHARE
SHARING HEARTLAND'S AVAILABLE
RESOURCES EQUALLY

Download it by searching for "Share Mobile App" in your app store or scan the QR code. Then you can login with your Chatham Area Public Library card. Here are just a few examples of features offered by the app:

- ♦ Convenient way to manage checkouts and holds
- ♦ Search the SHARE consortium catalog of almost 8.2 million items for a variety of materials
- ♦ A calendar of upcoming events and programs
- ♦ The ability to request a meeting or study room
- ♦ Quick access to e-books, audiobooks and streaming movies in Hoopla, Library on the Go, Kanopy and cloud Library . . . and so much more!

Brought to you by the Chatham Area Public Library and the SHARE library consortium, a division of Illinois Heartland Library System.



Adult Programs



Computer Classes

No registration required

Ebooks & Streaming Videos

Adults

Tuesday, December 7

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Traveling? Staying home and cozy this winter? Either way, brush up on the electronic offerings you can get for free with your library card. Spoiler: it's a lot! We'll look at *Libby*, *cloudLibrary*, *hoopla*, & *Kanopy*.

Internet Basics

Adults

Tuesday, January 11

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

This class will discuss what a browser is, tips on how to search Google and other search engines, and how to evaluate a website for accuracy.

Best Travel Apps

Adults

Tuesday, February 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.

Bringing Our Heroes Home

Tuesday, December 7

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Registration Required

At this virtual event, Forensic Anthropologist, Dr. Mary Megyesi, from the **Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)** will talk about the mission to identify the remains of missing service members and provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation. Dr. Megyesi will also discuss efforts to identify service members lost on some of the Pearl Harbor ships, in memory of the 80th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack.



Bouncing Back! Improving Workforce Development Grant

The Library was awarded an American Rescue Plan Act grant for over \$11,000 to help our local workforce bounce back from the pandemic. As part of that grant's funds, the library has purchased new databases, will be hosting job searching and small business classes throughout the year, will start a new leadership book discussion group, and will create kits to aid in meeting technological needs beyond the library's walls.

The Bouncing Back! Improving Workforce Development grant, pursuant to Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Illinois State Library using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Resume Development Workshop

Thursday, December 9

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Learn what information and keywords to include as well as how to format your resume. Bring your resume if you can. Taught by Donna Skowronski of Rogers HR Consulting.

Where & How to Search for Jobs

Wednesday, January 19

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Learn how best to find jobs online, in person, and through people you already know. Taught by Donna Skowronski of Rogers HR Consulting.

Creating a Captivating LinkedIn Profile

Thursday, January 27

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

Wednesday, February 16

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 Donna Skowronski of Rogers HR Consulting.

Searching & Applying for State Jobs

Wednesday, February 23

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The Illinois Department of Human Services will present on how to apply for state jobs.

Adult Programs



Preserve Community and Family Memories – Scan Day

All Ages

Monday, January 17

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Gather any important photos and bring them to the Library's Scan Day! Take advantage of this free opportunity to have your images scanned and returned to you. Bring your own flash drive to save the digital copies.



You will be able to scan up to 15 photos for digital preservation. Appointments can be made for a 30 minute time slot and registration will open on January 1.

If you are also willing to share any Chatham area-specific photos to be added to our local history archive, **Chatham Area History**, we will present you with a complimentary flash drive containing digital copies of all your scanned photos.

Adult Winter Reading Program

Adults

January 3 – February 14

Feeling a little cabin fever? Keep an eye out for our Adult Winter Reading Program, coming January 3. More information about this program will be on our website or you can stop by the front desk, closer to January. We hope you'll join us, and maybe earn some prizes along the way!

Leadership Book Club

Adults

Tuesday, January 25

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 **"Start with Why" by Simon Sinek**.



2021 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.

Underground Railroad at the Woodlawn Farm

All Ages

Saturday, February 5

2:00 - 3:00 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.



JobNow and HelpNow databases

JobNow provides help with job searching, resume templates, professional resume review, and live job and interview coaching.

HelpNow offers live tutor access for homework help, skills building and test preparation. The access to live professionals is a great resource and can be accessed anytime with your library card number. Email Suzanna at sjones@chathamlib.org with any questions about these new databases.



Local Writer's Group:

Society of Midwestern Authors

Adults

6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

First Tuesday of each month:

December 7, January 4 and February 1

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.

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:

December 8 – *Tears of Salt* by Pietro Bartolo

January 12 – *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner

February 9 – *The Queen's Secret* by Karen Harper

Bite Into a Good Book

Third Wednesday of each month

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Bring a sack lunch, if you wish, and savor some lively discussion about different genres and topics. Upcoming reads:

December 15 – *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules: A Novel* by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg

January 19 – *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

February 16 – *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by T.J. Klune

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:

December 20 – *Joyland* by Stephen King

January 17 – *Locke & Key: Welcome to Lovecraft* by Joe Hill

February 21 – *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke

SHARE YOUR COLLECTION!

Do you have an interesting collection or a community organization that you'd like to share with the community? If so, we'd love to hear from you! We have a curio cabinet waiting to be filled with amazing items. Please contact Alanna Sablotny at asablotny@chathamlib.org.

Craft Night

Holiday Door Hanger

Adults in high school and older

Thursday, December 16

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration required

We will paint and stencil words on a holiday door hanger.



Gnomes

Adults in high school and older

Thursday, January 20

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Registration required

We will use socks, fleece, and fur to make cute gnomes.



Painted book page

Adults in high school and older

Thursday, February 17

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Registration required

We will use watercolors to paint on a dictionary page to create a unique picture.



Rise AND SOCIALIZE

Adults

Every Friday

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

What do table games, coloring sheets, puzzles, and chair exercises have in common? They've all happened at Rise and Socialize, our weekly program for adults of all ages to come together, chat, take part in an activity, and make new friends. No registration required. Just drop in and join in the fun!

Friends of Genealogy

Saturday, January 8

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.

"Friend" the Library – Join Friends of the Library for 2022

Kick off your 2022 with a membership to Friends of the Chatham Library and be the first to know about amazing things in the works for next year – a "Book Bike," themed Pop-Up Book Sales in our bookstore and an original March Murder Mystery play! With your membership, we are able to support the Summer Reading Program for all ages, the new photo scanner mentioned in this newsletter and so much more. Annual memberships start as low as \$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.

New! **Holiday Friends Preview Night, December 8**
Check some holiday gifts off your list and enjoy sweet treats plus exclusive book shopping at our Café and Bookstore Friends Holiday Preview Night from 6 – 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8. Pick out a free book with your 2022 membership to the Friends, valid only during this time!

Join us for our *Ho-Ho-Holiday Book Sale!*
In the Bookstore from Nov. 20 - Dec. 18 during regular Bookstore hours. Please note that the Friends' Bookstore will have additional pop up sales throughout the year, in lieu of a January sale.

Save the date:

The Friends of the Library's 22nd Annual Murder Mystery play will be back on March 12th, 2022! More information will be shared on the Library's website in early January 2022!

Did you know?

The Friends also has a Cafe and Bookstore run entirely by wonderful volunteers and is another way to support your library all year! Look for additional hours coming in early 2022!

Open Hours
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Monday
Tuesday
Saturday

Join the Friends OF THE CHATHAM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Support the Friends' Mission to provide additional services, programs and equipment to the Chatham Library community! Last year's Friends donations provided notary services, book club kits and prizes for reading programs. They've also supported Library on the Go, the Library's e-book and digital audio-book service for over 12 years!



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Chatham, IL 62629



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New Member

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Membership levels:

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\$5 - Senior/Student

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\$25 - Sponsor

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\$500 - Lifetime Member

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\$10 - Individual

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\$50 - Benefactor

Please see www.chathamlib.org/friends-library for volunteer opportunities or to donate online.

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

Friday, December 24

Saturday, December 25

New Year's Holiday

Friday, December 31

Closing at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1

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Stories from the Stacks

Our family history photo project took a big step forward recently as Doug used Chatham Area Public Library's new Epson High Speed Photo Scanner to scan approximately 1,000 photos in about four hours. After setting up a file name the scanner will produce a view of the original photo, an enhanced view and the back of the photo in about three seconds. A stack of photos can be loaded at the same time and then downloaded to a flash drive when your session is completed. Thanks CAPLD for this amazing useful addition to the Library's patron services!

Doug and Linda Meyer



Happy Anniversary Sangamon County!

In celebration of the 200th anniversary of Sangamon County, the Library will be encouraging patrons to stop by the library during the month of December to tell stories about living here. Watch our website and Facebook page for more information.

Illinois Prairie Pastel Society Art Show "Pastels Among the Pages"

November 2021 - January 2022

We are thrilled to host over thirty-five local pastel artists' work in this show which will run through January 28, 2022. All are welcome to come by the Library anytime during business hours to enjoy the exhibit which features over sixty original works.



Library Board Future Meetings:

Monday, January 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 21th at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Michael Roubitchek - President

Christine Westerlund - Vice-President

Leslie Ross - Secretary

Eric Bolinger - Treasurer

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