



## Chatham Area Public Library Newsletter Vol. 39 No. 4 Spring 2023

### Stories from the Stacks



Visit an art gallery. But wait, it's a library.

We go to a library to check out a book or to do some research. But to attend an art show and reception? If it is the Chatham Area Public Library, the answer is yes, and the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society has been doing so since 2011.

Each year our membership looks forward to the enthusiasm of the library staff, sharing their pastel paintings with visitors to the library, and a celebration of community. The bright airy atmosphere of the library serves well in the exhibition of artwork, inviting visitors to browse and linger. While the thought of entering an "art gallery" can be intimidating to some, the library offers the opportunity for our artists to share their passion for pastels in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

The partnership of the Chatham Area Public Library and the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society has moved beyond tradition. It feels like family and we look forward to coming home each year.

The current exhibit can be viewed at the library until April 1.

Tracey Maras, Exhibits Chair of the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society [www.ipps-il.org](http://www.ipps-il.org)

### StoryWalk Debuts in the Square

The picture above shows the Jones family enjoying our newly created storywalk in Chatham Veteran's Memorial Square! A community partnership supported this new StoryWalk, and it's sure to be a hit with kids and adults alike. Thanks to the Chatham Auburn Memorial VFW Post 4763, the American Legion Post 759, the Village of Chatham, the Friends of the Chatham Area Library and the Volunteers at the Friend's Café and Bookstore, for their funding and/or installation assistance to bring the StoryWalk to life. The StoryWalk is free to all and accessible during normal park hours. Book selections will rotate on a regular basis.

### Summer Reading Kick-Off Activity - SWORDS & ROSES

All ages  
Friday, June 9  
10:00 a.m.

*Swords and Roses* is a singing, sword-swinging, all female stunt show, dedicated to entertaining and informing. The act consists of

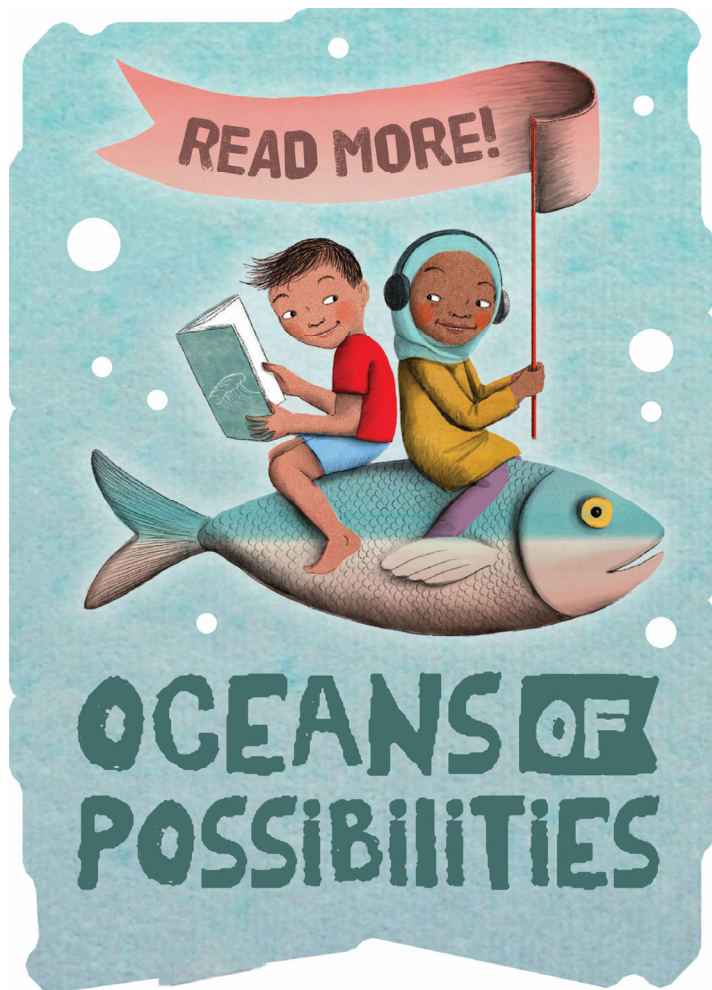
choreographed stage combat with rapiers, in period-authentic costumes, and includes elements of family-friendly comedy, audience participation, singing, and swashbuckling. Each show features a play, an original song and sword-fighting. There are two endings written for every show, and the audience gets to choose: who will win and who will lose.



**Follow us on Facebook to see who takes over our page for National Library Week!**



# Children's Programs



## 2023 Book Camp

June and July 2022

Ages 4 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Registration is required.

Set sail for Book Camp! This year campers will make crafts, hear stories, and play games centered on the wonders of the ocean. We hope you can join us for a week this summer.

The Book Camp schedule is as follows:

Campers aged 4 – Kindergarten – June 26, 28, and 30 or July 10, 12, 14

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders – June 20, 21, 23 or July 17, 19, 21

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders – June 12, 14, 16 or July 24, 26, 28

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders – June 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22

These grade levels are for the grade your child will be going into for the 2023-2024 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 2023 – Oceans of Possibilities

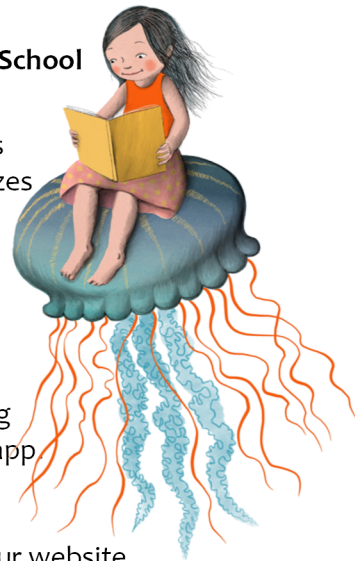
June and July

Ages 4 years old through High School

Summertime means Summer Reading, and we have a pirate's treasure chest of crafts and prizes for your children to earn by reading this summer.

Here are the quick facts about Summer Reading 2023:

- Sign up begins May 1 on *Beanstack*, our online Reading Tracker website and mobile app ([chathamlib.beanstack.org](http://chathamlib.beanstack.org)) There is a simple *Beanstack* tutorial on the right side of our website.
- There are challenges for every age group: (\*For children aged 8, 12, and 18 choose the one challenge that best suits your child. Age 18 can choose to do the Adult Reading Program instead).
- 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 31. Summer Reading ends Monday, July 31.



## Tween/Teen Summer Programs

12 – 18 year olds

Tweens and teens look for fun drop-in programs this summer. We will have crafts, games, and maybe even a movie just for you. Check our website calendar and social media once we have details.



# Children's Programs

## Teen Volunteer Informational Meeting

Ages 14 years – graduating high school seniors  
Wednesday, April 26, 3:00 p.m. or  
Saturday, May 6, 1:00 p.m.



Teens looking for opportunities to earn service hours, to be involved in helping our community or to spend some time with younger children and be a role model are invited to attend one of our Teen Volunteer meetings to 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. **Attend one of the meetings to volunteer.**



## Spring Break Activities

All ages  
March 20 – 24

We are welcoming our newest American Girl, Claudie, in style – with a whole week of fun! Claudie grew up in the 1920's in New York City during the Harlem Renaissance. These activities, designed for boys and girls, will vary each day. Watch our website for details.

## Lego Day

Saturday, April 1  
All Ages  
10:00 a.m. – Noon

You'd be a fool not to join us for Lego Day! As always, we provide the bricks and you bring your imagination. Come and participate in the challenge to build your own version of a Lego Tree Fort, or free build whatever you choose!



## After School STEM: Wings, Stings and Leggy Things

May 10  
Students grades K – 5  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
No registration



Flutter on by and learn about creepy-crawlies with a few fun activities, including some ideas and materials supplied by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

## Study Together at the Library

May 22, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Students grades 9 – 12  
No registration

Why study at home alone where it's hard to focus? Come to the Chatham Library on "Finals Eve"; we will be staying open an hour later than normal to give you some extra time. We'll have free snacks and beverages as well as some relaxing ways to take a brain break when you need it. Watch for more details on social media and in the School District's Virtual Backpack.

## 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.**



# Adult Programs

## Illinois Libraries Present!

### Virtual Programs

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 to view these virtual author events are on the Library's events calendar.



### The Weird & Wonderful World with Mary Roach

Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### Danny Trejo Talks Tacos, Hollywood, & Redemption

Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### Secrets of the Puzzle Master: A Conversation with Will Shortz

Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### Drawing Comics with Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Saturday, May 6, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

### On Being Fabulous with Jonathan Van Ness and Kristi Yamaguchi

Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## Monthly Board Game Nights

Wednesdays, March 1, April 5, May 3

Ages 10 and Up

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

There is always a new skill to learn or an old game to master at board game nights! Join us to keep your wits sharp as the days begin to warm up.

### Local Writer's Group:

## Society of Midwestern Authors

Adults

6:00 – 7:45 p.m.

First Tuesday of each month:

March 7, April 4, May 2

If you love to write, check out this supportive group of local writers for critiques, networking and lively discussions. This group is very welcoming to newcomers so feel free to come and share your work and ideas. For more information, please email [pamcox@chathamlib.org](mailto:pamcox@chathamlib.org).

## "Potentially Dangerous"

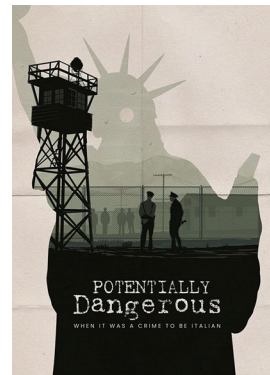
Viewing and Q&A with Director, Zach Baliva

Adults

Wednesday, March 29

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

View the film "Potentially Dangerous" about the persecution Italian Americans faced during WWII. The film runs about 50 minutes with the chance to ask questions of director **Zach Baliva**, Chatham native, following the film.



## Music in the Library: UIS Camerata

All ages

Saturday, March 4

11:00 a.m.

An hour of music from the University of Illinois Springfield's Camerata. A small ensemble of students will fill the library with music. Sit and enjoy the concert or be surrounded by music as you browse the shelves.

## 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.



March 1  
Bunny butt pot



April 5  
2 x 4 Bunny



May 3  
Flower button bouquet pot

# Adult Programs

## Computer Classes

*No registration required*

### iPhone Photography Tips & Tricks

Adults

Thursday, March 9

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Learn how to take better pictures on your iPhone. We'll look at the different modes and settings as well as how to do some basic editing.

### Internet Basics

Adults

Thursday, April 13

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This class will look at how to access the internet, how to maneuver through webpages, and how to evaluate search results.

### Library Apps

Adults

Wednesday, May 24

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Learn to use the free apps available from the Library. We'll go over the SHARE app and how to request physical items as well as the Libby app, Hoopla app, and Kanopy app for ebooks, electronic audiobooks, and digital movies.

## Dementia Caregiving 101

Mondays in March

2:00 – 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. There's still time to register for the final two weeks of this eight-week series. This program is designed to equip family caregivers of individuals living at home.

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?

## What's Coming Down the Line? The Railroad in the American Mind

Saturday, April 1

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Illinois is the nation's railroad cross-roads. This not only shaped the state's economy and communities but created an industry with a cultural allure. Join us as **Mike Matejka**, historian, presents how the railroad radically changed the economy, how people traveled, and how corporate structure evolved.

## Backyard Composting

Adult

Thursday, May 4

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Learn how to create compost in your own backyard by using the best and most effective methods and materials. Also learn about vermicomposting - composting using worms to create even better compost.

## Friends of Genealogy

Saturday, March 4 and Saturday, May 6

2:00 – 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.

## Weekly Card Games

Adults

Every Tuesday

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Join us for fun and cards every week this spring. 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 – 7:00 p.m.

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

**March 8 – *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer**

**April 12 – *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel**

**May 10 – *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus**

### 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 15 - *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult**

**April 19 - *Midnight in Chernobyl: the Untold Story of the World's Greatest Nuclear Disaster* by Adam Higginbotham**

**May 17 - *Killers of A Certain Age* By Deanna Raybourn**

### Outer Edge Book Club

Third Monday of each month

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

**March 20 – *The Space Between Worlds* by Michaiah Johnson**

**April 17 – *Leviathan Wakes* by James S.A. Corey**

**May 15 – *My Best Friend's Exorcism* by Grady Hendrix**

### Puzzle Exchange

All Ages

Tuesday, April 11

1:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Are you a jigsaw puzzle lover but are bored with your current collection? Are you looking for new puzzles to keep you entertained this spring? Then we have you covered! Bring in your completed puzzles and trade with other puzzle-lovers for some new-to-you treasures.

## Cookbook Exchange

All Ages

Week of May 8 – 13

All Day

A cookbook exchange is an exciting way for avid foodies to recycle old cookbooks and enjoy new ones.

Throughout the week of May 8 – 13, bring up to 5 of your old (but in good condition) cookbooks to exchange for new-to-you cookbooks.

## ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Join us for some fun evenings of crafts and conversation. These free events are open to adults in high school or older and registration is required for each event.

### Spring carrot decor

Thursday, March 16

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

We'll use orange ribbon to create an abstract carrot for this spring decoration.



### Decorated flower pot

Thursday, April 20

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

We will use paint pens to dot-paint around stencils to spell 'grow' or 'bloom' on a ceramic flower pot.



### Woven felt coaster

Thursday, May 18

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

We will weave together strips of felt to create a checkerboard coaster.



## Leadership Book Club

Adults

Tuesday, May 23

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Offsite at Scoop Du Jour

95 Plummer Boulevard

Registration required

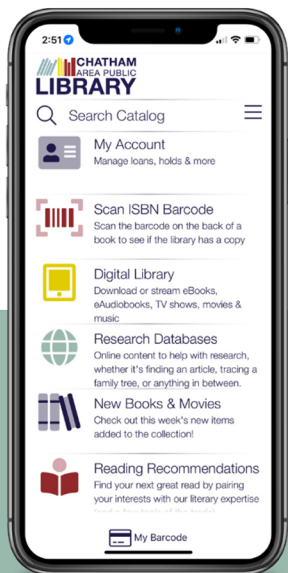
This book club will be a networking opportunity to share and learn about different leading styles and experiences. The book that we are discussing is **"The Art Of Gathering: How We Meet And Why It Matters"** by Priya Parker.



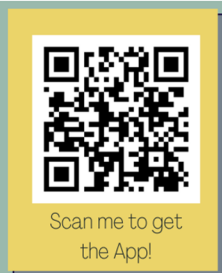
# Adult Programs

## Sewing Machine for Checkout

Did you know you can check out a SEWING MACHINE from the library?! We have a Singer Heavy Duty 4411 sewing machine that allows you to sew a wide variety of fabrics and projects. Check out period is for 6 weeks; patrons must be Chatham cardholders and be 18 years of age or older.



*We now have  
a mobile app!*



Available for download in the Apple App store or Google Play Store.

## Library Board News

Future Library Board meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Library on March 20, April 17, and May 15.

### Board Members

Michael Roubitchek – President  
Christine Westerlund – Vice-President  
Leslie Ross – Secretary  
Vanessa Ross – Treasurer

### Trustees

John Moore, Jenny Vaughn and Dan Holden.

Two incumbents, Christine Westerlund and Jenny Vaughn will be running in the April 4<sup>th</sup> consolidated election. Trustees Dan Holden and Leslie Ross will not be running for new terms.

Dan Holden has served as a Trustee on our Library Board since 2017. He also served on our Foundation Board, and notably died in our 2019 Friends of the Library Murder Mystery Play. Thank you, Dan, for your service to our Library!

Leslie Ross has served on our Library Board as Trustee and Secretary since 2012. In that time, she has also been part of many Friends of the Library Murder Mystery plays and Library Board committees. Thank you, Leslie, for your many years of service to our Library!

## Did you know that we offer mobile printing?

There are 3 ways to send your print jobs to our printers and pick them up at your convenience! Send them via email, upload them to our web portal, or via the Public Print Locations app.

There's still time to get  
murder mystery tickets!

Pay online at [bit.ly/murdermystery23](https://bit.ly/murdermystery23)  
or purchase your tickets at the door.

Space is limited! Don't wait!



**Dead-Nouement**  
Offering an Author

23rd Annual Murder Mystery Fundraiser  
March 10 & 11, 2023

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## 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

### Easter Eve

Saturday, April 8

*Closing at 1:00 p.m.*

### Staff Institute

Friday, April 14

### Memorial Day

Monday, May 29

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Visit us online at [www.chathamlib.org](http://www.chathamlib.org)

 [fb.com/CAPLD](https://www.facebook.com/CAPLD)

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

## Friends of the Library News

Friends' Café & Bookstore – Expanded Wednesday Hours!

- Our Volunteers have added additional Wednesday hours. Now, you can visit the Café and Bookstore on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Don't miss the **March Pop-Up Sale**. The arrival of spring means an extra discount on many gardening books and coffee table books – all month!

Come and shop, enjoy a cup of coffee and a treat or bring your small batch book donations during our regularly scheduled hours.

Monday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For more information, visit:

[www.chathamlib.org/cafe\\_bookstore](http://www.chathamlib.org/cafe_bookstore).

## COMING SOON:

**Exciting news regarding the library's  
south lawn from our Library  
Foundation.**

## Renew Your Friends Membership!

Your annual Friends membership helps support the “extras” for our amazing Library – everything from prizes for the kids’ summer programming to adult reading contest prizes to our book bike “Bikeangelo” to the brand new StoryWalk at Chatham Veterans Memorial Square and so much more – your support means the world to us.

Please renew your membership for 2023. Or if you are new to the area or to the library, consider joining as a first-time member. Members receive updates on the Friends Café and Bookstore, a discount to our annual Murder Mystery, early entrance to the Sweet Corn Book Sale held every July and more. There are also volunteer opportunities to meet other book lovers and enjoy a sense of community. Join now! Membership forms are at the Library’s front desk, or online at [www.chathamlib.org/friends-library](http://www.chathamlib.org/friends-library).

## Art Committee News

We welcome Rod and Rosemary Buffington to share their artistic talents with us from April – May. Their art show is entitled, **The First Pitch**, and is centered around the love of baseball. We hope you'll stop by to enjoy the work of this talented, local couple!