



## Chatham Area Public Library Newsletter Vol. 39 No. 3 Fall 2022



### Is Your Library Card On Your Back to School List?

Make sure you head back to school equipped with one of the best school supplies: a Chatham Area Public Library card. With a library card, you can access free learning tools, online homework help and place holds to borrow physical materials. Don't have a card? We can help you with that! Stop by the Library or our website at [www.chathamlib.org](http://www.chathamlib.org) for more information.



### Book Club Kits

Have you ever wanted to run a book club? Or maybe you already do, but have difficulty finding good titles and struggle to find enough copies for everyone in your group. If either answer is yes, then check out the Library's Book Club Kits!

Our Book Club Kits are durable tote bags filled with everything you need to run a successful book club: 7-8 books, 1 large print book (when available), 1 audiobook (when available), and a discussion guide. Kits will circulate for 6 weeks, so you will have plenty of time to distribute, read, and discuss. These kits can be picked up from our Library of Things collection. Please call 217-483-2713 or email [reference@chathamlib.org](mailto:reference@chathamlib.org) for assistance.

**Illinois Heartland Library Crawl: October 1st - 31st, visit and learn about the libraries that you have access to with your library card! More information coming soon.**



# Children's Programs

## Summer Reading Awesomeness

This summer we had over **872 participants** in our 3 Summer Reading challenges! These readers read over **400,000 minutes** this summer! We hope that you were amazed to see some of the **282 signs** around town. **Congratulations readers!**



## Marble Run

**Ages 5 and up**  
**Saturday, September 24**  
**10:00 a.m. – noon**

Drop in any time between 10 and noon and put your science skills to the test to see if you can make a marble run using simple household items.



## BIKE RODEO



**Wednesday, September 14**  
**4:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Come for the fun in our parking lot when the Chatham Police Department puts on their annual Bike Rodeo!

## 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.**

## PERCY JACKSON OLYMPICS

**7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade**  
**Wednesday, November 9**  
**Fun begins at 6:00 p.m. and**  
**ends at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Signup starts at 5:30 p.m.**

Join us for an evening of trivia, games, and crafts based on everyone's favorite demigod – Percy Jackson! Bring a team of 6, or we can place you with a team. Prizes will be awarded for the top teams. Pizza and snacks will also be provided. Costumes are encouraged, so throw on a toga and join the fun!



## Lego Day

**November 12, 10:00 a.m. – noon**

Ready for a Lego Day? Then come to the library Saturday, November 12 from 10 a.m. – noon. This time we are going to go full STEAM ahead with our Lego play; there will be free play as usual, with the option to incorporate a bit of science and art! This event is open to kids of all ages. We bring the bricks and you bring your imagination!

# HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

## Very Scary Halloween

**Thursday, October 20**

**Ages 11 and Up**

**6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

For the 11 years-old and older crowd, the library will be celebrating the spooky season with a showing of *Tim Burton's Frankenweenie!* In addition to our popcorn and lemonade, we will be serving some frightening Halloween themed treats. Eat them if you dare!



## Halloween Baby and Toddler Time

**Tuesday, October 25**

**Birth – 3 years**

**9:45 & 10:45 a.m.**

All Mummies, Daddies and other caregivers are invited to dress their babies in costume and bring them to our Halloween Baby and Toddler Time. This program is intended for parents/caregivers and their little ones, newborn to 3 years, and features stories, fingerplays, and songs.

## Friendly and Slightly Scary Halloween Stories

**Thursday, October 27**

**Birth – 2nd grade**

Choose your Halloween story time based on your preference — *Friendly or Slightly Scary Stories*. No matter which you choose, everyone is invited for a snack!

Both sessions are meant for little boos and ghouls through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

**6:30 p.m.** Come join us in the Library Gallery for a fun time of *Friendly Halloween stories*, then stay and enjoy a snack in the Activity Room afterward.

**7:00 p.m.** Those wishing for *Slightly Scary Halloween stories* can gather in the Library Gallery for stories with a slight thrill. (Remember to come to the Activity Room by 6:45 if you want to gobble a treat before the stories begin!)

## Preschool Halloween Stories

**Friday, October 28**

**10:15 a.m.** Have a cackling good time and complete a spooktacular craft! Preschoolers are encouraged to come dressed in their costumes for our regular Storytime to hear fun Halloween stories and complete a Halloween craft.



# Adult Programs

## 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's events calendar. Watch from your own home or watch with us at the Library.



### ***A Conversation with Marlee Matlin***

**Wednesday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.**

### ***A Conversation with Jesmyn Ward***

**Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.**

### ***A Conversation with Caitlin Doughty***

**Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.**

## ***1619: The Journey of a People, The Production***

**Adults/Teens**

**Saturday, September 17**

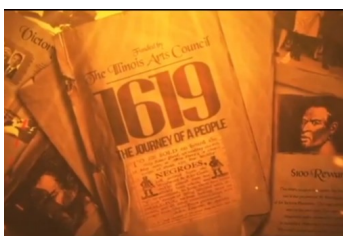
**1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

### ***1619: The Journey of a People***

is a dynamic theatrical and lecture experience featuring Playwright, Professor, and performer Ted Williams III.

This production commemorates the struggles, recognizes the heroes, and critically analyzes the American journey towards freedom and equality. From the beginning of American slavery to the Reconstruction, the Great Migration, the Civil Rights Era, and the modern movements for justice, Williams uses history to explain America's current reality.

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## **Monthly Board Game Nights**

**Ages 10 and Up**

**Wednesdays: September 7, October 5, November 2**

**6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

Looking to learn a new board game or show off your gaming skills? Join us in the library for one of our Wednesday game nights. We have a variety of games to try and fun folks to try out your game-winning strategies.

## **Latin Hip Hop as the New Poetry**

**Adults/Teens**

**Thursday, September 29**

**6:00 – 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!

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## **Jules Verne & H.G. Wells: The Birth of Sci-Fi and the First Citizens of the Future**

**Adults/Teens**

**Thursday, October 6**

**6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Jules Verne & H.G. Wells, largely thought to be the creators of a new literary genre, Science Fiction, are largely unknown beyond their names and a few of their most well-known imaginative tales. In this new edu-tainment adventure, singer/songwriter/historian Barry Cloyd celebrates the men, the women and the incredible journey into our consciousness of a new form of literature and what it has spawned.



## **Puzzle Exchange**

**Tuesday, October 11**

**1:00 – 7:00 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 winter? Then we have you covered! Bring in your completed puzzles and trade with other puzzle-lovers for some new-to-you treasures.



# Adult Programs

## Computer Classes

*No registration required*

### Combat Email Clutter

Adults

Wednesday, September 21

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Learn how to unsubscribe, mark as spam, and use filters to clean up your email. Then take the last half hour to work on your email inbox.

### Feel Confident Texting

Adults

Tuesday, October 4

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

We will discuss how to use autofill as well as how to send emojis, gifs, & pictures. Bring your smartphone and your texting questions.

### Streaming Services

Adults

Thursday, November 10

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This class will look at the most common streaming services, the basics of how to use them, and how to save money by using what the Library offers.

## Senior Crafty Creations

Adults

Offsite | 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 this fall. 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 \$5 per craft.

September 7 – Rag Wreaths

October 5 – Black Cat

November 2 – Mason jar vases

## Speed Networking

Adults

Tuesday, October 18

6:00 – 7:00 p.m., mingling starting at 5:30 p.m.

Registration required

Find it hard to meet new people? Too busy to make connections? Ready for a change? Whether you are new to Chatham, or born and raised here, come join us for a fun and exciting evening of Speed Networking! Light appetizers and beverages will be available.



## Leadership Book Club

Adults

Tuesday, October 25

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Offsite | 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 quarterly book that we are reading for discussion is “Atomic Habits” by James Clear.



## Intentional Career Design (Virtual)

Adults

Tuesday, November 8

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

We spend a lot of our time at work, so shouldn't our work be something that we enjoy and value? Kevin Martlage from Nextier Advisors will help patrons take stock of their current career status, discuss ways to help think about career goals, and show how to use a career discovery action plan to help reach those goals.



## Author's Workshop with

### D.L. Dennis

Adults

Thursday, October 13

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration required, seats are limited.

This publishing and marketing seminar for the aspiring author will be presented by author D.L. Dennis. Topics covered will be traditional publishing, self-publishing, plus secrets to a successful marketing plan after publishing.



# 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!

September 14 – *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

October 12 – *The Girl They Left Behind*  
by Roxanne Veletzos

November 9 – *Groundskeeping* by Lee Cole

### 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:

September 21 – *Slaughterhouse 5* by Kurt Vonnegut

October 19 – *The Maid* by Nita Prose

November 16 – *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

### 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 faces! Upcoming reads:

September 19 – *Futuristic Violence and Fancy Suits*  
by David Wong

October 17 – *Slewfoot: A Tale of Bewitchery* by Brom

November 21 – *The Vanished Birds* by Simon Jimenez

### Local Writer's Group:

## Society of Midwestern Authors

Adults

6:00 – 7:45 p.m.

First Tuesday of each month:

September 6, October 4, November 1

If writing is a passion of yours, please join this talented, supportive group of local writers for critiques of your work, lively discussion and networking. For more information, please email [pamcox@chathamlib.org](mailto:pamcox@chathamlib.org).

## ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Free crafts for adults in high school or older.

### Alcohol ink & saran wrap

Thursday, September 15

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration required.

We will use a saran wrap technique to apply alcohol inks to a bowl (or other object TBD).



### Fall mason jar

Thursday, October 20

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration required.

We will decoupage fall leaves onto a mason jar for an autumn decoration.



### Cinnamon stick macrame

Thursday, November 17

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration required.

We will use a simple macrame technique to create a seasonal decoration.



## Friends of Genealogy

Saturday, October 15

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.

## Craft Supply Exchange

Tuesday November 15

1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Donations accepted no later than 6:00 p.m.

Unused craft supplies? Bring in your unused fabric, yarn, scrapbook paper, and whatever other crafting supplies you no longer need, and share them with other crafters!

**Donations accepted from November 7 – 15 at the Adult Services Desk.** Leave a craft supply, take a craft supply!

# Library News



## Volunteer Spotlight

Special shout-out to two outstanding volunteers! Meet Bekah Essex, 11, our youngest volunteer for the Sweet Corn Book Sale, pictured on right with her grandmother Kyleene Martin. Olivia Clardy, above on right, was our volunteer who pedaled Bikelangelo up to the Sweet Corn Festival to promote the library and Book Sale to festival-goers. She is pictured with her sister, Katlynn who works in circulation at the Library. Read more about these two rock stars at our Volunteer Spotlight on the library website: [https://www.chathamlib.org/cafe\\_bookstore](https://www.chathamlib.org/cafe_bookstore).



## Library Board of Trustee News

### *Library Board Welcomes Newly Appointed Trustee*

The Library Board of Trustees appointed Jenny Vaughn to fill the seat of former Trustee, Eric Bolinger at their May meeting. Welcome Jenny! They also elected Trustee, Vanessa Ross to become their Treasurer.

### **Board Members**

President - Michael Roubitchek

Vice President - Christine Westerlund

Secretary - Leslie Ross

Treasurer- Vanessa Ross

### **Trustees**

Dan Holden, Jenny Vaughn and John Moore

### **Meeting Dates:**

Library Trustee meetings are open to the public and are on the **third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.**

September 19

October 17

November 21

## *Read Beyond the Beaten Path*

Thank you to all who participated in our Adult Summer Reading Program this year. We had 127 participants. Congratulations to all of our winners! Thanks again to the **Friends of the Library** for sponsoring this event.

# YOUR VOICE MATTERS



Share your thoughts on  
ADULT services and resources!  
**SEPTEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 31, 2022**

Simply scan the QR Code with your phone  
or visit [bit.ly/CAPLD-Adult-Survey](https://bit.ly/CAPLD-Adult-Survey)



Ten minutes of your time could mean a gift card in your hand!



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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

### Labor Day

Monday, September 5

### Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 23

Closing at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 24

Friday, November 25

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

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## ART COMMITTEE NEWS

### Mid-July – September

#### Michelle Smith “A Pencil and a Dream”

For more detailed information about this show please check out our website: [www.chathamlib.org/exhibits](http://www.chathamlib.org/exhibits)

### October – January

Our Call to Entry Art Show will return after a brief break due to the pandemic. Our Art Committee is thrilled to share the talents of our local artist community with our patrons. New this year, we will be presenting a Popular Choice Award, which will be determined by members of the public. Our reception and awards event will be held on October 14. Please follow us on social media, on our website or stop by the Library for more information.



## Thank You to our Book Sale Volunteers and Patrons!

Our latest Sweet Corn Book Sale raised more than \$1,000 for Friends of the Chatham Area Public Library. Friends members enjoyed exclusive shopping during a special Power Hour from 8 – 9 a.m., and a line of enthusiastic book-lovers formed ahead of the public opening. Shoppers perused the tables all day assisted by volunteers who helped load up purchases.

“The volunteers were so helpful and greatly appreciated,” said Friends board member Kay Tichenal. “They helped move books on Thursday and Friday ahead of the sale, organized the display tables, helped shoppers and then helped tear down and clean up. It was a truly a group effort.”

## UPCOMING FALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM FRIENDS’ CAFÉ & BOOKSTORE

The Friends Café and Bookstore volunteer team has been delighted by positive feedback for our expanded summer hours. Those open times will continue into fall. Stay tuned for new Pop-Up Sales too. Themes may include: Back to School reads in August; mysteries and spooky selections in October; cookbook-palooza in November; and holiday selections in December. Check our Facebook page and the website for details!

*\*Holiday Closures: Labor Day weekend (Sept. 3-5); Thanksgiving week (Nov. 23-29) and Winter Holidays (Dec. 22 – Jan. 9, 2023).*