

CHATHAM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY



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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 6

Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 24

Closing at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 25

Friday, November 26

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Our Monarch Waystation and Butterfly Garden are complete, and we hope you'll stop by and admire this beautiful and beneficial space which was made possible by grants from the Illinois Native Plant Society, Central Chapter and the Springfield Civic Garden Club. We'd like to extend a special thanks to the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener volunteers, Karla Frank, Loretta Mabie, Cindy Kvamme (with direction from Jennifer Fishburn) for all of their help in creating this garden to support the needs of the butterflies that make their way to our area each year.

Director's Note

It would be remiss of me to start this quarter's newsletter with anything other than appreciation. It has been amazing to see you inside the Library again! I have enjoyed watching children walk out with piles of books and materials almost as big as they are! I have seen so many amazing Summer Readers excited about their amazing accomplishment of reading throughout the summer. I have seen tears of joy, cheering and clapping and excitement. All of it fills me with gratitude that you have supported us through a global pandemic and you are still here with us.

This newsletter is filled to the brim with so many wonderful activities, programming, services and materials for you and your families this fall! Our staff members cannot wait to share these with you.

However, please keep in mind that our Library Board of Trustees and I will continue to monitor the ever-changing situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. We will follow the guidance provided to us by the Centers for Disease Control, Governor Pritzker, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Sangamon County Department of Public Health. Since pandemic conditions can and do sometimes change quickly, policies can also change quickly. This may mean further requirements, limitations on occupancy, cancellation of programs or services, or other mitigation efforts to stop this pandemic. Please note that we will continue to share updates on our website, social media platforms and in our building. You are also welcome to call us or email us at info@chathamlib.org with any questions. Our goal is to help keep our community healthy and safe. Thank you for your understanding during this difficult time. As of the time of this printing, masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status, except for those 2 and under, who come into the Library building.



Amy Byers

Library Board of Trustee News



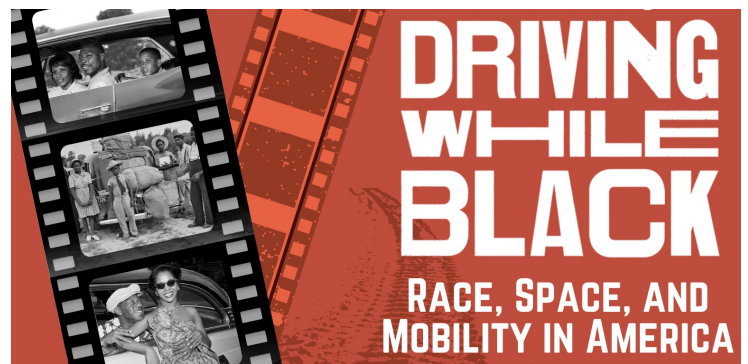
Library Trustees pictured L-R: Vice-President Christine Westerlund, Secretary Leslie Ross, Trustee John Moore, President Michael Roubitchek, Trustee Vanessa Ross, Treasurer Eric Bolinger, and Trustee Dan Holden

Trustee of the Year Award

Christine Westerlund, Vice President of the Board of Trustees at the Chatham Area Public Library District, is the 2021 Illinois Library Association (ILA) Trustee of the Year Award recipient. This annual citation is awarded to a public library trustee for achievement, leadership, and service to libraries. Congratulations Christine and thank you for your service to the Chatham Area Public Library!

Meeting Dates:

Library Trustee meetings are open to the public and are on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.:
September 20, October 18, November 15



Film Screening and Discussion

Chatham Community Adults

Film Viewing: Friday, September 24 - 6:30 PM

Film Discussion: Saturday, September 25 - 9:30 AM

Registration is required

With funds from the American Library Association's initiative, Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries Grant, the Library is inviting Chatham community members to view and discuss the documentary **Driving While Black: Race, Space and Mobility In America**. The viewing and discussion will take place at the Library. Registration is required and seats are limited. Participants will receive a copy of the book **Driving While Black: African American Travel and the Road to Civil Rights** by Gretchen Sorin as well as a \$15 gift card to a Black-owned restaurant.



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.

Fun themed books, fun crafts, and fun family time with Miss Joyce (she's fun, too).

Preschool Storytime

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

Join Miss Catherine each week for three to four books and a craft that are just right for preschoolers.

Teen Trivia

7th – 12th Grade

Wednesday, October 6

In-person registration 5:15 p.m.; Trivia 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Space is limited

Teams of 6 – 8 players will compete for prizes and glory. Prizes are also awarded for best team costumes. Door prizes, pizza, candy and soft drinks are all included in this FREE event.

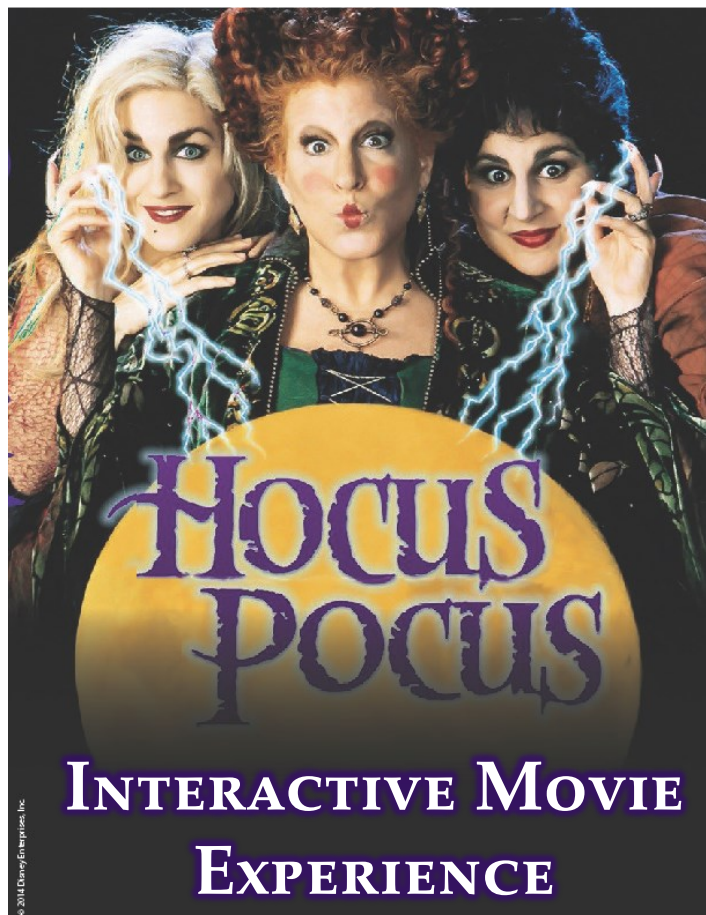
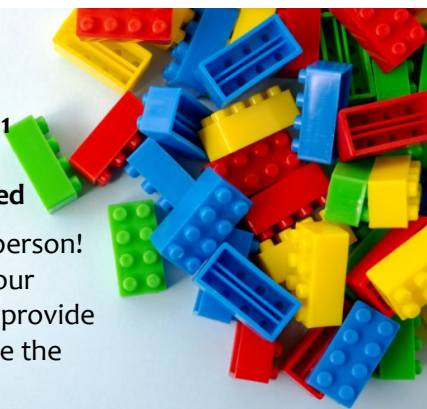
Lego Day

All ages

Saturday, September 11
10:00 a.m. – noon

No registration required

Lego days are back in person! Join us and show off your creative creations. We provide the bricks – you provide the imagination!



All ages; under 10 yrs. must have parental supervision.

Saturday, September 25, 1:00 p.m.

No registration required

Kick off the spooky season with your favorite witchy trio – The Sanderson Sisters! We will have a limited number of props bags to enjoy this Halloween classic in a whole new way! Witch's brew punch will also be served. Please note: all ages are invited to this movie, but parents please be aware that this movie is rated PG and some scenes may be too intense for younger viewers.

The Floor Is Lava!

School-aged children with parental supervision.

Wednesday, November 10, 2:30 – 4:30 pm.

No registration required

Back by popular demand – *The Floor is Lava 2: The Magma Opus!* Mt. Chatham is once again erupting. Use your critical thinking skills, agility, and luck to cross from one side to another using an assortment of balance beams, rocks, and safe spaces while avoiding the lava.



Halloween Storytimes

No registration required

Very Scary Halloween Story Hour

3rd Grade and up

Thursday, October 21, 6:30 p.m.

Costumes encouraged. Popcorn and lemonade served after.



Friendly/Slightly Scary Halloween Storytime

Birth – 2nd Grade

Thursday, October 28, 6:30 p.m.

6:30 for Friendly Halloween Stories

7:00 for Slightly Scary Tales

Costumes encouraged. Choose either Friendly Stories or Slightly Scary Stories for your little ones. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

PSST Halloween Storytime

For preschool children and their parents/caregivers

Friday, October 29, 10:15 a.m.

Here's an opportunity for your preschooler to show off their costume while enjoying friendly Halloween stories.

Baby and Toddler Halloween Storytime

Tuesday, October 26, 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Like our usual Baby and Toddler Time storytime, but with costumes!



Adult Programs



Computer Classes

No registration required

Computer Basics

Adults

Tuesday, September 14

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

This class will go over the basic parts of a computer, how to move around the desktop, and use a mouse confidently.

How to Organize Files

Adults

Tuesday, October 5

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

This class will show how to save, rename, and delete files and how to organize files into folders on a computer.

Tablet/iPad How-To

Adults

Tuesday, November 16

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Learn basic features and functions of your tablet like how to navigate, connect to WiFi, download apps, and adjust settings.



Aztec Dance - Xochitl-Quetzal:

Mexico's Ancient Culture and Living Tradition

All ages

Saturday, September 18, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Experience a journey into Mexico's ancient Aztec culture of music, song and dance with a dynamic performance honoring the heritage of the tradition of La Danza De Los Concheros.



Springfield's Haunted History

Adults

Thursday, September 30

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Garret Moffett, author of *Haunted Springfield* and owner of Springfield Walks, will be here to share spine tingling tales of Springfield's haunted history...if you dare.



Virtual/ In-Person Genealogy Webinar Successful Collateral and Cluster Searching

Monday, October 4

6:00 p.m.

Registration Required FOR ZOOM

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Learn why researching those in-laws, “shirt-tail cousins” and others who may not be a direct-line ancestor as well as “friends, neighbors and associates” can help you break down your genealogy research brick walls.

AT HOME VIEWING: Patrons will need to register beforehand to get access to the Zoom link.

IN LIBRARY VIEWING: If patrons choose, they are welcome to join us in the Library to watch the webinar. We will be able to ask questions from the crowd.

Friends of Genealogy

Saturday, October 16

2:00 p.m.

All who are interested in genealogy are welcome to attend.

Adult Summer Reading

Thank you to all who participated in the Tails and Tales Adult Summer Reading Program this year! **We had a total of 162 participants.** Be on the lookout for our Adult Winter Reading Program coming January, 2022!

Adult Programs

Out and About

We love being able to get out into the community, and we plan to be out and about at these upcoming events!

2021 Kite Up the Park

Saturday, September 18

12:00 p.m.

Chatham Community Park

Chatham Police Department's Children's Bike Rodeo

Wednesday, September 15

Rain Date: Wednesday, September 22

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Chatham Area Public Library Parking Lot

2021 Senior Living Expo

Friday, October 29

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Prairie View Reception Center

Zine Making Workshop

Teens - Adults

Thursday, October 7

6:00 p.m.

Springfield-based musician and creator, Clare Frachey, will facilitate this hands-on workshop where information about types of zines, a zine collection, and an experience of creating a zine together will all be shared.



Monthly Game Night

Ages 10 and Up

Wednesday: September 1, October 6, November 3

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The library has a variety of board games, and gamers of all skill levels are welcome to come and learn a new game or show their expertise. Games include Splendor, Sushi Go, Carcassonne, Machi Koro, and more.

Author in the Spotlight:

Live virtual author event with
Chris Bohjalian

Adults

Wednesday, October 27

6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Registration required

Hear Chris Bohjalian, a New York Times bestselling author of 22 books, as he talks about his newest release *The Hour of the Witch*.



Star Party

Friday, October 15

6:00 p.m.

CAPL South Lawn

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



Looking to the stars? Check out our telescope, the newest addition to our Library of Things Collection, to get an up-close and stellar view.



Chatham Community Zine

Teens - Adults

Submissions accepted October 1-31

Attention Chatham-area creatives! In October, we will be putting out a call for submissions for our Community Zine Project, a Chatham Area Public Library writing and arts zine that will contain original writing and visual art submitted by library patrons and staff. You submit the content, and we will compile, assemble, and distribute. Keep an eye out on our website for more details.

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 8 – *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

**October 13 – *The Engineer's Wife*
by Tracey Enerson Wood**

**November 10 – *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*
by Christy Lefteri**

Bite Into a Good Book

**Third Wednesday of each month
(with the exception of November)**

12:00 p.m.

We savor a little of everything from the fiction and nonfiction genres.

September 15 -- *Jade Dragon Mountain* by Elsa Hart

October 20 – *Practical Magic* by Alice Hoffman

**November 17 -- *The Wright Brothers*
by David McCullough**

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.

**September 20 – *The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet*
by Becky Chambers (2014)**

October 18 – *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires* by Grady Hendrix (2020)

**November 15 – *The House in the Cerulean Sea*
by T.J. Klune (2020)**

Craft Nights

Black Cat Wood Block

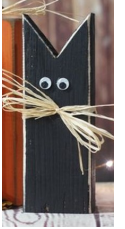
Adults in high school and older

Thursday, September 23

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration required

We will paint and decorate a wood block to look like a black cat.



Pumpkin Wreath

Adults in high school and older

Thursday, October 21

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Registration required

We will use wire wreath forms in the shape of a pumpkin to create a fall decoration.



Gratitude Journal

Adults in high school and older

Thursday, November 18

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Registration required

We will recover small notebooks and write gratitude prompts to create a gratitude journal.



Rise and Socialize

Adults

Every Friday, starting in October

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Ready to be out in the world again? Meet at the Library to socialize and do an activity together. Activities will change weekly from simple dice or card games to coloring pages to bingo. Bring a friend or come and meet new folks. Starts October 1st and continues weekly.

Local Writers Group:

Society of Midwestern Authors

Tuesday: September 7, October 5, November 2

6:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Join this skilled, supportive group of local writers for critiques, discussion and networking. For more information, please email pamcox@chathamlib.org

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Fall is here, which means a new school year is upon us!

The Chatham Area Public Library is here to help! We are here with your tools for back to school. All of our resources and more can be found at www.chathamlib.org/parent-teacher, and we wish you all a happy and safe start to the school year!

Friends' Bahlow Bookstore and Bank & Trust Café Update

Current Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Those hours will increase with more volunteers. Please visit the Café & Bookstore page for any updates or email Friends@chathamlib.org if interested in volunteering.

Donations

We love our generous community! Please note that the Friends will accept donations of up to two banker-sized boxes **during their Café & Bookstore hours of operation**. For larger donations, please schedule a drop-off time by emailing Friends@chathamlib.org. A detailed listing of what the Friends will accept is listed on the Library's website.

Book Your Next Meeting Today!

Now you can book your Study and Meeting Room times online! Please visit www.chathamlib.org/meeting-and-study-rooms to learn more.

On My Own Time Art Exhibit

All Ages

Exhibit Will Run From October 1 - 22

The Library will be participating in the **Springfield Area Arts Council's "On My Own Time"** program, a visual arts exhibit and competition created to encourage and display artworks of talented employees whose work is created outside working hours on their own time.



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

Exhibit Will Run From November 2021 - January 2022

Stop by the Library and admire the beauty and talent in this IPPS Member Show. The exhibit is free and available for viewing anytime during the Library's business hours. Decisions regarding an Opening Reception will be made closer to the exhibition's opening, and you can find more information about IPPS at <https://www.ipps-il.org/>.

