

August 2025

Chapters

Library News & Events


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TEEN CRAFT: CACTUS PET ROCKS AUGUST 20 @ 3 PM



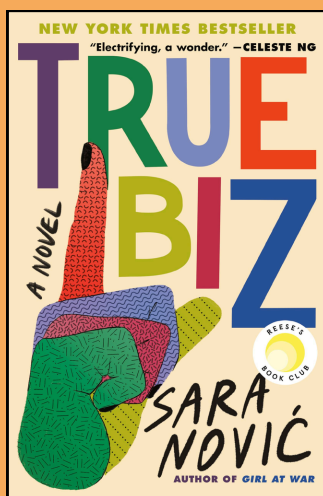
emily the band live at the library August 23



BOOKS & BREW

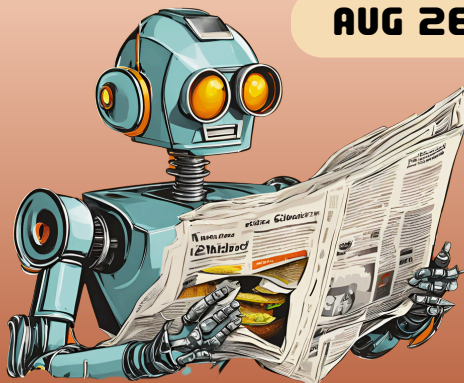
Aug 19 @ 6:30 pm

Reading
this month:
True Biz by
Sara Novic



LET'S TACO 'BOUT IT: SOFT POWER

AUG 26 @ 6 PM



*REGISTER
FOR A TACO

KIDS COOKING: CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES AUG 19



American Sign Language 101



Aug 21, 28, & Sep 4
@ 5:30 pm
*registration required

YOUTH PROGRAMS | Families are welcome at youth programs.

Scavenger Hunt

All Month | Find clues hiding around the children's area of the library to earn a prize! New scavenger hunts every other week.

*Youth Craft: Friendship Bracelets

Tue., Aug 5

Ages 10-14 @ 2:45 pm

Ages 6-9 @ 4 pm

Celebrate National Friendship Day (Aug 3) by making friendship bracelets at the library! Bring a friend or make new ones while you're here.



Music & Movement Storytime

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm; Fridays @ 10 am | **Ages 0-5**

A place for little ones to explore music and movement as cornerstones of early literacy! Experiment together with songs, dances, and stories to develop foundational communication, music, literacy, and motor skills.

Lego Club

Thurs. @ 3-5 pm & 4th Sat. (8/23) @ 1-3 pm | **Ages 4+**

Bring your friends and your imagination—we'll provide the Legos! Stop by to build a creation to put on display in the library lobby. New members are always welcome, no registration necessary. Please note the change in time; back to regular hours.

Sign & Sing

Tue., Aug 12 & 26 @ 10:30 am | **Ages 0-5**

Join friends from Communication Junction for an ASL storytime with stories, songs, movement, and bubbles!

*Kids Cooking: Chocolate Chip Cookies

Tue., Aug 19: **Ages 10-14 @ 2:45 pm** | **Ages 6-9 @ 4 pm**

Learn how to make classic, delicious chocolate chip cookies! Registration encouraged.

FLL Informational Meeting

Tue., Aug 26 @ 4 pm

FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Challenge helps students understand real-world uses of STEM, apply critical thinking skills, and engage in coding. Join us for an informational session to learn more about the FLL program and the library's team the Chilli Polar Bots!

Half-Day Hangout

Fri., Aug 29 @ 10:45 am

Looking for somewhere to hang out when school gets out early? Come chill at the library! Color, play board games, or just eat snacks with your friends.

Teen Programs | Teens Only

Teen Craft:

Cactus Pet Rocks

Wed., Aug 20 @ 3 pm

Don't have a green thumb? You can still make a little plant friend to keep indoors.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Accelerated Weeders

Fridays @ 9 am

Love to work in the garden? Come for an hour of camaraderie while helping to keep the library grounds beautiful. We'll supply tools and gloves, but you're welcome to bring your own if you like.

Want to help out, but can't come Friday mornings?

Contact Catherine at 309-274-2719 or cbarnett@chillipld.org to arrange a time to volunteer.

Old-Time Folk & Country Jam

Tue., Aug 5 @ 6-7:30 pm

Dust off that guitar, fiddle, banjo, or other acoustic instrument and bring it to the library for a jam session on 1st Tuesdays. All ages are encouraged to come play, listen, and/or sing along.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Wed., Aug 6 @ 12-5 pm

For appointments, call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org/give.

*What the Tech?!

Select Wednesday's @ 11 am

Aug 6: Generative AI Basics

Explore some AI tools for text and image generation, and get tips for using them.

Aug 20: AI Research Tools

Learn about AI research tools for finding relevant papers & articles, evaluating sources, and more.

Knots of Fun

Wed., Aug 6 & 20 @ 3-5 pm

Stitch, chat, and create with us! All skill levels welcome. Bring a project (crochet, knitting, sewing, etc.), share tips, and enjoy creative camaraderie. Facilitated by Amy Thompson of Evergreen Senior Living.



Spanish Conversation Café

Wednesdays @ 3:45 pm

Practice your Spanish skills in casual conversation. Speakers of all levels are welcome.

ADULT PROGRAMS CONTINUED

*Cooking around the World: Lebanon

Thur., Aug 7 @ 6 pm

Expand your horizons—and your palate—as you learn about Lebanese culture and cuisine and sample some recipes! Visit cpldcooking.weebly.com for recipes and photos from past programs.

Movies

Select Mondays @ 12 pm

Popcorn served; feel free to bring your own snack or sack lunch.

Aug 11: *Dancing at Lughnasa* (1998, PG, 1h 35m)

A young boy tells the story of growing up in a fatherless home with his unmarried mother and four aunts in 1930s Ireland.

Aug 25: *Big Fish* (2003, PG-13, 2h 5m)

Edward Bloom is a garrulous Southerner whose tall tales have always alienated his no-nonsense son, Will. But with Edward near death, Will must come to terms with his father and his stories.

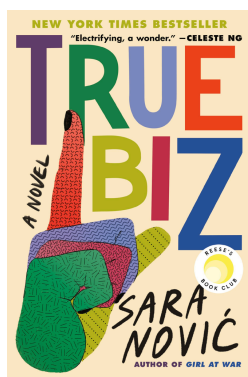
Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tue., Aug 19 @ 5 pm

This monthly support group, led by an Alzheimer's Association-trained volunteer, offers a chance for caregivers to develop support, learn about dementia, and build problem-solving skills. Open to caregivers and others who have loved ones with dementia. Call 800-272-3900 or visit bit.ly/3MtEUcp to register.

Books & Brew

Tue., Aug 19 @ 6:30 pm



Discuss books while enjoying the company of other readers and your favorite brew. We'll provide tea, coffee, and assorted adult bevs. Reading this month:

***True Biz*, by Sara Nović.**

This revelatory novel follows a year of seismic romantic, political, and familial shifts for a teacher and her students at a boarding school for the deaf.

Volunteer Opportunity

Wed., Aug 20 @ 9 am-12 pm

Help restore historic Root Cemetery and Nature Preserve! Dress for the weather and wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Water, tools, work gloves, and good conversation provided. Meet at Root Cemetery, a mile northwest of Chillicothe on Ratcliffe Rd. For information, contact Dave Pittman at 309-573-2354 or dvdgpittman@gmail.com.

Bingo!

Wed., Aug 20 @ 1 pm

Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo, plus prizes and snacks.

*American Sign Language 101

Thur., Aug 21, 28, & Sep 4 @ 5:30 pm

Learn ASL vocabulary, practice with activities and dialogue, and learn about Deaf culture with experienced ASL instructor

Stephanie Lipe. This series is intended for adults and teens. Attendance at all three sessions is strongly encouraged, but not required.



Remember When...

Fri., Aug 22 @ 1:30 pm | at *Evergreen Senior Living*

Take a stroll down memory lane and reminisce about different topics each month. This month, we'll talk about summertime.



Live at the Library: emily the band

Sat., Aug 23 @ 2 pm

Enjoy indie-alt pop anthems from emily the band, a queer girl group based in central Illinois.

*Let's Taco 'bout It: Soft Power

Tue., Aug 26 @ 6 pm

Discuss the impact of cutting "soft power" programs, such as USAID and Voice of America, with Angela Weck, Executive Director of Peoria Area World Affairs Council.

Tacos served, courtesy of Taco Bell.

Register to let us know you'd like a taco.



Adult Craft: Collage Magnets

Wed., Aug 27 @ 11 am

Create a miniature piece of collage art for your fridge! Registration appreciated but not required.



*Registration Required

Scan the QR code, call 309-274-2719, or visit bit.ly/3uX9G4w to register.

VISION: Read. Learn. Share. Grow.

MISSION: The library enriches lives, builds community and encourages success by bringing people, information, and ideas together.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Library Card Sign-Up Month

Your library card has extra superpowers in September! During the month of September, show your Chillicothe Public Library card at participating businesses to get special deals and discounts! Check closer to September to pick up a booklet. Don't have a library card yet? There's no time like the present!



Fall Reading Challenge

Sep 1-Oct 31

Read one book from three different genres between September 1 and October 31 to get a special prize! Pick up a reading log at the library.

Homeschool Library Hour

Mon., Sep 8 & 22 @ 1 pm

Join us to connect with other homeschoolers in the community and explore the resources the library has to offer to support your family's educational journey!

Live at the Library: Still Shine

Sat., Sep 13 @ 2 pm

Still Shine blends acoustic roots and progressive bluegrass, wielding mandolin, harmonica, banjo, acoustic guitar, upright bass, and tight harmonies. Made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.



Read, Eat, Play

May 27-Aug 29

Grab your official
passport at the library
and get started!

2nd Annual Library Road Trip

Chillicothe Public Library District

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Hours

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T, W, Th: 9 am-8 pm

Sat: 9 am-4 pm

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