

# CHAPTERS

LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

The library will be closed on September 1 for Labor Day and September 29 for staff training.

September is

## LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Visit participating businesses with your Chillicothe Public Library card for special deals this month!



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## FALL READING CHALLENGE: GENRE EXPLORATION

Sep 1-Oct 31

Read three books, each from a different genre, to win prizes!

Pick up a reading log starting Sep 1.

## LIVE AT THE LIBRARY STILL SHINE

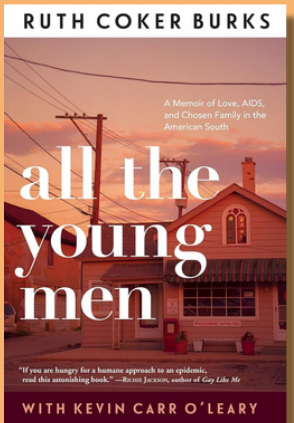
SEP 13 @ 2 PM



## &BOOKS BREW

Sep 16 @ 6:30 pm

Reading this month:  
*All the Young Men*  
by Ruth Coker Burks



## HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY HOUR

SEP 8 & 22 @ 1 PM

OPEN TO ALL HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES!



## YOUTH PROGRAMS | Families are welcome at youth programs.

### Youth Craft: Tie-Dye Bookmarks

Tue., Sep 2 @ 3 pm | **Ages 6-14**

Use Sharpie markers to make a cool, unique bookmark!

### 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. @ 2-5 pm & 4th Sat. (9/27) @ 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.

### Homeschool Library Hour

Mon., Sep 8 & 22 @ 1 pm | **All Ages**

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!

### Sign & Sing

Tue., Sep 9 & 23 @ 10:30 am | **Ages 0-5**

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

### \*Kids Cooking: Apple Chips

Tue., Sep 16 @ 3:15 pm | **Ages 8-14**

Nothing says autumn like apples and cinnamon. These tasty treats are perfect for fall!



### Half-Day Hangout

Wed., Sep 17 @ 10:45 am | **Ages 8-18**

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 Tuesday

Tue., Sep 30 @ 3 pm

Come hang out at the library after school! Play some games or just chill and eat snacks with your friends.

## ALL AGES

### Library Card Sign-Up Month

Your library card has extra superpowers this month! During the month of September, show your Chillicothe Public Library card at participating businesses to get special deals & discounts! Pick up a booklet with details at the library. Don't have a library card yet? There's no time like the present! New cardholders get a free tote bag, while supplies last.



### Fall Reading Challenge: Genre Exploration

Read three books, each from a different genre, between Sep 1 and Oct 31 to get a free drink from our Chapters Cafe, a bookmark, and entry into a drawing for a gift card from our sponsor, Triple Dipples! Grab a reading log at the library starting September 2.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Old-Time Folk & Country Jam

Tue., Sep 2 @ 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. Music lovers of all ages are encouraged to come play, listen, and/or sing along.

**\*What the Tech?!** | Select Wednesdays @ 11 am

**Sep 3—NoveList:** Explore themed book lists, generate reading recommendations, and more!

**Sep 17—Microsoft Excel:** Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel by creating a simple budget.

**Knots of Fun** | Wed., Sep 3 & 17 @ 3-5 pm

Stitch, chat, and create with us! Whether you're a crochet pro, knitting newbie, or sewing enthusiast, all skill levels are welcome. Bring your project, share tips, and enjoy some 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.

**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 bring your own if you like. Rather volunteer at a different time? Contact Catherine at 309-274-2719 or cbarnett@chillipld.org.

**Movies** | Select Mondays @ 12 pm

Popcorn served; feel free to bring your own snack.

**Sep 8: The Social Network** (2010, PG-13, 2h)

Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg becomes a billionaire by creating Facebook, but ends up embroiled in legal disputes.

**Sep 22: Her** (2013, R, 2h 6m)

Set in a future that feels not so distant, a lonely man develops a relationship with Samantha, an artificially intelligent operating system.

## ADULT PROGRAMS CONTINUED

### \*Adult Craft: Book Binding

Tue., Sep 9 @ 6-7:30 pm

Learn the Coptic style of book binding to create your own journal. Come back on Sep 23 to explore different journaling techniques!

### Bingo! | Wed., Sep 10 @ 1 pm

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

### \*Cooking around the World: Vietnam

Thu., Sep 11 @ 6 pm | Expand your horizons—and your palate—as you learn about Vietnamese culture and cuisine and sample some recipes! Visit [cpldcooking.weebly.com](http://cpldcooking.weebly.com) for recipes and photos from past programs.

### Remember When...

Fri., Sep 12 @ 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 being grandparents (or honorary grandparents).

### Live at the Library: Still Shine



Sat., Sep 13 @ 2 pm | Still Shine blends acoustic roots and progressive bluegrass, with mandolin, harmonica, banjo, acoustic guitar, upright bass, and tight harmonies in a show you won't want to miss! Made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.

### Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tue., Sep 16 @ 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. Register at [bit.ly/3MtEUcp](http://bit.ly/3MtEUcp) or call 800-272-3900.

### Books & Brew | Tue., Aug 19 @ 6:30 pm

Discuss books with other readers and your favorite brew! We'll provide tea, coffee, and assorted adult bevs. Bring a few suggestions for next year's reading list.

***All the Young Men***, by Ruth Coker Burks: The memoir of a young single mother who worked as a caregiver at the forefront of the AIDS crisis. Forging friendships with the men she helped, she and worked tirelessly to find them housing, jobs, food, education, and rare medications—even searching for funeral homes willing to take their bodies.



### \*Registration Required

Scan the QR code, call 309-274-2719, or visit [bit.ly/3uX9G4w](http://bit.ly/3uX9G4w) to register.

### \*Finding the Clues: Then and Now with Steve Burns | Tue., Sep 16 @ 7 pm

Register at [bit.ly/ILPSteveBurns](http://bit.ly/ILPSteveBurns) to attend online, and get a link to the limited-access recording after the event. Join Illinois Libraries Present for a conversation with Emmy-nominated actor Steve Burns, best known as 'Steve' from the Nickelodeon show *Blue's Clues*. Take a look at Burn's journey, from the early fame of *Blue's Clues* to his personal growth and creative evolution. American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and Closed Captioning are provided. *This event is made possible by ILP, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.*

### Volunteer Opportunity

Wed., Aug 20 @ 9 am-12 pm

Help restore Root Cemetery and Nature Preserve! Dress appropriately; long pants and sturdy shoes. Water, tools, and work gloves provided. Meet at Root Cemetery, a mile NW of Chillicothe on Ratcliffe Rd. For info, contact Dave Pittman at 309-573-2354 or [dvdgpittman@gmail.com](mailto:dvdgpittman@gmail.com).

### Constitution Day 2025: Exploring the Framers' Blueprint for our Government

Thu., Sep 18 @ 6:30 pm | Join constitutional law professor Dr. Taraleigh Davis for an exploration of why the Constitution's built-in protections remain essential 238 years after its signing. We'll examine concepts like separation of powers and checks and balances, and fundamental rights like due process, and how these constitutional safeguards function in today's world.

### Journaling Techniques & Styles

Tue., Sep 23 @ 6 pm

Want to try journaling, but not sure where to start? Here's your chance to try out different styles and see which one speaks to you. Bring your journal if you want, or just bring your curiosity!



### \*Let's Taco 'bout It: Can We Be Friends? Loneliness, Companionship and AI

Tue., Sep 30 @ 6 pm | In the age of continuous social media feeds, streaming programming, and "always on" connectivity, one would think loneliness wouldn't be a problem. But, it has risen over the last three decades for the oldest and youngest members of our society. How did this happen? What are the impacts? Can AI offer any solutions...or will it accelerate the problems? Join Dr. Tony Grichnik to discuss challenges and possible solutions for our world. *Tacos served, courtesy of Taco Bell. Register if you'd like a taco.*



**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

### Spooky Stories

During the month of October, all ages are invited to submit a short spooky story to add to our Spooky Story Collection! Stop by to grab a submission form and read stories from previous years.

### Autumn Market

Thu., Oct 2 @ 4-7 pm

Local goods, live music, food trucks, and more!



### Live at the Library: Medusa

Sat., Oct 4 @ 2 pm

Wielding a sound that would turn classical music scholars to stone, these four folk musicians are reimagining the Western string quartet. By inviting back voices previously regarded as too ugly for "polite society," Medusa tempts us to redefine what is beautiful. Made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.

### Banned Books Cafe

Wed., Oct 8 @ 6 pm

What is book banning? Come learn about the history of book bans in the U.S. and why many books are still being challenged today. We will also have trivia, activities, and plenty of banned books to check out!



### Read the Rainbow Book Club

Fri., Oct 10 @ 3 pm

A space for teens to read and discuss books from a wide range of perspectives. In honor of Banned Books Week this month, we will be reading *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky. Come ready to discuss and bring a friend!

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Sat: 9 am-4 pm

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Keep up with us on social media!



## September Book Recommendations



Recommendations for the  
Fall Reading Challenge,  
Hispanic Heritage Month, &  
Library Card Sign-Up Month!




# September 2025



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