

VISION: Read. Learn. Share. Grow.

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

FEBRUARY 2026

CHAPTERS

LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS



AARP Tax Aide

Tuesdays & Thursdays Feb 10-Apr 9

AARP's free Tax-Aide service is by appointment only.

Call 815-556-9081, leave a message, and an AARP volunteer will call you back to set up your appointment. Pick up an information packet at the library and fill out the intake sheet before your appointment.

This service is available to taxpayers of all ages, with a special focus on those who are over 50 or have low to moderate income.

Eagle Watch Breakfast

Sat., Feb 14 @ 7:30-10:30 am

Enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast while watching for Eagles from the beautiful Shore Acres Clubhouse. There will be a variety of eagle-related activities and displays, and the winners of the library's Eagles & Life on the Illinois River photo & art contest will be exhibited, with an awards ceremony at 10:00 am. Tickets are available in advance from Rotary Club and Lions Club members, and at the door.

For more information, please visit facebook.com/ChilliRotary.



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Sat: 9 am-4 pm

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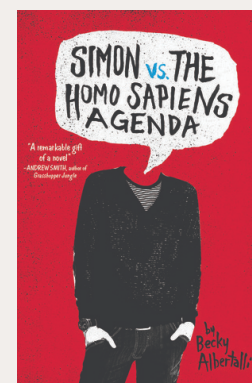
Keep up with us on social media!



Read the Rainbow Book Club

Teen Book Club:
Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda by
Becky Albertalli
Feb 13 @ 3 pm

Movie:
Love, Simon
Feb 14 @ 1 pm



LIVE AT THE LIBRARY



FEBRUARY 28 @ 2 PM

Local Author Fair

February 21 @ 11 am-2 pm



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Library Bracket Bonanza

Vote weekly for your favorites in each bracket, and see which advances! We have brackets featuring our top-circulating items for kids, teens, and adults.



Spring Reading Challenge

March-April

Explore award-winning books with this reading challenge for all ages! Read one book from three different award lists to earn a special prize from our sponsor, Picket Fence. Get more info and pick up a log at the library, or visit our website.



Are you looking for a way to give back?
Consider donating to the library!

Information at chillicothepubliclibrary.org/donations

Celebrate Library Lovers' Month with

FREE COFFEE
FRIDAYS
IN FEBRUARY
@ 9-11 AM



American Sign Language 101

**February 19, February 26,
& March 5 @ 6 pm**

Register at bit.ly/3uX9G4w, call 309-274-2719, or ask at the front desk.

YOUTH PROGRAMS | Families are welcome at youth programs.

Youth Craft: DIY Birdfeeder
Tue., Feb 3 @ 3:30 pm | Ages 6-14
Use recycled materials to create a feeder for the birds in your backyard!

Music & Movement Storytime
Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm; Fridays @ 10 am | Ages 0-5
A place for little ones to explore music & movement as cornerstones of early literacy! Experiment together with songs, dances, and stories to develop foundational skills in music, motor skills, literacy, and communication.

Lego Club
Thursdays @ 3-5 pm, 4th Sat (2/28) @ 1-3 pm | Ages 4+
Bring your friends and your imagination—we'll provide the Legos! Stop by anytime during our open hours to build a creation to put on display in the library lobby. New members are always welcome.

Homeschool Library Hour
Mon., Feb 9 & 23 @ 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. Feb 10 & 24 @ 10:30 am | Ages 0-5
Join our friends from Communication Junction for an ASL story time filled with stories, songs, movement, and bubbles!

Kids Cooking: Banana Bread
Tue., Feb 17 @ 3:30 pm | Ages 8-14
Banana Bread Day is February 23! Celebrate by learning how to bake a loaf to share with friends.

Half-day Hangout
Wed., Feb 25 @ 10:45 am | Ages 8-18
Looking for somewhere to hang out when school gets out early? Come chill at the library! We will have coloring pages, board games, and snacks available.

TEEN PROGRAMS | Teens only

Read the Rainbow Book Club
Fri., Feb 13 @ 3 pm | Teen
A space for teens to read and discuss books from a wide range of perspectives. This month's book is *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* by Becky Albertalli. Come ready to discuss and bring a friend!

Read the Rainbow Book Club Movie
Sat., Feb 14 @ 1 pm | Teen
Come eat some snacks and enjoy the film adaptation of this month's book selection: *Love, Simon* (2018, PG-13, 1 h 50m). High schooler Simon isn't ready to reveal that he's gay. While trying to keep his secret, he searches for the identity of his anonymous online crush.

Teen Tuesday | Tue., Feb 24 @ 3 pm | Teen
Come hang out at the library after school! Play some games or just chill and eat snacks with your friends.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Eagles & Life on the Illinois River Photo & Art Exhibit
Entries on display all month long with People's Choice voting taking place Feb 3-12.

Movies
Select Mondays @ 12 pm
Popcorn served; feel free to bring your own snack.
Feb 2—*The Color Purple* (2023, PG-13, 2h 20m)
A woman overcomes her painful past to forge a life of love and empowerment in this musical adaptation of Alice Walker's novel.
Feb 16—*Valentine's Day* (2010, PG-13, 2h 3m)
The storylines of a group of Los Angelinos intertwine as they find their way through romance over the course of one Valentine's Day.

Old-Time Folk & Country Jam
Tue., Feb 3 @ 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.

Knots of Fun
Wed., Feb 4 & 18 @ 3-5 pm
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.

Book Sale
Thur., Feb 5 @ 9 am-7 pm
Fri., Feb 6 @ 9 am-4 pm
Sat., Feb 7 @ 9 am-3 pm
Books, media, and more! Just \$0.25 OR one non-perishable food item each. Food will be donated to the Community Needs Agency food pantry. Want to volunteer? Call Lisa for information: 309-274-2719.

Adult Game Night
Tue., Feb 5 @ 5:30-7:30 pm
Bring your friends or come make new ones, as you play an assortment of tabletop games from the library's collection. Snacks provided.

ADULT PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Free Coffee Fridays
Fridays in February @ 9-11 am
Gather your friends or grab a good book, and sip a free drink from our Chapters cafe! Consider bringing a reusable cup to help reduce waste.

***Adult Craft: Intro to Scrapbooking**
Tue., Feb 10 @ 5:30-7:30 pm
Transform photos and keepsakes into personalized works of art. Bring 5-10 photos and let our journey begin!


***What the Tech?! | Select Wednesdays @ 11 am**
Feb 11: Kroger App - Learn how to download, set up, and use the basic features of the Kroger app.
Feb 25: Keyboard Shortcuts - Learn some handy Windows keyboard shortcuts to achieve common tasks quickly without using the mouse.

***Cooking around the World: Panama**
Thur., Feb 12 @ 6 pm | Expand your horizons—and your palate—as you learn about world culture and cuisine and sample some recipes! Recipes from past programs at cpldcooking.weebly.com.

Seed Swap | Sat., Feb 14 @ 11:30 am-2 pm
Anyone is welcome, whether you've never gardened before or saved seeds your whole life. You don't have to bring anything, but if you have heirloom seeds you'd like to share, please bring them in a container labeled with the crop type, variety, and year grown. If you have extra bags or envelopes for seeds you receive, bring those as well. And be sure to check out our seed library, which is available all year round.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group
Tue., Feb 17 @ 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 or call 800-272-3900.

Books & Brew | Tue., Feb 17 @ 6:30 pm
Join us to discuss books while enjoying the company of other readers and your favorite brew. We'll provide tea, coffee, and assorted adult bevs.
***Klara and the Sun*, by Kazuo Ishiguro.** From her place in the store, Klara, an Artificial Friend, carefully watches the behavior of browsing customers, hopeful that a customer will soon choose her. This book offers a look at how AI might play a role in our future, and explores the fundamental question: what does it mean to love?



***Registration Required**
Scan the QR code, call 309-274-2719, or visit bit.ly/3uX9G4w to register, or join the wait list.

Bingo! | Wed., Feb 18 @ 1 pm
Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo, plus prizes and snacks.

***American Sign Language 101**
Thursdays, Feb 19, 26 & Mar 5 @ 6 pm
Learn and practice ASL vocabulary and learn about Deaf culture with experienced instructor Stephanie Lipe. Adults and teens welcome. Attendance at all three sessions strongly encouraged, as concepts build on each other. Attended ASL 101 in the past? Some of this will be review, but we'll cover some new topics, too!

Remember When...
Fri., Feb 20 @ 1:30 pm @ Evergreen Senior Living
Take a stroll down memory lane and reminisce about different topics each month. February is Library Lovers Month, so we'll be sharing memories about libraries, librarians, books, and reading!

Local Author Fair
Sat., Feb 21 @ 11 am - 2 pm
Meet local authors and browse books for sale! Free drip coffee provided by Dame Fine Coffee. Authors who wish to participate: please find info and apply at bit.ly/authors2026 by Feb. 1.

Let's Taco 'bout It: Civil Conversations
Tue., Feb 24 @ 6 pm
Learn how to navigate meaningful—but sometimes difficult—conversations. Join Chris Kaergard, former political reporter and current president of the League of Women Voters of Greater Peoria, to discuss ways to interact with empathy, respect, curiosity, and integrity, creating space for understanding, even when you disagree. Register if you'd like a taco, courtesy of Taco Bell

Still Afraid of the Dark: An Evening with R.L. Stine
Tue., Feb 24 @ 7 pm
Online: Register at bit.ly/ILPStine—Registrations after 5 pm will be processed after the event, allowing access to the recording.
Witty, creepy, and compulsively readable, bestselling author R.L. Stine defined horror for a generation of young readers. The generation that grew up with the Goosebumps franchise may be grown, but Stine keeps finding ways to keep us afraid of the dark! This event is intended for adults. *This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.*

Live at the Library: Bones Jugs
Sat., Feb 28 @ 2 pm
Quirky songwriting, blazing virtuosic xylophone, jug and kazoo buzzing, banjos galore—Bones Jugs is a 21st-century jugband Americana variety show mash-up from Urbana, IL, sure to bring a smile to your face. Made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.