

CHAPTERS

LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Call for Poems!

National Poetry Month is coming up in April! Help us celebrate by writing an original poem for our poetry wall. Bring your poem to the library any time (make sure it's a copy that we can keep). All ages.

*What the Tech?! eLibrary

Wed., April 1 @ 11 am

Learn how to use the library's eBook, eAudio, and video streaming platforms. Register at bit.ly/3uX9G4w or call 309-274-2719.

Grant Announcement

We are very excited to announce that we have received \$16,000 from the Illinois State Library's Project Next Generation grant! This generous gift will help fund the Chilli Bots, our Lego robotics team, and allow us to purchase new laptops and robots.

Keep an eye out for upcoming robotics programs!



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Hours

M, F: 9 am-5 pm
T, W, Th: 9 am-8 pm
Sat: 9 am-4 pm

Sign up for our e-newsletter at chillipld.org.

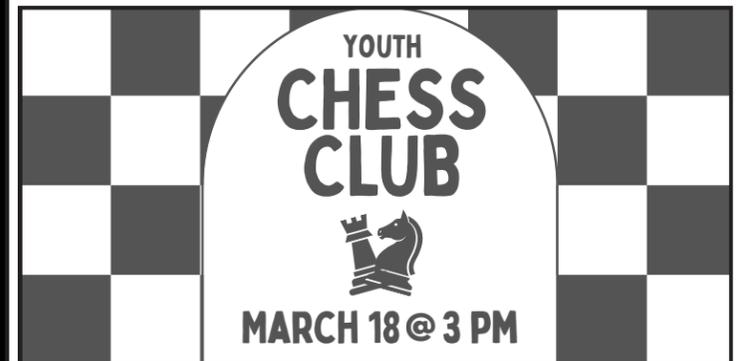
Keep up with us on social media!



Election Information

The library will hold Early Voting for the General Primary Election on March 11 & 12 from 10 am-6 pm.

The General Primary Election will take place on March 17 from 6 am-7 pm.



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

Information at chillicothepubliclibrary.org/donations

YOUTH PROGRAMS | Families are welcome at youth programs.

Scavenger Hunt

All month | All ages

Find all the clues hiding around the children's area of the library to earn a prize! New scavenger hunts are posted every other week.

Youth Craft: Spring Tree Painting

Tue., Mar 3 @ 3:30 pm | Ages 6-14

Bring a little springtime indoors with this craft! Use paint to stamp flowers and leaves onto a paper tree.

Music & Movement

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

Every Thu @ 3-5 pm, 4th Sat (3/28) 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—no registration needed.

Homeschool Library Hour

Mon., Mar 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. Mar 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!

Half-Day Hangout

Wed., Mar 11 @ 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.

Read the Rainbow Book Club

Fri., Mar 13 @ 3 pm | Teens

A space for teens to read and discuss books from a wide range of perspectives. This month's book will be *Dark and Deepest Red* by Anna-Marie McLemore. Come ready to discuss and bring a friend!



Chess Club

Wed., Mar 18 @ 3 pm | 3rd-8th grade

Do you like to play chess? Come practice with other kids at the library! All skill levels are welcome.

Kids Cooking: Green Smoothies

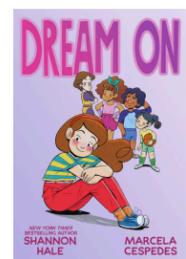
Tue., Mar 17 @ 3:30 pm | Ages 8-14

Green smoothies make a yummy, healthy snack or breakfast. They're also the perfect color to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

Tween Graphic Novel Club

Fri., Mar 27 @ 3 pm | Ages 9-13

Each month, we will read and discuss a different graphic novel. Bring a friend or make some new ones! This month's book will be *Dream On* by Shannon Hale. Copies are available at the circulation desk.



Mario Madness | Sat., Mar 28 @ 10 am | Ages 5+

Make fun crafts inspired by your favorite Super Mario Bros. characters!

ALL AGES PROGRAMS



Library Bracket Bonanza

March

Vote weekly for your favorites in each bracket, and see which advances! We have brackets featuring our top-circulating books, DVDs and games for all ages.

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: chillicothepubliclibrary.org/spring-reading



Barn Dance

Fri., Mar 13 @ 7-9:30 pm

Join us for an evening of old time dancing! Beginners, singles, and families welcome. All dances are taught and called, and live music will be provided by the Sangamo Stemwinders. You are invited to bring your water bottle and a treat to share at the break. Donations accepted.

2026 Chillicothe Optimist Club Poster Contest

Mar 9-23

These select entries from the Optimist Club Student Poster Contest for students in 3rd-6th grade explore the theme of "How Can I Show Optimism In My Community?"



*Registration Required

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

March Movies: In like a lion, out like a lamb!

Popcorn served; feel free to bring your own snack.

Mon., Mar 2 @ 12 pm—Lion (2016, PG-13, 1h 58m)

A young Indian boy is adopted by an Australian couple after he gets lost in Calcutta. Years later, he struggles with memories of his birth family and decides to begin a search for them.

Mon., Mar 30 @ 12 pm—Wooly (2024, NR, 1h 22m)

This Norwegian documentary follows Rakel as she becomes the 4th generation to run the family sheep farm. Every day is full of surprises, both frustrating and awe-inspiring, as Rakel and her wife navigate their new life.

Old-Time Folk & Country Jam

Tue., Mar 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.

*What the Tech?!

Select Wednesdays @ 11 am

Mar 4—Passwords and Beyond: Keep your information safe! Learn about passwords, passkeys, multi-factor authentication, and password managers.

Mar 18—Function Keys: Learn how to use the function keys at the top of your keyboard to achieve common tasks quickly without using the mouse.

Knots of Fun

Wed., Mar 4 & 18 @ 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 creative camaraderie! Facilitated by Amy Thompson of Evergreen Senior Living.

Spanish Conversation Cafe

Wednesdays @ 3:45 pm

Practice your Spanish skills in casual conversation.

Speakers of all levels are welcome.

*Seed Starting Workshop

Tue., Mar 10 @ 6 pm

Learn how to start seeds indoors, so you'll have young plants ready for your garden when the weather warms up!

Bingo!

Wed., Mar 11 @ 1 pm

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

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tue., Mar 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. Call (800) 272-3900 or visit bit.ly/3MtEUcp to register.

Books & Brew

Tue., Mar 17 @ 6:30 pm

Join us to discuss books with other readers and your favorite brew. We'll provide tea, coffee, and assorted adult bevs.

Dr. No, by Percival Everett: In this satirical novel, math professor Wala Kitu—an expert in "nothing"—is drawn into an absurd plot to steal a shoebox of nothing from Fort Knox and erase a town. Navigating espionage, philosophy, and buried American injustices, Kitu must outwit a wannabe Bond villain seeking revenge.

Beyond the Page with Percival Everett | Online

Thu., Mar 19 @ 7 pm | Register at bit.ly/ILPPercivalEverett

Percival Everett's novel, *James*, earned a Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. Despite many accomplishments, he remains critical of his work, and his writing process involves intensive research and revision. Tune in for a conversation with Percival Everett to get a glimpse beyond the page. Registrations after 5 pm on Mar 19 will have access to the recording after the event. *This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.*

*Cooking around the World: China

Thu., Mar 19 @ 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.

Remember When...

Fri., Mar 20 @ 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 music!

Live at the Library: STEAM Irish Trio

Sat., Mar 21 @ 2 pm

A leading band on the international Irish traditional music scene, STEAM Irish Trio features Chicago artists whose versatility embraces dance, wit, and road-tested musical integrity in an unforgettable performance!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wed., Mar 25 @ 12-5 pm

For appointments, call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org/give. You are eligible to donate at this drive if your last whole blood donation was on or before Jan 28, 2026.

*Let's Taco 'bout It: Gaming for Connection

Tue., Mar 31 @ 6 pm

Explore how everyday games can help families connect across generations, improve communication, and build social-emotional skills. Jennifer Stubbs (Assistant Professor, Cullom-Davis Library, Bradley University) shares research-backed insights and practical ideas for using play to strengthen family relationships. Tacos served, courtesy of Taco Bell. Register to let us know you'd like a taco.