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LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

CELEBRATE

**BANNED
BOOKS WEEK®**

ALL MONTH LONG

**BANNED
BOOKS
BINGO**

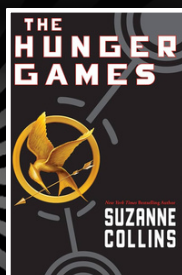
**PICK UP A BINGO
SHEET AT THE LIBRARY!**



**Silent Reading Night:
Banned Books Edition**
October 1 @ 4:30 pm

**LULA DEAN'S
LITTLE
LIBRARY
of BANNED
BOOKS**
KIRSTEN MILLER

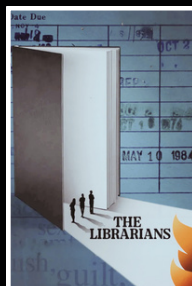
**BOOK
CLUBS**



Books & Brew
October 20
@ 6:30 pm

**Teen Banned Books
Book Club & Movie**
October 9 @ 3:30 pm

**Let's Taco 'bout It:
THE LIBRARIANS**
Screening and Q&A
October 27 @ 6 pm



Library Closure:

The library will be closed on
October 12 for staff training.



**LIVE AT THE LIBRARY:
ZACH PIETRINI BAND**
OCTOBER 24 @ 2 PM

**HALF-DAY
FAMILY MOVIE**
OCTOBER 30
@ 12 PM

COCO



**Youth Craft:
Clothespin
Monsters**

**October 21
@ 4 pm**



YOUTH PROGRAMS | Families are welcome at youth programs.

Scavenger Hunt

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.

Lego Club

Every Thu. @ 3-5 pm, 4th Sat. (10/24) 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 lobby. New members are always welcome—no registration needed.

Music & Movement Storytime

Fridays @ 10 am | Ages 0-5

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

Banned Books Book Club & Movie

Fri., Oct 9 @ 3:30-6:30 pm | Teens

Practice your freedom to read! Each month, we'll read and discuss a different book that's been widely challenged or banned. October's book is *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. To celebrate Banned Books Week, we'll stay after hours to watch the movie! Pizza provided.

Teen Craft: Adopt a Ghost

Sat., Oct 10 @ 1 pm

Stop by the library for a teens only craft. Adopt your very own ghost in a jar!



Sign & Sing

Tue., Oct 13 & 27 @ 10:30 am | Ages 0-5

Join our friends from Communication Junction for an ASL story time filled with stories, songs, movement, and bubbles!

Chess Club

Wed., Oct 14 @ 4 pm | 2nd-8th grade

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

Youth Craft: Clothespin Monsters

Wed., Oct 21 @ 4 pm | Ages 6-14

Use craft supplies to make a silly, spooky friend!

Tween Graphic Novel Club

Fri., Oct. 23 @ 3:30 pm | Ages 9-13

Each month, we will read and discuss a different graphic novel. Bring a friend or make some new ones!

October's book is *Witches of Brooklyn* by Sophie Escabasse.

Copies are available at the library



Lego Robotics Open House

Sat., Oct. 24 @ 10:30 am-12 pm | 5th-8th grade

Interested in learning about Lego robotics? Stop by during our monthly open house to try out building and coding with Lego's newest robotics kit! No prior experience necessary.

Homeschool Hangout

Mon., Oct 26 @ 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!

*Chilli Bots Jr.

Wed., Oct 28 @ 4-5:30 pm | 3rd-4th grade

Get started learning about the Lego Robotics tools used by the Chilli Bots FIRST Lego League Team. Limited space, registration required.

Storytime at Wheels O' Time Museum

Thu. Oct 29 @ 11-11:50 am | Families welcome
Join us at the Wheels O' Time Museum for a free storytime!

Half-day Family Movie: Coco

Fri., Oct. 30 @ 12 pm | All ages

Come enjoy a movie at the library after school gets out! Popcorn served; feel free to bring your own snack or sack lunch.

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Spooky Stories | All month

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.

Banned Books Bingo | All month

Choose three banned or challenged books on the bingo sheet to read and cross off as you go. (Yes, you can also cross off any title you've already read!) Bring your completed Bingo board to the front desk to get your prize, and enter the grand prize drawing!

Fall Reading Challenge: Genre Exploration through October 31

Read three books, each from a different genre, to get a free drink from the library's Chapters Cafe, a special bookmark, and entry into a drawing for a gift card from Triple Dipples! Grab a reading log at the library.

Autumn Market | Sat., Oct 3 @ 10 am-2 pm

Local goods, used books, food trucks, face painting, tractors to explore, adoptable pets to meet, and live music by Harlan, Meister & Mitts! Limited parking at the library; overflow parking at IVC High School.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Silent Reading Night: Banned Books Edition!

Thu., Oct 1 @ 4:30-7:30 pm

Drop in any time to read quietly together! Comfy chairs, snacks, and warm beverages provided. BYO book (banned or not) and any additional snacks/NA beverages you may like. We'll also have banned books to browse, and info on censorship and book bans.

Movies | Select Mondays @ 12 pm

Popcorn served; feel free to bring your own snack.

Oct 5—*The Bookshop* (2017, PG, 1h 53m) A free-spirited widow risks everything to open a bookshop in a 1950s English town.

Oct 26—*Sinners* (2025, R, 2h 8m) Twin brothers leave their troubled lives behind to return to their hometown and start again, but an even greater evil is waiting.

Old-Time Folk & Country Jam

Tue., Oct 6 @ 6-7:30 pm

Grab your guitar, fiddle, banjo, or other acoustic instrument and jam at the library on 1st Tuesdays. Come play, listen, and/or sing along!

Knots of Fun | Wed., Oct 7 & 21 @ 3-5 pm

Bring your crochet, knitting, sewing, or other project, 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.

*Adult Craft: Needle-Felted Mushrooms

Tue., Oct 13 @ 6 pm | Create a whimsical mushroom out of wool, perfect for tucking into your autumnal decor.

What the Tech?!

Select Wednesdays @ 11 am

Oct 14—eLibrary: Learn how to use the library's eBook, eAudio, and video streaming platforms.

Oct 21—Cryptocurrency Basics: Learn how digital money works, and its potential pros and cons.

Bingo! | Wed., Oct 14 @ 1 pm

Join us for some Bingo, hear about our monthly book picks, and maybe even take home a prize!

*Cooking around the World: Lebanon

Thu., Oct 15 @ 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., Oct 16 @ 1:30 pm | at Evergreen Senior Living
Take a stroll down memory lane and reminisce. This month, we'll talk about chores, jobs, and careers.

Barn Dance | Sat., Oct 17 @ 3-5:30 pm

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

*AARP Smart Driver Course

Oct 19 & 20 @ 9 am-1 pm | Refresh your driving skills and learn defensive driving techniques, safety strategies, and new traffic laws. Upon completion, you could receive a discount on your car insurance (consult your agent for details). \$20 with AARP card, \$25 for non-AARP members. Cash/check collected first day of class.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tue., Oct 20 @ 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., Oct 20 @ 6:30 pm

Discuss books in the company of other readers. Tea, coffee, and assorted adult bevs provided. Reading this month: *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books*, by Kirsten Miller. Vote for next year's reading list at bit.ly/booksbrew27 or in person!

Grave Deeds and Dead Plots

Thu., Oct 22 @ 6:30 pm | Thrills, chills, and hair-raising history: join award-winning author Sylvia Shults for spine-tingling tales of true crime...plus ghosts. Each of these cases of murder, passion, or cold-blooded killing has resulted in an eerie haunting. Are the dead still crying out for justice?

Live at the Library: Zach Pietrini Band

Sat., Oct 24 @ 2 pm | This band's Midwestern, indie americana aesthetic is the sonic embodiment of a well-worn denim jacket. Their knack for honest storytelling comes across in their music and lyrics, as they perform old-soul themes with a modern twist. Made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.

*Let's Taco 'bout It: *The Librarians* screening and Q&A | Tue., Oct 27 @ 6-8:15 pm

Amid waves of book banning, librarians join forces to defend intellectual freedom. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with Laney Hawes (Texas Freedom to Read Project). Made possible by a grant from Subject Matter. Tacos courtesy of Taco Bell.



*Registration Required

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

VISION: Read. Learn. Share. Grow.

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

AUTUMN MARKET

OCTOBER 3 @ 10 AM-2 PM



Live music



Local goods



Food trucks



Adoptable pets



Face painting



Tractors to explore

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Adult Game Night

Thu., Nov 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.

Family Craft: DIY Holiday Decorations

Sat., Nov 7 @ 10 am-2 pm

Bring the whole family to craft reusable holiday decorations to use around your house or give as gifts!

Movie: *Steel Magnolias*

Mon., Nov 9 @ 12 pm

(1989, PG, 1h 58m) A group of women in small-town Louisiana forge friendships, in this classic co-starring Dolly Parton.

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Upcoming Holiday Closures:

The library will be closed on November 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving. We will be open Saturday, November 28 for our regular hours.



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

Information at
chillicothepubliclibrary.org/donations

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M, F: 9 am-5 pm

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Sat: 9 am-4 pm

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