

CHAPTERS

LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

September is

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Did you know everyone in your household can have a library card?

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



FALL READING CHALLENGE GENRE EXPLORATION



Sep 1-Oct 31

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



HALF-DAY FAMILY MOVIES

SEP 4 @ 12 PM



The Curious
Immigration
Stories of
South Asians
in Illinois

Sep 17 @ 6 pm



LIVE AT THE LIBRARY
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SEPTEMBER 12 @ 2 PM



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.

Lego Club

Every Thu. @ 3-5 pm, 4th Sat (9/26) 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 together with songs, dances, and stories to develop foundational skills in music, motor skills, literacy, and communication.

Half-day Family Movie: *A Bug's Life*

Fri., Sep 4 @ 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.

Sign & Sing

Tue. Sep 8 & 22 @ 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., Sep 9 @ 4 pm | 2nd-8th grade

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

Homeschool Hangout

Mon., Sep 14 & 28 @ 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!

*Kids Cooking: Apple Crumble

Wed., Sep 16 @ 4 pm | Ages 8-14

Get ready for Fall by making this delicious dessert!

*Chilli Bots Jr.

Wed., Sep 23 @ 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., Sep 24 @ 11 am | Families welcome

Join us at the Wheels O' Time Museum for a free storytime!

Lego Robotics Open House

Sat., Sep 26 @ 10:30 am-12 pm | 5th-8th grade

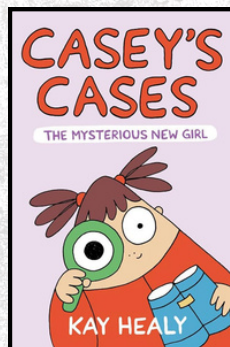
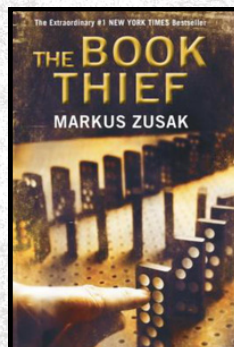
Interested in learning about Lego robotics? Stop by during our monthly open house to try out building and coding with Lego's newest robotics kit! No prior experience necessary.

Book Clubs!

Simply pick up a copy of this month's book from the front desk, read the book, and come back to chat with everyone else who read the book!

Banned Books Book Club

Fri., Sep 11 @ 3 pm | Teens
Practice your freedom to read! Each month, we will read and discuss a different book that has been widely challenged or banned. This month's book is *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak.



Tween Graphic Novel Club

Fri., Sep 25 @ 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! This month's book will be *Casey's Cases: The Mysterious New Girl* by Kay Healy.

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Library Card Sign-Up Month

All month

Did you know everyone in your household can have a library card? During the month of September, show your Chillicothe Public Library card at participating businesses to get special deals & discounts! Grab a list of participating businesses at the library.

Fall Reading Challenge: Genre Exploration

September 1-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 our sponsor, Triple Dipples! Pick up a reading log at the library starting September 1.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Old-Time Folk & Country Jam

Tue., Sep 1 @ 6 pm

Dust off your guitar, fiddle, banjo, or other acoustic instrument and bring it to the library for a jam session on 1st Tuesdays. Come play, listen, and/or sing along!

*What the Tech?!

Select Wednesdays @ 11 am

Sep 2—Facebook Posts

Learn how to tell where a post came from, gauge its reliability, identify ads, and know who can see your own posts.

Sep 16—Computer Basics

Learn how to navigate the Windows desktop, open & close applications, and resize & move windows.

Knots of Fun

Wed., Sep 2 & 16 @ 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.

Bingo!

Wed., Sep 9 @ 1 pm

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

*Cooking around the World

Thu., Sep 10 @ 6 pm

Expand your horizons—and your palate—as you learn about culture and cuisine and sample some recipes from Maharashtra, India! Recipes from past programs at cpldcooking.weebly.com.

Remember When...

Fri., Sep 11 @ 1:30 pm | at Evergreen Senior Living
Take a stroll down memory lane and reminisce. This month we'll chat about memories of Autumn.

Live at the Library: Remi Goode

Sat., Sep 12 @ 2 pm

Classical guitarist turned alt/indie-folk singer-songwriter, straddling the borders between classical, contemporary, and American roots music. Made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.



*Registration Required

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

Movies | Select Mondays @ 12 pm

Popcorn served; feel free to bring your own snack.

Sep 14—*H Is for Hawk* (2025, PG-13, 2h)

Based on the award-winning memoir by naturalist Helen MacDonald, about her exploration of falconry as she grieves the loss of her father.

Sep 21—*Fahrenheit 451* (1966, NR, 1h 52m)

Based on Ray Bradbury's story about a society in which books are forbidden.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tue., Sep 15 @ 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., Sep 15 @ 6:30 pm

Discuss books in the company of other readers. Tea, coffee, and assorted adult bevs provided.

Fahrenheit 451, by Ray Bradbury: Firemen don't put fires out in this world—they set them. Guy Montag works tirelessly to incinerate forbidden books, until his doubts begin to surface.

The Curious Immigration Stories of South Asians in Illinois | Thu., Sep 17 @ 6 pm

Jitesh Jaggi is an award-winning storyteller, poet, and educator from India. He will share his own experiences, along with stories from fellow South Asians, providing a glimpse into the history of one of the largest immigrant communities living in Illinois. Co-presented by the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau.

*Adult Craft: Papel Picado

Fri., Sep 18 @ 11 am

Learn about the traditional Mexican craft of "punched paper" and try your hand at making your own colorful banner!

*Let's Taco 'bout It: The Emergency Docket

Tue., Sep 22 @ 6 pm

The emergency docket: a process nearly invisible to the public where many constitutional questions are decided initially. Take a look with Dr. Taraleigh Davis at how justices reach these decisions and the constraints they work under, and consider how decisions are covered in the press. Tacos courtesy of Taco Bell.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wed., Sep 30 @ 12-5 pm

Donate blood at the library! For appointments, call Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org/give.

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

Banned Books Bingo

All month

During the month of October, read three banned or challenged books from the library. Cross them off on your Bingo board 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 for a grand prize drawing!

Spooky Stories

All month

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

Sat., Oct 3 @ 10 am-2 pm

Local goods, used books, food trucks, face painting, adoptable pets to meet, and live music by Harlan, Meister & Mitts! Limited parking at the library; overflow parking at IVC High School across the street. Golf cart shuttle service available.

Banned Books Book Club & Movie

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

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

Volunteer @ Root Cemetery

Wed., Sep 16 & Oct 21 @ 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 on Ratcliffe Rd. Questions? Contact Dave Pittman at 309-573-2354 or dvdgpittman@gmail.com.

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Hours

M, F: 9 am-5 pm

T, W, Th: 9 am-8 pm

Sat: 9 am-4 pm

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at chillipld.org.

Keep up with us on social media!



We will be closed on October 12 for staff training!



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

Information at
chillicothepubliclibrary.org/donations

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