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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK (APRIL 6-APRIL 12, 2025)

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



By Aris Sherwood, Head of Marketing

This National Library Week (April 6-April 12, 2025), we're turning up the volume with our theme 'I'm With The Library.' Inspired by the legendary phrase 'I'm with the band,' this year's theme is all about embracing the rebellious spirit of rock & roll - because libraries, much like music, have the power to change lives and make connections.

Libraries are where creativity thrives, where outsiders find their crowd, and where knowledge is freely available to everyone.

To celebrate, we're inviting all rockers, songwriters, and music lovers to join our music contest! Write and perform an original song inspired by libraries - whether it's about the stories that shaped you, the freedom to express yourself, or just how much you love the library. The winner will be able to record their song in our Recording Studio, and have their song featured on all of our platforms. Plus, they will win a \$150 gift card to Guitar Center! To learn more about the music contest, check out page 3 and visit huntleylibrary.org/nlw2025.

We are so excited to celebrate the power of libraries and music together for National Library Week in April. Because... what's more punk rock than the public library?

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HOURS/CLOSINGS

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday-Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed: Sunday, April 20 (Easter)
Late Opening: Wednesday, April 9: 1 p.m.
(Staff Training)

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

APRIL 20-26, 2025

The Huntley Area Public Library would like to say thank you to our volunteers! Volunteers of all ages help at the library each week. Thank you to our Volunteers, Young Adult and Adult Volunteers, and Friends members who help with many tasks that include program and event volunteering, covering paperback books, reading to children, dusting and straightening shelves, general office duties and helping with special projects. In addition, Friends also help raise funds that directly support the library.

Thank YOU for all you do for the library!



ADULT EVENTS



Uncommon Facts About Common Birds with Stan Tekiela

Wednesday, April 9 | 7 to 8 p.m.

Adults

McHenry County College – Luecht Auditorium

An evening with naturalist, photographer and author, Stan Tekiela! This is a fun and entertaining talk presenting fascinating facts and tidbits about some of the birds that people love to hate along with some of the more common birds in our yard. You will never look at these birds the same way ever again. This talk wraps up with a message of conservation and understanding.

Local natural resource organizations will have representatives there to discuss their programs with you both before and after the presentation.

Library Genealogy Resources Workshop

Monday, March 3, 17 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Monday, April 7, 21 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

This is not an introductory program. This program is being offered to help you with a research stumbling block or problem you have encountered. Michele May, author and past president of the Genealogy Club in Sun City Huntley, will be here to provide individualized help with library electronic genealogy resources. This class is for researchers who need help with a specific stumbling block they have encountered. Limited to 5 per class. **Registration required.**

Brain Hack: The Science of Influence

Tuesday, Sunday, March 9 | 2 to 3 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Join William Pack for interactive games and experiments that uncover how your brain works. Discover how we separate fact from fiction, make decisions, and how subtle tactics influence us. Ages 13+. **Registration required.**

Tarot Card Reading: Your Past, Present and Future

Monday, March 17 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Adults

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Our presenter, Samantha Andersen, is a professional tarot card reader. She will share what the cards can tell you about your past, present, and future. This is not individual readings but will give you a sense of how tarot cards can affect your life and what you can learn from them. **Registration required.**

Dating Photographs Through Clothing

Sunday, April 6 | 2 to 3 p.m.

Ages 16 and up

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Ellie Carlson will show how to use clothing to determine an approximate date of your photographs and basic facial recognition tricks for identifying family members. Attendees may submit up to 3 photos for review in class. Please email copies to reference@huntleylibrary.org or stop by the Information Desk for assistance scanning your photos by Saturday, April 5. **Registration required.**

Preventing Household Food Waste

Saturday, April 19 | 10 to 11:00 a.m.

Adults

Location: Program Room 3

Do you have too much food waste? The McHenry County Defenders will offer solutions and help you limit food waste in your homes.

Registration required.

LIBRARY LINEUP

REOCCURRING PROGRAMS

Your Turn: Game Night for Adults

Tuesday, March 4 | 6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration

begins February 4

Tuesday, April 1 | 6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration begins

March 4

Adults

Location: Program Room 3

Registration required.

Puzzle Club

Thursdays, March 6 and April 3 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Adults

Location: Program Room 3

Registration required.

The Fray: Stitchery Club

Tuesdays, March 11 and April 8 | 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Tuesdays, March 18 and April 29 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Adults

Location: Program Room 3

Registration required.

Coloring Club

Thursdays, March 13 and April 10 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Adults

Location: Program Room 3

Registration required.

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Tuesday, March 18 | 1:30 to 3 p.m. Registration begins February 18

Tuesday, April 15 | 1:30 to 3 p.m. Registration begins March 18

Ages 18 and up

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

March Topic: U.S. Changing Leadership of World Economy

April Topic: U.S. & China Relations

Sponsored by the Carol Donahue Memorial Fund.

Financial Fitness 2025



Financial Fitness 2025 – A free financial literacy series presented by BIG (Business Interest Group), a group of business librarians in the Chicago suburbs. In support of the libraries' mission of providing access to reliable information, these virtual programs offer practical tips and advice from experienced financial advisors.



Planning for Retirement (Live Zoom)

Thursday, April 3 | 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Adults

Join John Daly, CFP, for this information packed session about getting ready to retire. Learn what to consider about when to retire, how much money you will need, when to take Social

Security and how to invest when you are retired.

Registration required.

Navigating Student Loans – Understanding Your Options (Live Zoom)

Monday, April 7 | 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Adults

Join Barbara Ginty, CFP® CEPA®, as she guides you through the complex landscape of student loans, emphasizing how these debts can impact long-term financial goals, including retirement

savings. This program will explore strategies for managing student loan repayments while also building a secure financial future, helping borrowers balance their immediate obligations with the need to save for retirement. By the end, participants will be equipped with the knowledge to effectively manage their student loans while also securing their future financial well-being. **Registration required.**



Terry Savage Talks Money (Live Zoom)

Wednesday, April 23 | 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Adults

Terry Savage, a nationally recognized expert in personal finance and the economy, offers a reality check on the markets and personal finance, followed by

45 minutes of Q&A. As an independent advisor with no clients or product ties, she provides unbiased advice.

Registration required.

A recording of the live sessions will be emailed to patrons registered for these programs.

TEEN EVENTS



Teen Take Home Kit: Lemon Trees
Month of March (while supplies last)
Teens/ages 12-18

Location: Information Desk
Everything you need to grow your own lemon tree! Some patience required. Available at the Information Desk starting March 1, while supplies last. 1 kit/teen.

Pet Portraits

Monday, March 3 | 4 to 5 p.m.
Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Creative Studio
Paint a colorful version of your pet using acrylic paint. Bring a photo of your pet (an 8 1/2 x 11 inch printout is best, but we'll work with what you have). We'll trace an outline of your pet using the image and add colorful accents from there. **Registration required.**



Middle School Readers

Tuesdays, March 11 and April 8 | 4 to 5 p.m.
Grades 6-8

Location: Program Room 2
Get together with other middle school kids to talk about books. The library's teen librarian will also share some titles to help you find your next read! **Registration required.**

Weird (and Wonderful) Animals

Thursdays, March 20 and April 17 | 4 to 5 p.m.
Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3
Join us in our exploration of different animal species. In March we'll learn about giant pandas, and in April we'll discuss the pika. Bring any questions you have! **Registration required.**

Canvas Tote Bags

Monday, March 24 | 11 to 2 p.m.
Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Creative Studio
Create your own decorated canvas tote bag using acrylic paints. **Registration required.**

CREATE

Thursdays, March 27 and April 24 | 4 to 5 p.m.
Grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3
Bring your own project or create something wonderful with our supplies (we'll have something new to try each month). **Registration required.**



Spring Bird Hike

Saturday, March 29 | 10 to 11 a.m.
Teens/grades 6-12 + Adults

Location: Hampshire Forest Preserve (Shelter #1)
Take a guided walk with a Kane County Forest Preserve Naturalist as we go on a search for migrating birds. Dress comfortably for the weather and bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. We will meet at shelter #1 and hike out from there. **Registration required.**

Teen Take Home Kit: Clay Earth Craft

Month of April (while supplies last)
Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk
Sculpt a tiny Earth from the supplies in this kit. Available at the Information Desk starting April 1, while supplies last. 1 kit/teen.

Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course - \$65/person

Friday, April 18 | 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Ages 11-15

Location: Program Room 2
Learn to safely and responsibly provide care for children and infants (including basic childcare and first aid), develop leadership skills, start a babysitting business, keep yourself and others safe, and help children behave. This class includes a participant workbook, training materials, and a Red Cross training certificate. **Registration required.**
Class fee: \$65 - pay by cash or check (checks made out to "Be Prepared") at the library's Information Desk prior to the start of class.
Special Instructions: Participants should bring a lunch on the day of class.

Poetry Games

Friday, April 18 | 1 to 2 p.m.
Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3
If you're a fan of poetry, join us at the library. We'll play with rhymes and have good times. Immerse ourselves in verse. And before we're through, maybe write a few haiku! Celebrate National Poetry month with some fun poem-generating games and activities. **Registration required.**

Alcohol Ink Doodles

Monday, April 28 | 5 to 6 p.m.
Teens/grades 6-12

Location: Creative Studio
Experiment with alcohol inks to create colorful, layered works of art. We'll share some tips and techniques that you can use in your own creations. **Registration required.**

Health Occupations Students of American Period Product Drive

Drive: Now through March 5, Volunteer event: Thursday, March 6 | 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Teens & Adults

Location: Program Room 3
Donate period products, learn about menstrual inequality and period poverty, and package menstrual hygiene kits. **Register if you would like to receive event reminders.**

i'M WITH THE LIBRARY MUSIC CONTEST

CALLING ALL MUSIC LOVERS! IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, WE'RE INVITING YOU TO WRITE YOUR OWN ORIGINAL LIBRARY-THEMED SONG FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE AND RECORD IN OUR RECORDING STUDIO



HOW TO ENTER:

- WRITE AN ORIGINAL 30 SECONDS TO 1 MINUTE SONG ABOUT LIBRARIES!
- RECORD A DEMO (AUDIO OR VIDEO)
- SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY TO ASHERWOOD@HUNTLEYLIBRARY.ORG

YOU WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO RECORD IN OUR RECORDING STUDIO WITH YOUR SONG BEING FEATURED ON OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA. PLUS, THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A GRAND PRIZE OF A \$150 GIFT CARD TO GUITAR CENTER.

SUBMISSIONS OPEN ON SUNDAY, APRIL 6. SUBMIT YOUR SONG BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY APRIL 12.

CONTEST ONLY AVAILABLE TO HAPL CARDHOLDERS. VISIT HUNTLEYLIBRARY.ORG/NEWS2025 TO VIEW FULL GUIDELINES

ARTS & MUSIC

Monthly Grab & Go Craft

Begins the first of each month, while supplies last
Ages 5-12

Location: Children's Desk

Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up your take-home craft.

Preschool Art Explorers

Thursday, March 6 | 12 to 12:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 3 | 12 to 12:45 p.m.

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Location: Program Room 1

Come explore art and artists and enjoy being creative. Dress for mess! **Registration required.**

Music Together

Monday, March 17 | 9:30 to 10 a.m. OR
10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Ages 0-6

Location: Program Room 1

Children and their caregivers are invited to join Amy Nell for a program full of music and motion fun-for-all! Please choose one session only. **Registration required.**

Play-Doh Hour

Monday, March 24 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Ages 3-8 (under 5 with caregiver)

Location: Program Room 1

Children explore their imagination by molding and sculpting colorful dough into various shapes and figures. This hands-on activity enhances fine motor skills, creativity, and problem-solving in a fun and engaging way. **Registration required.**

Finger Knitting for Beginners

Wednesday, March 26 | 2 to 2:45 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1

Join us to learn how to finger knit. Make a bracelet, headband, or bookmark. **Registration required.**

Sketch Skool 1

Wednesday, March 26 | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Ages 5-8

Location: Program Room 1

Join Mr. Dolton for drawing FUN and let your creativity soar! **Registration required.**

Sketch Skool 2

Wednesday, March 26 | 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Ages 9-12

Location: Program Room 1

Join Mr. Dolton for drawing FUN and let your creativity soar! **Registration required.**

Mini Mini Golf

Thursday, March 27 | 2 to 2:45 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1

Create your own miniature mini golf course complete with obstacles and mini golf club. **Registration required.**

Diamond Art for Kids

Wednesday, April 9 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1

Kids can join the Diamond Art craze and make dazzling stickers by attaching tiny gems to them. **Registration required.**

Foil Art Fun

Thursday, April 17 | 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Ages 5-8

Location: Program Room 2

Join us for a fun, relaxing afternoon creating an animal scene and decorating with foil. **Registration required.**

Craft Your Own Stepping Stone

Friday, April 18 | 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Ages 9-12

Location: Program Room 1

Make a creative stepping stone for your yard. **Registration required.**

Creative Kids 1

Saturday, April 26 | 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 6-8

Location: Program Room 1

Find your creativity exploring various artists, art techniques, and artistic mediums with Miss Julie. Dress for mess! **Registration required.**

Creative Kids 2

Saturday, April 26 | 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Ages 9-12

Location: Program Room 1

Find your creativity exploring various artists, art techniques, and artistic mediums with Miss Julie. Dress for mess! **Registration required.**



FIREFLY FAMILY THEATRE

The Kindness Garden

Firefly Family Theatre: The Kindness Garden

Tuesday, March 25 | 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Ages 2-7 with caregiver

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2 & 3

Join Spark the Firefly and all her friends for stories and songs all about spring and the power of kindness. The Kindness Garden includes puppets, original music, interactive movement, and lots of springtime fun for families! **Registration required for all attendees.**

kids EVENTS



Baby Builders

Monday, March 3 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 1-3

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3
Even babies can build! Join us for socializing and fun times playing with blocks and boxes and learning spatial awareness. **Registration required for child only.**

Builders' Challenge: Pixel Fun

Thursday, March 6 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Ages 5-8

Location: Program Room 1
Graph fun images using colorful foam cubes and simple instructions. **Registration required.**



Builders' Challenge: Lego

Thursday, March 13 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 17 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1
Put your Lego skills to the test and join us for Lego building challenges. **Registration required.**

Little STEAMers

Friday, March 28 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Friday, April 25 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Location: Program Room 1
Preschoolers are naturally curious and introducing them to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) at an early age can be both fun and educational. Join us every month with your preschooler to discover a new STEM activity. **Registration required.**

Builders' Challenge: 3Doodler

Saturday, April 12 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Grades 3-6

Location: Program Room 1
Learn to build and create a small object to keep with a temperature-safe 3D plastic melting pen. **Registration required.**

Stories & STEM: Transportation

Friday, April 18 | 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Ages 5-8

Location: Program Room 1
Listen to a cars and trucks story, then use Lego bricks to make a car to race against each other. **Registration required.**



The Meet Up

Monday, March 3 | 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Monday, April 7 | 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1
Each month, we will gather together and connect with others by exploring new topics or developing skills through engaging games, creative crafts, captivating stories, or fun activities. **Registration required.**

Puzzles & Games Get-Together

Thursday, March 4 | 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Grades K-5

Location: Program Room 3
Join us for a casual get-together to meet friends or make new ones! Play games and put together fun puzzles. **Drop-in.**

Chess Club

Friday, March 5, 19 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Friday, April 2, 16 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Ages 8-14

Location: Program Rooms 1 & 2
Chess players of any skill level meet to play and strategize. Beginners are welcome. **Registration required.**

Kool Kids' Graphic Novel Club

Monday, March 17 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Monday, April 21 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Ages 7-12

Location: Program Room 1
Share your favorite graphic novel and maybe find a new one! Draw your own graphics and decide what books we want to read for our next meeting. **Registration required.**

Homeschool Hive

Wednesday, March 21 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Wednesdays, April 11 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Ages 5-12 with families.

Location: Program Room 1
Join us to explore rotating science and arts activities. Depending on child's age, some activities may require the assistance of a caregiver. **Registration required.**

Read to a Dog

Saturday, April 5 | 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Ages 4 & up with families

Location: Program Room 3

Make a 15-minute reservation for your child to practice their reading skills by reading to Simon, a patient and lovable dog. Register 1 family with up to 2 children per session. **Registration required.**



Family Storytime

Tuesdays or Wednesdays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

March 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19

April 8, 15, 16, 29, 30

Ages 0-6

Location: Program Room 1

Storytime sessions are full of books, songs, and fun activities designed to be enjoyed by young children. Children and their grownups are encouraged to actively engage and participate during the program. Register for either Tuesday or Wednesday each week. **Weekly registration required.**

Adaptive Storytime

Saturday, March 8 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 12 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-7 with caregiver

Location: Program Room 2

An interactive storytime for children with neurodiversity or who have difficulty engaging traditionally. Welcoming all learning styles and abilities with caregivers. **Weekly registration required.**

BabyPaloosa

Mondays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

March 10

April 7, 14, 28

Ages birth-23 months

Location: Program Room 3

Stories, songs, and playtime. **Registration required.**

Pajamarama

Tuesday, April 8 | 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Families of 2-8 year olds

Location: Program Room 1

Grab a stuffed friend and join us for stories, songs, and a craft at the library! Come in your pajamas and slippers if you like. **Registration required.**

Saturday Family Storytime

Saturday, March 22 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 19 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-6

Location: Program Room 1

Stories, songs and fun for young children and their families. Caregivers are expected to stay and participate in the program. **Registration required.**

Stories for School Kids

Tuesday, March 25 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, April 22 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Ages 6-9

Location: Program Room 2

Join us for longer stories, more complex crafts, and fun activities. **Registration required.**

Yoga Storytime

Thursday, March 27 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 24 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Ages 3-6 to attend on their own

Location: Program Room 2

Thirty minutes of story and movement fun! Please bring a yoga mat or a towel to use. **Registration required.**

MORE THAN JUST BOOKS

HOW THE HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY IS AMPLIFYING LOCAL VOICES

By Aris Sherwood, Head of Marketing

Cheerful music plays as you press 'play' on a video posted by the Huntley Area Public Library on September 4, 2024. The library's logo appears, and then the words "Introducing the Recording Studio."

Various scenes flash across the screen of library staff members speaking into microphones, playing a guitar, and standing behind a computer screen with sophisticated technology.

The video, created by Digital Origins Productions, Inc, a local production company in Huntley, was made for the official launch of the Huntley Area Public Library's highly anticipated Recording Studio.

The Recording Studio was a part of the library's rebuilding project after winning a referendum in 2019.

"The inspiration for the Recording Studio was that I saw a good asset that could be used for a great many things," said Frank Novak, Director of the Huntley Area Public Library. "Ranging from podcasting, to recording music, and filming commercials. There was no space around where people could do that... and I thought 'that would be a really cool thing for a library to have.'"

Novak said he wanted to make sure that the recording studio was as professional as possible. He spent time with the architects of the new library building, bringing in consultants and looking at other studios to gather information on different equipment, arrangements, layout, and spacing.

The finalization of the Recording Studio noticeably took a little bit of time, far past the time the whole library reopened after the building project back in 2022. According to Novak, they wanted to prioritize showing off the Children's Library, which, in his opinion, was the main priority with the referendum.

"We were trying to find the right fit, the right equipment, making sure that we had everything set up properly, getting someone in there who knew what they would be doing in that space," said Novak.

Joe Klaw, the library's Recording Studio Technician, came in to help set up the Recording Studio in the summer of 2024, after years of working as a video editor in Chicago.

"In the last video editing job I had, one of the producers there knew the Head of IT here, Kevin [Stringer]," said Klaw, who wanted to shift his focus in his career from video editing to audio, being a musician himself. "[The producer] mentioned my name to Kevin, and then Kevin called me. I came in and helped get things set up and running. That took a couple of days, and then after a little while, I got a call from Kevin asking if I would like to apply for the position of Recording Studio Technician."

Klaw's duties as Recording Studio technician include corresponding with patrons who are interested in using the recording studio, scheduling studio usage, setting up the space depending on what the project is, making sure all audio and visual elements are organized and ready for recording, hitting the record button, and sending over files for patrons to edit themselves.



Recording Studio Technician Joe Klaw uses studio equipment.

The studio itself is ideal for all sorts of users, from aspiring musicians and podcasters, to filming funny promo videos for their job. It is equipped with a full green-screen wall, high-quality cameras and microphones, speakers, lighting, tripods, and more.

"When I first saw the library's studio, I'm like 'boy, this is pretty fancy for a library.'" said Klaw. "I didn't even know a library would do that kind of thing. You know, poking around on the internet, looking at other libraries, they really just have maybe a microphone and a computer in a room. I think what's nice about this library is that it's staffed, and I help you. I help you record, set up mics... we talk about what you want to do, and I record it."

Since its official launch, the Recording Studio has seen many faces utilize the space, including Superintendent Jessica Lombard, who hosts the Huntley Community School District 158's podcast 'Raiders Roundtable,' and Ron Giordano, who hosts 'Around Town' through the Huntley Community Radio.


And though the studio has already been successful so far, Klaw does have some hopes for it in the future.

"I think a nice, versatile keyboard instrument would be good for that room," said Klaw. "It would be good to have someone else who knew how to run it, in case I'm not around. But other than that, you know, it's all good."



Bands Burning Jack (upper left) and Burning Cactus (lower left) record their own music. Ron Giordano (upper right) from the Huntley Community Radio interviews guests for his radio show 'Around Town with Ron Giordano.' Jessica Lombard (lower right), Superintendent of Huntley Community School District 158 records her podcast "Raiders Rountable"

A Huntley Area Public Library Card is required to make an appointment for the Recording Studio. To learn more about the Recording Studio, visit huntleylibrary.org/recordingstudio.



Are you a music lover? enter our national library week contest for a chance to record an original song in our recording studio and have it be featured on our platforms - plus, a \$150 gift card to Guitar Center! See page 3 or visit huntleylibrary.org/nlw2025 for details.

TECH EVENTS

Basic Help with iPhone

Tuesday, March 11 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, March 13 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 15 | 10 a.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Please bring your own phone. Classes will be approximately one hour long.

Registration required.

Introduction to ChatGPT

Tuesday, March 25 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, March 27 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 29 | 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 1 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 3 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 5 | 10 a.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Learn the basics of what ChatGPT is and what you can do with it. Classes will be approximately one hour long. Registration required.

Canva Basics

Tuesday, April 15 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 17 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19 | 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 22 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 24 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 26 | 10 a.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Learn how to use the basics of Canva.

Registration required.

Help with Word, Excel or Powerpoint

Wednesday, March 12, 19, 26 | 1 or 2 p.m.

Every Wednesday in April | 1 or 2 p.m.

Adults

Location: Tech Lab

Register for the session and indicate what topic you would like help with by choosing from the drop-down menu. Please register for only one session per week and choose only one topic per session. Registration required.

Minecraft Free Play Play Minecraft in Survival Mode

Fridays | 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

March 14, 21, 28

April 4, 11, 18, 25

Ages 10 and up

Location: Tech Lab

Staff monitored. Registration required.

Minecraft for Beginners Free Play

Thursdays | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

March 13, 20, 27

April 3, 10, 17, 24

Ages 7 and up

Location: Tech Lab

Technology Trainer will be on hand to get players started and monitor. Registration required.

CREATIVE STUDIO

A Huntley Area Public Library Card is required to register for a Creative Studio program.

Lucky Shamrock Coin Bags

Saturday, March 8 | 1 to 3:00 p.m. or

Saturday, March 15 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.

Ages 10 and up

Location: Creative Studio

St. Patrick's Day will be here soon! Make your own luck by creating a lucky shamrock coin bag designed and made with our Cricut Maker 3 and Easy Press 3. Register for only one date. Registration required.

Registration ends March 1 for March 8 program.

Registration ends March 8 for March 15 program.

Easter Bunny Card

Saturday, April 5 | 1 to 2:00 p.m.

Ages 10 and up

Location: Creative Studio

Hop into creativity at our Easter Bunny Card Craft, create your own bunny themed card perfect for spreading springtime cheer. Registration ends March 22.

Mother's Day Flower Card

Saturday, April 26 | 1 to 2:00 p.m.

Ages 10 and up

Location: Creative Studio

Don't wait for the last minute to get your mother a card, create your very own Mother's Day interactive flower card. Registration ends April 12.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Dungeons and Dragons: Monday Quest

Every Other Monday

Monday, March 10, 24 | 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 7, 21 | 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

For teens and adults

Location: Program Room 3

Players may join the quest at any time.

Please register for only one of the quests.

Registration required.

Dungeons and Dragons: Wednesday Quests

Wednesdays | 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

March 12, 19, 26

April 2, 9, 16, 23

For ages 12 & up

Location: Program Room 2

Players may join the quest at any time.

Please register for only one of the quests.

Registration required.

Book an Appointment

A Huntley Area Public Library Card is required to book an appointment.

Book a Librarian

Need some help using library resources on your laptop, tablet, or smartphone? Book a one-to-one session and we will help you download eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines, music, or movies from our library collections. We can also demonstrate our online catalog and other digital resources. Please call the Information Desk at 847.669.5386 and press 3 to schedule an appointment.

Adult one-on-one Computer Classes

Learn mouse skills, computer basics, internet basics, or email (one-hour sessions). Please call 847.669.5386 & press 3 to make an appointment.

Creative Studio Appointments

Need to laminate something? Have a 3D printer project you want to print?

Make an appointment with Alex to use the studio equipment to complete a project.

Contact Alex at: 847.669.5386 ext. 268 or awyman@huntleylibrary.org.

For a list of the equipment, you will have access to during your appointment please visit huntleylibrary.org/creative-studio-appointments.

Digital Conversion Appointments

Digital Conversion Appointment Equipment available: Audio Cassette and LP to a digital format. Kodak Scanza Film scanner, and Epson Photo Scanner. VHS converter as well. Smaller VHS is possible, however, if you still have your camcorder and cords that will make it easier. It is also possible to convert 8mm reels. Bring your own USB drive 16-32gb. Matthew will be available to help you start your digital conversion. There is a two-hour time limit for the conversions.

Make an appointment by contacting Matthew at: 847.669.5386 ext. 269 or mwhisenhunt@huntleylibrary.org.

Appointments are AVAILABLE at these times: Thursday | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday | 1 to 3 p.m.

Recording Studio

The library's recording studio offers you the opportunity to record interviews or a podcast, record music, take photos using the greenscreen, or a variety of other possibilities. Talk to our Recording Studio Technician, Joe, about your project.

jklaw@huntleylibrary.org or 847.669.5386 ext. 275

General Meetings

Friday, March 21 | 11 a.m.

Adults

Location: Program Room 3

Program: Library Game Show by Rob Aavang
 Chocolate Treats for all who attend. Please register for the program so we know how many to expect.

Friday, April 18 | 11 a.m.

Adults

Location: Program Room 3

Program: The Fragrant Garden by Kathleen Carr,
 The Growing Scene, Inc. Please register for the program so we know how many to expect.

March Book Sale

Saturday, March 15

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 16

Noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday Only • \$10 Bag Sale or 2 for \$15

All Ages

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Friends Members Only Sale: Friday, March 14, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

If you are not a Friend and would like to become a member, visit the library for a membership form or download a membership form at huntleylibraryfriends.org.

May Annual Luncheon Fundraiser

Friday, May 16 | 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Adults

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2 & 3

Tickets: \$40 per person – seating is limited

Register online or buy tickets beginning April 1, 2025

Program: Marshall Field's

Program: "Marshall Field's and Chicago"

For over 150 years, Marshall Field and Company was Chicago's store, run by the most innovative retailer of the 19th century. In this presentation, we will review the events, features, and personalities that made Marshall Field's Chicago's store. Most significant events in Chicago history have a Marshall Field and Company connection, including the Chicago Fire, the Eastland disaster, and the 1892 World's Fair. Many of the city's cherished institutions have been funded in part by Field dollars including the Field Museum, the Shedd Aquarium, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Chicago Historical Society (now known as the Chicago Historical Museum), the Museum of Science and Industry, and the UIC.

Paying by **Cash or Check:** Register and pay with cash or check at the library Information Desk.

Paying by **Credit Card:**

1) FIRST - Register to attend here:
huntley.libnet.info/event/12982831

2) NEXT - Visit Huntleylibraryfriends.org. Click purchase or donate to buy your ticket(s). Complete the form typing **Luncheon** in the Notes to Seller.

Support the library by becoming a Friends Foundation Member

Not a member? Join us in 2025 and be a part of this dynamic organization that supports the library. Complete the membership application form available at the library or visit our website at: www.huntleylibraryfriends.org.
 Individuals, \$10; Family Membership, \$15; Book Lovers, \$50; Lifetime Membership, \$100; Corporate Lifetime Membership, \$250. Remember, lifetime members don't need to renew!

BOOK DONATIONS

Best time to Drop-off Items:
 Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We encourage patrons who would like assistance unloading donations to please call ahead.

Contact Lisa Rossi-Moser: 847.669.5386 ext. 228
 We accept donations of gently used books, CDs and DVDs in their original packaging, new textbooks (within the last five years), and new magazines in good condition.

Please do not include other items with your donations!

Due to the current marketplace, we are no longer able to accept:

- Cassette tapes, VHS tapes, electronics, or LPs
- Moldy or wet books or books that have been stored in damp areas
- Encyclopedias
- Magazines or textbooks older than five years
- Newspapers
- Journals, used coloring or activity books, etc.

Corner Books – Always Available, Refreshed Daily

A great selection of gently used books, CDs, and DVDs for sale. This fundraiser benefits the Friends year-round and helps us fulfill our mission to support the Huntley Area Public Library.



Learn More about the Friends huntleylibraryfriends.org

Information about book sales, meeting dates, fundraisers, membership forms, donation forms, and more can be found on our website.



Culver's Fundraiser Night Monday, April 7 | 4 to 8 p.m. Culver's of Huntley

Friends earn a percentage of all sales.
 50/50 Cash Raffle in the Dining Room - tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5

All funds raised by the Friends Foundation support the many programs and services available at the Huntley Area Public Library.

Socialize with us:



PUZZLE EXCHANGE.

TRADE YOUR NO-LONGER-USED PUZZLES FOR "NEW" ONES! FOR EACH PUZZLE DROPPED OFF, YOU WILL RECEIVE A COUPON FOR A "NEW" PUZZLE! REDEEM YOUR COUPONS 3/15 AND 3/16 OR PURCHASE ON 3/16. PUZZLES MUST HAVE ALL OF THEIR PIECES!

ACCEPTING PUZZLES:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12-FRIDAY, MARCH 14

EXCHANGE:

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 | 9 AM-4 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 | 12-4 PM

SALE:

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

DROP OFF AT THE INFORMATION DESK
EXCHANGE IN PROGRAM ROOM 1

ART ON DISPLAY

The Art on Display Gallery features artwork by local artists. The exhibits are on display for one month.



MARILUZ WELVERS, NOVEMBER 2022

LOCAL ARTISTS ARE WELCOME TO DISPLAY THEIR ARTWORK. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SHARING THEIR ART WITH US, PLEASE CONTACT SAMANTHA AT SANDERSEN@HUNTLEYLIBRARY.ORG OR 847.669.5386 EXT. 225 FOR MORE INFORMATION.