

# THE WHOLE STORY

THE HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

November/December 2024

**GET COZY  
& READ**  
WINTER READING 24-25

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**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.  
Early Closure: Wednesday, Nov. 27 (9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)  
Closed: Thursday, Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving)  
Closed: Tuesday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)  
Closed: Wednesday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)  
Closed: Tuesday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve)  
Closed: Wednesday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day)

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Celebrating **35** Years at the Huntley Area Public Library



In November of 1989, the citizens of the then-small Huntley and surrounding areas passed a referendum to form a library district – the Huntley Area Public Library District. Since our doors first opened, we have been committed to being a place of learning, creativity, connection, and opportunity. And now, we are honored to celebrate 35 years of serving this incredible community.

Over the years, we've accomplished so much together, including moving from our first location at the corner of Algonquin Road and Church Street to where we stand now, to a successful referendum in 2019 that allowed us to expand and better serve our growing population, opening our new building in 2022.

One thing for certain, through changes and challenging times of new buildings, a booming population, and a worldwide pandemic, our commitment to the community has never wavered, and we are so thankful to have grown alongside this vibrant community and are eager to continue providing excellent service as we evolve and flourish together.

To our valued patrons, new or old, thank you for being a part of our story. We look forward to many more years of success and growth with all of you.

Frank Novak, Director

GET COZY & READ  
WINTER READING 24-25

Adults



Adults (18 and up)

Participate for chances to win one of our grand prizes—a \$25 gift card to a local business. Choose either:  
**Online Reading Program:** Sign up at [huntleylibrary.beanstack.com](http://huntleylibrary.beanstack.com)  
**Paper Log Program:** Download your paper log from the library's website or pick one up at the Information Desk.

Teens

For teens/ages 12-18

Take some time this winter to get cozy with a good book – the library's fireplace or Teen Space provide some excellent reading locations! Pick up a reading log at the Information Desk or participate online through Beanstack ([huntleylibrary.beanstack.com](http://huntleylibrary.beanstack.com)) for chances to win prizes.



Youth



For ages 0-12

Join us and get cozy reading with our winter reading program. Stop by the children's Desk to pick up your reading log today or visit [huntleylibrary.beanstack.com](http://huntleylibrary.beanstack.com) for our online program.

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[huntleylibrary.org/getcozy](http://huntleylibrary.org/getcozy)

# adult events

## Find A Grave Training Session

Monday, November 4 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Adults

**Location:** Tech Lab

The instructor, Michele May, brings many years of experience to assist you in using Find-A-Grave to locate relatives. This is a hands-on training session. To make the most of this session, please bring a list of relatives you'd like to locate with as much information about them as possible. Limited seating.

**Registration required.**

## Your Turn: Game Night for Adults

Tuesday, November 5 | 6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration begins October 1

Tuesday, December 3 | 6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration begins November 5

Adults

**Location:** Program Room 2

Come take your turn at game night for adults featuring a variety of trivia, word, and board games.

**Registration required.**

## Protect Yourself from Online Identity Theft

Wednesday, November 6 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Adults

**Location:** Program Room 2

With the holiday shopping season approaching, you could become a target for scam artists and identity thieves. Learn how thieves steal financial and confidential information and what you can do to protect yourself. Learn to identify potential scams and frauds and how to protect yourself against ID Theft. Plus, how to address concerns if you have been a victim. A representative from the Illinois State Comptroller Office of Constituent Affairs will be here to teach you how to be safe when shopping online.

**Registration required.**

## Puzzle Club

Thursday, November 7 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Program Room 3

Are you a jigsaw puzzle enthusiast? If you answered yes, come to Puzzle Club! We'll socialize while we work on putting together 300- and 500-piece puzzles. **Registration required.**

## The Fray: Stitchery Club

Tuesdays, November 12 and December 10 | 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Tuesdays, November 26 and December 17 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Program Room 3

Join the Fray! Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, or work another needlecraft, come to share and socialize. Bring your own supplies and projects. **Registration required.**

## Coloring Club

Thursday, November 14 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Program Room 3

Come relax and color your stress away! We'll provide a limited supply of coloring pencils, markers, and coloring pages, but you are welcome to bring your own materials. **Registration required.**

## Library Question of the Week

December 9-February 9

Adults

Answer our question of the week to be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card to a local business and \$3 in Corner Books Coupons. Pick up your question/entry at the Information Desk. Limit one entry per week.

## Abbot Kahler Author Event

Thursday, November 14 | 7 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Luecht Auditorium at McHenry County College



Abbott Kahler, formerly writing as Karen Abbott, is the New York Times bestselling author of *Sin in the Second City*; *American Rose*; *Liar*, *Temptress*, *Soldier*, *Spy*; *The Ghosts of Eden Park*; *Where You End* and *Eden Undone*. She is also the host of *Remus: The Mad Bootleg King*, a podcast about legendary Jazz Age bootlegger George Remus. A native of Philadelphia, she lives in New York City and in Greenport, New York.

This author event is part of the McHenry County Libraries - Let's All Read Together community reading program sponsored by Algonquin Area Public Library, Cary Area Public Library, Crystal Lake Public Library, Fox River Grove Memorial Library, Harvard-Diggins Library, Huntley Area Public Library, Johnsburg Library, Maren-go-Union Library, McHenry Public Library, Nippersink Public Library and Woodstock Public Library.

Copies of *Eden Undone*, *Where You End*, and *The Ghosts of Eden Park* will be available for purchase and signing at the event courtesy of Read Between the Lynes bookstore of Woodstock. **Registration is required for this free author event.**

## De-Stress Techniques for the Holidays

Saturday, November 16 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Adults

**Location:** Program Room 3

Stressed just thinking about the holidays? Learn some yoga and meditation techniques to help you manage your stress. Lorrie Palczynski, Yoga Alliance RYT-500 certified instructor will share some techniques and tips to help you relax and de-stress. Yoga mats and props will be available for participants, or you may bring your own. Registration and signed waiver required. (Waiver will be emailed to you once you have registered.) **Registration required.**

## Military Healthcare and Medicare

Monday, November 18 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Adults

**Location:** Program Room 2

Learn how to combine military benefits (VA, CHAMPVA, and Tricare for Life) with Medicare. Veterans and family members of Veterans will learn why it is important to apply for VA medical benefits and how Medicare works with the benefits. Learn how to enroll in Medicare, how to combine military benefits with Medicare and the cost sharing and benefits associated with the different Medicare parts. Presenter, Rich George, is Advocate Health Advisor Veterans Program certified. Rich is Medicare certified and a Certified Financial Planner. **Registration required.**

## Angel Flights

Thursday, November 21 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Program Room 3

Did you know that the Midwest is the home to a non-profit company that is in the International Air and Space Hall of Fame for changing the lives of thousands of people seeking free, long-distance transportation for medical care and treatment? Angel Flights Central shares the mission of providing free flights to people in need via a network of volunteer pilots from the Midwest and beyond. They have provided over 35,000 free flights over the past 29 years. Please join us when local pilot, Bob Hamilton, comes to talk about and answer questions concerning this life-saving program. **Registration required.**

## Blood Drive

Thursday, November 21 | 1 to 6 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Program Rooms 1 & 2

Shortages of all blood types occur during the winter holidays. Sign up now to give the gift of life with Versiti Blood Center of Illinois! Giving is fast, easy, and greatly appreciated. Register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/nov-blood-drive> or call the Information Desk at 847.669.5386 and press 3. Walk-ins are welcome as the schedule permits.



## Christmas Markets in Prague and Germany

Tuesday, December 3 | 1 to 2 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

Join world traveler, Gene Flynn, when he takes us on an amazing trip to the Christmas markets of Prague and four cities in Germany, filled with good food, good friends, and a festive atmosphere. These markets serve up a healthy dose of Christmas spirit.

**Registration required.**

## Holiday Cards to Keep and Share

Tuesday, December 3 | 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Teens/grades 6-12 and Adults

**Location:** Program Room 3

Join us for Giving Tuesday! Make cards to keep and cards to share with Heritage Woods of Huntley Assisted Living. **Drop in.**



## The Puzzled Colorists Club

Thursday, December 12 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

Puzzle Club and Coloring Club join forces to close out the year! **Registration required.**

## Get Cozy and Read

December 1-January 31

Adults (18 and up)

Participate for chances to win one of our grand prizes—a \$25 gift card to a local business. **See page 2 for details.**



# teen events



## Get Cozy & Read

December 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025

For teens/grades 6-12

Take some time this winter to get cozy with a good book – the library's fireplace or Teen Space provide some excellent reading locations!

See page 2 for details.

## Teen Take Home Kit: T-rex Skeleton Necklace

Month of November (while supplies last)

For teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk

Arrange the bones into the perfect Dinovember accessory – a *Tyrannosaurus Rex* necklace. Printed in the library's very own Creative Studio. Available at the Information Desk starting November 1, while supplies last. **1 kit/teen.**



## Girls Click Bricks

Thursday, November 7 | 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Middle and High School girls

Location: Program Room 2

Do you love LEGO? Come build with us. This month we'll be using LEGO DOTS to recreate the characters from *Inside Out 2*. Whether you're channeling Joy, Sadness, or even a little Ennui, we've got the DOTS to match your vibe. Join us for an afternoon of creativity, snacks, and laughs. **Registration required.**

## ACT or SAT

Monday, November 11 | 6 to 7 p.m.

High school students and parents

Location: Program Room 3

The Illinois State Board of Education is switching to the ACT this year! Take this opportunity to learn more about the ACT and SAT college entrance exams and decide which one might be best for you. Maybe both! Presented by Huntington Learning Center, Lake in the Hills, IL. **Registration required.**

## Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: Axolotl

Thursday, November 14 | 4 to 5 p.m.

For teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 2

Join us in our exploration of different animal species. This month we'll be learning about the axolotl! Bring any questions you have! **Registration required.**



## Middle School Readers

Tuesdays, November 19 & December 17 | 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For grades 6-8

Location: Program Room 3

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.**

## CREATE

Thursday, November 21 | 4 to 5 p.m.

For teens/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.**

## Puzzles and Snacks

Saturday, November 23 | 2 to 4 p.m.

For teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Challenge your friends and yourself with bite-sized puzzles, or just relax and add pieces at your leisure. Join us for an afternoon of puzzles and snacks. **Registration required.**

## CPR for Teens - \$20/person

Monday, November 25 | 9 a.m. to approx. 12:00 p.m.

(class runs 2.5-3 hours)

For teens/grade 6-12

Location: Huntley Fire Station

This American Heart Association certified course will teach Heartsaver CPR/AED training, along with Stop the Bleed and how to prepare for emergencies. We will meet in the lobby at the Huntley Fire Station (located across the street from the library at 11118 Main Street, Huntley, IL 60142). The class takes approximately 2.5-3 hours to complete. Please make arrangements for pick up at the end of class. **\$20 class fee may be paid by cash or check (made out to Huntley Fire Protection District) and will need to be made prior to the start of class. Registration required.**

## Teen Take Home Kit: Poké Ball Ornament

Month of December (while supplies last)

For teens/grades 6-12

Location: Information Desk

Create your own Poké Ball ornament with the supplies in this kit. You get to decide where to hang it. Pokémon not included. Available at the Information Desk starting December 1, while supplies last. **1 kit/teen.**



## Holiday Cards to Keep and Share

Tuesday, December 3 | 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For teens/grades 6-12 and Adults

Location: Program Rooms 3

See page 3 for details. **Drop in.**

## Wreath of Khan

Monday, December 9 | 5 to 6 p.m.

For teens/grades 6-12 and Adults

Location: Creative Studio

We'll provide wreaths, Khans and various other bits and bobs for you to make a truly memorable, FANTastic, Trek-themed, holiday decoration. **Registration required.**



## CREATE

Thursday, December 12 | 4 to 5 p.m.

For teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 1

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

## Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: Caribou

Thursday, December 19 | 4 to 5 p.m.

For teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 3

Join us in our exploration of different animal species. This month we'll be connecting (live, via Zoom) with Allegra Love, a doctoral candidate at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. She studies caribou/reindeer and will be sharing some fun facts about them, as well as some photos and tales from the field. Bring any questions you have! **Registration required.**



## Light Up the Night

Saturday, December 21 | 2 to 3 p.m.

For teens/grades 6-12

Location: Program Room 1

Illuminate the night with fairy lights and lanterns, and bring a little light into the longest night of the year. **Registration required.**

## Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course -

\$65/person

Saturday, January 4 | 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For ages 11-15

Location: Program Room 1

Learn how 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.**

# ART ON DISPLAY

Show off your photos, paintings, or drawings in the library. Email [artondisplay@huntleylibrary.org](mailto:artondisplay@huntleylibrary.org) to get started!

NOVEMBER



Dina Piattoni



Allen Johnson

DECEMBER

## Dakotah Henn's Reptiles

Saturday, November 2 | 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 a.m. 12, and 12:30 p.m.

All ages

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, 3

While waiting to see the animals, enjoy a slide presentation and hands-on activities.

Sessions will begin promptly at 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30, 12, and 12:30.

The presenter, Dakotah Henn, has been sharing his knowledge of reptiles with the library for many years. He has an M.S. in Biological Sciences and a B. S. in Zoology. **Registration required for every family member.**



### Get Cozy & Read!

December 1 – January 31

For Ages 0-12

Location: Children's Desk

Join us and get cozy reading with our winter reading program. **See page 2 for details.**

### Dinosaur Fun

Tuesday, November 5 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

For ages 3-8

Location: Program Rooms 1 & 2

Join us for simple, fun, dinosaur-themed crafts.

**Registration required for child only.**



### Jim May, Storyteller

Monday, November 25 | 11 to 12 p.m.

For Families with children ages 5 and up

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3

Storytelling is a time-honored tradition, and great storytelling has a magical way of weaving words to captivate an audience. Emmy award winning storyteller, Jim May, will invoke your imagination and transport you with his stories. **Registration required for each family member.**



### Photos with Santa

Thursday, December 5 | 4, 4:30, 5, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30

All Ages

Location: Program Room 1, 2, & 3

Use your own phone or camera for this photo opportunity. Staff will be on hand to take the photo using your equipment. Register your family for one of the seven sessions. Sessions will be 25 minutes long and will begin and end promptly. While attendees wait for their photo opportunity, children will enjoy holiday music and



holiday coloring sheets. After your photo, register for the Winter Reading Program: Get Cozy & Read! **Registration begins November 1. Register as a family.**

### Cocoa & Caring

Wednesday, December 11 | 4:30 to 6 p.m. OR

Wednesday, December 11 | 6 to 7:30 p.m. OR

Saturday, December 14 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.

For Families

Location: Program Room 1, 2, & 3

Join us in caring for our community this season. We will gather to create cards and small gifts for Heritage Woods of Huntley Assisted Living, birdseed hangers for our backyard birds, and a family craft to keep. We'll also have cocoa and treats available too! **Please choose one session only; registration required for every family member.**



## ARTS & MUSIC

### Monthly Grab & Go Craft

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

Location: Children's Desk

Stop by the children's desk to pick up your take-home craft.

### Creative Kids 1

Saturday, November 16 | 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

For 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, November 16 | 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

For ages 9-12

Location: Program Rooms 1 & 2

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

### Make a Pinecone Turkey

Thursday, November 26 | 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

For ages 5-12

Location: Program Room 1

Create your own fun and adorable Thanksgiving craft: a pinecone turkey! **Registration required.**



### Music Together

Monday, December 2 | 9:30 to 10 a.m. OR  
10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

For 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.**

### Preschool Art Explorers

Thursday, November 7 | 12 to 12:45 p.m.

Thursday, December 12 | 12 to 12:45 p.m.

For ages 3-5 with caregiver

Location: Program Room 1

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

## STORY TIMES

AT THE LIBRARY

### BabyPalooza

Mondays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

November 4, 11, 18

December 9, 16

For ages birth-23 months

Location: Program Room 3

Stories, songs, and playtime with Miss Nora!

**Weekly registration required.**

### Family Storytime

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

November 6, 12, 13, 19, 20

December 3, 4, 10, 11

For 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.**

### Saturday Family Storytime

Saturday, November 9 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 21 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

For 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.**

### Pajamarama

Tuesday, November 19 | 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10 | 6:30 to 7 p.m.

For families of 2-8 year olds

Location: Program Room 1

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

### Yoga Storytime

Thursday, November 21 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Thursday, December 19 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.

For 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.**



# kids events (continued)

## Builders' Challenge: Gigi Blocks

Wednesday, November 13 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

For grades K-3

Location: Program Room 1

Come have fun learning and building together with hundreds of oversized, interlocking cardboard blocks. Meet challenges and be creative. **Registration required.**

## Builders' Challenge: Lego

Thursday, November 21 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 12 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For 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, November 22 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Friday, December 27 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

For 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.**

## Super Builders!

Monday, December 2 | 4:30-5:15

For ages 5-8

Location: Program Room 3

Stretch your engineering wings! Join us for this fun program where you will spend time exploring Lego, KEVA Planks, Snap Circuits, and Ozobots. **Registration required.**

## Builders' Challenge: 3Doodler

Saturday, December 21 | 10 to 11 a.m.

For 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.**

## Minute to Win It

Tuesday, November 5 | 1-2 p.m.

For ages 8-12

Location: Program Rooms 1 & 2

Challenge yourself with fun and hilarious games. Make sure to bring your sense of humor! **Registration required.**

## Chess Club

Wednesdays, November 6, 20 | 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, December 4, 18 | 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.

For ages 8-14

Location: Program Rooms 1 & 2

Chess players of any skill level meet to play and strategize. Beginners are welcome. **Registration required.**

## The Meet Up

Monday, November 18 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Monday, December 16 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

For ages 7-12

Location: Program Room 1

The Meet Up is our new and revamped social club for kids. Each month we'll vote on next month's topic! **Registration required.**



## Candyland I-Spy

December 20 to January 6

For ages 2-12

Location: Children's Library

Come explore our candy-themed I-Spy display case. Find all the objects listed for a chance to win a prize. **Drop-in.**



## Kool Kids' Graphic Novel Club

Thursday, November 7 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, December 19 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

For ages 7-12

Location: Program Rooms 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.**

## Dogman #13 Release Day Party

Tuesday, December 3 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

For ages 7-12

Location: Program Room 1

Celebrate the 13th book in this series, Dogman Big Jim Begins, with fun activities and a chance to win the book! **Registration required.**



## Genre Quest!

Ongoing

For Elementary School Readers

Location: Children's Desk

Looking for your next reading adventure? Then join us for Genre Quest, our newest youth reading program! Expand your reading horizons by exploring new genres and earn some sweet prizes along the way. Are you ready to accept the Genre Quest?



## Little Bookworms Reading Challenge

Ongoing

For Infants through Pre-K

This program encourages all families and caregivers to read 1,000 books or more, with their young children, before entering Kindergarten. Register and pick your log at the Children's Desk.



## Pop-up Christmas Tree Card

Saturday, November 16 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.

For ages teen & up

Location: Creative Studio

Create your Pop-up Christmas Tree Card. Alex will introduce you to how the library's laser cutter works, then you will assemble your card using materials that have been cut using the library's own laser cutter.

**Registration required.**

## Mason Jar Snow Globe

Saturday, November 23 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.

For ages 10 & up

Location: Creative Studio

Construct your very own snowman snow globe with 3D printed snowman accessories. **Registration required.**

## 3D Hydroponics Tower

Saturday, December 7 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 14 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.

For ages teen & up

Location: Creative Studio

Grow fresh herbs, leafy greens, and vegetables indoors or outdoors without soil. Don't miss this chance to revolutionize your gardening experience and register to assemble and learn how to operate a 3D-printed Hydroponics Tower. **Registration required. Limit 5 participants for both days.**



## ANOTHER BOOK OFF THE SHELF

OFFICIAL HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY PODCAST

Check out the first episode of our official Huntley Area Public Library podcast, 'Another Book Off the Shelf!'

In the first episode, we chat with Alex, our Creative Studio Specialist, to talk about all the incredible things the Creative Studio has to offer!

Scan here to watch!





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

**Creative Studio Appointments**

**Want to see a laser cutter? Have a 3D model you want to print?** Make an appointment with Alex to use studio equipment to complete a project. Contact Alex at **847.669.5386 ext. 268** or **awyman@huntleylibrary.org**. For a list of the equipment that you will have access to during your appointment please visit **huntleylibrary.org/creative-studio-appointments**

**Creative Studio Digital Conversion Appointments**

Creative Studio Digital Conversion Appointment Equipment available: audio cassette and LP to a digital format, Kodak Scanza film scanner, Epson photo scanner, and VHS and 8mm reels to a digital format. Smaller VHS conversion is possible if you still have your camcorder and the cords that belong with it. 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: **mwhisenhunt@huntleylibrary.org** or **847.669.5386 ext. 269**.

**Help with Word, Excel, or Powerpoint**

**Wednesdays in Nov./Dec.. | 1 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 month, and choose only one topic per session. **Registration required.**

**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.

**Book a Librarian**

Need some help using library resources on your laptop, tablet, or smartphone? Book a one-on-one session, and we'll help you download eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines, music, or movies from our library collections. We can also demonstrate our online catalog and other digital resources. To schedule an appointment, **call 847.669.5386 & press 3.**

**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. 274**

# TECH LAB

**3D Modeling**

**Tuesday, November 5 | 10 a.m.**

**Thursday, November 7 | 6:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, November 12 | 10 a.m.**

**Thursday, November 14 | 6:30 p.m.**

*For ages 10 and up*

**Location:** Tech Lab

Learn how to do basic 3D modeling using the free program, *Tinkercad*. Classes will be approximately one hour long. **Registration required.**

**Excel Basics**

**Tuesday, November 19 | 3:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, November 21 | 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 23 | 10 a.m.**

**Tuesday, November 26 | 3:30 p.m.**

**Adults**

**Location:** Tech Lab

Learn the basic layout of Excel and new skills. Classes will be approximately one hour long. **Registration required.**

**Create a Minecraft Skin**

**Tuesday, December 3 | 3:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 5 | 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, December 7 | 10 a.m.**

**Tuesday, December 10 | 3:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 12 | 6:30 p.m.**

*For ages 10 and up*

**Location:** Tech Lab

Personalize your Minecraft game by creating a Minecraft skin using a free website. Bring your own flash drive to save your skin. **Registration required.**

**Minecraft Free Play**

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

**November 1, 8, 15, 22**

**December 6, 13, 20**

*For ages 10 and up*

**Location:** Tech Lab

Play Minecraft in Survival Mode. Staff-monitored. **Registration required.**

**Minecraft for Beginners Free Play**

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

**November 7, 14, 21, 28**

**December 5, 12, 19, 26**

*For ages 7 and up*

**Location:** Tech Lab

Play Minecraft in the Tech Lab. Our Technology Trainer will be on hand to get players started and monitor the play.

**Registration required.**



**Dungeons and Dragons: Monday Quest**

*For teens and adults*

**Monday, November 4, 18 | 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Monday, December 2, 16, 30 | 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Location:** Nov. 4 - Program Room 2

Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Dec. 30 - Program Room 3

Dec. 2 - Program Room 1

Players may join the quest at any time. Please register for only one of the quests. **Registration required.**

**Dungeons and Dragons: Wednesday Quests**

*For ages 12 & up*

**Wednesday, November 6, 13, 20 | 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, November 27 | 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.**

**Wednesday, December 4, 11, 18 | 3:30 to 5:30 p.m**

**Location:** Program Room 2; December 11, Creative Studio

Players may join the quest at any time. Please register for only one of the quests. **Registration required.**

## Recording Studio - Now Open!

The Huntley Area Public Library is thrilled to officially launch our highly anticipated Recording Studio! Whether you're an aspiring musician, a podcaster, or someone with a story to tell, our state-of-the-art Recording Studio is here to help you bring your ideas to life.

Our Recording Studio is a community space where you can explore your passions, experiment with new ideas, and share your voice with the world. Here, you'll find the tools and support you need to succeed- all you need is a Huntley Area Public Library Card!

Record and produce high-quality audio and video using industry-standard microphones, cameras, mixers, and software. Designed for both beginners and experienced creators, our Recording Studio is easy to use, with staff on hand to guide you through the process. To learn more, visit **huntleylibrary.org/recordingstudio**



## Library District Box Holder

Socialize with us:



The mission of the Huntley Area Public Library Friends Foundation is to raise funds to support and promote the many resources available at the Huntley Library.

### General Meetings

#### Friday, November 15 | 11 a.m.

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3  
Program: Turkey Trivia & Holiday Basket Preview

Prizes for Turkey Trivia winners. All attendees will receive two Holiday Basket raffle tickets!

**Registration required.**

#### Friday, December 20 | 11 a.m.

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3  
Join us for light refreshments and holiday cheer!

Holiday basket winners will be drawn at 11:30 a.m. **Registration required.**

### December Book Sale

Saturday, December 7

9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 8

Noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday Only: \$10/bag, or 2 for \$15  
All Ages

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

The sale includes holiday books, music and DVDs for all ages.

#### Friends Members Only Sale:

Friday, December 6 | 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.

## GIVING TUESDAY

### #GIVINGTUESDAY

Tuesday, December 3

#GivingTuesday is a global day dedicated to giving back to your community. On the Tuesday after Thanksgiving people around the world will come together to celebrate generosity and give back.

Please consider a donation to the Friends Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity. Money raised by the Friends supports programming for all ages, electronic resources, Large Print books and other library projects.

#### How to Donate

1. Cash or Check Donations: Deliver your donation to the library or mail to: Huntley Library Friends Foundation, 11000 Ruth Road, Huntley, IL 60142.
2. Credit Card Donations: Visit [www.huntleylibraryfriends.org](http://www.huntleylibraryfriends.org), click on the "Make a Payment or Donate" button and follow the instructions.

### Holiday Baskets

November 15 – December 19

Raffle Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Tickets on sale at the Information Desk beginning November 15

Baskets will be on display in the Art Gallery Hallway.

Winners will be drawn during the Friends December General Meeting on Friday, December 20.

Basket themes will include electronics, cash, dining out and grocery store gift cards, lottery tickets, Lego sets, Morke Chocolates, and more! Baskets will be listed on the Friends website beginning November 15 at [huntleylibraryfriends.org](http://huntleylibraryfriends.org).

#### How to purchase tickets:

1. Cash or check: Purchase at the library Information Desk beginning November 15.
2. Credit Card: Purchase tickets online using a credit card beginning November 15.
  - a. Visit [huntleylibraryfriends.org](http://huntleylibraryfriends.org) to view the baskets.
  - b. Click the Make a Payment or Donate button.
  - c. Enter the total amount for all the tickets you are purchasing.
  - d. On the next screen click on: Add special instructions to the seller. Type in the basket number and number of tickets you would like for each basket.
  - e. Complete the payment information. You will receive a confirmation email.

### Corner Books

A great selection of gently used books for sale. Paperbacks start at \$1, Hardcover books start at \$2. This fundraiser benefits the Friends year-round and helps us fulfill our mission to support the Huntley Area Public Library.



### Friends Membership – Renewals for 2024

Annual memberships renew on January 1 of each year. Lifetime members never need to renew. Not a member? Join us by completing a membership application form available at the library or visit our website at: [huntleylibraryfriends.org](http://huntleylibraryfriends.org). Individuals, \$10; Family Membership, \$15; Book Lovers, \$50; Lifetime Membership, \$100; Corporate Lifetime Membership, \$250

## Book Clubs

#### The Last Monday Book Club

Monday, November 25 | 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 30 | 1:30 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Huntley Conference Room

Meets on the last Monday of each month. For more information and book titles, contact Dawn Johnson at 423.488.0968

#### The Last Friday Book Club

No November meeting

Friday, December 13 | 10 a.m.

Adults

**Location:** Huntley Conference Room

Meets on the last Friday of each month. For more information and book titles, contact Laurie Runge at 847.644.5954