



Sugar Creek Covered Bridge

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Chatham Area Public Library Newsletter

Winter 2024

Back by Popular Demand – **Great Puzzle Race**

Sunday, February 4
Race begins 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Registration Required

If you can out-puzzle other puzzlers, meet at the library and compete against others. Build a team of up to 4. Each team will have the same 500 piece puzzle, and will have two hours to complete the puzzle. Prizes will be awarded.



If you are an individual but would like to participate, please contact Alanna, at asablotny@chathamlib.org and you will be grouped with other individuals.



Let's Make the Backyard at the Library a Reality!

The Library Foundation Board is half-way to its goal of gifting the Library and the Chatham community with *The Backyard at the Library*! Thank you to the donors who have already given. It's not too late! The Foundation Board welcomes additional donations and support to make our dream a reality.



To learn more about this project to fund an outdoor space on the Library's south side and to donate, please visit <https://www.chathamlib.org/capld-foundation>

Plus, we have some cool tees and hoodies available for purchase! Buying one not only helps spread the word about our wonderful library but also contributes to making it an even more inviting place for everyone in the community. Buy yours online at: bonfire.com/store/the-backyard-at-the-library.

Your support means the world to us and together we can make our library an even more vibrant and inspiring place for all. Let's celebrate the joy of reading and spending time outdoors together!

Children's Programs

The Library at Chatham Christmas on the Square

All Ages

Celebrate the holiday season on the Square. The Chatham Area Public Library will be on hand for the festivities, and we hope to see you there!

Christmas Storytime with Miss Catherine

Friday, December 1

6:00 p.m.

After the tree lighting ceremony, Miss Catherine will read some holiday books.

Holiday Make It-Take It

Saturday, December 2

9:00 a.m. – noon

Fun holiday crafts to choose from on the Square.



Family Movie

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles:

Mutant Mayhem

All Ages

Tuesday January 2

2:00 p.m.

No Registration

Cowabunga, dudes! Ring in the New Year with a showing of the newest Turtles movie. We won't be serving pizza, but we will have our famous popcorn and lemonade.



Family Game Day

All Ages

Wednesday, January 3

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Snap out of your sugar cookie Christmas coma and join us for some games! We will have a variety of games for all ages and skill levels for you to play. You can also bring your own game and teach the rest of us a thing or two.



LEGO Day

Saturday, January 13

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Create a winter wonderland or anything else your imagination can dream up. Bring yourself, and we will provide the LEGOS!



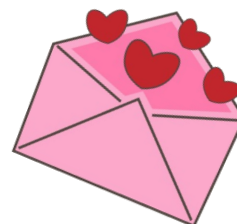
Valentine Make It Take It

Saturday, February 3

K- 6th Grade

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Choose from a variety of Valentine's crafts to make for the special people in your life.



Storytimes

Baby and Toddler Time

For children **newborn to 3** and their parents/caregivers
Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Join us for books, songs and fingerplays.

Family Evening Storytime

For children of **all ages** and their parents/caregivers
Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited for stories the whole family can enjoy with a fun preschool level craft.

Preschool Storytime

For **preschool children** and their parents/caregivers
Fridays at 10:15 a.m.

Bring your preschoolers for a fun time of stories and a craft that is just right for small hands.

No registration is required for weekly storytimes

Sensory Storytime (Registration Required)

Sensory-Friendly Storytime is for all abilities, but is particularly intended for those who have sensory processing challenges, struggle with large groups or have other special needs. We will explore picture books, music & movement, and a related craft or activity.

Mondays, December 11, January 8 & February 12

Children's / Teen / Adult Programs

After-School STEAM: Curious Candy

Wednesday, January 31

Ages 5 and up

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Come and join us for some sweet STEAM activities, and try some different types of candy from around the world.



YA Drop-In: Milkshake Madness

7th - 12th Grade

Wednesday, February 7

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

No registration

We will have sweet treats available to supersize a crazy milkshake creation. Perfect for yourself or your sweetie.



Illinois Libraries Present!

Virtual Programs

Illinois Libraries Present (ILP) is a partnership with other Illinois libraries to have conversations with authors that single libraries would not be able to financially provide. Registration links to view these virtual author events are on the Library's events calendar.



Surviving the Holidays with Lori Gottlieb

Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.

Experience The Nutcracker at Home! Watch a Recording of the Famous Ballet danced by The Royal Ballet, Saturday, December 16 – Sunday, December 17

Speculating our AI Future with Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, & Martha Wells

Thursday, January 11, 7:00 p.m.

A Conversation with Jerry Craft: From Mama's Boyz to New Kid and Beyond

Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 p.m.

Bestselling Author Julia Quinn discusses all things Bridgerton and romance

Tuesday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Board Game Nights

Wednesdays, December 6, January 3, February 7

Ages 10 and Up

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Keep your New Year's Resolution to exercise your mind by playing board games! We have games to choose from, or you can bring your own.

Finals Eve

Monday, December 18

High school students

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Why study at home alone where it's hard to focus? Come to the Chatham Library on **"Finals Eve"**; we will be staying open an hour later than normal to give you some extra time. We'll have free snacks and beverages as well as some relaxing ways to take a brain break when you need it. Watch for more details on social media and in the School District's Virtual Backpack.



Financial Aid Information Session

Adults & Teen

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.



This session outlines the general financial aid process and provides insight on how financial aid works, how to apply for it, student eligibility, and how it can be used to help pay for college. It introduces the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, along with summarizing state and federal aid programs among other topics. This program is presented by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC).

Adult Programs

Zentangle

Adults

Thursday, December 7

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Decompress during the busy holiday season with Zentangle. Certified Zentangle Teacher, Cookie Kienzler, will show how to make small, simple, repeating strokes to focus the hand and mind only on that. Since supplies are limited, registration is required for this 'yoga for the mind' class.



Take a Trip Down Memory Lane



The perfect gift DOES exist! We can help you to learn how to scan your old pictures, VHS tapes and more! For more information, including how to set up an appointment, stop by the Adult Services Desk or visit our website.

Improv Workshop

Adults 18+

Thursday, January 25

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Are you a fan of shows like "Whose Line is it Anyway?" and wondered what it would be like to try it yourself? Perhaps you are looking to improve your public speaking, learn to think faster on your feet, or tackle that pesky social anxiety in a relaxed way. Join Amber Johnson and Dave Kimsey, regulars of the annual Friends of the Library's Murder Mystery cast and members of Capital City Improv – Illinois Times' 2023 Best Comedian winners – for a fun evening improv workshop.

Care & Custody: Past Responses to Mental Health

Traveling Exhibit from The National Library of Medicine

December 18 – January 27

The National Library of Medicine produced **Care and Custody: Past Responses to Mental Health**, a traveling banner exhibition and companion website to explore the treatment of people with mental health conditions throughout history, especially in the United States, bringing to light the tension that has existed between care and custody. Care and Custody examines this history to understand how the country has moved away from custodial forms of treatment, toward more inclusive approaches, and worked to protect the rights of people with mental health conditions. The National Library of Medicine produced this exhibition and companion website: <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/careandcustody/index.html>



Cozy Up with a Good Book Bingo

Adult Winter Reading Program

Adults 18+

January 1 - February 12

Grab a blanket, some fuzzy socks, your favorite snack, and a warm drink. Slide into a reading nook and cozy up with a good book. Our Adult Winter Reading Program starts January 1st and will run through February 12th. Patrons can play on **Beanstack**, our online reading tracker website and mobile app. (chathamlib.beanstack.org) A tutorial on how to use **Beanstack** can be found on our website. More information on how to participate will be posted on our website and social media accounts soon.

2023 AARP Tax Help Update

At the time of this printing, AARP tax volunteers were working on setting up locations and times for tax assistance. If the Library is a location for tax assistance, information will be posted on the Library's website by mid-January.

Adult Programs

Computer Classes

No registration required
No Computer Class in December

Printing Phone Photos

Adults
Saturday, January 20
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Do you have a phone full of amazing photos? Would you like to print some of those photos to share with family and friends? This class can help with that. We will look at different apps to use so you can print your phone photos.

Combat Email Clutter

Adults
Thursday, February 22
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Learn how to unsubscribe, mark as spam, and use filters to clean up your email. Then take the last half hour to work on your email inbox.

Local Writers Group:

Society of Midwestern Authors

Adults
6:00 – 7:45 p.m.
First Tuesday of each month:
December 5, January 2, February 6

Are you either a proven author or an aspiring writer who dreams of getting your work published? Maybe you are someone who just enjoys networking with other writers. Either way, there's a seat for you at our local writing group. If writing is a passion of yours, join us for critiques and lively discussions about all things connected to writing. Newcomers are welcome. We are a safe and friendly place to share your work and hear what other local writers are working on. For more information, email pamcox@chathamlib.org.

Friends of Genealogy

THEME: Case Study of DNA

Adults
Saturday, February 3
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

The Friends of Genealogy is an opportunity for those who research family histories to share sources and support. Interested individuals can come monthly or just stop in for some research support and suggestions on a casual basis. This program is FREE and open to the public.

Senior Crafty Creations

Adults
Offsite at Ball-Chatham Senior Center
111 W. Mulberry Street
First Wednesday of the month
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Crafting is for grown-ups too, not just kids! Connect, create, and relax with others in an easygoing environment. All supplies for our simple crafts will be provided – you just need to bring the conversation and imagination! To help with the purchasing of supplies, please consider a donation of \$3 per craft.



December 6
Embroidery Hoop
ornament



January 3
Wooden
hats



February 7
Valentine Macrame
Gnome

Home Delivery

Can't make it to the Library? The Library will come to you!

The Chatham Area Public Library offers home delivery of library materials. The service is available to Chatham Area Public Library cardholders of all ages with a temporary or long-term illness, injury, impairment, medical condition, or disability who are unable to visit the library.

For more information, please contact the library at info@chathamlib.org or 217-483-2713.

Adult Programs

Adult Book Clubs

No registration required – books are available at the Circulation Desk.

Hooked on Books

Second Wednesday of each month

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

We discuss a mixture of fiction and nonfiction books. We always welcome new faces! Upcoming Reads:

December 13 – *The Invincible Miss Cust* by Penny Haw

January 10 – *Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage* by Alfred Lansing

February 14 – *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

Bite Into a Good Book

Third Wednesday of each month

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Savor some lively discussion about different genres and topics. Upcoming reads:

December 20 – *Pineapple Street* by Jenny Jackson

January 17 – *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan

February 21 – *Hidden Valley Road: inside the mind of an American Family* by Robert Kolker

Outer Edge Book Club

Third Monday of each month

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Do you love reading Sci-Fi, Fantasy and Horror books? Do you love talking about the awesome authors in these genres? Then this club is for you! We welcome anyone to join our club, the Outer Edge!

December 18 – *Firestarter* by Stephen King

January 15 – *Across a Field of Starlight* by Blue Delliquanti

February 19 – *American Hippo* by Sarah Gailey

Weekly Card Games

Adults

Every Tuesday starting December 5

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



Join us for fun and cards every week this winter. We'll play a variety of card games like Pinochle, Phase 10, Uno, and whatever else people know how to play. Bring yourself and be ready to meet new people and have fun!

Lego® Masters: Library Edition

Recommended for ages 16 and up

Monday, February 26

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Relive your childhood by getting creative during the Library's themed Lego® challenge. Create a team of 1 or 2 people. After the two hour event, builders will be able to enter their creations into a friendly competition to be judged by patrons visiting the library. Most impressive build will win a prize. Lego® bricks are provided. Please do not bring Lego® bricks or figures from home.

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Join us for some fun evenings of crafts and conversation. These free events are open to adults in high school or older and **registration is required** for each event.

Stovepipe hat

Thursday, December 14

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

We will use records and coffee cans to create a stovepipe hat as a wintery table decoration.



Rustic snowflake

Thursday, January 18

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

We will make a rustic snowflake out of clothespins. Hang this decoration all winter long.



Felt coaster

Thursday, February 15

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

We will roll strips of felt to create flowers for a bright drink coaster.



Easy Holiday No-Bake Cookies

Adults

10:00—11:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 9

Registration Required

Join us, and learn how to make easy and delicious no-bake cookies you can bring to your next holiday event!

"Friend" the Library – Join Friends of the Library for 2024

Kick off your 2024 and become a **Friend of the Library!** Memberships help support the Summer Reading Program for all ages, the Storywalk in Chatham Veteran's Memorial Square and so much more.

Annual memberships start at \$5 for seniors, \$10 for individuals and \$30 for sponsors. Each membership dollar goes to support value-added community programming and additional equipment through the Library.

Be our Valentine for 2024!

Save the Date: A Special Friends event on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 6 -7:30 p.m

Come enjoy sweet treats, shop the bookstore, renew your Friends membership and enjoy a special Valentine coupon. Stay tuned for more details on our Facebook page and in our Friends Café & Bookstore!



Did you know?

The Friends also has a Café and Bookstore run entirely by wonderful volunteers and is another way to support your library all year!

Café and Bookstore Hours

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Open Wednesday from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

The Café and Bookstore will be closed for the holidays from December 22nd - January 1st. No material donations will be accepted during this time.

Join the Friends OF THE CHATHAM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Becoming a Friend is easy! Join or renew an existing membership in one of the following three ways:

- scan the QR code
- visit www.chathamlib.org/friends-library
- Stop by the Library for a paper form

Thank you for your support!



**SUMMER
(D)READING**



SAVE THE DATE:

The 24th Annual Friends Murder Mystery original play: **Summer (D)Reading: A Super Reader Dies Here** will be held on Friday, March 15, and Saturday, March 16, 2024.

Tickets go on sale January 8, 2024.
For more details, visit the Library's website.

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Christmas Holiday

Saturday, December 23

Monday, December 25

New Year's Holiday

Monday, January 1

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ART COMMITTEE NEWS

Our current Call to Entry Art show will be up until January. We hope you'll stop by soon to see the beautiful work of over 30 local artists. At our reception in October, we shared awards with three artists:

Best in Show: *Felicia Olin, Home*

Popular Choice (Award sponsored by Julie Hale Miller - COUNTRY Financial): **Shannon Bohlen, Gourd Warriors**

Best New Artist (Award sponsored by Sylvan Learning): **Angie Stille, Cool Girl**

Congratulations to our award winners, and thank you to all of the artists in the show for their spectacular submissions.

Library Board Future Meetings:

Monday, January 15, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, February 19, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members

Michael Roubitchek – President

Christine Westerlund – Vice-President

John Moore – Secretary

Vanessa Ross – Treasurer

Trustees

Rodd Whelpley, Dianne Roberts, and Jenny Vaughn



Be on the lookout for some exciting new additions to check out from our Library of Things collection!