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# CHERRY VALLEY CHAPTERS

Spring 2025 / March - May

## Illinois Libraries Present



Since the fall of 2022, Cherry Valley Public Library has participated in the Illinois Libraries Present initiative. There are currently 214 libraries throughout Illinois offering this service to their patrons. This statewide collaboration has allowed us to offer monthly, high-quality, low cost, virtual events featuring some of your favorite authors, performances, and documentaries. Over the past three years we've offered 30 programs and had over 300 people ZOOM in for these special events. If you've never joined us for one of these programs, it's not too late. For further information on these programs, visit our online calendar at [cherryvalleylib.org](http://cherryvalleylib.org). Once you're registered, we'll e-mail you the link, and you can enjoy the presentation from the comfort of your home!

**Exploring Space with  
Coralie Adam**  
Tuesday, March 4  
at 7:00pm

**9to5: The Story of  
a Movement**  
Friday, March 21 to  
Sunday, March 23

**The Art of Foraging with  
Alexis Nikole Nelson**  
Thursday, April 10  
at 7:00pm

**Poverty: A Discussion  
with Matthew Desmond**  
Tuesday, May 13  
at 7:00pm

**Art and Adventures with  
Author/Illustrator  
Dan Santat**  
Saturday, May 3  
at 2:00pm



Village of Cherry Valley  
Upcoming Events

*Skate Night at Carlson Ice Arena*  
Mar. 8 at 5:30pm-7:30pm

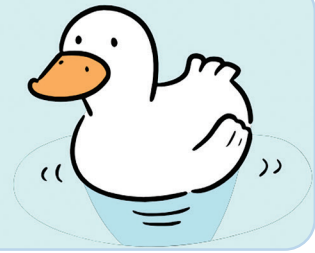
*Easter Egg Scramble at  
Baumann Park*  
Apr. 19 at 1:30pm

*Spring Garage Sales*  
May 16-May 17  
8:00am-4:00pm  
Rain or shine

*Fun Run/Walk at Baumann Park*  
May 17 at 9:00am

**Questions?**  
Call Village Hall at 815.332.3441

# QUACK OPEN A GOOD BOOK!



## Story Times @ Your Library

Story time programs give children time to interact with books and learn the joy of reading. **Registration is required. Story times run: March 1 - May 9.**

### Wee Read <sup>R</sup>

*Mondays at 9:30am Ages 2-3  
Limit 10 children with 1 accompanying adult each.*

Enjoy 30 minutes of short stories, finger plays, rhymes, and songs. In this program, parents or caregivers interact with their children and discover the joy of reading.

### Book Babies <sup>R</sup>

*Tuesdays at 9:30am 6-24 months  
Limit 10 children with 1 accompanying adult each.*

Enjoy 20 minutes of baby bounces, rhymes, short stories, finger plays, and 10 minutes of playtime. Because this is a special time for you and your youngster, please make other arrangements for siblings and other children in your care during story time.

### Story Sprouts <sup>R</sup>

*Thursdays at 9:30am Ages 1-6  
Limit 15 children.*

Enjoy 30 minutes full of reading readiness, finger plays, rhymes, short stories, songs, and dancing as we grow our love of books.

### Music & Movement <sup>R</sup>

*Fridays at 9:30am or 10:30am Ages 1-5  
Limit 15 children.*

Come spend 30 minutes in our musically rich environment, singing, dancing, and listening to stories.

### Family Story Time <sup>R</sup>

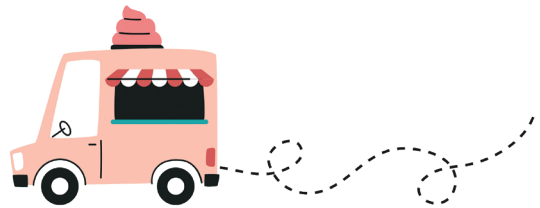
*First Saturday at 10:30am Ages 1-6  
Limit 10 families.*

Enjoy 45 minutes of stories, songs, and a simple craft with your family.

### Scoops & Stories at Cattle & Cream

*Monday, May 12 at 6:30pm All Ages*

Visit Cattle & Cream, purchase a sweet treat, and enjoy 30 minutes of stories, songs, and more! No registration required, but is recommended to receive reminders.



## Family Movie Nights

**Mondays @ 5:30pm — All Ages <sup>R</sup>**

Enjoy the experience of going to the movies as a family without the cost! Fresh popcorn will be provided.

Registration is required for these FREE family events!

**March 10**

**Inside Out 2**

Rated: PG

Run Time: 96m

**April 14**

**Moana 2**

Rated: PG

Run Time: 100m



# Spring Youth Programs

## **Pee Wee Duck-orating** <sup>R</sup>

Thursday, March 20 at 6:00pm  
Ages 3-6

Rubber ducky, you're the one! Children will work with their grown-up to use paint, air-dry clay, and lots of other accessories to decorate a 5-inch rubber duck that will dazzle their friends! Ducks will stay at the library and be used to help decorate our display case before being returned in the late spring.

## **Kid's Duck-orating** <sup>R</sup>

Wednesday, March 26 at 1:00pm  
Ages 7-11

Rubber ducky, you're the one! Use paint, air-dry clay, and other accessories to decorate a 5-inch rubber duck that will dazzle your friends! Ducks will stay at the library and be used to help decorate our display case before being returned in the late spring.



## **Kid's Yeet the Peep** <sup>R</sup>

Friday, April 18 at 1:00pm  
Ages 7-11

Don't eat the Peep, yeet the peep! Build your own catapult and see how far you can make the Peep fly.

## **Pee Wee Peep-apults** <sup>R</sup>

Thursday, April 24 at 6:00pm  
Ages 3-6

Don't eat the Peep, yeet the Peep! Children will work with their grown-up to build their own catapult and see how far they can make the Peep fly.

## **Family Art Night: Summer Reading Decorating Party** <sup>R</sup>

Thursday, May 22 at 6:00pm  
Ages 3-11

Come help us make some decorations that level up the library for the upcoming summer reading program. Dress for a mess!

## Family Grab & Go Kits

Gather the whole family together with a fun-filled activity kit! Each kit contains supplies and instructions.

**One kit per family.** Adult supervision is required.  
*Recommended for ages 5+.*

### **Smile Science** — March 14-22 <sup>R</sup>

Looking in the mirror and what do I see? A sparkling smile staring back at me! Why do we brush our teeth and how does toothpaste work? Find out as we experiment with smile science.

### **Earth Day Cookies** — April 11-19 <sup>R</sup>

Celebrate Earth Day by baking delicious earth cookies. Don't worry, no dirt is involved.

### **Celebrate Comics** — May 9-17 <sup>R</sup>

Participate in Free Comic Book Day, an annual event, with a comic-filled craft kit! Each kit contains themed crafts and a selection of free comics for all ages.

## iSpy Spring Scavenger Hunt March 14 - April 12

I spy with my little eye... some book characters hiding in Cherry Valley! Get outside and explore our community during our fourth-annual scavenger hunt. Starting March 14, pick up a clue sheet at the library, or check our website for a printable copy. Solve the riddles and find the answers that will be posted on signs at public places and businesses throughout the village.

Once you've completed your sheet, return it to the library by April 12 to be entered into a raffle for a gift basket full of Cherry Valley goodies, including gift cards to local restaurants and attractions.

Grab your whole family and have fun exploring!

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# Tween & Teen Programs

## Anime & Manga Madness at 6:00pm

Monday, March 3  
Monday, April 7  
Monday, May 5  
Ages 12-17

Discuss new and old favorite manga, participate in themed activities, try Asian snacks, and watch anime on the first Monday of every month.

## Dungeons & Dragons at 5:30pm

Monday, March 17  
Monday, April 21  
Monday, May 19  
Ages 12-17

Come ready for adventure as you and your party explore the land of Barovia and face off against the vampire, Count Strahd. New and experienced players are welcome in this ongoing monthly group.

## Duck-orating

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Ages 12-17

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## Wicked Singalong

Monday, March 24 at 5:00pm  
Ages 12+

What is this feeling? Are you sad you missed your chance to see *Wicked* in theaters? Maybe you saw it and just want the chance to sing-along to the most Popular songs.

Join us as we watch the blockbuster hit, *Wicked*! Don't worry, no one will be loathing anyone for singing along. Popcorn will be provided.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2025

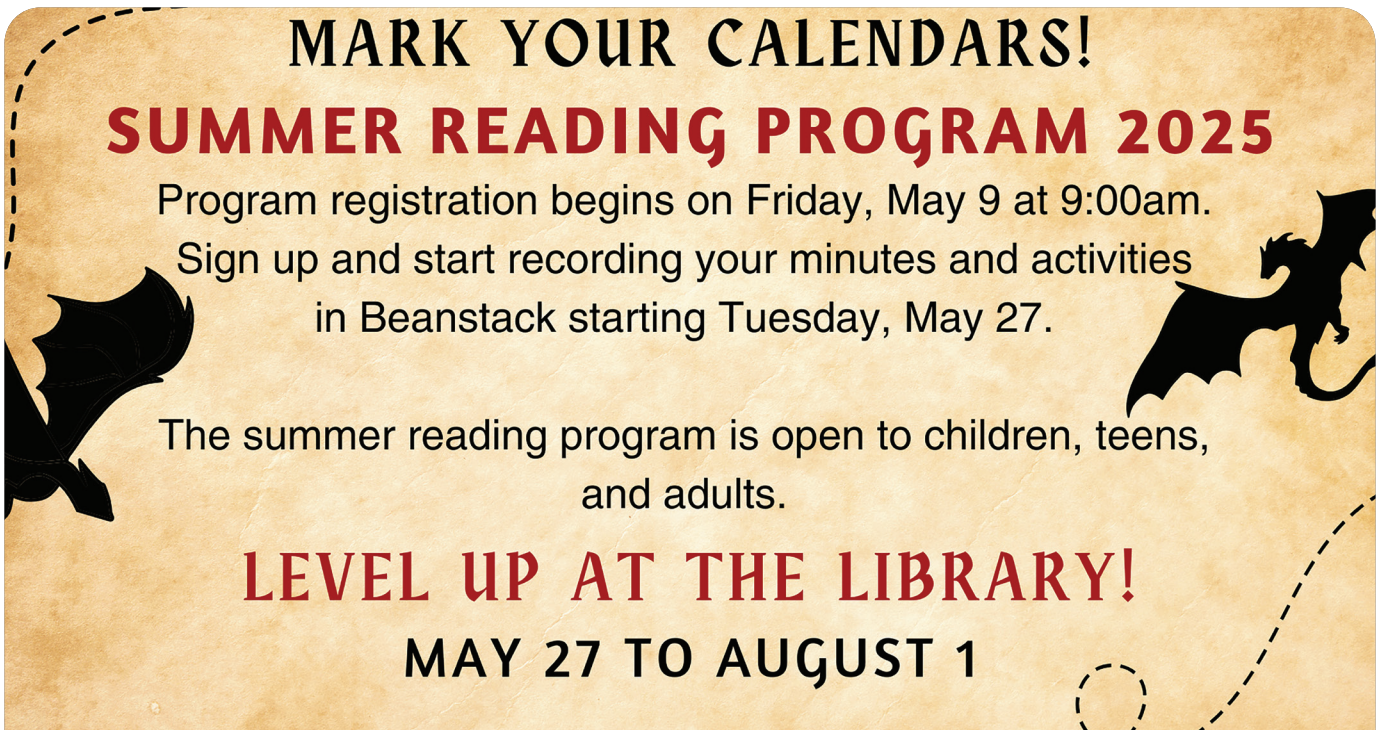
Program registration begins on Friday, May 9 at 9:00am.

Sign up and start recording your minutes and activities in Beanstack starting Tuesday, May 27.

The summer reading program is open to children, teens, and adults.

### LEVEL UP AT THE LIBRARY!

MAY 27 TO AUGUST 1



# Spring Adult Programs

## TTRPG Adventures at 1:30pm **R**

Sunday, March 9  
Sunday, April 13

What does that stand for? Well TableTop Role-Playing Games of course! Join us as we explore different play styles by running through campaigns. Both novice and veteran players are welcome.

## Adult Craft Night at 5:30pm **R**

Tuesday, March 11 - Card making  
Tuesday, April 8 - Diamond art  
Tuesday, May 13 - Flower bouquet magnets

Get ready for spring with these crafty programs!

## Chair Yoga at 10:30am **R** 💰

Thursday, March 13  
Thursday, April 10  
Thursday, May 8

Chair Yoga is a gentle introduction into yoga, designed for seniors and adults struggling with mobility. Local instructor Marie Bridges will walk you through poses you can use to help maintain flexibility, breathe deeply, and sleep soundly. Registration and payment of a \$3 registration fee must be done in person at the library.

## Ancestry Library Edition Basics **R**

Saturday, April 5 at 10:00am

Learn to search for your family's history using Ancestry Library Edition. Visit the library's website to download a worksheet prior to class.

## Ancestry Library Edition Workday **R**

Saturday, April 19 at 10:00am

Break through some "brick walls" using Ancestry Library Edition and other genealogy resources. Prior Basics Class attendance is required.

## Friends of the Library Meeting **R**

Tuesday, May 13 at 6:45pm

Attend the Friends' quarterly meeting and help plan events and projects for the summer, including our Summer Reading Program. We will be electing new officers to serve until 2027. Please register on our online calendar to join. We hope to see you there!

## Adult Art Night:

### Summer Reading Decorating Party **R**

Tuesday, May 20 at 5:00pm

Level up the library for the upcoming Summer Reading Program by hitting it old school with some Perler art!



## Adult Book Groups

All book groups will meet in-person at the library.  
Sign up begins one month before each meeting.  
Books are available for checkout once you register.

### Fiction Connection **R**

Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00pm **or**  
Thursday, March 6 at 10:00am  
*The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict

Thursday, May 1 at 10:00am **or**  
Tuesday, May 6 at 6:00pm  
*Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng

### Grounds for Murder **R**

Thursday, March 13 at 6:00pm  
*The Golden Spoon* by Jessa Maxwell

Thursday, April 10 at 6:00pm  
*Listen for the Lie* by Amy Tintera

Thursday, May 8 at 6:00pm  
*Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson

### Nonfiction Addiction **R**

Tuesday, April 1 at 6:00pm **or**  
Thursday, April 3 at 10:00am  
*Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond



### Take & Bake: Lemon Glazed Blueberry Cake **R**

April 11-April 19

In need of a sweet treat? Yummy blueberries and tangy citrus are sure to make you have a "berry" good day.

Registrants will receive a packet with a recipe card and the dry ingredients for the recipe.



# Spring Adult Programs



## Medicare & More

### **Pizza, Medicare, & You** at 5:30pm **R**

Wednesday, March 12

Tuesday, May 6

Get a slice of knowledge and a slice of pizza with this informative Medicare meeting! Presented by Kris Wilcoxon of American Republic Insurance Services.

### **Muffins & Medicare** **R**

Wednesday, May 7 at 10:00am

Enjoy a morning muffin as we learn about the changes coming to Medicare in 2025. Presented by Kris Wilcoxon of American Republic Insurance Services.



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## Smart Device Training

### **Android Basics for New Users** **R**

Tuesday, April 15 at 3:00pm

Wednesday, April 16 at 6:00pm

Trying to figure out the basics of your new Android phone or tablet? Learn basic functions in this one-time class. Please bring your device(s).

### **Android Follow-Up** **R**

Tuesday, May 20 at 3:00pm

Wednesday, May 21 at 6:00pm

Already know the basics of your Android device but have some specific questions? Join us to ask or listen to other users to learn new tips and tricks. Please bring your device(s).

### **iPad/iPhone Basics** **R**

Wednesday, May 28 at 2:00pm or

Thursday, May 29 at 10:00am

Learn the basic features of your iPhone or iPad in this one-time class. Please bring your device(s).

## Senior Moments

You're invited to join our community-driven group where we learn, play games, and have fun!  
Registration is required for these programs.



### **Notorious: The Life of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg** **R**

Thursday, March 20 at 10:30am

Historian Jim Gibbons will discuss the life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a woman who flourished in the role of Supreme Court Justice for 27 years.



### **Social Security Basics** **R**

Thursday, April 17 at 10:30am

Looking at retiring soon or needing help on understanding your benefits? Join Gabrielle Fabre of the Association of Financial Educators to discuss important points about Social Security, like deciding when to start receiving, calculating how much you'll receive, and more.



### **Center for Learning in Retirement** **R**

Thursday, May 15 at 10:30am

No age is too late to level up on your learning! Join us as a representative from Rock Valley College's CLR program discusses their class offerings, which are on diverse topics and subjects and are open to everyone 50 years of ages and older without any previous level of education required.



## Nature & You

Get ready to QUACK out the garden tools!

### Gardening with Wildlife<sup>R</sup>

Wednesday, March 26 at 6:00pm

Learn ways to enjoy four-legged visitors while keeping your garden safe with Boone County Master Gardener Interns Tenley and Brianne.

### How to Kill Your Tree: A Guide to What NOT to Do<sup>R</sup>

Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00pm

Join Boone County Master Gardener Intern Tenley Erickson-Ranum for a discussion on common mistakes homeowners make when planting and maintaining their most valuable landscape investment: their trees.

### Floriography: The Meaning of Flowers<sup>R</sup>

Tuesday, April 29 at 6:00pm

Boone County Master Gardener Intern Brianne Ambrose teaches you how to send the most appropriate floral messages to your friends and family.

### Tree Health Assessment<sup>R</sup>

Wednesday, May 14 at 6:00pm

Join Boone County Master Gardener Intern Tenley Erickson-Ranum for a discussion covering the most common issues that cause tree decline in the landscape and how to identify them.



## Art in the Library!

Thanks to Susan and Donna Mays, the Cherry Valley Public Library is the new owner of an original Tom Heflin painting that hasn't been on public display in almost 60 years. Tom was an award-winning artist whose paintings have been featured at exhibitions in New York, Chicago, Seattle, Dallas, and numerous other cities throughout the United States and around the world. The painting, entitled *Uncle Grady*, has been part of the Mays' family private collection for decades.

The portrait depicts Tom's uncle and represents how much family meant to him. Since Tom's passing in 2023, the family has wanted his work to stay in the community so everyone can enjoy it. The family loves the small town feel of the Cherry Valley Public Library, which was very much who Tom was. The library also has a copy of *Roots and Wings: The Art of Tom Heflin*, a thirty-seven year retrospective of paintings and writings composed by the artist. Visit the library to check out his book or view his painting!

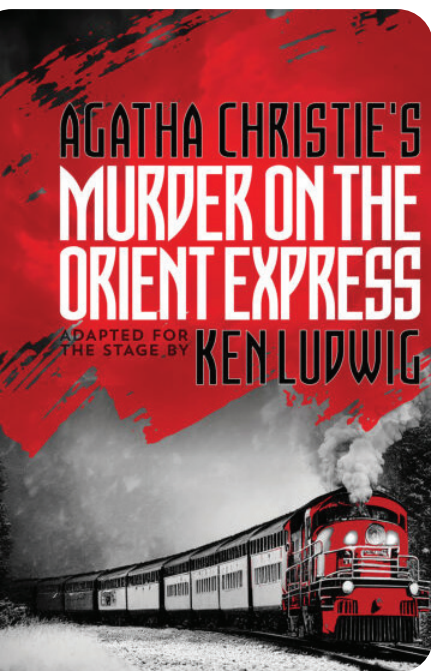
## Bus Trip to The Fireside Theatre

Sunday, May 18 from 9:30am to 5:00pm<sup>R</sup>💰

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed eight times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Hercule Poirot to identify the murderer – in case he or she decides to strike again. Join us for this theatrical thriller from the Queen of Crime with both intellectual and comedic twists and turns, masterfully adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig.

The \$115 fee includes stress-free motor coach transportation, a delicious brunch, the show, all gratuities, and a bus snack on the way home. Participants must be 21 years or older to register. Payment (cash, check, credit card, or debit card) and a signed bus trip waiver will reserve your seat.

Registration opens on Monday, March 3. Registration must be done in person only.





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## Library Hours

**Monday - Thursday**

9:00am - 8:00pm

**Friday & Saturday**

9:00am - 5:00pm

**Sunday**

1:00 - 5:00pm

## Library Closed Dates

Sunday, April 20

Sunday, May 11

Monday, May 26

May 25-August 31

Easter Holiday

Mother's Day

Memorial Day

Closed on Sundays



*Saturday, February 22*  
from 10:00am-4:00pm &  
*Sunday, February 23*  
from 1:00pm-4:00pm

It's time to hit the links at the library!

Mini-putt through the newly designed nine-hole miniature golf course for FREE. It's fun for the whole family!

A huge variety of gift baskets and items in the Silent Auction await your bidding throughout the weekend. THANK YOU to our wonderful hole sponsors and silent auction donors!

Want a treat while you golf? Visit the snack bar where you can purchase cookies, soda, and other sweet goodies!



## SPRING BOOK SALE

Saturday, April 26-Sunday, May 4

Come visit the Cherry Valley Public Library's Spring Book Sale for the best selection of fiction, mysteries, biographies, history, home & garden, assorted nonfiction, and children's and teen books.

Take flight into the library during our open hours to purchase an im-peck-ably good book!

Friday, April 25

12:00pm - 4:00pm

Preview Sale, \$5 fee for annual Friends membership required.

Saturday, May 3 &

Sunday, May 4

\$3 Bag of Books Sale.