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# CHERRY VALLEY CHAPTERS

Fall 2024 / September - November

## Something to Crow About: “Scarecrows on Parade”

Get in on the fun and join us for the 12th Annual Scarecrows on Parade event! Sponsor a scarecrow frame that is ready for decorating and displaying in downtown Cherry Valley.

Cost is \$5.00 for individuals, scouts, schools, and service organizations. Cost for a business is \$10.00. Upon return of the scarecrow frame by Friday, November 8, sponsors will receive a \$5.00 refund. The optional theme for decorating is “Transform at the Library.” Use your imagination, decorating skills, and engineering knowledge to create your scarecrow. Scarecrow frames may be picked up during library hours from Tuesday, September 3 to Monday, September 30. Scarecrow locations are assigned on a first-come basis, so don’t delay!

Decorated scarecrows should be **ready to display by October 1**, when voting begins. Vote for your favorite scarecrow for \$1.00 per vote. Vote as often as you would like on the library’s website or in-person at the library. The top three vote getters will receive gift cards to area businesses and attractions.

Voting will continue throughout the month, with winners being announced on Friday, November 1.



### Village of Cherry Valley Upcoming Events

#### Fall Garage Sales

Sep. 20 & 21  
8:00am - 4:00pm rain or shine

#### Fall Fishing at Baumann Lake

Sep. 21 10:00am - 12:00pm

#### Fall Festival

Sep. 21 11:00am - 3:00pm

#### Halloween Parade

Oct. 26 at 4:00pm

#### Santa Comes to Cherry Valley

Nov. 24 at 4:00pm

#### Questions?

Call Village Hall at 815.332.3441

### LIBRARIES- MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE...



ROLL OUT WITH A LIBRARY CARD.

## September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!

*Autobots, roll out... to the library!*

Whether you’re upgrading your skills, scouting for knowledge and information, or connecting with other readers, a library card is your key to an arsenal of resources. Use your library card to fuel your mind with books, e-books, audiobooks, music, DVDs, and much more.

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the American Library Association and public libraries everywhere unite in a national effort to ensure everyone signs up for their own library card. Visit the library or go online to get your library card today!

Just in time for National Library Card Sign-Up Month, we’re excited to unveil our newly designed library cards! We invite current library cardholders to visit the library to swap out their old card for a brand new one. If you are a non-resident cardholder, you will automatically receive a new card when you renew for the year.





# Transform your life: Sign up for a library card!



## 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: September 6 - November 26.**

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### Wee Read **R**

*Mondays at 9:30am Ages 2-3*

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. Limit of 10 children with one accompanying adult each.

### Book Babies **R**

*Tuesdays at 9:30am Ages 6-24 months*

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. Limit of 12 children with one accompanying adult each.

### Story Sprouts **R**

*Thursdays at 9:30am Ages 6 months-6 years*

Enjoy 30 minutes full of reading readiness, finger plays, rhymes, short stories, songs, and dancing as we grow our love of books. Limit of 15 children with one accompanying adult each.

### Music & Movement **R**

*Fridays at 9:30am or 10:30am Ages 1-5*

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

### Family Story Time **R**

*First Saturday of the month at 10:30am  
Ages 6 months - 6 years*

Enjoy 45 minutes of stories, songs, and a simple craft with your family. For children ages 6 months to 6 years, but older siblings are welcome to participate with their younger siblings. Any family member is welcome as long as there is a caregiver present.



## Beanstack

Reading helps build social and emotional skills, sparks creativity and imagination, promotes bonding, and helps kids do well overall in school. Take that motivation, open one book, and get started. And remember, the goal is to work reading (both aloud with a grownup, or on your own) into your regular routine, and let the magic of stories do the rest.

Use the Beanstack app to join one of our ongoing reading challenges today! Record your books and earn stickers to track your progress. Once you've reached your goal, readers will receive a free book to keep!

### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

*Ages Birth-5 years*

One thousand books? That seems like way too many, right? Not at all. You got this! It doesn't matter if your child is three, or just three months - there's no better time to start than now!

### 500 Books Before Middle School

*Grades Kindergarten-5*

In this multi-year challenge, students can read at their own pace (with a grownup or on their own.) There are no assigned books, no deadlines (other than finishing before you start grade 6), and no reports to write. Read whatever you want, whenever you want!

### 100 Books Before Graduation

*Grades 6-12*

We know that middle and high school can be a busy time, and school work and activities can take over your life. However, reading books for fun (not just for classes) is a great way to slow down, escape real-life pressures, and recharge by stepping outside yourself for a bit. Sign up at any time, and read at your own pace!

# Fall Youth Programs

## GLOW SHOW

This fall we are planning a Glow Show in the library! Attend one of these programs to design, build, and paint a glow bot to light up the library in this GLOWsome exhibit. All completed art will be kept at the library and then exhibited in our culminating Glow Show in November. Art will be returned when the event is finished. See page 4 for the teen Glow Show event.

### Pee Wee Art Night: Glow Bots <sup>R</sup>

Thursday, September 19 at 6:00pm  
Ages 3-6

Children and their grownup will work together to assemble a glow bot using recycled materials and glow paint. Dress for a mess!

### School's Out: Glow Bot Painting <sup>R</sup>

Friday, October 11 at 1:00pm  
Ages 7-11



School's out and it's time for some art at the library! Join us and use your STEAM skills to make your own glow bot. Some guidance will be provided, but children will have lots of room to show their own style and creativity.

### Glow Show

Saturday, November 9 from 10:00am-4:00pm  
Sunday, November 10 from 2:00pm-4:00pm  
All Ages

Visit our glow show, where our various glow bot creations will be on display during an open-house style art exhibition!

### Dragons Love Tacos Party <sup>R</sup>

Saturday, October 19 at 10:00am  
Ages 3-8

Let's taco 'bout our love of dragons and their love of tacos! Listen to stories, sing songs, make crafts, and meet our taco-loving dragon friend.



### Minecraft Madness <sup>R</sup>

Monday, November 25 at 1:00pm  
Ages 7-11

Watch out for creepers as you work IRL to complete Minecraft themed crafts and activities.



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## Family Grab & Go Kits

Gather the whole family together for a fun-filled activity kit! Each kit contains supplies, instructions, and reading recommendations. One kit per family. Adult supervision is required. Registration closes the Wednesday before kit pick-up begins. Kits are available for pick up at the library for one week. Recommended for ages 3 to 17 unless otherwise noted. Priority for these kits will be given to those with valid Cherry Valley library cards. Those without a valid Cherry Valley card will be placed on a pending waiting list upon registration. If spaces are available after registration closes, you will be notified of a status change via email.

### Grab & GLOW — September 13-21 <sup>R</sup>

Use various materials and work together to design and build several glow bots that you bring to the library to be featured in our November Glow Show event!

### Cake Mix Monster Cookies — October 11-19 <sup>R</sup>

Take and bake a yummy treat! This kit will include all the dry ingredients and instructions to make cookies that are so delicious, it's spooky.

### Doodle Bots — November 8-16 <sup>R</sup>

Use your STEM skills and work together to build a tiny robot that makes awesome art.

## Save the date!

### Gingerbread Houses — December 6-14 <sup>R</sup>

Mark your calendars! Registration for Gingerbread House Kits begins Friday, November 15 at 9:00am.



## Story Time in Your Community!



### Scoops & Stories @ Cattle & Cream

Monday, September 16 at 6:30pm All Ages

Visit Cattle & Cream, purchase a sweet treat, and enjoy 30 minutes of stories, songs, and more! No registration required.



# Tween & Teen Programs

## Teen Glow Bots R

Monday, September 30 at 5:30pm  
Ages 12-17

We are planning a Glow Show in the library! Come design, build, and paint glow bots to light up the library in the November Glow Show.

## Dungeons & Dragons at 5:30pm R

Monday, September 16  
Monday, October 21  
Monday, November 18  
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. Discover the immersive world of Dungeons & Dragons in our ongoing monthly group. New and experienced players welcome.

## Anime & Manga Madness at 6:00pm R

Monday, October 7  
Monday, November 4  
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.

## Oodles of Doodles R

Monday, November 25 at 6:00pm  
Ages 12-17



Do you like to doodle all over everything? Come to the library and learn how to make your doodles POP off the page using a fun neon layering technique.

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# Movie Madness

## 5:30pm – All Ages

Spend a relaxing evening with us as we enjoy fun movies the third Tuesday of the month.  
Fresh popcorn will be provided!

## Venom R

Tuesday, October 15

Rated: PG-13  
112 minutes

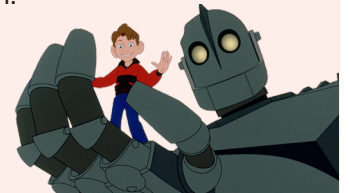


Struggling journalist Eddie gains superpowers after becoming the host of an alien symbiote, Venom, whose species plans to invade Earth.

## The Iron Giant R

Tuesday, November 19

Rated: PG  
86 minutes



Set during the Cold War in 1957, the film centers on a young boy named Hogarth Hughes, who discovers and befriends a giant alien robot.

# Until Next Summer...



Our summer reading program, To READfinity and Beyond, officially wrapped up on Friday, August 2. Almost 530 people took part in this year's program and read over 780,000 minutes.

In addition to reading, participants enjoyed story times, craft afternoons, pickleball at Baumann Park, grab & go kits, lively book discussions, Saturday night movies in our parking lot, and field trips to Collins Aerospace, Midway Village, and Lockwood Observatory. A **BIG thank you** goes out to the Cherry Valley Men's Club, 815 Dental Studio, Cattle & Cream, Lou Malnati's, Hurricane Harbor, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Chik-fil-a, and the Friends of Cherry Valley Public Library for their sponsorship. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you to our summer interns MacKenzie Larson, Hailee Trommer, and Isabella Hernandez who assisted at programs, prepared grab & go kits, passed out prizes, conducted outreach, and spruced up our collection. We wish them well, as they leave for college this fall. Good luck with all your future endeavors.

**We'll miss you!**



# Have questions about technology? Help is here!



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## Ancestry Library Edition Basics **R**

Saturday, November 9 at 10:00am

Learn to search for your family's history using Ancestry Library Edition.

## Ancestry Library Edition Workshop **R**

Saturday, November 23 at 10:00am

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

## Smart Device Training

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

Tuesday, September 24 at 3:00pm

Wednesday, September 25 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, October 22 at 3:00pm

Wednesday, October 23 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, October 23 at 10:00am

Thursday, October 24 at 2:00pm

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



## Adult Book Groups

All Book Groups will be meeting 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, September 3 at 6:00pm **or**

Thursday, September 5 at 10:00am

**Other Birds** by Sarah Addison Allen

Tuesday, November 5 at 6:00pm **or**

Thursday, November 7 at 10:00am

**Lady Tan's Circle of Women** by Lisa See

### Nonfiction Addiction **R**

Tuesday, October 1 at 6:00pm **or**

Thursday, October 3 at 10:00am

**Crying in the Bathroom** by Erika Sanchez

### Grounds for Murder **R**

Thursday, September 12 at 6:00pm

**Killers of a Certain Age** by Deanna Raybourn

Thursday, October 10 at 6:00pm

**Back to the Garden** by Laurie R. King

Thursday, November 14 at 6:00pm

**How to Solve Your Own Murder** by Kristin Perrin

### Young @ Heart **R**

Thursday, September 19 at 6:00pm

**The Collectors** edited by A.S. King

Thursday, October 17 at 6:00pm

**A Good Girl's Guide to Murder** by Holly Jackson

Thursday, November 21 at 6:00pm

**What the River Knows** by Isabel Ibañez

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=Virtual program =Program fee



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

Tuesday, September 10 - Neon Paint Night  
 Tuesday, October 8 - Halloween Garland  
 Tuesday, November 12 - Decoupage Decor

Let's celebrate the changing of seasons through the art of crafting! Each craft is limited to 12 people.

## Pickleball **R**

Thursday, September 12 at 8:30am  
 Tuesday, September 17 at 5:30pm

Did you know that pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America today? Join us at the courts in Baumann Park to learn the basics and get some practice!

## Chair Yoga at 10:30am **R**

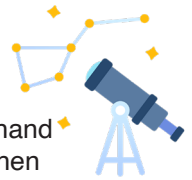
Thursday, September 12  
 Thursday, October 10  
 Thursday, November 14

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

## Star Party at 7:45pm **R**

Tuesday, September 17  
 Thursday, October 17

Learn how to use the library's telescopes first hand from the Rockford Amateur Astronomers and then move outside to take a look at the night skies.



## TTRPG Adventures at 5:30pm **R**

Tuesday, September 24  
 Tuesday, October 29  
 Tuesday, November 26

What does that stand for? Well TableTop Role-Playing Games of course! Explore different styles of games by playing through campaigns, whether a novice or veteran we welcome all.

## Take & Bake: Sweet Potato Cookies **R**

October 11-October 19

Who knew something so sweet could come from a potato! Try something fun this fall and create some yummy treats from these veggies. Registrants will receive a packet with a recipe card and dry ingredients for the recipe.

## The A, B, C, and Ds of Medicare **R**

Tuesday, October 22 at 5:30pm  
 Thursday, October 24 at 10:00am  
 Thursday, November 7 at 5:30pm  
 Friday, November 8 at 10:00am

Come and learn about the changes coming to Medicare in 2025. Presented by Kris Wilcoxon of American Republic Insurance Services, who has been serving clients since 2003.

## Affordable Care Act Meeting **R**

Wednesday, November 13 at 5:30pm

Come learn about the Affordable Care Act and how you can find the right plan to fit your needs. Presented by Kris Wilcoxon of American Republic Insurance Services, who has been serving clients since 2003.



## Illinois Libraries Present

The library has joined Illinois Libraries Present, a collection of libraries working together to bring high-quality, virtual programs to libraries across the state. Join in these virtual programs from the comfort of your home.



### Being Imperfect with Erika Sánchez

Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00pm **R**

Join us for an inspiring live webinar with Erika L. Sánchez, celebrated novelist, poet, feminist, and passionate advocate.

### Raise Your Voice with Jason Reynolds

**R** Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00pm

Welcome Jason Reynolds, #1 New York Times bestselling author, advocate, mentor, and 2020-2022 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.



### Holiday Tips & Tricks with Chef Art Smith

Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00pm **R**

Join Chef Art Smith to learn about his culinary journey and bring some culinary inspiration into your holiday season.







## *Wanted:* Display Case Items!

Do you have an interesting collection, hobby, or unique artifacts of some sort that you'd like to share with others? We are seeking items for display in the library's adult-side display case for 2025.

If you are interested in displaying your items for one month, please fill out an application at the library.



## Friends of the Library Meeting<sup>R</sup>

*Tuesday, November 12 at 6:45pm*

Join us for the Friends of the Library quarterly meeting on Tuesday, November 12. This group has been in existence supporting the library even before its beginning in a downtown storefront in 1978. We'll discuss upcoming fundraising initiatives and the winter book sale. Please register online. We hope to see you there!

## Coming Soon...

As part of our rebranding campaign, the library's website is getting an update. Staff have been working hard on content and design over the past few months. We've set out to create an informative, eye-catching, and user-friendly website.

We can't wait for you to see and interact with it!



## Senior Moments

You're invited to join our group for older adults. We spend time together, talk, laugh, and have fun. Registration is required for these programs.



### Traditional Jazz: A Historical Perspective of Early Jazz from the New Orleans and Chicago Era<sup>R</sup>

*Thursday, September 19 at 10:30am*

Join John Cooper as he presents the history of Jazz during the New Orleans Era and gives a live performance. This event is co-presented by the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. Road Scholar speakers travel throughout Illinois sharing free, dynamic presentations about literature, philosophy, theater, local history, film, music, politics, and more, at no cost to host organizations.



### Spectres in the Stacks<sup>R</sup>

*Thursday, October 17 at 10:30am*

Kathi Kresol is a local historian and author who has been researching and writing stories about local hauntings for twenty years. She will share some of her research of haunted libraries and tell stories featuring tales of curses, strange deaths, and things that go bump in the night.



### BINGO!<sup>R</sup>

*Thursday, November 21 at 10:30am*

Let's have a party with some bingo fun! Bring an unwrapped item to become part of the stash of prizes. You don't want to miss it!



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## Library Hours

**Monday - Thursday**  
9:00am - 8:00pm

**Friday & Saturday**  
9:00am - 5:00pm

**Sunday**  
1:00 - 5:00pm  
*beginning Sept. 8*

## Library Closed Dates

Monday, September 2

Wednesday, November 27

Thursday, November 28

Friday, November 29

Labor Day

Close early at 5:00pm

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Holiday

## Fall Used Book Sale



**Saturday, Sept. 7 - Sunday, Sept. 15**

Come visit the Cherry Valley Public Library's Fall Used Book Sale for the best selection of fiction, mysteries, biographies, home & garden, history, nonfiction, and children's and teen books. It's the perfect opportunity to transform your life with some new reading materials! Stop by anytime during the library's open hours.

**Friday, Sept. 6 from 12:00-4:00pm**

*Preview Sale*

\$5 fee for annual  
Friends membership  
required to enter.

**Saturday, Sept. 14 & Sunday, Sept. 15**

*Fill a bag for \$3!*

## Bus Trip to Fireside Theatre: Miracle on 34th Street

Wednesday, December 11 from 9:00am to 5:00pm R \$

Based on the beloved Christmas movie, *Miracle on 34th Street* is a big brassy Broadway musical with a heart. Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade needs a new Santa. Enter Kris Kringle – a sweet and jolly old man who claims that he is the real Santa Claus. Thus begins this funny, warm, tuneful, and inspirational musical as Kris has to prove his claim in court and teach his cynical neighbor and her daughter to believe in the goodness and love that is Christmas. Written by Meredith Willson, the creator of *The Music Man*, this is an unforgettable musical version of a classic Christmas tale.

The \$110 fee includes stress-free motor coach transportation, a delicious lunch, the musical 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 must be done in person only beginning on September 16.

