



# CHERRY VALLEY CHAPTERS

Spring 2024 / March - May

## Become a Friend of the Cherry Valley Public Library!



The Friends of the Cherry Valley Public Library have been supporting the library through fundraising and volunteer efforts for over 45 years. In 2023, the Friends raised almost \$40,000 for the library. These dollars went to funding additional books, materials, equipment, and programs beyond what is provided for by tax dollars.

The Friends' primary source of income is book sales. This includes the large sales in April, September, and December, online book sales through Amazon, and the ongoing foyer book sales during regular library hours. In addition to book sales, the Friends also raise money through special events, including Scarecrows on Parade and Mini-Golf in the Library and Silent Auction. Other revenue sources include the mini pop-up shop, holiday book kits, and membership dues.

Volunteer opportunities for Friends of the Cherry Valley Public Library include cleaning and organizing donated books for daily sales, assisting with seasonal book sales (setting up, cashiering, and cleaning up), planning and working at special events, and attending quarterly Friends meetings.

Membership fees are \$5.00 for an individual or book re-seller and \$10.00 for a family or organization. Memberships are good for one year. Benefits of a Friends membership include admission to book sale preview day, a lanyard and recognition buttons, and a quarterly Friends of the Library electronic newsletter.

For more information on joining the Friends group, please contact [Friends@cherryvalleylib.org](mailto:Friends@cherryvalleylib.org).

## iSpy Spring Scavenger Hunt March 15 - April 13



I spy with my little eye... some book characters hiding in Cherry Valley! Get outside and explore our community during our third-annual scavenger hunt.

Starting March 15th, 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 13th 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!

## SPRING BOOK SALE SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - SUNDAY, MAY 5

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.

Stop by during the library's open hours to get some toad-ally great deals!

**Friday, April 26**  
**12:00 - 4:00pm**

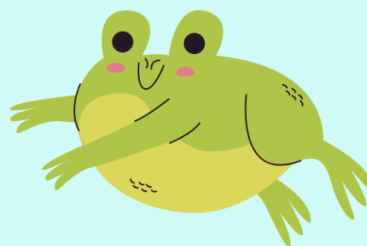
Preview Sale, \$5 fee for annual Friends membership required

**Saturday, May 4 & Sunday, May 5**

\$3 Bag of Books Sale



# LEAP INTO THE LIBRARY!



## 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 4 - May 17.**

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

Tuesdays at 9:30am 6-24 months

Limit 12 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.

### 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.

### Pre-School <sup>R</sup>

Thursdays at 9:30am Ages 4-5

Limit 15 children.

Enjoy 30 minutes full of reading readiness, finger plays, rhymes, short stories, and songs that prepare children for school. Children MUST be able to attend story time independent of caregivers.

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

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

Limit 12 children with 1 accompanying adult each.

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 6 months-6 years

Limit 10 families.

Enjoy 30 minutes of stories, rhymes, and songs while laughing and playing with every member of the 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 a caregiver is present.

### Scoops & Stories at Cattle & Cream

Monday, March 18 at 6:30pm

Monday, April 15 at 6:30pm

Monday, May 20 at 6:30pm

Visit Cattle & Cream, purchase a sweet treat, and enjoy 30 minutes of stories, songs, and more!

No registration required.



## Family Movie Nights

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

Come in your pajamas and enjoy fresh popcorn as we watch movies the whole family can enjoy.

Registration is required for these FREE family events!

**March 6**

**Paw Patrol:  
The Mighty Movie**

Rated: PG  
Run Time: 92m

**April 3**

**Trolls Band Together**

Rated: PG  
Run Time: 92m

**May 1**

**Wish**

Rated: PG  
Run Time: 92m



# Spring Youth Programs

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Online at [www.cherryvalleylib.org](http://www.cherryvalleylib.org) ▪ Call (815) 332-5161

## Pokémon Party **R**

Saturday, March 9 at 10:00am

Ages 6-11

Calling all trainers: it's time for a Pokémon party! Join us for an hour of all things Pokémon, from perler bead crafts, to card swaps (bring your cards if you would like to swap with fellow trainers), and more!

## MarioKart Madness **R**

Monday, March 25 at 1:00pm

Ages 7-11

Do you have the need for speed? Join us for a race to the finish line and watch out for those bananas and turtle shells during a MarioKart tournament! Popcorn will be served.

## Squishmallow Painting **R**

Wednesday, March 27 at 1:00pm

Ages 7-11

Let your creativity flow as you bring a squishmallow to life on canvas. Get ready for a fun-filled session with colorful paints, brushes, and squishmallows!



## Grab & Go Kits for Youth

Reserve your kit online by registering your child. Registration closes the Wednesday before kit pick-up begins, and kits will be available for pick-up for one week. Priority for all Grab & Go Kits will be given to those with valid Cherry Valley library cards.

**For ages 3-11,**

### Frogs — March 22-March 30 **R**

Ribbit, ribbit! Learn all about frogs in this kit filled with frog-themed crafts, activities, and reading suggestions.

### Recycled Art — April 26-May 4 **R**

Reuse something old to make some new art with this kit filled with different art projects and activities using recycled materials.

### Unicorns — May 24-June 1 **R**

Explore different crafts, activities, and reading recommendations about everyone's favorite mythical horses in this kit.



## Earth Day Exploration **R**

Saturday, April 20 at 10:00am

Ages 3+

Learn about Earth Day and participate in a series of activities and crafts that will focus on the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling. For children ages 3 and up and their families.

## Free Comic Book Day & Star Wars Day **R**

Saturday, May 4 at 1:00pm

Ages 5+

May the fourth be with you! Come celebrate all things comics and Star Wars. Participate in activities and crafts, and take home some free comics! Any fandom is welcome, and costumes are encouraged. For children ages 5 and up and their families.

## Family Art Night:

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

Thursday, May 23 at 6:00pm

Ages 3+

Come help us make some decorations that are out of this world to decorate the library for the upcoming summer reading program. Dress for a mess! For children ages 3 and up and their families. Please register all family members that will be attending.

## Family STEM 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+.*

### Astronomy: Eclipses — March 8-16 **R**

A total solar eclipse is coming on April 8, 2024! Learn all about eclipses with crafts and activities. Each kit will include 4 pairs of eclipse glasses, so you can watch safely!

### Marshmallow Science — April 12-20 **R**

Have fun with marshmallows! This kit contains supplies and instructions for experiments and activities using different types of marshmallows.

### Entomology — May 10-18 **R**

Insects are the most abundant group of animals in the world and live in almost every habitat. Explore the world of entomology in this kit!



# Tween & Teen Programs

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## Manga Madness<sup>R</sup>

Monday, March 4 at 6:00pm

Monday, April 1 at 6:00pm

Monday, May 6 at 6:00pm

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<sup>R</sup>

Monday, March 18 at 5:30pm

Monday, April 15 at 5:30pm

Monday, May 20 at 5:30pm

Ages 12-17

Come ready for adventure as you and your party explore from Phandelver to Barovia! Discover the immersive world of Dungeons & Dragons in our ongoing monthly group. New and experienced players welcome.

## Pixelated Fine Art<sup>R</sup>

Friday, March 29 at 2:00pm

Ages 12-17

Sometimes we get so focused on the little things, we forget to step back and see the bigger picture. Come recreate famous works of art using only fuse beads and see the big picture for yourself!

## Neon Doodles<sup>R</sup>

Friday, April 26 at 2:00pm

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 this fun layering technique!



## Service Hours Opportunity!

We are looking for teen volunteers to assist with the spring cleanup of library grounds. Volunteers will gain service hours needed for graduation, scouts, college, or other service-based criteria. Service will be weather dependent. Please contact Miss Heather for further information. [heatherc@cherryvalleylib.org](mailto:heatherc@cherryvalleylib.org). Ages 13-18.

## Teen Grab & Go Kits

Registration closes the Wednesday before kit pick-up begins, and kits will be available for pick-up for one week. Priority for all Grab & Go Kits will be given to those with valid Cherry Valley library cards. **For ages 12-17.**

### Marbled Paper — March 22-March 30<sup>R</sup>

Make your own dyed paper to use for notes, art, gifts, and so much more.

### Jell-O Gummy Bears — April 26-May 4<sup>R</sup>

This yummy kit includes everything you need to make your own candy, including the mold!

### Photo Memory Box — May 24-June 1<sup>R</sup>

Your memories are precious, decorate your own treasure chest to keep them safe.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2024 MAY 28 TO AUGUST 2

*Blast into reading with the library's summer reading program!*

Sign up and start recording your minutes and activities in Beanstack starting Tuesday, May 28. The summer reading program is open to children (birth-12 years old), teens, and adults. Track your reading and earn rewards as you go, including a free book if you complete your reading goal!

## TO READ-FINITY...AND BEYOND!

# Spring Adult Programs

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=Virtual program =Program fee

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

Monday, March 11 Tuesday, March 26  
Monday, April 8 Tuesday, April 23  
Monday, May 13 Tuesday, May 28

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 12 - Prismatic Suncatchers   
Tuesday, April 9 - Papercrafts  
Tuesday, May 14 - Yarn Birds 

Let's decorate for the spring season! Registration and payment of a \$5 registration fee must be done in person at the library for the March and May programs.

## Chair Yoga at 9:30am **R**

Thursday, March 14  
Thursday, April 11  
Thursday, May 9

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, March 16 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, May 18 at 10:00am

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

## Take & Bake: Choco-Caramel Cookie Bars **R**

April 12-April 20

Have fun baking these easy and rich cookie bars with a sweet recipe provided by one of our own staff members!



## 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.

### Non-Fiction Addiction **R**

Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00pm **or**  
Thursday, March 7 at 10:00am

*The Ride of Her Life: The True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and Their Last-Chance Journey Across America* by Elizabeth Letts

Thursday, May 2 at 10:00am **or**  
Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00pm

*Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand

### Fiction Connection **R**

Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00pm **or**  
Thursday, April 4 at 10:00am

*Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

### Grounds for Murder **R**

Thursday, March 14 at 6:00pm

*The Secret, Book & Scone Society* by Ellery Adams

Thursday, April 11 at 6:00pm

*The Family Upstairs* by Lisa Jewell

Thursday, May 9 at 6:00pm

*All Good People Here* by Ashley Flowers

### Young @ Heart **R**

Thursday, March 21 at 6:00pm

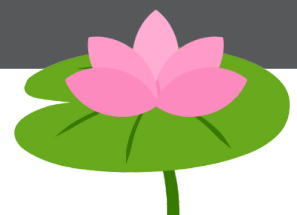
*Anatomy* by Dana Schwartz

Thursday, April 18 at 6:00pm

*Dancing at the Pity Party* by Tyler Feder

Thursday, May 16 at 6:00pm

*Friday I'm in Love* by Camryn Garrett



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## iPad/iPhone Basics **R**

Wednesday, April 17 at 10:00am or  
Thursday, April 18 at 2:00pm

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

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

Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00pm  
Wednesday, May 15 at 10:00am

Are you turning 65 or retiring soon? Learn what Medicare covers, what you need to do, and when. Presented by Kris Wilcoxon of American Republic Insurance Services.

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

Tuesday, May 14 at 6:45pm

Attend the Friends' quarterly meeting and help plan events and projects for the summer, including our Summer Reading Program. Please go to our online calendar of events and register. We hope to see you there!



## E-books for Everyone!

Can't find the book you're looking for on our shelves? Then, why not download an e-book or audiobook and enjoy it on your favorite device? The library now offers two services for e-books: **Libby** and **e-Read Illinois**. Both are easy to use and offer thousands of titles to choose from.



For **Libby**, download the app on your device. Then, follow the prompts to find the Cherry Valley Public Library and sign in with a valid library card and PIN. The PIN is the last four digits of your library card, unless you have changed it. Browse the library's collection and borrow a title. Libby items will checkout for 3 weeks.



For **e-Read Illinois** use the **Boundless** app. Select Cherry Valley Public Library District as your library. Sign in using your library card number. Look for your titles and checkout your materials. e-Read items will checkout for 2 weeks.

## 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.



### SPRINGO! **R**

Thursday, March 21 at 10:30am

Let's welcome in the new season and have some fun. No rain on this parade as we play Bingo and win prizes!



### The Unsinkable Molly Brown **R**

Thursday, April 18 at 10:30am

Hear the story of the life and times of the adventurous and daring "Unsinkable Molly Brown." After the sinking of The Titanic in April of 1912, Margaret Brown was interviewed and asked how she survived the sinking on the Titanic, she responded, "Typical Brown luck. We're unsinkable." Presented by Lynn Rymarz.



### Celeste Brown - Illinois State Parks **R**

Thursday, May 16 at 10:30am

Join Celeste Brown as she recounts her adventures with wildlife and natural diversity on her quest to visit each of the Illinois State Parks.





## Nature & You

Spring into the green season with these nature-based programs!

### Beginner Birdwatching

Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00pm

Interested in birdwatching, but don't know where to start? Learn everything you need to know as Master Naturalist Stacey Bivens goes over the basics.

### Attracting Birds to Your Yard

Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00pm

Master Naturalist Stacey Bivens provides ways to make your yard appealing to our feathered friends. She will discuss bird feeders, food, florals, and more.

### Beneficial Insects: Garden Warriors

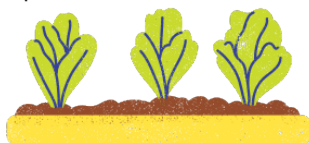
Wednesday, April 3 at 6:00pm

Learn about the most common beneficial insects with Boone County Master Gardener Barb Wych and never accidentally kill a good bug again.

### Vegetable Gardening in Raised Beds and Containers

Wednesday, April 24 at 6:00pm

Boone County Master Gardener Pat Castro will discuss how to select, plant, and maintain container gardens so that they can become attractive season-long additions to the home landscape.



## Bus Trip to The Dancing Horses Theatre

Wednesday, June 26 from 9:00am to 4:00pm

Come and watch a Vegas-style horse show in Lake Geneva! This dazzling spectacle features an array of horse breeds who perform alongside their trainers in this fantastic showing of equestrian artistry.

A talented team of creative, artistic, and technical professionals have come together to create a magical experience. Included is the Animal Gardens Petting Zoo. Wander the grounds and explore or take a train ride through the Wildlife Exhibit featuring 16 exotic species and over 40 hay-loving animals.

**Registration begins Monday, March 4th.** In-person registration and registration fee of \$90 are required. The \$90 fee includes stress-free motor coach transportation, a delicious lunch, the dazzling show, all gratuities, and a bus snack on the way home. Participants must be 21 years or older to register. Payment by cash, check, credit card, or debit card, and a signed bus trip waiver will reserve your seat.



## Illinois Libraries Present

Illinois Libraries Present is a collection of libraries working together to bring high-quality virtual programs to libraries across the state. Join in the conversation from the comfort of your own home.

### Ruth E. Carter: Interweaving Tradition and Imagination Through Costume Design

Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00pm

Ruth E. Carter, two-time Academy Award-winning costume designer of Black Panther, discusses her career and creative process.



### Dr. Temple Grandin: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers

Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00pm

Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of agricultural animal research and activism for autism for decades.

### The Many Lives of Kal Penn

Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00pm

Kal Penn is an actor, writer, producer, and former Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement.





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PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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## Library Hours

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

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

**Sunday**  
1:00pm - 5:00pm

## Library Closed Dates

Sunday, March 31

Sunday, May 12

Monday, May 27

May 28 - September 1

Easter Holiday

Mother's Day

Memorial Day

Closed on Sundays

## Village of Cherry Valley Upcoming Events

### Easter Candy Scramble

Saturday, March 30  
Baumann Park

### Citizen of the Year Nominations Due

Wednesday, May 1  
Drop off at City Hall

### Village Wide Garage Sales

May 17 & 18 (rain or shine)  
10am-4pm

### Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, May 18  
Start at 9:00am

Questions?  
Call Village Hall at  
(815) 332-3441.



**MINI-GOLF**  
*in the* **LIBRARY**  
& **SILENT AUCTION**

**SATURDAY  
FEB. 24**  
10AM - 4PM

**SUNDAY  
FEB. 25**  
1PM - 4PM



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!

Visit the snack bar where you can purchase ice cream sundaes, cookies, and other sweet treats!