



ST. CLAIR SHORES
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Inside the Library

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September – October 2023

No. 5

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday	9 AM – 9 PM
Friday	9 AM – 5 PM
Saturday (beginning September 9)	9 AM – 5 PM
Sunday	CLOSED

HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday, September 4 – CLOSED

CURBSIDE PICK-UP

Phone 586-771-9020 to schedule a pick-up time.

For your convenience, the book drop is open when the Library is closed.

CELEBRATE LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH WITH US!

September is a month of excitement and discovery as the Library joins the nationwide celebration of Library Card Sign Up Month! Whether you're a bookworm, a tech enthusiast, or a lifelong learner, a Library card is your key to a world of knowledge, entertainment, and inspiration. Throughout this special month, the Library invites you, your family, and friends to sign up for a Library card and unlock a wealth of resources at your fingertips. With your Library card, you gain access to a vast collection of books, e-books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, and more. Plus, the Library offers a range of engaging programs and events for all ages.

As an extra incentive, each new Library card sign-up during September automatically enters you into our raffle drawing. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to become a member of our Library community.

AMNESTY DAY FOR FINES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

The St. Clair Shores Public Library is participating in an amnesty day in honor of the Library's 88th birthday. For one day only: patrons with overdue items owned by the St. Clair Shores Public Library may return the items in good condition to the Library to have the overdue fines or lost fees forgiven. Materials must be returned to the circulation desk.

Additionally, the Library will forgive any outstanding fines on St. Clair Shores Public Library items for patrons who visit the circulation desk in person with their library card or driver's license/state identification.

The Library is unable to give refunds on fines previously paid; fees will remain for damaged items or lost items that are not returned. This courtesy is made possible by a generous private donation.

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2023 WE'RE IN THE TOP 5!

PRESENTED BY: **Wallside Windows**
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INTRODUCING OUR LIBRARY CARD "SHARE THE JOY" PROMOTION!

Do you love your Library and the incredible resources it offers? Now is the perfect time to spread the joy of reading, learning, and exploring with your friends and family! The Library is excited to introduce our "Share the Joy" promotion for the month of September, which is also Library Card Sign Up Month, where you and your friends can benefit by simply referring someone to get a library card.

Visit the St. Clair Shores Public Library in September to pick up your exclusive "Refer a Friend" card. (You also have the option to print out the referral card directly from our website from the comfort of your home.) Share the incredible advantages of having a library card with your friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors.

When the person you referred comes to the Library and signs up for their library card, they simply need to present your "Refer a Friend" card. By doing so, both you and your friend will automatically be entered into a raffle. Just remember that you and your referred friend need to be St. Clair Shores residents to be eligible. It's that simple!

Start sharing the library love and referring your friends today! Together, let's build a community of readers, learners, and dreamers at the St. Clair Shores Public Library. Thank you to the Friends of the St. Clair Shores Public Library for sponsoring the raffle prizes.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS SPONSORS

THANK YOU to the local businesses who helped to make the 2023 program such a success!

AJ Nails and Spa
The Cheesecake Shoppe and Café
Fantastic Sam's
Gilbert's Lodge
Guastello's Village Market
Hook
Kristi's Hallmark Shop
Nautical Deli
Ollie's Bargain Outlet
Shores Inn
Texas Roadhouse

And a big thank you to the Friends of the St. Clair Shores Public Library for their support!

LIBRARY AT THE FARMERS MARKET

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 5 – 9 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 5 – 9 PM

Join Library staff at the Blossom Heath Farmers Market! Stop at our booth to say hello, get questions answered, and pick up some free giveaways.

TRIVIA NIGHT FOR ADULTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 6 PM

REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 31

Calling all trivia aficionados! Teams of four can test their knowledge on an array of questions, from local history to astronomy to popular culture and everything in between. Participants may register individually or as a group. Those registering with less than four people and those preferring to register individually will be matched with others to form a four-person team. Light refreshments will be served. This free event is open to anyone age 18 and older. Register in-person at the Library, by phone (586) 771-9020, or via email scsadult@libcoop.net beginning Thursday, August 31.

BRAILLE ENHANCED STORYWALK

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20

Visit the grounds of the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum (behind the Library) and enjoy a children's book and a walk! *Pout-Pout Fish Cleans Up the Ocean* by Deborah Diesen will be on display. Since this Storywalk is braille enhanced, exploring by touch is encouraged. This program is supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

SPEED DATING WITH A BOOK

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 7 PM

Looking for suggestions for your next read? Come and speed date with a librarian and a cartful of books. The librarian will introduce a number of books, of many types of genres, highlighting plot points and characters. Hear about a book you like? Take it home at the end of the hour! Everyone age 18 and older welcome! No registration required.

LOCAL HISTORY CENTER

The Local History Center is closed until further notice. For local history or genealogy inquiries, please contact the local history librarian.

YOUTH

STORYTIME

REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

These fun-filled programs include stories, songs, and crafts. Registration is required. Space is limited.

TODDLER STORYTIME

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM

September 19 – October 17
18 to 30 months

MORNING STORYTIME

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM

September 19 – October 17
All Ages

EVENING STORYTIME

Tuesdays, 6:30 PM

September 19 – October 17
All Ages

BABY STORYTIME

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM

September 20 – October 18
Birth to 18 months

MORNING STORYTIME

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

September 20 – October 18
All Ages

EVENING STORYTIME

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

September 20 – October 18
All Ages

1ST STOP

MONDAYS, 10 AM

Join the Youth Services Department for thirty minutes of songs, rhymes, and a story. No registration required.

TODDLER DROP-IN PLAY

10 – 11:30 AM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Children ages 12 to 36 months and their caregivers are invited to a drop-in play time at the Library. Toys will be available in the Gilstorf Meeting Room. Come have fun and meet new friends! No registration required.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS

Registration is now available online; to utilize our new system simply navigate to the Library website, www.scslibrary.org, click on the "Calendar" on the right-hand side, and follow the prompts to find and register for a program.

Registration may also be done in person, via phone at 586-771-9020, or via email at SCSYouth@libcoop.net.



SUMMER READING 2023

Many, many thanks to the Friends of the St. Clair Shores Library for providing the majority of the funding for programming. A special thanks to Shorewood Kiwanis for the generous donation that made it possible to purchase Reading Buddies and prize books as well as supplies for many of the weekly Take & Make activities. Additional heartfelt thanks go to our individual sponsors. We would also like to thank the parents who took the time to instill the value of reading in their children through countless hours of reading at home.

SUMMER READING CLUB SPONSORS

The Friends of the St. Clair Shores Public Library

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TAKE & MAKES

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4

WEEK OF OCTOBER 2

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6

Children ages two and up can have fun with a Take & Make craft activity each month. Bags containing supplies and instructions can be picked up during Library hours from a bin located in the Youth Services Room, while supplies last.

TODDLER DANCE PARTY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 10 – 10:30 AM

Children ages 12 to 36 months are invited to get their groove on during our Toddler Dance Party! This thirty-minute program will include a short story and lots of dancing. No registration required.

HARVEST STORYTIME AT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2:30 PM

Fall into fun with Youth Services! The Harvest Storytime will include stories, songs, and a themed activity. Join us for this special storytime at the Community Garden. Registration is not required for this all ages program.

ECLIPSE PROGRAM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 10 – 11 AM

It's a partial eclipse of the sun! Join us for an eclipse-themed program full of stories, hands-on activities, and crafts. Solar eclipse glasses will be given out at the program for patrons to take home with them. No registration required; open to all ages.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GAME DAY

GRADES 6-8

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2 – 3:30 PM

REGISTRATION BEGINS OCTOBER 2

Do you have what it takes to solve a crime in this interactive scavenger hunt? One crime... multiple suspects. At this program, middle schoolers have to figure out the who, what, and where by solving puzzles and finding clues. You can work as teams or individually. After unmasking the culprit, enjoy giant versions of some classic board games! Pizza and snacks will be provided. Space is limited.

CREEPY CRAWLIES AND REPTILES WITH DAN THE CREATURE MAN

AGES 2 AND UP

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 6:30 PM

REGISTRATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 25

Be ready to have your spine tingle and your skin crawl! Dan the Creature Man will bring large invertebrates, tarantulas, scorpions, a python, a giant bull frog, and a panther chameleon to this educational and fun program. Space is limited.



TEEN VOLUNTEER SESSION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 10 – 11:30 AM

REGISTRATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 10 – 11:30 AM

REGISTRATION BEGINS OCTOBER 16

Teens, ages 11-18, are you interested in helping out at the Library? Need volunteer hours for school? Teens are invited to a Teen Volunteer Session to assist the Youth Services Librarians with program preparation. Space is limited.

TEEN MONSTER MAKEUP CONTEST

GRADES 9-12

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

REGISTRATION BEGINS OCTOBER 9

Spooky season is upon us! Want to practice your face painting skills? Participate in our Monster Makeup Contest and have some ghastly good fun. See a demonstration first, then create your own look. Supplies will be provided or you may bring your own. Food will be provided. Join us- if you dare! Registration required. Space is limited.

FRIENDS



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE FRIENDS OF THE ST. CLAIR SHORES PUBLIC LIBRARY!

In 1983 the Friends of the Library organization began. Over the last 40 years, the Friends volunteers have worked tirelessly to support the Library in a variety of ways. The most notable Friends contribution is the Used Book Store. The funds generated from the sale of books, puzzles, accessories and other items fund many of the Library programs, including adult and children's Summer Reading Programs, free copies of the *Book Page* monthly magazine that is available in the Library, and the Library's public-use photocopy machine. The Friends also make possible the Library's self-checkout terminal, subscriptions to various newspapers and periodicals, and the collection of large print books. In Youth Services, the Friends sponsor the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, the ipads, and the Creativity Center. Since their inception, the Friends have generated over \$400,000 for the Library. We can't say it often enough: Thank you to the Friends, and Happy 40th Anniversary!

SUPPORT THE FRIENDS!

If you would like to support the Friends, it is effortless! Any amount you contribute will make a significant difference in providing Library programs. You can use the provided QR code for a quick donation, drop off your gift at the circulation desk, or simply mail your donation to the Library, addressing the envelope to the Friends. Your generosity ensures our community continues to benefit from enriching Library initiatives.



FRIENDS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Friends Book Discussion Group meets at 1 PM on the second Wednesday of each month at the Library. Everyone is welcome!

September 13 *The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing and the Future of the Human Race*
Walter Isaacson

October 11 *The Book of Longings*
Sue Monk Kidd

November 8 *The Other Dr. Gilmer*
Benjamin Gilmer

NO REST FOR THE WICKED PRESENTATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2- 4 PM

REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 30

Kevin Minor, a St. Clair Shores resident, is the award-winning author and artist of *No Rest for the Wicked: Dead Man's Hand*. The graphic novel with a western theme was self-published in 2015; it was made into a movie and released this year. Kevin will share his story about writing a graphic novel and producing a movie in a program for adults and students in high school. The graphic novel and other books will be available for purchase. Registration is required and can be done in person, by phone 586-771-9020, or by email scsadult@libcoop.net. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the St. Clair Shores Public Library.

FRIENDS BOOKSTORE SALE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 12 – 8 PM

For one day only, all "Bargain Books" will be a true bargain at \$1 each. Pocket paperback books will sell for 10 cents each. Don't miss these deals!

The Bookstore will be closing temporarily during the Library renovations, so stock up now!

FRIENDS PUZZLE SALE

LAC STE. CLAIRE FINE ART FAIR

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – 17

10 AM – 5 PM

The Friends of the St. Clair Shores Public Library will be selling used jigsaw puzzles, donated by your friends and neighbors. From small, child-sized puzzles up to 3,000 piece puzzles, we have puzzles for up north and to stockpile for the coming winter months! Veterans Memorial Park, Jefferson Avenue at Masonic.

SELINSKY-GREEN FARMHOUSE MUSEUM

WEDNESDAYS, 1 – 4 PM

SATURDAYS, 1 – 4 PM (BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9)

The Museum, located behind the St. Clair Shores Public Library, presents the history of a family typical of the late nineteenth-century settlers in this area and is available for special tour groups.

VOLUNTEER AT THE MUSEUM

With the increase in our hours of operation, the Museum is looking for volunteer docents to join the team. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new and interesting people, share knowledge and learn more about local history.

For further information on volunteering, please phone the Library or visit the Museum.

To learn more about upcoming news and events, find the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum on Facebook: facebook.com/selinskygreen and Instagram: instagram.com/selinskygreenfarmhouse

HIDDEN DANGERS OF THE VICTORIAN HOME EXHIBIT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
REGISTRATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18

Just in time for the spooky season, the temporary exhibit, "Hidden Dangers of the Victorian Home", will be on display at the Museum starting October 7. The exhibit will feature artifacts and local stories from the Victorian era.

To celebrate the launch of the exhibit, we will be hosting a brief lecture on the subject at 2 PM on October 7. Due to limited seating, registration is required. Suitable for visitors age 10 and older.

Registration is available online, to utilize our new system simply navigate to the Library website, www.scslibrary.org, click on the "Calendar" on the right hand side, and follow the prompts to find and register for a program.

Registration may also be done in person, or via phone at 586-771-9020.

YARDENERS OF ST. CLAIR SHORES

PLANT EXCHANGE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 9 – 11 AM

"Bag, tag and drag" your extra plants and divisions to the Library parking lot to exchange your excess plant treasures for someone else's. Please label all plants. No money is exchanged.

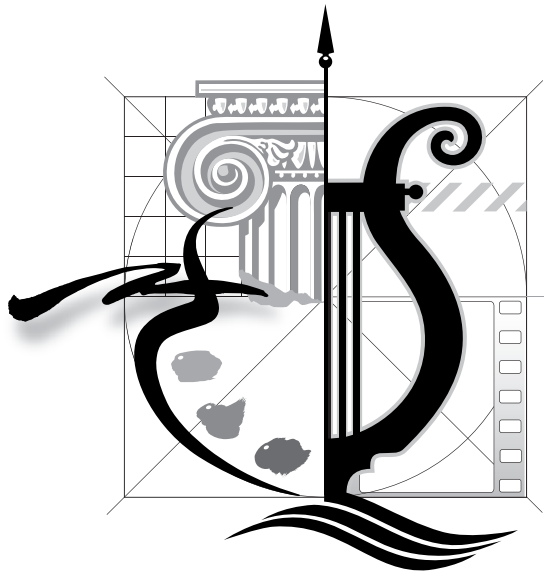


"PRESERVING THE HARVEST" PRESENTATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 7 PM

LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

Join Master Gardener and Master Composter Karen Burke from Honey Hollow Apiary to learn what is available for preserving your garden bounty when harvesting and putting garden beds to rest for winter.



CITY OF
ST. CLAIR SHORES
**CULTURAL
COMMITTEE**

KIDS ART PROGRAM

LAC STE. CLAIRE FINE ART FAIR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 10 AM – 2 PM

The SCS Cultural Committee is partnering with the Art Shack for a children's art program at the Fine Art Fair. Children are welcome to participate in a free art project with Tracy David of The Art Shack, sponsored by the Cultural Committee.

**AFFIRMATIONS LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY
CENTER PROGRAM**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

TICKET SALES BEGIN AUGUST 28

The St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee is hosting a visit to Affirmations LGBTQ+ Community Center in Ferndale to learn more about the LGBTQ+ community. An Affirmations staff member will lead a tour of the community center and discuss their mission.

The trip departs from the Library (after a check-in with Dawn) for a tour, talk, and Q&A. Lunch and shopping in Ferndale is on your own; departure is at 2 PM. The nonrefundable cost is \$15, due when signing up at the Library, with a cash donation of \$5 suggested for the Center. Purchase tickets at the Library's Circulation Desk.

ANATOMY OF DEATH MUSEUM

LECTURE & TOUR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 10 AM – 2:30 PM

TICKET SALES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 18

The St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee is hosting a trip to the Anatomy of Death Museum in Mt. Clemens. Owner Todd La Rosa will speak about death and dying practices and traditions from around the world. Lunch on your own will be at Engine House.

The tour and transportation cost is \$22, due when signing up at the Library; tickets are nonrefundable.

For more information on Cultural Committee programs, phone the Library or email scsculturalcommittee@gmail.com.

MYSTIC MITTEN PRESENTATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 6:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED, STARTING OCTOBER 2

Jessica of the Mystic Mitten Paranormal Group will share chilling and thrilling tales from her investigations about paranormal experiences around Michigan, which is reportedly one of the most haunted states. Registration is limited to 50 people. Sponsored by the St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee.

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Registration may also be done in person, or via phone at 586-771-9020.

**ARAB AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM (AANM)
TOUR**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 10:15 AM – 1:30 PM

TICKET SALES BEGIN OCTOBER 9

The St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee is sponsoring a tour of the AANM in Dearborn, followed by a traditional Arabic lunch at the Museum. The AANM is the first and only museum of its kind in the United States devoted to recording the Arab American experience. It serves as a touchstone that connects communities to Arab American culture and experiences.

Tickets are \$35 for senior citizens, \$40 for others, and include transportation, museum entrance and lunch. Tickets can be purchased at the Library's circulation desk.

Friends of the St. Clair Shores Public Library Membership Application

Please print clearly or use an address label.

Name	Date	
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	E-mail	

Please Volunteer

- ☐ Book Sales
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Program Coordination
- ☐ Volunteer Coordination

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- ☐ Family \$ 20.00
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- ☐ Benefactor \$ 100.00
- ☐ Patron \$ 250.00
- ☐ Life \$ 500.00

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12/16/19

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