

Charleston Carnegie Public Library

Serving Charleston, Illinois

December 2022

Greetings from the Charleston Carnegie Public Library! We want to take a moment to thank everyone who has helped the Library through donations of money, gifts, personal time, and more over the last year! We continue to be humbled and grateful for the generosity, support, and encouragement we receive from our community. We would like to take this chance to highlight some of the fun and work we've been up to this year!

Throughout the year, we continued to offer the programs and services our community knows and relies upon, including Summer Read, which ran from May 30 through July 31 and helped encourage our community to read 8,653 hours! During Summer Read, we hosted 85 programs that had 976 attendees. We joined Illinois Libraries Present, a collaboration aimed at bringing high-quality online author events to our community, including events with Marlee Matlin, Nick Offerman, and more—with even more upcoming!

Our biggest and most ambitious adventure this year was the launch of our new program—the Coles County Social Service Navigators. The Navigator program's mission is to help community members find, understand, and obtain assistance. The Navigators offer referrals to community resources in Coles County, including children and family programs, food banks, homeless shelters, substance abuse counseling, and more. The Navigators also provide Dial-a-Ride tokens to low-income individuals and families. In addition to all of that, the Navigators help community members with applications for SNAP, basic medical assistance, SafeLink & Assurance Wireless, and the Affordable Connectivity Program. Our hope is that this program will help our community discover and access all of the opportunities for help that can be found in our area.

We were thrilled to bring back our fundraiser Literature & Libations! Moondogs kept the music flowing, Brick House Bar & Grill kept us well fed, and Gateway Liquors kept us...ahem...well hydrated. We also had a silent auction, a book tree raffle, and mini golf! Thank you to our event sponsors and to everyone who came out and made it the exciting evening that it was. With everyone's support, we were able to raise over \$5,500 for the Library! Thank you!

From a facilities view, with the aid of the City of Charleston, we have invested over \$90,000 into the HVAC system at the Library. As we continue to grow and develop our resources, services, and programs, we are always working to maintain this wonderful facility.

As the leadership of the Charleston Carnegie Public Library, we could not be more proud of the work the Library staff has done, and we hope you will consider joining us in our effort to serve our community by making a donation to the Charleston Carnegie Public Library.

Sincerely,



Chris Houchens
Library Director

&

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All Ages

Sunday Matinee: *Minions :The Rise of Gru* (PG)

Sunday, December 4

1:30pm

Rotary Room B

In the 1970s, 12-year-old Gru schemes and plots (with the help of the Minions) to become a member of the Vicious 6, an infamous group of supervillians. Chaos, adventure, and hilarity ensue after he manages to steal a valuable object from their headquarters.



Holiday Cards for Veterans

November 1st—December 10th

We are teaming up with our local VFW post #1592 again this holiday season to offer you a chance to fill out a holiday card (or cards) for veterans in our local veteran's hospitals. Bring some family & friends, stop by any Library Desk to fill out a holiday card for a vet. Our veterans deserve a little holiday cheer!

If you have any unused holiday cards that you are not using, please drop them off at the front desk any time the library is open.



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For Kids

Take & Make Craft

December 1-31

Available at the KidSpace Desk! One per child while supplies last. Instructions are included. This is a free children's program, open to the public. A library card is not needed! Designed for Ages 3-12. As always, parental supervision is advised.

Design and create a jingle bracelet to embellish your holiday wardrobe! All supplies are included.



Books and Babies

Thursdays, September 22-December 1

10:30am-11:00am

Infants through 36 months with their caregiver

Join us for a special time with baby! We'll have stories, lap bounces, finger-plays, sensory activities, songs, and socialization! This flexible story time is just right for curious babies. Walkers will walk, crawlers will crawl, & babies will cry.

For Teens

Teen Buttons

Tuesday, December 13

4:00pm-5:00pm

In the Zone

For Middle & High Schoolers

Design and create your own buttons to wear & share! Keep it clean, keep it kind!

Limit of 4 buttons per student — 2 to keep 2 to gift!



For Adults

Movie Wednesday: *The Woman King* (PG-13)

Wednesday, December 21

1:00pm

Rotary Room B

The Woman King tells the powerful story of Nanisca, a young girl who is chosen to lead her people in rebellion against the all-powerful French army. When she was just a child, Nanisca's mother and father were killed by the French, and she was taken, prisoner. Now an adult, she must fight for her land and her people against impossible odds. With the help of Tariq, a rebel leader who teaches her how to fight and love again, Nanisca sets out to reclaim her kingdom.



Illinois Libraries Present

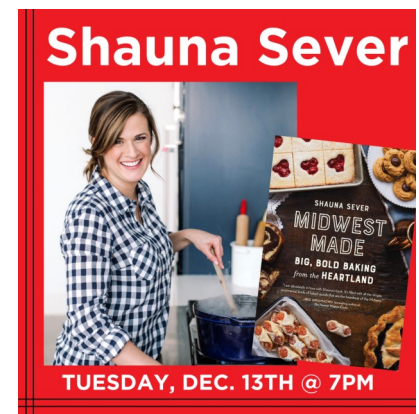
A Conversation with Shauna Sever

Wednesday, December 13th at 7 p.m.



Join Shauna Sever, cookbook author, TV and radio contributor, and daughter of the great Midwest, for this special Illinois Libraries Present holiday season event. Shauna will share her love of food, baking, and some tips to make your holiday gatherings delicious. As a writer, Shauna's work is best defined by her baking-centric cookbooks. Her fourth, *Midwest Made: Big, Bold Baking from the Heartland*, was named a Best Baking Cookbooks of 2019 by *The New York Times*. She has also contributed food stories and recipes for *The Wall Street Journal*, *Food52*, *Bon Appetit*, *The Kitchn*, *Real Simple*, *Midwest Living*, *Food and Wine*, *O Magazine*, and many more. Though her career began in broadcast journalism, and she now talks about pie instead of Hollywood, and she uses the same skill set for her regular television appearances on *TODAY Show* and *Food Network*. After 12 years of California living, Shauna and her family returned to Chicago, where she now bakes, writes, and is always on the hunt for great old-school Midwestern bakeries.

Join us on Zoom / Register at www.charlestonlibrary.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Ages Kids Teens Adults				1 Books & Babies 10:30am	2	3
	<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Take & Make Craft: Jingle Bell Bracelet December 1-31 </div>		<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Holiday Cards for Veterans December 1-10 </div>			
4 Sunday Matinee: <i>Minions: The Rise of Gru</i> 1:30pm	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Teen Buttons 4:00pm-5:00pm A Conversation with Shauna Sever 7:00pm	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Movie Wednesday: <i>The Woman King</i> 1:00pm	22	23	24 Closed 
25 Closed 	26 Closed	27	28	29	30	31

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Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-6pm *Saturday 10am-2pm *Sunday 1-5pm