



Illinois Libraries Present (ILP): Holiday Tips & Tricks with Chef Art Smith Wednesday, November 20, 7:00p

Join Chef Art Smith to learn about his culinary journey and bring some culinary inspiration into your holiday season. A two-time James Beard Foundation award winner, Smith believes

“The art of cooking, the feeding people, is the most engaging, most memorable way to connect with people.”

Smith began his career at the Florida Culinary Institute and honed his skills working with top chefs in France before finding himself in Chicago. There he served as Oprah Winfrey’s personal chef for a decade and opened his first critically-acclaimed restaurant, Table Fifty-Two, known for its modern Southern dishes and locally sourced ingredients. Smith is also a prolific cookbook author and TV personality, sharing his passion for Southern cuisine. He has appeared on *Top Chef*, *Top Chef Duels*, *Top Chef Masters*, *Iron Chef America*, *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *Entertainment Tonight*, *BBQ Pitmasters*, *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and more.



Named Chicagoan of the Year by *Chicago Magazine* and Humanitarian of the Year by the James Beard Foundation, both in 2007, Smith is currently Executive Chef and Co-Owner with restaurants in Chicago, Orlando, Atlanta, and Washington, D.C. He is the founder of Common Threads, a non-profit organization teaching low-income children to cook wholesome and affordable meals. Smith will be joined in conversation by Monica Eng, award-winning Chicago journalist and co-host of the food podcast "Chewing" with Louisa Chu. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. ILP is committed to inclusion and accessibility. To request accommodations, email illinoislibrariespresent@gmail.com.

Use the QR code or link to register and please indicate that you learned about the presentation from the Dunlap Public Library District. Thank you! **Z**

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The Dunlap Public Library District’s membership to ILP is through a generous donation from the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library.

YOUTH SERVICES

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Email aedgar@dunlaplibrary.org for Zoom meeting invites to youth programs or with any questions.

Requests for registration links will be accepted until 60 minutes before program begins.

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KIDS

Book Babies

Mondays, 9:30a

No book babies on November 11.

This is a short storytime designed for parents and caregivers with babies 0-23 months old. Join us for some gentle baby bounces, songs, and rhymes. L



Storytime with Ms. Amy!

Wednesdays, 10:00a

No storytime on November 27.

Join us at the library each week for a new storytime theme with books, songs, rhymes, playtime, and a craft. L

LEGO Club

Wednesdays, 2:30-4:00p

No LEGO club on November 13 or 27.

Join us in the Children's Area where we will put out our collection of LEGOs! Free build or take our building challenge. L

Sign & Sing with Communication Junction

Tuesday, November 5 & 19, 11:30a

Join Communication Junction for an in-person storytime at the library that is designed to engage your child and encourage their love of books. Each Sign & Sing is created around a theme and filled with stories, songs, movements, and new signs. L

Special Olympics Storytime

Saturday, November 9, 10:00a

Hear a story and talk to award-winning Special Olympics athlete Chris Hall, winner of gold medals in track and field and softball, and silver medals in basketball and track and field. L

Ag in the Classroom: Illinois Tree Industry

Tuesday, November 12, 1:30p

Join us for this special monthly youth education program about agriculture, presented by the Peoria County Farm Bureau. Each month will focus on a different topic. Perfect for homeschool families! They stand like statues amongst fields of other crops, and we often forget how much we depend on these plants for so many products in our lives. Students will learn about the 250 Illinois tree farms and the products we get from trees. Students will uncover the native trees that flourish in Illinois. We will highlight evergreens and the impact of the Christmas tree industry. Students will learn more about one specific sweet and delicious product made by trees, maple syrup. Students will play a tree nutrient resource game. L

Growing Readers

Tuesday, November 12 & 26, 10:00a

This program will offer early literacy stations for preschoolers to play, learn, and develop early reading skills. Stations will include fun activities like collage art, play dough shaping, and practice cutting with scissors to help 3-5 year-olds develop hand strength and fine motor coordination. L

Music & Movement

Thursday, November 14, 10:45a

Join us for music, a story, and fun activities to get your little ones up and moving! Therapists from Way to Grow Pediatric Therapy + Enrichment Center will be hosting the classes. L

Kids Advisory Board

Tuesday, November 19, 6:00p

Do you love to check out books to read at the Library? Or maybe you love to come here to play video games or make art projects with friends? If you're a kid between the ages of 9 and 12, we want you to join our club and share your ideas about how to make our Library even better. Come check out KAB! L

TWEEN & TEEN

Afterschool Drop-In

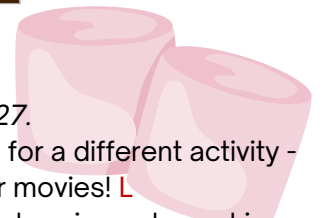
Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00p

No drop-in on November 13 or 27.

Stop in each week after school for a different activity - snacks, crafts, board games, or movies! L

November 6 - Let's explore candy science by making Marshmallow slime!

November 20 - Candy science continues with a dissolving candy lab and a growing gummy bear lab!



Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, November 19, 7:00p

Do you want a say in the materials and programs offered by the library? Join the Teen Advisory Board! Middle and high schoolers welcome. TAB meetings and activities count toward student volunteer hours. L

Let's Taco 'Bout It

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Join us at our YA book club as we talk about whatever we're reading. L

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Mah Jongg Monday!

Mondays, 1:00-3:00p

No Mah Jongg on Monday, November 11. Let's play this

ancient Chinese tile-based game! All skill levels welcome,

including those who just wonder what Mah Jongg is and want to learn about it. **We are playing the 2024 National Mah Jongg League card.** If you have a Mah Jongg set, please bring it along! **L**



Chair Yoga

Mondays, 3:30p and Wednesdays, 8:30a

No chair yoga on Monday, November 11 or Wednesday, November 27.

Interested in trying yoga, but don't think you can do it? You may join us at the library OR from the comfort of your home using Zoom. In-person: chairs provided, no mat needed, no registration. Joining our class from home: grab an armless chair and your device. If you have a strap/belt, block/books, and a ball/round object, we may use them during our practice. Instructor led. **L Z**



Yoga

Tuesdays, 5:30p and Thursdays, 8:30a

No yoga on Thursday, November 28

Enjoy the diversity of yoga. Join our yogi masters for a live yoga practice! You may join us in the library OR from the

comfort of your home using Zoom. **L Z**

CACTUS

Friday, November 1, 9:30a

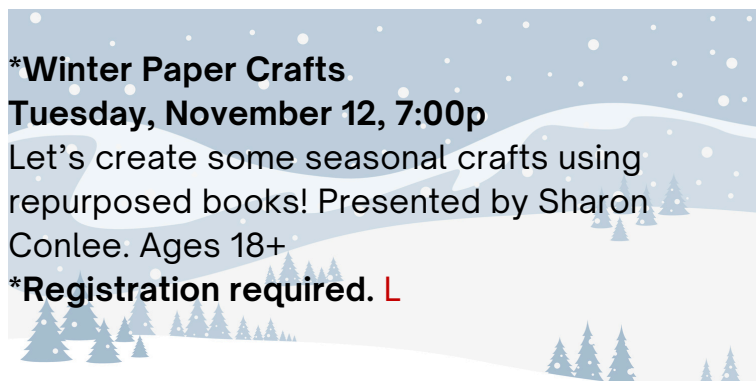
It's an artsy day! Meet in person and bring your unfinished projects to work on, meet others, and share ideas! Our challenge theme for November (should you choose to participate) is aged/vintage item, pre-2004. CACTUS is an acronym for Creative Artists and Crafters Tackle Unfinished Stuff. **L**

*Winter Paper Crafts

Tuesday, November 12, 7:00p

Let's create some seasonal crafts using repurposed books! Presented by Sharon Conlee. Ages 18+

***Registration required. L**



In Cod We Trust

Wednesday, November 13, 11:30a

Fish and chips are synonymous with the UK, traditionally a mainstay of the British working-class diet and even used as "code" for sussing out compatriot troops on the beaches of Normandy. Despite its rebranding as distinctly British fare, fried fish was originally introduced to the UK by persecuted immigrant populations. Anglophile and former UK resident Claire Evans looks at what lies beneath a nostalgic national dish's contentious international history: from secret fishing grounds, Cod Wars, and overfishing to the difficulty of selling fish in today's political landscape. Learn how to make sure your fish and chips are sustainably sourced, and how to navigate and appreciate the highlights of a modern "chippy" menu in this virtual presentation. **Z**



Rigid Heddle Weaving Rabble

Thursday, November 14, 11:00a-12:30p

Get out your loom, wind a warp, work on a project. If you don't know what all of this means, join us and we'll show you how we creatively use up our yarn stash. **L**

Year-End Financial Checklist

Thursday, November 14, 7:00p

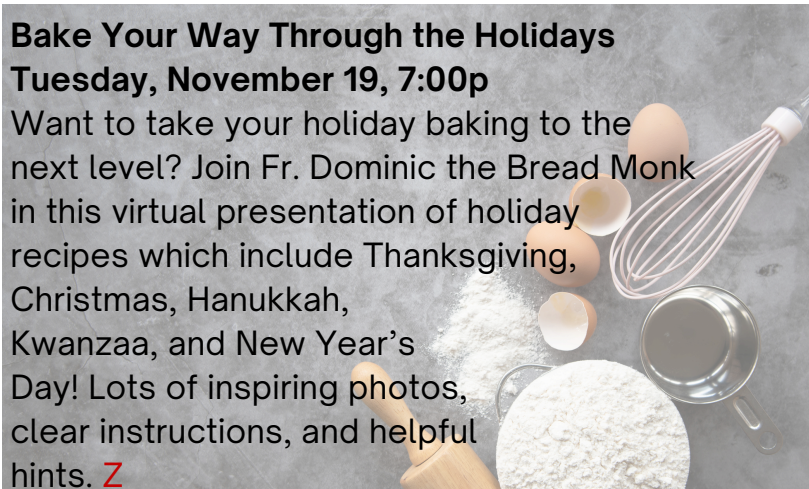
With the year winding down, it's important to focus on what you can control. In this virtual presentation, Fran McKay of Edward Jones will review some actions you can consider before the year-end to help keep your financial strategy on track. Topics include tips for financial discussions during the holidays, 529 contributions as holiday gifts, and the benefits of a Roth IRA. **Z**



Bake Your Way Through the Holidays

Tuesday, November 19, 7:00p

Want to take your holiday baking to the next level? Join Fr. Dominic the Bread Monk in this virtual presentation of holiday recipes which include Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and New Year's Day! Lots of inspiring photos, clear instructions, and helpful hints. **Z**



BOOK CLUBS

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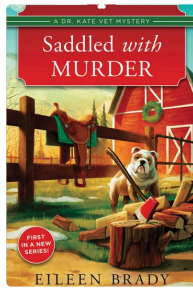
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Cozy Little Book Club

Wednesday, November 6, 11:00a

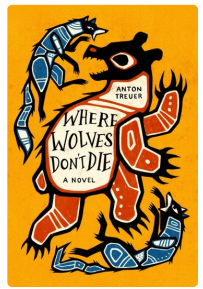
Do you like a light and entertaining read? We do too! This month's cozy book is **Saddled with Murder** by Eileen Brady. On December 4 we will discuss **The Body in the Belfry** by Katherine Hall Page. [M](#) [Z](#)



"Who Picked This?" Book Club

Tuesday, November 19, 10:00a

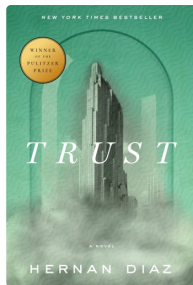
This month we will be discussing **Where Wolves Don't Die** by Anton Treuer. Our book for December 17 will be **A Short Walk Through a Wide World** by Douglas Westerbeke. [M](#) [Z](#)



Page Turners Book Club

Thursday, November 7, 1:00p

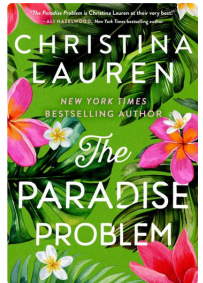
Join Dunlap Library's longest running book club and the only one that meets in-person in the Library! This month we'll discuss **Trust** by Hernan Diaz. Our title for December 5 will be **Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow** by Gabrielle Zevin. [K](#) [L](#)



Afternoon Delight Book Club

Wednesday, November 20, 1:00p

Romance is the theme for this virtual book club. Our title this month will be **The Paradise Problem** by Christina Lauren. On December 18 we will discuss **When Christmas Comes** by Debbie Macomber. [M](#) [Z](#)



Inside Out Book Chat

Wednesday, November 13, 10:00a

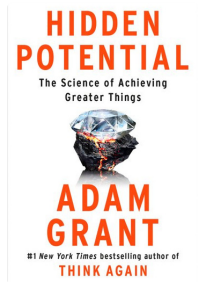
What have you been reading? There are so many books out there - it's time to share! You'll have a chance to talk about your recent reads... good, bad, or mediocre. [M](#) [Z](#)



Stranger Than Fiction

Thursday, January 23, 10:00a

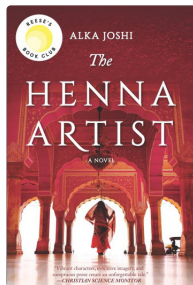
Let's get down to the facts. Our next nonfiction title will be **Hidden Potential: The Science of Achieving Greater Things** by Adam Grant. [M](#) [Z](#)



*Artful Reads with Creative Soul

Wednesday, November 13, 5:00p

Creative Soul Gallery in Dunlap and the Library are joining together to discuss "arty" reads. This month we will be talking about **The Henna Artist** by Alka Joshi. Email to receive the Zoom invite to attend virtually or to be added to the in-person discussion. In your email please indicate how you wish to attend and your phone number if attending in-person. On December 11 our read will be **The Secret Life of Sunflowers** by Marta Molnar. [M](#) [L](#) [Z](#)

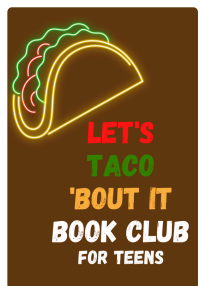


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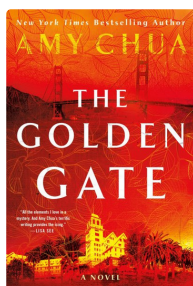
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An Hour to Kill Book Club

Monday, November 18, 6:30p

Mystery, suspense, thriller - fiction or nonfiction! No cozy titles here! Join us to discuss **The Golden Gate** by Amy Chua. On December 9 our title will be **Bright Young Women** by Jessica Knoll. [K](#) [Z](#)



A Note from the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library



What was the BIG reveal?

The Friends held a General Membership Meeting on October 10. With an improvised drum roll and lots of cheering, we shared that Cultivate Solar donated \$10,000 to the Friends of Dunlap Public Library. Thanks to this generous donation, we immediately met the goal set by Friends attending the July General Membership Meeting and donated funds to the library to purchase two Tonie Boxes, a screen-free audio player that plays songs and stories and encourages listeners to use their imagination, and an annual subscription that will provide several new Tonies, the audio component, for the library. Big news, right?

In addition to that exciting news, we discussed a new activity to coordinate with the library's upcoming theme during January and February. Volunteers are needed! Contact us at friends@dunlaplibrary.org for more information.

We introduced two new programs that will be available to folks attending the General Membership Meeting: “Behind the Scenes” and “First Look Books”.

- “Behind the Scenes” provides a brief overview of a topic about our library. Kelly Kerckhove, Coordinator of Marketing and Technical Services, shared how the library selects new books and what happens when the new books arrive at the library.
- “First Look Books” are advanced reader copies of books yet to be published. Laura Keyes, Library Director, obtained the books at a recent conference, and they are now available for Friends to borrow from the library. Look for the small bookcase at one end of the Circulation Desk.

Be sure to attend our January 9, 2025, General Membership Meeting and take advantage of these programs! Members and the public are welcome.

Our celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week took place October 20-26. Library patrons entered a raffle to win a National Friends of Libraries tote bag and a mug. Other Friends freebies were available to take home.

While our General Membership meetings occur quarterly, the Friends leadership team meets most months on the first Monday of the month at 6 pm in the library community room. All are welcome to attend these meetings; we'd appreciate hearing your thoughts!

Double the impact of your donation. Many organizations, like Caterpillar, offer employer match programs. The Friends of the Dunlap Public Library is now part of the Caterpillar Foundation matching gift program. Watch this space for more information about how to take part in Cat's program.

BOOKS FOR BUDDIES

New book and toy drive benefitting Almost Home Kids



- **ITEMS SHOULD BE AGE-APPROPRIATE FOR AGES 2-7**
- **NEW BOARD BOOKS (BOOKS WITH HARD COVER AND HARD PAGES)**
- **NEW PLASTIC TOYS THAT LIGHT UP/MAKE NOISE/HAVE NO SMALL PARTS**

Accepting donations through November 30.
Drop off all items at the Dunlap Public Library
302 S. First St., Dunlap IL 61525
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Library News

- The Library would like to extend a very special thank you to Angie Dhall for serving as a Dunlap Library trustee for more than ten years. Thank you for serving your community, Angie!
- The Library will be closed on Monday, November 11, for Veterans Day.
- The Library will be closing at 5:00p on Wednesday, November 27, and will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Please consider donating your leftover Halloween candy to the library for use in our Gingerbread House program!

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