

# January 2024



## Newsletter

### **GREAT PUZZLE RACE**

**Saturday,  
January 20th  
@ 10:00 am**

Join us for fun and prizes  
in our first PUZZLE RACE!  
Details on pg 4.

### **DOOR DECOR!**

**Wednesday,  
January 17th  
@ 5:30 pm**

Join us for a fun  
filled craft night!  
Details on pg 4.

## **WINTER READING PROGRAM**

**Dec 1st - Feb 29th**

There is still time to register  
for our winter reading program.  
Read and record titles for a chance to win prizes!

**CLOSED Monday, January 15th for  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

# 2023-2024 Winter Reading Program

Registration for youth and adults begins Friday, December 1, 2023 and the program runs until Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Record any books you read during the program and turn in a reading log for every five books read.

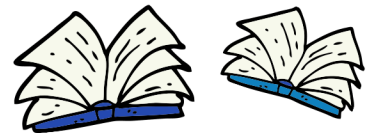
Please read at or above your reading level.

For each reading log turned in, you will be entered once into the prize drawing for your age group.

Turn in as many logs as possible throughout the program!

Audiobooks, and graphic novels also count as books!

Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 7 pm is the last day to turn in reading logs.



## For ages 13+:

1. \$50 Amazon gift card
2. \$25 Amazon gift card
3. \$10 Amazon gift card

## For ages 6 – 12:

1. \$50 Amazon gift card
2. \$25 Amazon gift card
3. \$10 Amazon gift card

## For ages birth – 5:

1. \$50 Amazon gift card
2. \$25 Amazon gift card
3. \$10 Amazon gift card



# **GREAT PUZZLE RACE**

Ages 12 and up!

Join us

Saturday January 20th @ 10:30 am at the library  
for a fun-filled puzzle race!

The first two teams to complete their own identical  
500 piece puzzle will win.

(Individual members in the winning teams will each receive gift cards  
to a local restaurant.)

Teams can be up to 4 players, containing adults and teens  
(12 and up). Registration is required.

**Registration is required, as spots are VERY limited,  
by calling the library at 618-233-8057.**

**Please call only during business hours  
to speak directly with one of our friendly librarians.**

# Smithton StoryWalk®



**Have you visited the lake at  
Smithton Community Park lately?  
Check out our new StoryWalk®!**

**Interested in learning more about our  
sponsorship program, where you can sponsor  
the StoryWalk® for a month?**

**Visit  
[www.smithtonpl.org/smithtonstorywalk](http://www.smithtonpl.org/smithtonstorywalk)  
for details.**



JOIN US FOR A...

# Craft Night!

WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 17, 2024

5:30 PM



Register to come to the library and create your very own "Let it Snow" OR "Hello Valentine" themed door decoration!

Cost per craft: \$15, payable by cash or check at the library. Payment is required before your spot can be reserved.

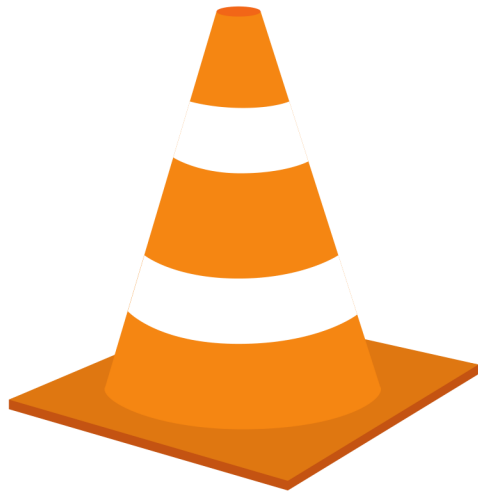
Registration Required. Ages 18+.

Spots are very limited.

Visit the library with cash or check to reserve your spot!

# STORY TIME

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Thursdays, 10 AM (registration NOT required)

Theme: "Under Construction!"

Join us for stories all about Construction!

Story Time is geared for ages 3-8. It is free and open to the public. Children must be under parent/guardian/caretaker supervision at all times during Library events.

Questions? Call us at 618-233-8057

Dates: January 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th

# DUNGEONS & DRAGONS SATURDAYS

The Smithsonian Public Library keeps the core rulebooks on hand. Use them to prepare your game or build characters.

Run your own game here or ask for Gamemaster Cinda to run something for your group “by appointment”.



**Call  
233-8057  
to register  
or ask  
questions.**

**FREE**

# **Movies @ the Library!**



**Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles:  
Mutant Mayhem (2023)**

**Run time: 99 min | Rated PG**

**Wednesday, January 11th**

**@ 3:30 pm**



**Bad Guys (2022)**

**Run time: 100 min**

**Rated PG**

**Wednesday,**

**January 31st**

**@ 2:30 pm**

**Spots are limited!**

**Pre-Register by calling the library: 618-233-8057.**

**Children under 10 years old  
must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**

**Light refreshments will be provided.**





# Mobile Hotspots

We have **SEVEN (7)** Mobile Internet Hotspots that Smithton PLD patrons (ages 18+) can check out!

The hotspots run on the T-Mobile® network.

Hotspots check out for 2 weeks - reserve one for your next vacation or family road trip to have dependable wi-fi on-the-go! Please note that holds can be placed on the Hotspot, but no specific date can be guaranteed

Call the library at 618-233-8057 to reserve one today.

**Note:** As a courtesy to other library patrons, please CALL US if you have a hotspot on hold, but no longer need it.

There is a lengthy waiting list, and we appreciate your consideration for your fellow patrons!



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Smithton Public Library

<https://wowbrary.org/signup.aspx?l=6073>

# SCHOLASTIC Teachables

Printables, Lessons, Mini-Books, and More!

Scholastic Teachables is completely delivered over the internet and provides unlimited remote access to the highest quality content and the most effective instructional tools to support your students Pre-K-Grade 6.

Use your library card # to log in.

Click here to access Scholastic Teachables with your Smithton Public Library District barcode:

<https://digital.scholastic.com/site/launch/tcb?ucn=600029343>

## New Streaming Video Service



The Library is excited to offer a new streaming video service for our patrons, called Biblio+.

You can access this service on your browser, by creating an account.

Visit <https://biblioplus.com/register?lid=smithtonpl.org> to get started.

You will need your library card barcode and password.

You can also download the Biblio+ App from your favorite app store.

# Wireless Printing

You can now print from your home computer, smart phone or tablet!

Check out [www.smithtonpl.org/wirelessprinting](http://www.smithtonpl.org/wirelessprinting) today.

Want to email something to print?

Email an attachment

- Black & White [SINGLE sided], \$0.15 per page:  
**smipbw@printspots.com**
- Color [SINGLE sided], \$0.50 per page:  
**smipcl@printspots.com**
- Black & White [DOUBLE sided], \$0.20 per page:  
**smipbwds@printspots.com**
- Color [DOUBLE sided], \$0.75 per page:  
**smipclds@printspots.com**



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The CloudLibrary is a platform that you can use to borrow digital content -- ebooks and eaudiobooks. This platform is one-copy, one-user, which means that each title checks out like a physical library book would. Smithton PLD patrons may place up to 5 holds at once, and have 5 items checked out per card.

The titles offered on the CloudLibrary are ones you'd expect to be on our new shelf -- they include more recent, popular authors.

Check out your favorite app store to download the CloudLibrary app.

Choose "Illinois Heartland Library System" when prompted to select a library.

Questions? Call us! We're happy to help. (618) 233-8057



We also offer another digital econtent platform called Hoopla®. This platform is simultaneous use -- meaning what you see in the catalog is available instantly to download! There are ebooks, eaudiobooks, movies, TV shows, comics and even magazines!

Check out the details on page 14.





# Friends of the Smithton Public Library District

Interested in joining  
a local community organization  
that supports the library?

Join the Friends of the Smithton Public Library District today!

For more information, please visit  
[www.smithtonpl.org/friends](http://www.smithtonpl.org/friends)

## Friends' Book Club

The Friends of the Library Book Club meets on the third  
Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in various places.

They read mainly contemporary fiction.

For more information about the Friends of the Library Book  
Club, please call the Library at 618-233-8057.



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Download books, music, movies, audiobooks and now magazines with Hoopla Digital and your library card.

Content includes both adult's and children's titles.

These titles are all simultaneous use —so there's no waiting for the item you want!

Visit the link, below, to create an account.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com>

You will create a username (your email address) and password for Hoopla®. Hoopla® will then ask you to verify your library ZIP code, barcode, and library-assigned password.

Patrons will be able to borrow 5 items (called "borrows") per card, per month.

Have questions? Call us--we're happy to help! (618) 233-8057

Check out our step-by-step video to get started with Hoopla®:

<https://bit.ly/3zD6sVL>



# Newsbank Newspapers

Explore and stay informed on local and national topics, people and events in areas such as business, health, education, jobs and careers, political and social issues and more.

Features a wide variety of credible, vetted news sources spanning the U.S., including Belleville News Democrat, St. Louis Post Dispatch and USA Today.

Available remotely 24/7 on any device.

Visit the link below to access newspapers from across the nation.

**<http://infoweb.newsbank.com/signin/SmithtonPublicLibrary/NEWSBANK>**

You will need your Smithton Public Library District library card number to access this database.

Call us with any questions! (618) 233-8057



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Our staff recommendations blog is about any theme we can think of – our favorite books, audiobooks, music, and movies.

Check back often: [www.smithtonpl.org/blog](http://www.smithtonpl.org/blog)

An advertisement for the SHARE Mobile Library app. On the left, a hand is shown holding a black smartphone. The background is a light blue gradient. In the center, there is a purple and white icon of an open book. To the right of the icon, the word "SHARE" is written in large, bold, purple capital letters, and "Mobile Library" is written below it in a smaller, black, cursive font. Below this, the text "Now Available in the" is written in purple. At the bottom, there are two icons: the Apple App Store logo followed by "App Store" and the Google Play Store logo followed by "Play Store".



# Book-A-Librarian

Did you know that you can "Book A Librarian" for an hour-long session to help you with any technology issue you may have?

Staff can help you:

- learn to use a computer
- create an email account
- use a smart phone
- use a tablet
- set up or download a book to your e-reader
- use our online resources
- use our online card catalog to order items from home



Call us at 618-233-8057 to set up an appointment with one of our knowledgeable staff members!

# Notary Services

By appointment only, Monday - Friday.

Call us at 618-233-8057 in advance to set up an appointment.





# 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Parents whose children are not yet in Kindergarten can sign up for our "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program.

You will receive a folder with a paper log to record the books you read to your child. Every time you read a book (no matter if it's the 20th time you've read it) -- it counts!

When you visit the library after every 100 books, your child will get a sticker to keep and one to put on our bulletin board. Your child will also receive a necklace and tag for every 100 books!

After 500 books, your child will receive a small gift. After reading 1000 books, your child will receive a t-shirt, a certificate, and book. His or her picture and name will even be printed in the newspaper!

Visit the library to sign up today!



# Request Items Online

You can request items online from over 400+ libraries in our library system. You can also renew items or simply see which items you have checked out on your card.

You will need your library card number and password to log in to the online card catalog.

This service is FREE!

Questions? Forgot your password? Call us! We're happy to help.

Visit our online card catalog: [smip.illshareit.com](http://smip.illshareit.com)

## SHARE Mobile App

We also have a mobile app!

Search for "SHARE Mobile Library" in your favorite app store!



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SHARING HEARTLAND'S AVAILABLE  
RESOURCES EQUALLY

# Board of Trustees Meetings

The Smithton Public Library District Board of Trustees meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 pm, except for December and July.

The public is welcome to attend these meetings.

The Board discusses budget, policy, events, fundraising, ordinances and anything else that makes the library run efficiently.

# Homebound Outreach Program



The library now has a homebound delivery program for Smithton PLD resident cardholders!

Pick up more information and an application at the library, or visit us online at [www.smithtonpl.org/libraryservices/hop](http://www.smithtonpl.org/libraryservices/hop)

**Smithton Public Library District**  
**109 S Main St**  
**Smithton, IL 62285**  
**618-233-8057**  
[www.smithtonpl.org](http://www.smithtonpl.org)

**Library Hours:**  
Monday-Thursday: 9 AM – 8 PM  
Friday: 9 AM – 6 PM  
Saturday: 9 AM – 5 PM  
Sunday: CLOSED