



Smithton Public Library

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NEWSLETTER

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www.smithtonpl.org**

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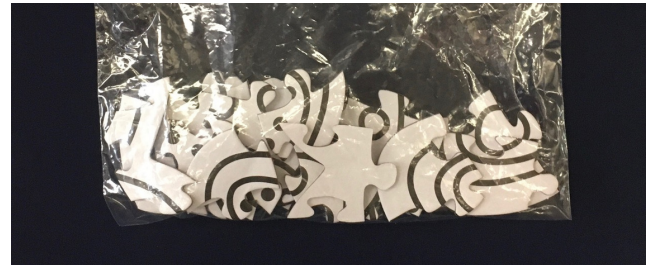
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TAKE & MAKE CRAFT

We're celebrating SPRING here at the library. Kids ages 3 and up can stop by the Library starting April 1st, and pick up a puzzle kit. The image is a surprise--pick up a kit to put together and color today! One kit per child, please, while supplies last.



Zentangle® Videos

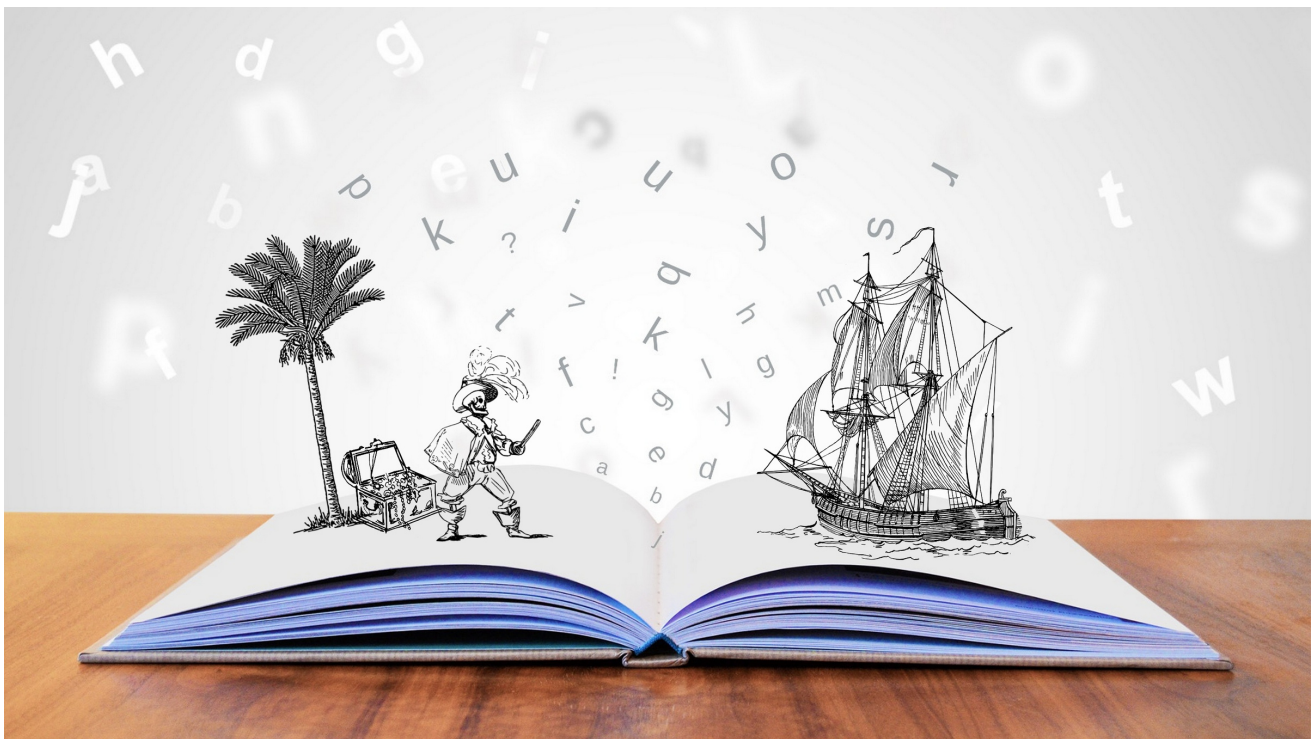
Julie Crosby, CZT, will have instructional videos on the library's Facebook page for anyone to enjoy.

A limited number of packets will be available at the library to supplement the videos. Updates will be posted to the library's Facebook page.

Registration is not required.

OUTDOOR STORY TIMES IN MAY 2021

Have you got the spring/summer jitters? Hop on over to Story Time for some tales about Kangaroos! We'll hear stories, sing/dance, and make a craft. Geared to ages 3-8 and you must call the Library to pre-register: 618-233-8057. In case of inclement weather, the event will be canceled and you will be notified if possible. We "hop" to see you there!



VIRTUAL LIBRARY CRAWL

Smithton Public Library District Cardholders Only - Visit 9 libraries' websites (3 LOCAL, 3 in the US and 3 in the WORLD) to complete your library passport. You will be asked to answer one question about each library website that you visit.

When you submit this COMPLETED passport form, you'll be entered to win a envelope of \$25 worth of LOCAL gift cards. One entry per person, must have a valid Smithton PLD Library Card to win the prize drawing. Participants have until Saturday, May 15 at 11:59pm to submit the completed passport form.

Questions? Call us at 618-233-8057.

**Interested in getting a library card?
<https://bit.ly/3wcuUlt>**

**Happy Travels!
-Smithton PLD Staff**

Check out our website for more information, and to find the completed form:

<https://www.smithtonpl.org/virtual-library-crawl/>



ESCRIPS PROGRAM

Earn Money for Smithton Public Library District with Schnucks!

Here's How:

Pick up a My Schnucks card at any store

Visit www.escrip.com/schnucks and register your card with eScrip.

Then:

Just use your registered card at checkout --it's that easy!

OR, if you use the Rewards App or your phone number at checkout, simply present your registered My Schnucks card too.

After 24 hours or so, call customer service at (800) 264-4400 and tell them you want to "donate" to Smithton Public Library District.

How to Video:

<https://www.screencast.com/t/tubzR9a4LI4>

Flyer:

<https://img.escrip.com/m/escrip/2021/Schnucks-eScripRewards2021.pdf>



REQUEST ITEMS ONLINE

You can request items online from other libraries again. You will need your library card number and password to log in to the online card catalog. This service is FREE! Questions? Call us!

Visit our online card catalog: smip.illshareit.com

Note: Patrons are experiencing ~9 business day wait time. Please know that the items are being quarantined to ensure patron and staff safety.





We're excited to offer Hoopla to our patrons!

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

Content includes both adults and children's titles.

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

**We're excited about instant downloads!
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**



Newsbank Newspaper Database

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.
Click the link, above, to access newspapers from across the nation.**

**[https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/easy-search?
p=NewsBank](https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/easy-search?p=NewsBank)**

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

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

MOBILE HOTSPOTS

We have FIVE (5) Mobile Internet Hotspots that Smithton PLD patrons (ages 18+) can check out! The hotspots run on the Sprint/T-Mobile® network. Call the library at 618-233-8057 to reserve one today.



ONLINE DATABASES

Do you know that you have access to a wealth of databases? You can repair your car, look up a new book/author or read about health topics.

To see all of the Online Databases that you have access to, please visit

<https://www.galepages.com/smithtonpl>

Please call the library at 618-233-8057 if you are having problems logging in.



CloudLibrary

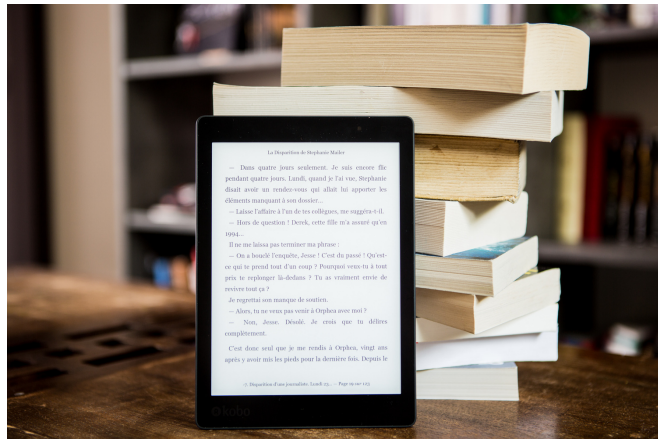
The CloudLibrary is a platform that you can use to borrow digital content -- ebooks and eaudiobooks. This platform is one-copy, one-user, which means that each title checks out like a physical library book would. Smithton PLD patrons may place up to 5 holds, and have 5 items checked out per card.

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.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

NEW for 2021! We have a blog!
It's full of staff recommendations and our goal is to update it once a week.

The recommendations are about any theme we can think of - our favorite books, audiobooks, music and movies.

Each staff member will post her recommendations throughout the year. The responses will be categorized by staff member and audience.

Check back often to see recommendations:
www.smithtonpl.org/blog





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1000th time?
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1,000 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.

After 500 books, your child will receive a finger puppet. After reading 1,000 books, your child will receive a t-shirt, a certificate, and his/her picture/name in the newspaper!

Visit the library to sign up today!