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NEWSLETTER May 2021



Kids ages 3 and up can stop by the Library starting May 3rd to pick up a craft to make for Mother's Day. One kit per child, please, while supplies last.



Summer Reading
Program
Registration for ages 0-100+ begins
May 17th!

Stop by the library to sign up!

MAY OUTDOOR STORY TIMES

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. 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.

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/

Questions? Call us at 618-233-8057.

Interested in getting a library card? https://bit.ly/3wcwUlt



ESCRIPS PROGRAM

Earn Money for Smithton Public Library District with Schnucks!

Here's How:

Pick up a My Schnucks card at any store Visit <u>www.escrip.com/schnucks</u> 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, 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. 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





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 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





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 below to access newspapers from across the nation.

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



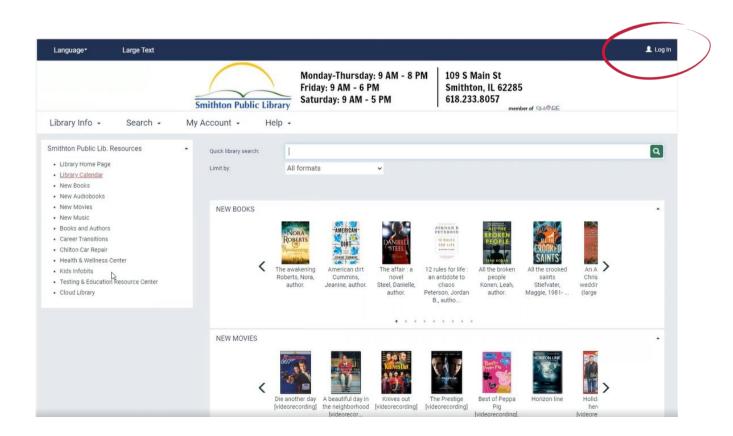
DO YOU NEED HELP ORDERING FROM OUR ONLINE CARD CATALOG?

There are over 450 libraries in our system to borrow from -- have fun! Go to smip.illshareit.com to check out our online card catalog.

Log in with your barcode and password. You created your password when you registered for a library card. Call us if you don't know your log-in information.

Items that you request will be delivered to out library. You'll get notified that items are in and you have 1 week to pick them up. There is NO CHARGE for this service.

Want to watch a video of our online card catalog in action? https://www.smithtonpl.org/online-card-catalog-help/





Did you read that book for the 1000th time? Sign up & get rewarded. Click here for more info.

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 and name in the newspaper!

Visit the library to sign up today!

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* means registration is required. Call the Library to register at 618-233-8057.						1
2	Pick Up Take and Make Crafts (while supplies last)	4	5	Story Time 10:00 AM	7	8
9	10	11	12	Story Time 10:00 AM	14	Virtual Library Crawl ends @ 11:59 PM
16	Summer Reading Begins!	18	19	Story Time 10:00 AM * Board Meeting 7:00 PM	21	22
23	24	25	26	Story Time 10:00 AM	28	29
30	31					