

# Happy 100th Birthday, Betty White!

The Smithsonian Public Library District is sending a happy birthday note to Betty White.

Sign our custom-designed poster from December 1st to December 31st, 2021. We hope to collect at least 100 signatures.

Her birthday is on Jan 17th, so we'll mail the signed poster on January 3, 2022.

Want to send your own well-wishes?

Write to:

Betty White c/o Jeff Witias  
Agency for the Performing Arts  
405 S Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90212-4425



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## TAKE & MAKE HOLIDAY CRAFT



Stop by the library any time from December 1 to December 31 to pick up a gingerbread house craft to take home and make. It's easy to assemble - just peel and stick the foam pieces together! Ages 3-12. One craft per child, while supplies last. Make sure to grab a FREE book to keep while you're here!

## GIFT BASKET GIVEAWAY

Stop by the library any time from December 1 to December 28 to enter to win one of three different gift baskets. Open to Smithton PLD Cardholders, ages 18+. Gift baskets feature local goodies. Winners will be drawn on December 29 - just in time for your New Year's celebration!



## NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Details inside, on page 2. >>>

# DIRECTOR'S NOTE

**NEW**

We have so many things to share with you this month!

We have a new JOB SEEKER'S webpage. It's full of databases that will teach you how to prepare for an interview, polish your resume, write a cover letter, and more! We're also offering MOBILE printing - print from anywhere, even your phone, to our printer. See page 4 for more details.

We officially launched our Homebound Outreach Program and we can't wait to serve you.

Contact Cinda at [cleech@smithtonpl.org](mailto:cleech@smithtonpl.org) or call 618-233-8057 for more details.

Did you know that we now have a MOBILE APP? Look for the "SHARE Mobile Library" to have the card catalog, databases and more right at your fingertips!

Our NOON Year's Eve party (>>>) is scheduled for December 31. Spaces are limited, so call the library to register TODAY!

Please call the library (618-233-8057) with questions about any of these offerings.

Happy reading!

Jenna Dauer, MSLIS  
Library Director



## NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Join us as we ring in the New Year in style. The party will start on December 31st at 11:30, with story time and a craft.

Participants will enjoy cookies and sparkling grape juice as we wait until 12 NOON for the balloon drop.

There will be a photo op station with 2022 balloons, too!

**Spots are limited, so participants MUST pre-register for this event by calling the library at 618-233-8057.**

Ages 3 and up. All children must be under adult supervision while in the library.



Jenna again - I almost forgot to mention - we have a WINTER READING PROGRAM, happening now, until February 28, 2022. ALL ages are welcome. Fantastic prizes. Details on page 3...

# 2021/2022 WINTER READING PROGRAM

## READING IS **SNOW** MUCH FUN!

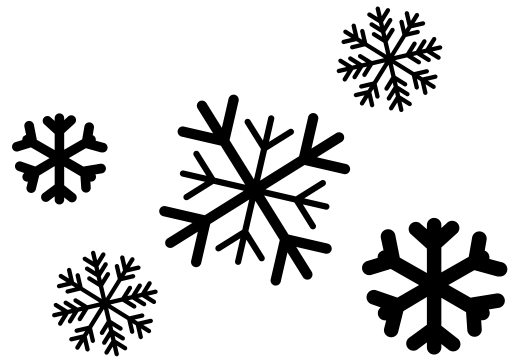
Registration for youth and adults  
begins Wednesday, December 1, 2021  
and the program runs until Monday,  
February 28, 2022.  
You must visit the library to register.

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!



## PRIZES

### **For ages 13+:**

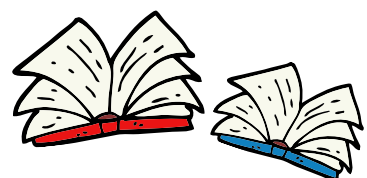
1. \$50 Amazon gift card
2. \$25 Amazon gift card
3. \$10 Amazon gift card

### **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





# JOB SEEKERS WEBSITE

Are you looking for a job, but need some guidance on how to craft the perfect resume? cover letter?

Need to brush up on your technology skills through LinkedIn Learning?

Want to print documents from your email or your home computer to the library's printer with a few simple clicks?

Check out our BRAND NEW Job Seeker's website.

[www.smithtonpl.org/jobseekers](http://www.smithtonpl.org/jobseekers)

## 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:  
[smithton-pl-bw@printspots.com](mailto:smithton-pl-bw@printspots.com)
- Color [SINGLE sided], \$0.50 per page:  
[smithton-pl-cl@printspots.com](mailto:smithton-pl-cl@printspots.com)
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# AFTER SCHOOL ART

The "Perfect" Christmas Tree?  
All Christmas Trees are perfect!



Kids ages 5 - 11 are invited to come to a drop-in crafting event on Thursday, December 16, between 3:15 and 5 pm.

We'll make this colorful stained-glass effect Christmas tree that you can put in your window and enjoy for the Christmas season. No two trees will be exactly alike and will showcase each child's unique color-combination and construction.

No registration is necessary. All children 10 and under must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.

Questions? Call us at 618-233-8057.

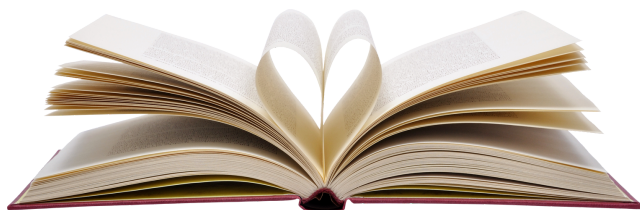
## RECOMMENDATIONS?

Do you ever wish we'd just add books by your favorite author to the collection already? Let us know!

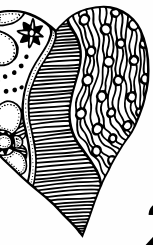
We're open to suggestions about the books we purchase for our collection.

email: [smithtonpl@smithtonpl.org](mailto:smithtonpl@smithtonpl.org)

call: 618-233-8057



# ZENTANGLE® CLASSES



**Pre-registration is required! Call us at 618-233-8057.**

## **Beginner Zentangle® Classes**

2nd Wednesday of the month, 6 pm to 7:50 pm

Ages 12+, limited to 8 participants

December 8, January 12, February 9,

March 9, April 13, May 11

This class, taught by Julie Crosby CZT, is for beginners. No experience is necessary. Julie will teach students how to use the 8 basic steps to the Zentangle® method.

## **Advanced Zentangle® Classes**

3rd Wednesday of the month, 6 pm to 7:50 pm

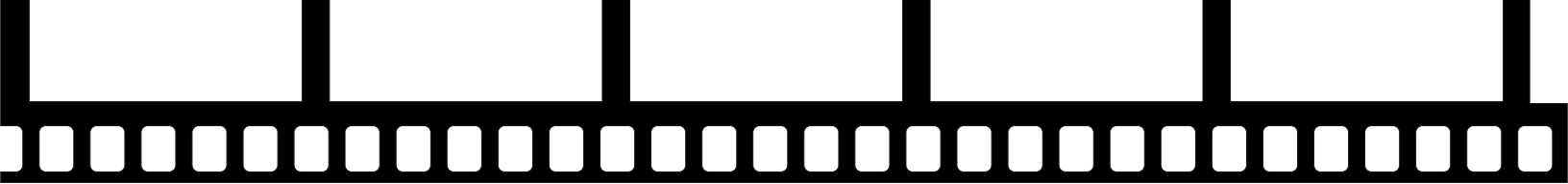
Ages 12+, limited to 8 participants

December 15, January 19, February 16,

March 16, April 20, May 18

This class, taught by Julie Crosby CZT, is for advanced students. Julie will teach students how to use advanced techniques, various tile shapes and different mediums, such as water color, sahara markings, colored pencils & pastel water colored pencils.

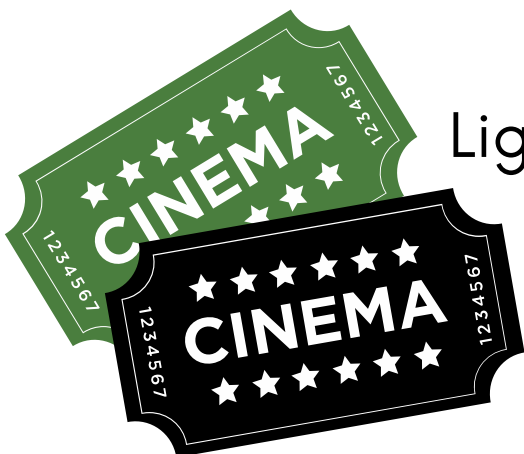




# MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY!

Muppet Christmas Carol  
Friday, December 10 @ 3:15 pm

Arthur Christmas  
Wednesday, December 22 @ 3:15 pm



Light refreshments will be provided.

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

# DECEMBER STORY TIMES

It's December and Christmas Magic is in the air! Join us for some Yuletide fun, as we read together, sing songs, and make Christmas Crafts at Story Times all through December.

Story Times are Thursdays at 10 am and no pre-registration is necessary. Ages 3-8 are welcome! All children must be under the direct supervision of a parents/guardian at all times.

There will be NO Story Time on December 30th, as we prepare for our special NOON YEAR'S EVE celebration (pre-registration required) on December 31!

Dates:  
December 2, 9, 16, and 23.

Children must be under adult supervision at all times.

Story Times are geared for ages 3-8.

No need to register.  
Questions? Call us at 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. Hotspots check out for 2 weeks - reserve one for your next vacation or family road trip to have dependable wi-fi on-the-go!

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 find help for your car, find tools for tests and career prep, or research genealogy.

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.

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

(618) 233-8057



## REQUEST ITEMS ONLINE

You can request items online from over 400+ libraries in our library system. 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](http://smip.illshareit.com)



# PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

The Smithton Page Turners Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the library. They read books from a variety of genres.

For more information about the Smithton Page Turners Book Club, including the 2021/2022 book picks, please visit:

<https://www.smithtonpl.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/book-club-brochure-2021-2022.pdf>

# 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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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. 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





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)





# 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 finger puppet. After reading 1000 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!



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

The Smithton Public Library District Board of Trustees meet every 3rd Thursday of the month, 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)

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