



MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Summer Reading Program

For all ages.
Excellent prizes!

Visit the library to register, beginning
on Monday, May 22, 2023.

Identity Theft Presentation

Tuesday, May 30th
6:00-7:00 PM

Great for Seniors!
Registration required.
Call the library to register!

Gardening Presentation

Thursday, May 25th, 6:00-7:00 PM

Local gardening expert Heidi Clark will give a presentation about good
herbs and vegetables to grow in your garden.

45 minute presentation, followed by a 15 minute Q & A session.

Registration required.

Call the library at 618-233-8057 to reserve your spot.

Story Time!

Thursdays, 10 AM

(registration NOT required)

NOTE: Story Time will break in June & July 2023 for Summer
Reading Program and will resume in August 2023!

Theme: "Life is better in flip flops!"

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



Mobile Hotspots

We have FIVE (5) 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!

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!



**Our newest items.
Emailed weekly.
Sign up today!**



Wowbrary
The Newest Stuff at Your Library


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](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](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.



Movies at the Library!



Star Wars: A New Hope

Run time: 121 minutes, Rated PG

Thursday, May 4, 2023

@ 3:15 pm



Night at the Museum

Run time: 108 minutes, Rated PG

Thursday, May 18, 2023

@ 3:15 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.

Wireless Printing

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

Check out 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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Craft for Adults

The Lavender Mountain Designs ladies are at it again!

Register to come to the library
and create your very own summer-y door decoration!

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

6 pm

Cost: \$12

Registration Required. Ages 18+.

Spots are very limited.

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





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 9.

Meet the Library Social Work Intern!

My name is Sarah Mueth and I am the Social Work Intern here at Smithton Public Library! I will be here from January until July 2023.



I have been a teacher for the past seven years and received my bachelors degree from the University of Illinois in 2016. I am now in the process of working toward my master's in Social Work from Aurora University and plan to graduate in 2024.



What is a Library Social Worker?

The library has always been considered a safe place for its patrons. My job is to add to that idea by providing social services to anyone that might need it. This could include programming that is centered around mental health, social emotional learning, navigating complicated government programs, or anything else the community might need.

Office Hours

-  If you would like to set up a time to meet, please do not hesitate to reach out via phone or email.
-  I will be available for drop in meetings at the library every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.



Programming

Organize social service programming centered around the needs of the Smithton community



Referrals

Refer patrons to social work services. This could include referrals to community resources, government benefit application services, and more.



Support

Provide support and advocacy for patrons and staff of the library.

Contact Now



(618) 233 - 8057



SPLDSocialWorker@gmail.com



www.smithtonpl.org



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

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.

HELP US FIND THE CATERPILLARS!

SCAVENGER HUNT



Ask for a puzzle sheet
and find 16 caterpillars
hidden throughout the library!

Complete the riddle for a small prize.

The caterpillars are hidden in the kids' room,
in the main library, and in the Junior Fiction
section.





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We're excited to offer Hoopla® to our patrons!

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

An advertisement for the SHARE Mobile Library app. On the left, a hand is shown holding a black smartphone. The background is split: the left side is a solid blue, and the right side is a light blue gradient. In the center, there is a purple 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 script. At the bottom, the text "Now Available in the" is in purple, followed by the App Store logo and "App Store" on the left, and the Play Store logo and "Play Store" on the right.

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!





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 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

SHARE Mobile App

We also have a mobile app!
Search for "SHARE Mobile Library" in your favorite app store!



SHARE

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

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