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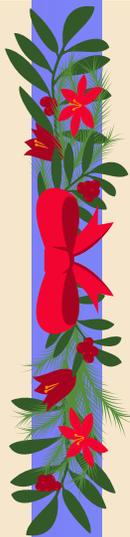
Staff Development Day

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day



South Holland Public Library

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Monday - Thursday

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

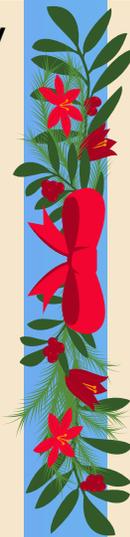
Friday

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

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10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed Sundays



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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

Every year, The Library Board of Trustees and staff review and establish Strategic goals that seek to be accomplished over the course of one to several years. These goals are created to meet our library mission to serve and promote the informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of all members of the community.

In the past year, we completed an interior Library renovation totaling \$1, 529, 548. Not only did we complete the project under budget, but we also completed the project in just 5 (five) short months without closing our doors to the public for more than 1 (one) day. Through this venture, we provided a beautiful space that will grow with our future goals, added 2 self-checkout stations, created 5 private study spaces, created a social space on the main level and updated our teen space to better reflect the needs of our youth and teen patrons, and much more. It has been nearly a year since this project began and it is amazing to see how far we have come.

We have established a thriving Library of Things collection that we call our SHHH! South Holland Hobbies and Habits to meet the needs of our community at all ages. Have you checked out the collection located on the main floor near the AV materials, or the Youth collection downstairs yet? This winter be on the lookout for expanded offerings in our SHH collection and additions for Teens to our Youth Exploration Sets.

We have worked hard with our community partnerships to offer a newborn through toddler donation drive with PASS Pregnancy Care Center and continued partnership with CPO (Chicagoland Prison Outreach) for our Angel Giving Tree.

I am so proud of the amazing work our Hispanic Heritage Month team (Amilcar, Rosie, Alex, Christine, and Liz) did to put together a group of programs and activities to bring Latin culture to life at the South Holland Public Library. We know how much authentic representation matters to a community. It was fantastic to see our community turn out to support our efforts. We are looking forward to the return of Wakanda Night, this February, and all the amazing things we will offer for Black History Month.

Over the next few months, you will see the Library highlighting what we do and why. As we complete a web audit to increase patron usability and better meet changing community needs. We will continue to see us offering mobile library card services at community events and hopefully see us out and about in the community this spring. We love our Library Board of Trustees, customer service-focused staff and the South Holland community at large. Stay Tuned. Be Inspired, Be Informed and Be Innovated.



COMMEMORATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

The Wild West with the African-American Cowboy
Saturday, February 3 at 2 pm

Community Room

Art T. Burton, a retired professor of history from South Suburban College and author, presents the Black experience in the Wild West.

Black History Month Jeopardy
Monday, February 5 at 6 pm

Collaboration Space

Join us for an exciting Black History Month-themed game of Jeopardy to celebrate the influential people and important events that have shaped the African-American Experience.

Alma Thomas - Themed Painting
Monday, February 12 at 6 pm

Collaboration Space

Celebrate Black creativity with an Alma Thomas-inspired paint and mocktail immersion.

Teatime with LaTia Maxwell
Thursday, February 15 at 7 pm

Community Room

Learn about the benefits of drinking Tea from South Holland Black-owned Business Spoonful of Sugar.

Swing Dance Lesson
Thursday, February 29 at 7 pm

Community Room

Wakanda II: The Harlem Renaissance was so much fun. Learn a popular 1920s - 1930s form of dance with Arthur Murray Dance Centers.



Save The Date



PROUDLY PRESENTS

the 2nd Annual
After Hours Event

WAKANDA NIGHT

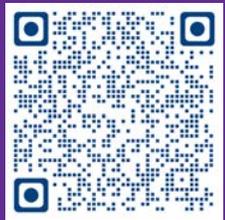
THE ROARING
RENAISSANCE

February 23, 2024
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Parents & Caregivers

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Reading Programs

Birth - 5 Years

MISS BUNNY BOX

Designed for ages 0-3
Celebrate Reading, Learning, and Playing with your Little One! Sign up for our new early literacy subscription box and Miss Rosie will curate a mini collection and some goodies just for you and your budding reader!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Join our free year-round early literacy program for all children from birth to kindergarten. Earn prizes as you build your child's love of reading.

Elementary

READING REBELS BOX

Designed for ages 7-11
Not sure what to read next? Then sign up for a Reading Rebels box and let us find your next great read. Each box will include 2 books and some extra goodies!

Read 500

This self-paced reading program is open to all kids who are starting Kindergarten through the start of 5th grade! Read or listen to 500 books and earn prizes along the way!

Teens

#Read23In23

Hey Teens! Post what you're reading on social media and tag us @shlibrary. Earn prizes throughout the year and join a celebration at year's end.

Storytimes & Playgroups



Playdate at the Library

Tuesdays at 11 am in December

Come and meet other caregivers as we explore developmentally appropriate play materials in a safe, warm, and joyful space. Open to babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Regular Weekly Storytimes Are On Break from December 1 - January 1.



Cozy Winter Storytime

Wednesday, December 20 at 5:30 pm

Join us for a special storytime as we gather around the "fireplace" for cozy winter stories, songs, & hot cocoa.



"Fresh Start! Storytime Kickoff Party"

Tuesday, January 2 at 11 am

Storytime is back, and better than ever! Let's celebrate the love of reading with dancing and fun! Learn about the variety of Storytimes and resources available to our families.



Wiggles and Giggles

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays in January & February at 7 pm

Need to burn off some evening energy? Come get tucked out with silly songs, stories, and movement.



Coretta Scott-King Storytime

Every Storytime in February

The Coretta Scott King Book Awards are given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values. During our regular storytimes, our selected readings will be from the Coretta Scott-King book award list.

Youth and Family

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December



It's Party Time!

December Candy Cane Hunt

Come in all month long to see how many candy canes you can find! Find them all and get entered to win a special prize. Winner will be notified.

January

"Bilingual Babies! Cuenta Cuentos" English and Spanish

1st Friday of the Month at 11 am

Come and enjoy Stories, music, movement, and multilingual fun! This is a great opportunity for families wanting to introduce their children to both languages at an early stage and for native speakers who want to support their home language.



Read to the Dogs

Monday, January 15 at 2 pm

Registration is required. This will be for children Kindergarten through High School.

Reyes Party Tamales and Ponche

Monday, February 5 at 6 pm

We enjoyed our Rosca de Reyes but did you find the baby Jesus?! We are going to celebrate the end of Reyes with Tamales and ponche! Live music by Maritza Aguilar @lowkey_maritzaa

Love your Library Dance Party

Wednesday, February 14 at 5 pm

Come celebrate your library community on this special day of friendship and love. Make a craft, enjoy sweet treats, and bring a friend!



February

Brunch with Belle

Saturday, February 17 at 1 pm

Another fun princess installment. Enjoy the grey stuff with Belle, we've heard it's delicious! There will be a small craft and photo-ops. Registration is required.



Any individual requiring special accommodations as specified by the Americans with Disabilities Act is required to notify the Library Director at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting date. Please call (708) 527 - 3150.

Youth Crafts



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December

12 Days of Christmas Crafts

December 4, 6, 11, and 13 at 4:30 pm

All other dates are Take and Make

Crafts are geared for children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Programs on Monday December 4 and 11, Wednesday December 6 and 13 will be held in the library at 4:30pm. All other dates are Take and Make. Limit of 15 patrons. Please register on our events page. All crafts can be seen on our calendar.

Celebrating Navidad!

Take and Makes

Dec 16-23 while supplies last!

Christmas is a universal holiday celebrated with many cultural traditions. Enjoy celebrating and learning about how the 9 days before Navidad are celebrated in Spanish-speaking countries.



January



"Dia de los Reyes"

Saturday, January 6 at 1 pm

Catered by La Rosita

Dia de los Reyes/ 3 Kings Day is a special holiday celebration in many Spanish-speaking countries. Come celebrate with us and enjoy a simple craft, Mexican Reyes bread/ Rosca de Reyes and hot cocoa.

Crafternoons



MLK Day Craft

Monday, January 15 at 12 pm

Join Miss Liz as we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. For grades Kindergarten - 5th.

Winter Animals

Monday, January 29 at 4:30 pm

Today we will have fun making a craft about a winter animal!

Valentine's Day Craft

Monday, February 5 at 4:30 pm

Let's get ready for Valentine's Day with a fun craft. We will be using paint so please wear play clothes.

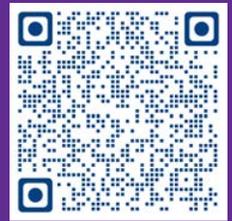
Treble Notes

Monday, February 26 at 4:30 pm

We will listen to some music by artists from the Harlem Renaissance while making a craft with music notes.

Teens

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December

Holiday Cookie Decorating

Tuesday, December 5 at 4:30 pm

Nothing makes the Holidays festive like decorated cookies. Learn to make icing, use the library's collection of piping tips, and create delicious holiday cookies for your friends and families.



Interactive "Elf"

Saturday, December 9 at 1 pm

Enjoy this Holiday movie classic in a new way! Come in costume and receive a kit with props and call-back lines to bring the joy of Buddy the Elf to life.

Hot Chocolate Taste Test

Tuesday, December 19 at 4:30 pm

Everyone loves hot chocolate, but which brand is best? Taste them, rate them, and see if your favorite brand is really your favorite!

Heartstopper Release Party!

Thursday, December 21 at 4:30 pm

Celebrate the launch of the 5th book of this popular series with snacks, trivia, and music. Watch your favorite episode! Talk about your favorite parts of the series! Meet up with other fans who love the Nick, Charlie, Tara, Darcy, Tao, Elle, and the rest of the gang as much as you do.



January

Vision Board/Goal Setting (K-12)

Tuesday, January 2 at 2:30 pm

Join Miss Liz and Miss Jenn as we start the new year. We will be creating vision boards and setting goals to help keep us all on track this new year.

Put Your Best Face Forward

Tuesday, January 9 at 4:30 pm

Learn basic makeup techniques from a professional make-up artist! Jessica Mireles will teach participants how to create a simple, polished look for daytime and a glam style for date night. Bring your own products and learn to use them to their (and your) best advantage!



Read to the Dogs

Monday, January 15 at 2 pm.

Registration is required. This will be for children Kindergarten through High School.

STEAM Lab

Thursdays at 6 pm

Hang out with Ms. Camille and explore exciting Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math activities in our new Teen Club.

December 14

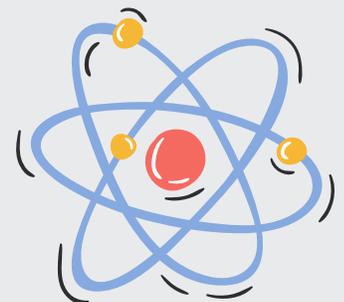
Bath Bombs and Lego Soap

January 18

Circuits & Systems

February 8

Ghoulish Goodies



Programas En Español



¡ESCANEE PARA REGISTRARSE!!

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Niños

¡Ven y disfruta de cuentos, música, movimiento y diversión multilingüe!

1er viernes del mes a las 11 a.m.

Esta es una gran oportunidad para las familias que desean presentar a sus hijos ambos idiomas en una etapa temprana y para los hablantes nativos que desean apoyar su idioma de casa.

El Día de los Reyes

Lunes 5 de febrero a las 18 h.

es una celebración festiva especial en muchos países hispanos. Ven a celebrar con nosotros y disfruta de una artesanía sencilla, Rosca de Reyes y chocolate caliente.

Compostaje con Gusanos

Martes, 16 de Enero 7 pm

Salón comunitario

Kaylynn Robinson, empleada jubilada de SHPL y ahora pasante de jardinería maestra de la Universidad de Illinois, demostrará cómo fertilizar su jardín con compostaje de lombrices.

Taller de Defensa Personal

Sábado, 20 de enero 10:30 am

Salón comunitario

REGISTRO REQUERIDO. El espacio es limitado.

Únete a Lindsey Daehnke de Strictly Self Defense mientras enseña golpes básicos y técnicas de escape. Este taller incluirá asociarse con un compañero asistente para practicar los aspectos físicos de la autodefensa.

Prepare su Jardín Para la Primavera

Martes, 6 de Febrero 7 pm

Salón comunitario

Kaylynn Robinson, regresa para mostrarnos cómo comenzar a plantar plántulas para la siembra de primavera.

Club de Lectura

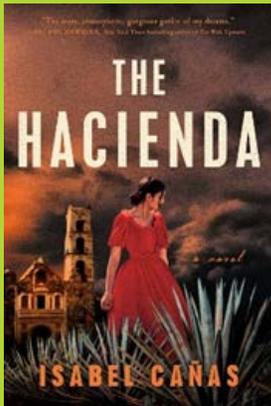
La Hacienda escrito por Isabel Cañas

Miércoles, 31 de Enero 7 pm
Small Meeting Room

REGISTRACIÓN NECESARIA

Leeremos *La Hacienda* escrito por Isabel Cañas. Copias del libro están disponibles en el Escritorio de Información. ¡Lee el libro y únete a la discusión! Para más información llame al 708-527-3160.

La discusión será en persona.



Adornos de Máquina de Chicles

Lunes, 4 de Diciembre 6 pm

Espacio de colaboración

REGISTRO REQUERIDO. El espacio es limitado. Añade un poco de diversión a tu árbol de Navidad con este bonito adorno de máquina de chicles.

Pilates con Renee

Sábado, 13 de Enero y 10 de Febrero 10:30 am

Salón comunitario

REGISTRO REQUERIDO. El espacio es limitado. La entrenadora Renee de Alpha to Omega Wholistic Therapeutic Services nos ayudará a "tomarse tiempo para USTED" mientras nos guía en una sesión de Pilates.

Health & Wellness

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Nature Walk and Haiku Writing Workshop

Wednesday, December 20 at 10 am

Community Room

Join us for a Nature Walk and Haiku Writing program to experience the soothing embrace of nature, capture its essence in the form of haiku poetry, and connect with fellow participants who share a love for both the outdoors and the written word.

Calming Meditation

Wednesday, December 27,

January 24, & February 21 at 2:30 pm

Community Room

Achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state using guided meditation with Brian Thompson from BNewLife.

Pilates with Coach Renee

Saturday, January 13 & February 10 at 10:30 am

Community Room

Coach Renee of Alpha to Omega Wholistic Therapeutic Services will help us "Take Time for YOU" as she leads us in a Pilates session.

Strictly Self Defense Workshop

Saturday, January 20 at 10:30 am

Community Room

Join Lindsey Daehnke of Strictly Self Defense as she teaches basic strikes and escape techniques. This workshop will include partnering with a fellow attendee to practice the physical aspects of self defense.

Cardio Drumming

Tuesday, January 30 at 7 pm

Community Room

Get Fit Nutrition brings together drumsticks and an exercise ball to create one of the most fun workouts you'll ever do.

Steppin' @ the Library

Wednesday, January 17, 24, 31 &

February 7 at 7 pm

Community Room

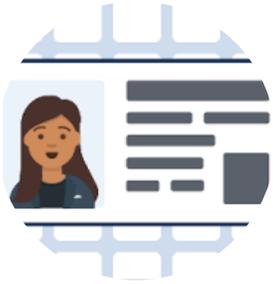
Steppin' is back! Join John Lambert as he teaches you progressively more advanced steppin' moves over the four-week series.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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IL Secretary of State Mobile Event

Friday, January 12 from 10 am - 2 pm

Community Room

Get your driver's license renewed, update your license plate sticker, or get your state ID.



SH Business Stories & Inspiration

Tuesday, February 20 at 7 pm

Community Room

Thinking of starting a business? Join us for an opportunity to learn from a panel of South Holland small business owners in a Q&A session.

Worm Composting

Tuesday, January 16 at 7 pm

Community Room

Kaylynn Robinson, U of I Master Gardener Intern, will demonstrate how to fertilize your garden with worm composting.

Preparing Your Spring Garden

Tuesday, February 6 at 7 pm

Community Room

Kaylynn Robinson, U of I Master Gardener Intern, returns to show us how to start seedlings for Spring planting.

20's - 30's Somethings

Spades and Sitcoms

Tuesday, December 5 & January 2 at 7 pm

Community Room

Watch your favorite 1990's sitcoms while playing cards. Light refreshments will be served.

D&D Adventurer's League for Adults (18+)

Saturday, December 9 & 23, January 6 & 20,
February 3 & 17 from 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Small Meeting Room

Adventurers without existing characters will be provided pre-generated characters. All play materials provided.

Drop-In Board Game Night

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday in
December, January, and February at
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Collaboration Space

Drop in for contemporary board & card games.
Learn a new game or bring your own!



Smash Tournament

Friday, December 15, January 26, & February 9 at 3:30 pm

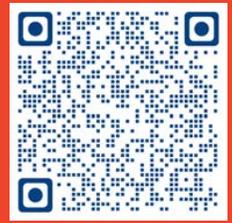
Community Room

Get ready for an action-packed afternoon at our library's adult Super Smash Brothers tournament! Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a newcomer to the game, you are welcomed!



Technology

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Tech Help Walk-Ins For Apple

Monday, December 4, January 8,
February 5 at 3 pm - 5 pm

Walk in for 1-on-1 help with your tech questions about Apple devices, library databases, e-books, or any basic computing dilemmas.

Tech Help Walk-Ins For Android

Mondays, December 18, January 22,
February 19 at 6 pm - 8pm

Walk in for help with Android devices, Microsoft Office, or any other basic computing dilemmas.

Exploring ChatGPT & Generative AI

Wednesday, December 13 at 12:30 pm

Collaboration Space

Learn about ChatGPT and Bing Image Generator! Get hands-on experience by participating in live demonstrations and interactive Q&A sessions with these AI models.

Digitize Your Memories

Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm

Collaboration Space

Looking for the easiest way to convert audio or video to a digital format? Learn how to use the newest item in our SHHH Collection, the ClearClick Video2Digital Converter.

Pixlr X

Tuesday, February 13 12:30 pm

Collaboration Space

Edit photos and create stunning designs right in your browser, on your phone or desktop for free. Start from an empty canvas, a photo, a video, or select from professionally crafted templates.

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Arts & Crafting

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Gumball Machine Ornaments

Monday, December 4 at 6 pm

Collaboration Space

Add some fun to your Christmas tree with this cute gumball machine ornament.

Personalize a Reusable Cup

Monday, December 11 at 6:30 pm

Collaboration Space

Get creative and decorate your own reusable cup! Not only will you have a personalized cup to enjoy your drinks, but you'll also be doing your part to reduce waste.

Glitter Shot Glasses

Monday, January 15

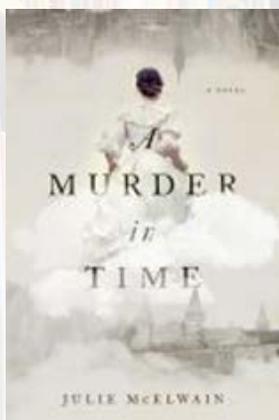
While supplies last. One (1) kit per person.
Grab a DIY Take-N-Make bag.

No-Sew Heart Plush

Wednesday, February 14

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Book Clubs



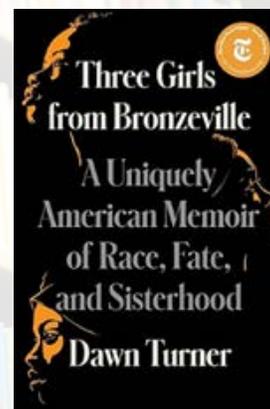
We Know Whodunnit Mystery Book Club

A Murder in Time by Julie McElwain

Tuesday, January 23 at 7 pm

Small Meeting Room

FBI Agent Kendra Donovan stumbles through time, only to get caught up in a serial killer investigation in 1815.



Just the Facts: Non-Fiction Book Club

Three Girls from Bronzeville by Dawn Turner

Wednesday, February 21 at 7 pm

Small Meeting Room

A memoir of three girls growing up in the historic Chicago neighborhood of Bronzeville and the unexpected turns their lives take.

Seniors Connecting

These programs are for seniors (55+) and over

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Tai-Chi- Gong

Wednesday, December 6 at 2:30 pm

Wednesday, January 10 at 2:30 pm

Wednesday, February 7 at 2:30 pm

Community Room

Brian Thompson of BNEW4Life shares gentle breathing, movement, and stretching exercises.



Chair Yoga

1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of

December, January and February at 11 am

Community Room & Online

Enjoy yoga while in a seated position.

This class is accessible for all.

Dancing Cranes
YOGA
Tom & Susan Wilkens

Bid Whist for Seniors

Friday, December 8 and 22 at 1 pm

Friday, January 5 and 19 at 1 pm

Friday, February 2 at 1 pm

Community Room

Make new friends while playing Bid Whist. It takes four to play, so you are welcomed to bring friends!

Cardio Drumming for Seniors

Tuesday, January 9 at 11 am

Community Room

Have you heard about the newest craze, cardio drumming, but were hesitant because of your age?

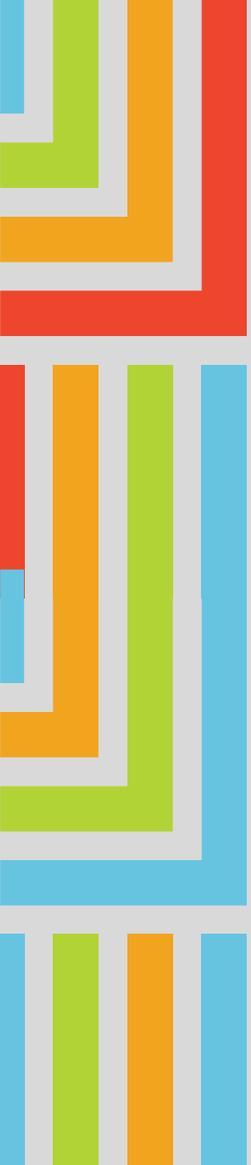
Mary Commodore of Get Fit Nutrition will be tailoring the class just for seniors!

Senior Social Hour

Friday, January 26 at 1 pm

Collaboration Space

It's Game Time!



Tell us your South Holland Library Story!

Have we met our goal of **informing**, **innovating**, and **inspiring** you? We would love to hear about it. Tell us your story by scanning the QR CODE and filling out our survey!



“ ———

The South Holland Public Library informed me about stories, instructed me to listen well, and inspired me to come to the library more!



Winter Collection

Check out new additions to our “Library of Things”



Library Trustees

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South Holland Library cards are available to residents of all ages! Stop by the Circulation Desk to ask us how!

South Holland Business owners can also receive or renew their library card with a current Photo ID.



Library Board Meetings

The Library Board of Trustees meet on the 4th Monday of the Month at 6:00 p.m. sharp in the Small Meeting Room.

Monday, December 18, 2023

Monday, January 22, 2024

Monday, February 26, 2024



Explore More Illinois allows SHPL cardholders to reserve free and discounted admission, parking, and gift store purchases from cultural and recreational attractions in Illinois, including museums, cultural centers, zoos, aquariums, gardens, historical societies, park districts, and more.

Now offering Museum of Science and Industry passes!



Boundless

Axis 360 has changed to boundless. If you're an existing Axis 360 user, you won't need to create a new account. All your existing Axis 360 data will carry over to boundless, once you download the app and register!

If you have any questions, **call Reference, 708-527-3160.**



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Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra

The IPO has sent us concert tickets for their 2023-24 season. Concerts are performed at the Ozinga Chapel, Trinity Christian College, 6601 W. College Dr., Palos Heights. Interested South Holland Library patrons may show us their library card for up to two tickets per concert.

