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DECEMBER 2024 - FEBRUARY 2025



## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Jingle Jam** December 14

**3rd Annual Wakanda Night** February 28

**Library Closed:** December 6, December 24-25,  
December 31, January 1

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## Library Trustees

- Vanessa Bradley, President**
- Felicia Houston, Vice President**
- Elaine MacKenzie, Secretary**
- Patricia McCreary Cannon, Treasurer**
- Sonya Harrington, Trustee**
- Janice Newman, Trustee**
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## Board Meetings

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

- Monday, December 16**
- Monday, January 27**
- Monday, February 24**

## Library Administration

- Director:** Christyn Rayford
- Assistant Director:** Amilcar Perez
- Technical Services:** Christine Sulski
- Circulation:** Tori Stratton
- Public Services:** Alejandra Nieto
- Youth Services:** Regina Townsend
- Information Technology:** Tim DeYoung

## Hours

**Monday - Thursday**  
10:00 am - 9:00 pm

**Friday**  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Saturday**  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Closed Sundays**

## Get Connected!



# HELP & INFO

## Informacion en espanol



Everyone is welcome to the programs mentioned in this newsletter. If you need more information about any of our programs and services or require interpretation do not hesitate to ask for Miss Rosie, Alejandra, or Amilcar.

Todos son bienvenidos a los programas mencionados en este boletín. Si necesita más información sobre alguno de nuestros programas y servicios o requiere interpretación no dude en preguntar por Miss Rosie, Alejandra o Amilcar.

## Sensory & Neurodiversity



We are committed to creating an inclusive and supportive environment for all our guests. We are pleased to offer accommodations and support for neurodiverse individuals to ensure everyone has a comfortable and enjoyable experience in our library. If you have specific needs or require assistance, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Estamos comprometidos a crear un ambiente inclusivo y de apoyo para todos. Nos complace ofrecer adaptaciones y apoyo a personas neurodiversas para garantizar que todos tengan una experiencia cómoda y agradable en nuestra biblioteca. Si tiene necesidades específicas o necesita ayuda, no dude en hacérselo saber.

## Preferred Name



We understand the importance of personalization and respect for all our patrons and are pleased to offer the option to select a preferred name for your library account. This way, you can choose how you'd like to be addressed when interacting with us. To update your preferred name, contact us.

Entendemos la importancia de la personalización y el respeto por todos nuestros usuarios y nos complace ofrecer la opción de seleccionar un nombre preferido para su cuenta de la biblioteca. De esta manera, puede elegir cómo desea que le traten cuando interactúe con nosotros. Para actualizar su nombre preferido, contáctenos.

## Accessibilty Support



We welcome patrons of all abilities! If you require accommodations as specified by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact us at least 24 hours before the program date by phone or email. (708) 527 - 3150 or christyn@shlibrary.org

¡Damos la bienvenida a patrocinadores de todos los niveles! Si necesita adaptaciones según lo especificado por la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades, comuníquese con nosotros al menos 24 horas antes de la fecha del programa por teléfono o correo electrónico. (708) 527 - 3150 o christyn@shlibrary.org

## How Are We Doing?

Have we met our goal of informing, innovating, and inspiring you? We would love to hear about it.

Hemos logrado nuestros objetivos de informarte, inovar, y/o inspirarte? Nos encantaría escuchar de ti.



# LIBRARY Announcements

## Director's Corner



Hello Library Friends and Visitors,

As your Library Director for the past 5 years, I have diligently pursued every opportunity to provide South Holland and our neighboring communities with a compassionate, customer service-driven staff and facility that provides access to intellectual freedom and programming to suit every age and interest. Thank you South Holland and the Library Board of Trustees for your ongoing expressions of love and support in our continued efforts.

We are excited to provide an all-new website that better represents our unique library and meets our community's needs. Our new site will allow you to electronically book a study room, make meeting room reservations, and register your entire family for library programs. This has truly been a labor of love for us over the past few months. Discover even more community resources at your fingertips. Browse our entire library of things collection or find a new database. We hope you like our new site and welcome your feedback as we transition to creating an electronic space that works for you.

We hope that you continue to enjoy our amazing programs and services as more good times are coming in 2025.

Best wishes and warmest regards,  
Christyn Rayford, Director



On behalf of the South Holland Public Library Board and Staff, we would like to thank our community, sponsors, and vendors for joining us at the first-ever SHPL Nerdvana.

If you'd like to participate next year as a vendor or artists, please contact Miss Liz at [liz@shlibrary.org](mailto:liz@shlibrary.org)





## Storytimes & Playgroups

## Early Reader Resources



**Winter Storytimes Begin  
Tuesday, December 3!**

**TUES**  
11 am

### Miss Rosie Reads!

Bring your blankie or special plush along for cozy tales, songs, and rhymes.



### Love and Light Hannukah Storytime

Join us for a very special storytime where we'll learn about Hannukah and the cultures who celebrate it.

**TUES**  
12/17  
11 am

**WED**  
5 pm  
December  
and January

### Wiggles & Giggles

Join us for hilarious tales, fun activities, and a whole lot of laughter every week!



### Coretta Scott King Award Series

We're celebrating Black History Month by featuring inspiring and beautifully illustrated books that have won the Coretta Scott King Award.

**WED**  
all Feb.  
5 pm

**THU**  
11 am

### Bilingual Buddies! Cuentos en Español

Foster a love for language and culture with stories in Spanish and English.

**STORYTIME  
HIATUS**

**December 23  
through January 6**



## MISS BUNNY BAG

Sign up for a seasonal early literacy subscription bag and Miss Rosie will curate books, activities, and goodies just for you and your budding reader!



Bags must be picked up at Youth Services. You will be notified via email to pick up.



## YOUTH EXPLORATION SETS

### Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Explore a special theme with these curated backpacks. Themes range from STEAM, Social Emotional Learning, and Literacy, and are available to South Holland residents for a 3-week checkout.



### CARE Kits All Ages

Find grownup resources for kid concerns such as health, behavior management, and more in our new collection!



### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Register your child for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten our free year-round early literacy program for all children from birth to the summer before Kindergarten.



We understand the challenge of getting kids in and out on time, so we're offering a 15-minute grace period for all youth programs. If you're running a little late, your child will still be able to join!

**However, please note that after the grace period, the program may be cancelled due to lack of attendance.**

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to seeing everyone on time!



## SPECIAL EVENTS FOR KIDS AND THEIR GROWNUPS!

### NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Thursday, December 19  
at 11 am



Ring in the New Year at this fun celebration where little ones can enjoy festive stories, fun activities, and a lively countdown to noon with friends at the library!

### BLACK FUTURES MONTH

ALL FEBRUARY LONG

Hear inspiring and beautifully illustrated books that have won the Coretta Scott King Award, create beautiful art in one of our crafting programs, or check out a fun book celebrating pioneers of black history and futures!

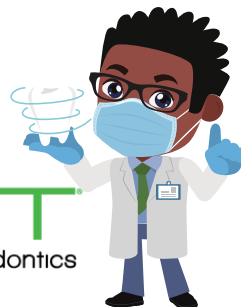


### Tooth Fairy Tales

Thursday, February 27  
at 11 am

Celebrate National Tooth Fairy Day with us and meet a real tooth hero from Mint Dentistry South Holland!

**MINT**  
dentistry & orthodontics



# KIDS



## K-5 Programs

### Celebrate Dog Man!

Tuesday, December 3 at 5 pm  
Celebrate the newest *Dog Man* book at our fun-filled event. Geared for children grades 1st-4th. Limit of 15 patrons. Please register on our events page.



### Cozy Cinema

December 7, January 4, and February 8 at 2 pm  
Gather your loved ones for our Winter Family Movie Series at the library, featuring heartwarming films on the first Saturday of December, January, and February that are sure to bring joy and laughter to the whole family!



### Bookmark Contest

January 6 through January 20  
Starting January 6, pick up a form to create a bookmark. We will have three different age groups Ages 2-6, ages 7-12, ages 13-17. The last day to turn in your bookmark is January 20. Voting will begin on January 27 through February 3.



### Seedlings with Miss Kaylynn!

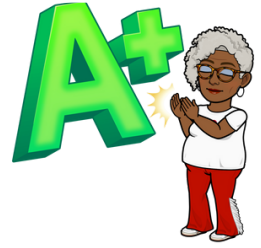
Wednesday, February 19 at 5 pm  
Spring is right around the corner so let's learn how to start seedlings for your own garden!



## K-5 Resources

### Tutoring with Miss Michelle

by appointment only  
Need a little help with reading or ELA? Bring a book from school or grab one while you're here and let's boost those skills together!



## New!! Inquisitive Kits

Thanks to a generous grant from The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, we're excited to offer **Inquisitive Kits**—hands-on activity kits exploring science, technology, and more! New kits are rolling out regularly, so check back often to spark curiosity and discovery.



### READING REBELS

1st Grade - 5th Grade

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!



### YOUTH EXPLORATION SETS

Our Exploration Sets offer hands-on activities in STEAM, Literacy, and Social-Emotional Learning. Each kit is designed to spark curiosity and support growth—check one out today!



# CRAFTERNONS

Join Miss Liz for our monthly craft series just for kids! Supplies are limited, so please take one per child.

### 12 Days of Christmas Crafts

Dec. 10-23

Let's create seasonal and festive crafts! All kits will be take-home EXCEPT for Monday, December 16 at 4 pm.

### New Year's Eve Craft

Monday, December 30

Stop in and pick up a take and make kit to make your very own New Year's Eve craft!

### For the Love of Crafting

February 3-14

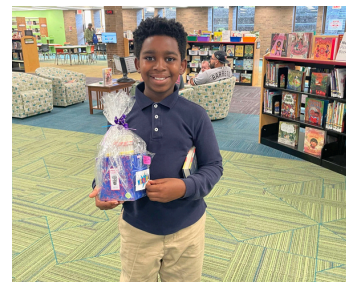
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# RECAPS



Enjoy photos from our recent programs including Nerdvana, Hispanic Heritage Month, Bluey's Boo Bash, and more!



# TEENS



## 6th-12th Grade Programs

### Teen Room Takeover

Tuesdays at 4 pm in the Teen Room  
Whether you're into video games, tabletop games, art, or you just want a chill space to hang with your friends, we've got what you want.



### MLK Day of Service

Monday, January 20  
Drop in to the Teen Room and choose from a variety of community service projects to do by yourself or with friends.



### Random Acts of Kindness

Monday, February 17  
Choose from an array of different activities to help make someone's day a little brighter.



## 6th-12th Grade Resources

### 100 Books Before Graduation

This new program encourages teens in grades 6-12 to read by keeping track of the books they've read while earning prizes along the way! Read—or listen to—anything you want! Books for school assignments count! Graphic novels count! Audiobooks count! Register in person or through the link on the library website.



### VOLUNTEERS

Thursdays from 4-8 pm  
Whether you need hours for a club or school, or if you are just looking for a way to serve your community, SHPL offers you lots of opportunities.



Registration is required unless otherwise specified.

## STEAM Lab

Explore exciting Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math activities with Ms. Camille and maybe even a special guest presenter.

Thursdays once a month at 6 pm  
Registration is required unless otherwise specified.

### Jan 16: Interactive STEM Playground

We're launching a collection of STEM kits for your at-home enjoyment. Come get a sneak preview at this diverse assortment and test out the kit activities. View the stars through a telescope, utilize hydropower to make water-powered tools and so much more!

### February 6: Circuits & Systems

If you're curious about how digital gadgets work, this is the session for you. We will learn about circuits and systems and do some hands-on activities.





# PROGRAMAS EN ESPAÑOL

## Niños y Adolescentes



### ¡Celebremos a Dog Man!

Martes 3 de diciembre a las 5 pm  
Celebremos el lanzamiento del nuevo libro de Dog Man en nuestro evento lleno de diversión.  
Dirigido a niños de 1.º a 4.º grado.



### Jingle Jam

el sábado 14 de diciembre  
a partir de la 1 pm  
Disfrute de villancicos festivos, una estación de chocolate caliente, una hora de cuentos llena de diversión, una sencilla manualidad y una visita especial de Papá Noel. ¡Traiga a toda la familia para pasar un buen rato navideño!



### ¡Fiesta de fin de año al mediodía!

Jueves 19 de diciembre a las 11 am  
¡Celebre el Año Nuevo en esta divertida celebración donde los niños y las familias pueden disfrutar de historias festivas, actividades divertidas y una cuenta regresiva hasta el mediodía con amigos en la biblioteca!



### ¡Novedad! Kits Inquisitivos

Gracias a una subvención del IEEE, nos complace ofrecer kits para indagar: kits de actividades prácticas que exploran la ciencia, la tecnología y mucho más. Lanzamos nuevos kits con regularidad, así que vuelva a visitarnos con frecuencia para despertar la curiosidad y el descubrimiento.



### Concurso de Marcadores de Libros

Del 6 de enero al 20 de enero  
A partir del 6 de enero, recoge un formulario para crear un marcador de libros.  
Tendremos tres grupos de edad: de 2 a 6 años, de 7 a 12 años y de 13 a 17 años. El último día para entregar tu marcador es el 20 de enero. La votación comenzará el 27 de enero y se extenderá hasta el 3 de febrero.



### Día de los Reyes

Miércoles, 8 de Enero a las 6 pm  
El Día de los Reyes Magos es una celebración especial en muchos países. Ven a celebrarlo con nosotros y disfruta de una manualidad sencilla, una deliciosa rosca de reyes mexicana y un chocolate caliente tradicional.



### Fiesta de Reyes con Tamales y Ponche

Miércoles 5 de febrero a las 6 pm  
Vamos a celebrar el fin de Reyes con Tamales y ponche!  
ES NECESARIO REGISTRARSE.



### Plantas con la Sra. Kaylynn

Miércoles 19 de febrero a las 5 pm  
¡La primavera está a la vuelta de la esquina! La Sra. Kaylynn nos enseñará cómo comenzar algunas plántulas para el jardín.



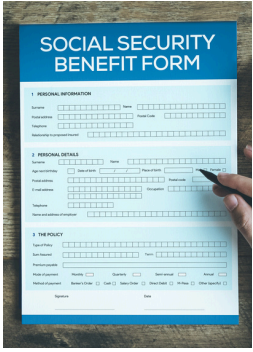
### Cuentos del Hada de los Dientes

Jueves 27 de febrero a las 11 am  
¡Celebre el Día Nacional del Hada de los Dientes con nosotros y conozca a un verdadero héroe de los dientes de Mint Dentistry South Holland!



# PROGRAMAS EN ESPAÑOL

## Adultos



### Optimice el estado de su reclamación del Seguro Social

Miércoles, 11 de diciembre a las 7 pm  
Obtenga lo que se merece. Aprenda a maximizar su estado de reclamación calculando cómo los impuestos y las pensiones afectan sus ingresos del Seguro Social.

Presentado por MeChell A. Reid.



### Organice su Hogar y Finanzas

Martes, 21 de enero a las 7 pm  
Muchos de nosotros luchamos por mantener el desorden bajo control en nuestras vidas, incluidos los documentos financieros y otros papeles que acumulamos. Aprenda maneras de organizar su vida para despejar el desorden y reducir el estrés.

## CLUB DE LECTURA

### El problema final por Arturo Pérez-Reverte

Miércoles, 29 de Enero a las 7 pm



Junio de 1960. Una tormenta mantiene aisladas en la idílica isla de Utakos, frente a Corfú, a nueve personas alojadas en el pequeño hotel local. Nada hace presagiar lo que está a punto de ocurrir.

Copias del libro están disponibles. Inscríbete en el Escritorio de Referencia. ¡Lee el libro y únete a la discusión! Para más información llame al 708-527-3160. La discusión será en persona.



### Viaje en Autobús a Cirque Du Soleil en el NOW Arena

Sábado, 15 de febrero a la 1 pm  
INSCRIPCIÓN EN PERSONA

Cuota de \$25 por persona. Solo en efectivo, no hay reembolsos. La inscripción para residentes de South Holland es del 2 al 15 de enero. Después de esa fecha, la inscripción estará abierta para todos por orden de llegada.

Cirque du Soleil (francés para "Circo del Sol") sigue siendo una de las producciones teatrales más exitosas en la historia de la industria del entretenimiento. Es una combinación de circo, acrobacias y danza.



### Semillas 101

Miércoles, 19 de febrero a las 6:30 pm

¡La primavera está a la vuelta de la esquina! Kaylynn nos mostrará la manera correcta de comenzar nuestras plántulas para darle a nuestros jardines la mejor base posible.



### Postres de Chocolate con la Chef Susan Maddox

Jueves, 6 de febrero a las 7 pm  
La Chef Susan demostrará y compartirá muestras de tres deliciosos postres de chocolate, justo a tiempo para el Día de San Valentín.



Todos son bienvenidos a los programas enumerados en este boletín. Si necesita más información sobre cualquiera de nuestros programas o servicios, no dude en preguntar por Alejandra, Rosie o Amilcar.



# Wakanda 2025

## Love, Peace & Soul



**At our library, Wakanda isn't just a place—it's a powerful feeling of unity, strength, and pride.**

Join us for our highly anticipated 3rd Annual Black History Month Celebration as we step into the vibrant and revolutionary world of the 1970s! This year, we'll celebrate the cultural impact, music, fashion, and powerful movements that shaped Black history during this iconic decade. Expect soulful sounds, bold fashion, and an immersive atmosphere that honors the era's spirit of empowerment and unity.

### Hidden Messages in Negro Spirituals with Connie Martin

Monday, February 10 at 6:30 pm  
Community Room

Learn about messages passed through Negro Spirituals to provide safe travels on the Underground Railroad.



### How it Started vs How it's Going

Wednesday, February 12 at 6 pm  
Explore the transformative journey of African American characters in media, highlighting their roots and their impact on contemporary storytelling. Witness how representation has evolved, shaping culture and inspiring future generations.



### Divine 9 Mixer

Thursday, February 13 at 7 pm  
Join the members of 9 Historically Black Greek Letter organizations and celebrate these service organizations' positive impact on our communities. Learn what local chapters have to offer and why this tradition has lasted 119 years and counting.



### Love, Peace, and Soul: the 3rd Annual Wakanda Night

Friday, February 28 at 6 pm  
Join us for our highly anticipated 3rd Annual Black History Month Celebration as we step into the vibrant and revolutionary world of the 1970s! This year's Wakanda Night will celebrate the cultural impact, music, fashion, and powerful movements that shaped Black history during this iconic decade. Expect soulful sounds, bold fashion, and an immersive atmosphere that honors the era's spirit of empowerment and unity. Come dressed in your best '70s style and get ready for an unforgettable night of celebration, community, and Black excellence!

## ARTIST'S CALL!

We're inviting community members to share their original artwork to be displayed in honor of Black History Month 2025!

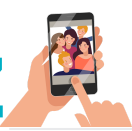
Whether it's digital art, poetry, sculpture, or any other creative medium, we want to showcase your talents.

Submissions can be dropped off starting **January 24 through January 31** and will be displayed throughout the library and on our social media, leading up to our Wakanda Night celebration. There, your artwork will be part of a special gallery in our Imagination Lab, alongside featured pieces by the incredible local artists **Tori Stewart** and **Andralia Hardrick**. Submissions do not guarantee inclusion and all artwork must be collected by **March 1, 2025**.

Share your story, your art, and help us honor Black History Month in a meaningful way.

We can't wait to see what you create!





## Trendy programs for the new adult

### Think Fast Trivia

Mondays, December 2, January 6, & February 3 at 7 pm  
Grab your friends, flex your brainpower, and compete in an exciting evening of trivia fun.



### Drop-In Board Game Night

Thursdays, December 19, January 16, & February 20 at 5:30 pm  
Drop in for contemporary board & card games. Learn a new game or bring your own! This program is intended for ages 20-30, but all adults are welcome!



### Adult Anime Club

Wednesdays, January 22 & February 26 at 6 pm  
Welcome to the Adult Anime Club, a space for anime enthusiasts aged 18 and older to dive deep into a diverse range of titles, from thought-provoking dramas to thrilling action series.



### Jackbox Games

Saturday, February 8 at 1 pm  
Jackbox Games is a collection of interactive party games that use smartphones as controllers, combining humor, creativity, and trivia for a fun and engaging group experience.



### Reel Talk : LIFE

Monday, February 17 at 6 pm  
Let's talk about the movie "Life" and dive into the deeper meanings the movie wanted to portray. Please watch the movie prior to the discussion to avoid spoilers.



**Saturdays at 12:30**

**January 4 & 18,**

**February 1**

A Tier 1 Adventure for Level 1 through 4 characters

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

## Pens & planners club

at South Holland Public Library



**Wednesdays at 6 pm**

**December 4 & 18**

**January 8 & 22**

**February 5 & 19**

Catch up on your journaling. Create a vision board, Review your budget, write and review your goals, or update your planner! We provide journals, pens, stickers, art supplies, and journaling prompts, or feel free to bring your own!  
All ages and abilities welcome.

# ADULT CRAFTS



## Cupcake Ornaments

Tuesday, December 10 at 12 pm  
Unleash your creativity just in time for Christmas by making adorable cupcake-themed ornaments!



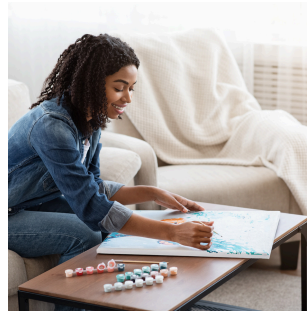
## DIY Teabags

Friday, January 17 at 12 pm  
Craft your perfect brew with our DIY Tea Bag Blend, where you'll discover how to create custom herbal infusions that are sure to be your cup of tea!



## DIY Hot Chocolate Mix

Saturday, December 14 at 1 pm  
A delicious hands-on workshop where you'll create your own custom hot chocolate mix using a variety of flavors and toppings to warm your winter nights!



## Black Artist Paint-by-Number

Wednesday, February 5 at 6 pm  
Painting made easy! All the necessary supplies, including paints, brushes, and a canvas, will be provided.



## Zora N. Hurston Collaborative Painting

Saturday, January 11 at 1 pm  
Join us this January for a collaborative painting experience inspired by Zora Neale Hurston's legacy!



## DIY Sugar Scrub

Tuesday, February 18 at 12 pm  
Transform your skincare routine with our Homemade Sugar Scrub, where you'll learn to create delightful, all-natural exfoliating scrubs that leave your skin rejuvenated and glowing!

# CONGRATULATIONS ALEJANDRA!

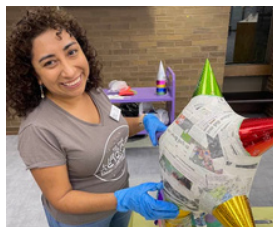


Join us in congratulating Alejandra (Alex) Nieto on her promotion to Head of Public Services!

For the past 13 years, Alejandra has been a dedicated and valued member of our team, providing tech assistance, bilingual services, and creating impactful programming for our community. She's been a tireless advocate for South Holland and has worked hard to secure grant funding, including for our senior programs through Age Options.

And that's not all—Alejandra is the 2024 recipient of the Robert P. Doyle grant from the Illinois Library Association! We couldn't be more proud of her achievements and can't wait to see what's next for her leadership at the library.

Congratulations, Alejandra! We're so lucky to have you on our team!





## Spice It Up!

Mondays, December 9, January 13, & February 10

Enhance your cooking with a new spice each month. Register to receive a sample of a new spice along with an information packet. You will have one week from the program's date to pick up your reserved spice at the Reference Desk.



## Mindful Motion

Thursdays, December 26, January 23, and February 27 at 3 pm

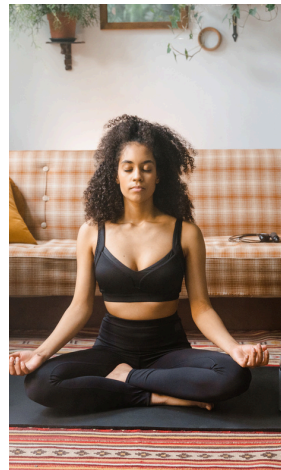
Feeling tired, stressed, or with low energy? Learn some simple movements to improve these symptoms along with improved balance and body awareness.



## Nature Walk & Reflection

Wednesdays, December 11, January 8, & February 5 at 10 am

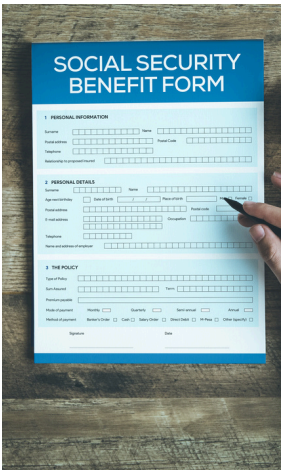
Join us for a mindful nature walk to experience the soothing embrace of nature and connect with fellow participants and whatever meets us on the trail. If the weather isn't conducive to walking, we will meet in the Sandridge Meeting Room.



## Morning Meditation

Mondays, December 30, January 27, & February 24 at 10:15 am

Start your week on a positive note with a quick but powerful meditation session.



## Optimize Your Social Security Claiming Status

Wednesday, December 11 at 7 pm

Get what you deserve. Learn how to maximize your claiming status by calculating how taxes and pensions affect your Social Security income.

Presented by MeChell A. Reid.



## Chair Qigong and Beautiful Sounds

Thursday, January 2 at 6:30 pm

Start the new year off right with this beginner friendly workshop. It is a combination of qigong (which is older than tai-chi) and beautiful sounds which will help reduce stress by calming the mind and body and improving sleep.



## Yarn N' All

Mondays, December 16, January 20, and February 17 at 7 pm

Are you a crafter who creates with yarn, floss, hooks, or needles? If so, this group is for you! Enjoy working on your projects with others creating works in crocheting, knitting and needlepoint.



## The Medicare Puzzle: Do You Know You're A, B, C, and D's?

Tuesday, January 14 at 7 pm

Find out how Medicare enrollment periods work and how to avoid late penalties, what you can expect to pay after going on Medicare, what Medicare covers and doesn't cover, and how the four parts of Medicare work together



### Declutter Your Home and Finances

Tuesday, January 21 at 7 pm

Many of us struggle to keep up with the clutter in our lives, including all of the financial papers and other documents we accumulate. Learn ways to organize your life to clear the clutter and de-stress.



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Thursday, February 6 at 7 pm

Chef Susan will demonstrate and share samples of three chocolate desserts, just in time for Valentine's Day.



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Scan the code to give us your feedback!



## Bus Trip to Cirque Du Soleil at the NOW Arena

Saturday, February 15 at 1 pm

**IN-PERSON REGISTRATION \$25 FEE per person. Cash only, No Refunds. Registration for South Holland Residents only begins January 2- January 15.**

After that registration is open to all on a first come first served basis. Cirque du Soleil (French for Circus of the Sun) has remained one of the most successful theatrical productions in the history of the entertainment industry. It is a hybrid of circus, acrobatics, and dance performance.



# SENIORS

Activities for those (55+) and over.



## Visit our Senior Resources Collection!

We're excited to announce the launch of our Senior Resources section at the South Holland Public Library! This new area is designed to better serve our senior community by offering a variety of accessible items and materials tailored specifically to seniors' needs. From books and audiobooks to helpful tools and technology, our collection aims to support independence and well-being.

This new section was made possible, in part, thanks to an Age Options Grant, and we're proud to provide these valuable resources to our community. Stop by and explore the offerings—we're here to help!



### Chair Yoga

Thursdays, December 5 & 12, January 2, 9, & 16, February 6, 13, & 20 at 11 am  
Enjoy yoga while in a seated position.  
This class is open and accessible for all!  
ZOOM and LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM



### Metropolitan Family Services Advocates Drop-In Q&A

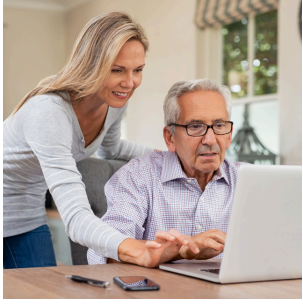
Wednesdays, December 18, January 15, & February 19 at 11 am  
Advocates will be available to answer your questions regarding License Plate Discounts, the RTA discount program, Medicare, & Medicaid—get help finding the right discounts and programs for you!



### Senior Social Hour-Let's Play BINGO

Fridays, December 20, January 24, and February 21 at 1 pm  
Get ready for an afternoon of fun! Bring your friends and your lucky charm.





## Tech Help Walk-Ins

Mondays, December 2, January 6, February 3 at 3-5 pm

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



## PowerPoint 101

Monday, December 9 at 6 pm

Tuesday, December 17 at 12 pm

Learn the fundamentals of Microsoft PowerPoint. Create slides, format text and images, use templates, and add animations. Participants will practice building a simple presentation. No prior experience with PowerPoint is required.



## Create Invitations with Canva

Monday, January 13 at 4 pm

Discover how to design beautiful and custom invitations for any event using Canva's intuitive tools and templates.



## ChatGPT

Monday, February 24 at 4 pm

Join our session on ChatGPT to learn how to interact with this innovative AI, exploring its capabilities in generating text, answering queries, and assisting with creative projects.



## New Year, New Website!

Monday, January 27 at 4 pm

Tuesday, January 28 at 12 pm

New website, same library! Learn how to navigate our new website with ease and discover all the exciting resources at your fingertips!





# SHPL SERVES

Serving our community together!

At South Holland Public Library, we believe in giving back to the community we love. That's why we created SHPL Serves, a charitable initiative focused on service projects that benefit our neighbors and promote kindness. From supply drives to community support efforts, we're dedicated to making a positive impact.

We'd love to hear from you! If you have ideas for service themes or projects you'd like to see us support, let us know. And between projects, you can always contribute to our Micro Pantry, located outside the front entrance, to help neighbors in need. Keep an eye out for what we have planned next—together, we can make a difference!

## ANGEL TREE



The Angels of Hope Giving Tree, or Angel Tree, has been the library's collaboration with **Chicagoland Prison Outreach**. Community members select and fulfill a gift tag for the family of an incarcerated loved one.



## Teacher Tree



In 2024, we made a twist by bringing out the Giving Tree for the **Back to School** season! Community members helped us to provide supplies to 13 local teachers and fulfill 57 tags!



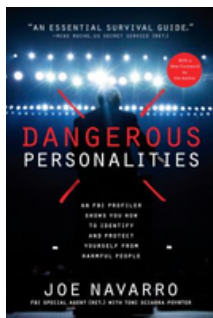
## TALES FOR TAILS



Tales for Tails is our Pet focused service initiative for Fall 2024. Not only did we collect items to donate to the **South Suburban Humane Society**, but we also held a pet adoption event!



# STAFF PICKS



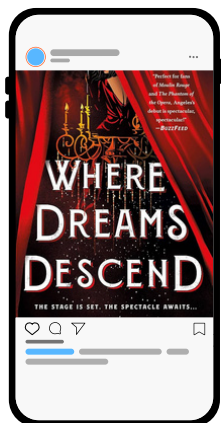
**Dangerous Personalities**  
by Joe Navarro  
Picked by Tori - Circulation



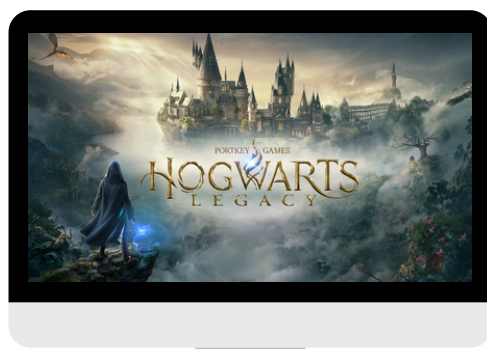
**Cormac McCarthy's The road**  
(graphic novel)  
by manu larcenet  
Picked by Andralia - Public Services



**Twenty-four Seconds from Now**  
by Jason Reynolds  
Picked by Miss Jenn - Youth Services



**Where Dreams Descend**  
by Janelle Angeles  
Picked by Tiffany  
Youth Services and Public Services



**Hogwarts Legacy**  
(PS5, Switch, Xbox)  
Picked by Regina - Youth Services



**Just One Damned Thing After Another**  
by Jodi Taylor  
Picked by Nancy - Public Services



# BOOK CLUBS

Stop by the Reference Desk to learn more about our Book Discussion groups or to grab your copy of the titles!

we know  
**WH DUNNIT**  
Mystery Book Club  
At South Holland Public Library

**Choose Me** by Tess Gerritsen  
Tuesday, January 28 at 7 pm  
Small Meeting Room



**JUST THE FACTS**  
Non-Fiction Book Club  
At South Holland Public Library

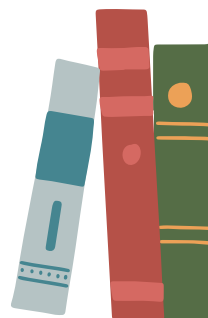
**Thicker Than Water: A Memoir**  
by Kerry Washington  
Wednesday, February 26 at 7 pm  
Small Meeting Room



## CLUB DE LECTURA

Spanish Title Book Club  
At South Holland Public Library

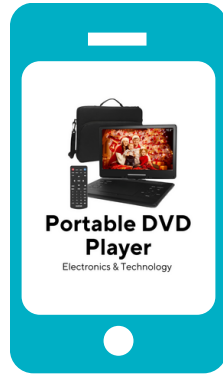
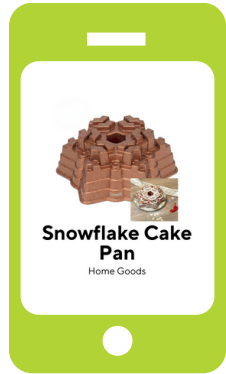
**El problema final**  
by Arturo Pérez-Reverte  
Wednesday, January 29th at 7 pm  
Small Meeting Room



Never  
Stop  
Reading

# LIBRARY Resources

NEW ARRIVAL



# JINGLE JAM

Saturday, December 14 starting at 1 pm

Pics with Santa! Festive Tunes! Hot Cocoa! Crafting!

**Who's Your Favorite Friend at the North Pole?**

Write them a letter this Holiday Season!

We're also inviting kids to share their holiday wishes and creativity by writing a letter to their favorite North Pole character! Whether it's Santa, Mrs. Claus, an elf, or even a reindeer, your child can send a special message and receive a personalized letter back.

Join the magic and make this holiday season extra special!

**Letters accepted December 1 - 19**