



St. Clair Shores
Public Library

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OCTOBER LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday	9 AM – 9 PM
Friday – Saturday	9 AM – 5 PM
Sunday	CLOSED

CURBSIDE PICK-UP

Monday – Thursday	10 AM – Noon, 3 PM – 7 PM
Friday – Saturday	1 PM – 4 PM

Phone 586-771-9020 to make a curbside appointment.

Hours may change; phone the Library or check the website or Facebook page for updates.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

Thursday, November 11

CHANGES AT THE LIBRARY

Rental book fees are again being charged. Show a Friends membership card when returning a rental book to receive a week off the fee of \$.25 per day!

The cost to replace a library card has returned, \$2 payable by cash or check.

The book drop is now closed when the Library is open. Please return items to the Check-in counter or the return cart inside the Library building.

LOCAL HISTORY CENTER

The Local History Center is closed until further notice.

SELINSKY-GREEN FARMHOUSE MUSEUM

The Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum does not yet have regularly scheduled hours, but can be visited by making an appointment. Please phone the Library to arrange a time.

OVERDRIVE/LIBBY UPDATES

The OverDrive app that patrons have been using to access materials electronically will be retiring in the near future. It will be removed from the Apple App Store, Google Play, and Microsoft Store in February, 2022. OverDrive users should begin to use the Libby app to access OverDrive.

How will this initial change impact users?

- Current OverDrive app users can continue to use the app for now.
- New users looking for the OverDrive app will be directed to Libby.
- All users can continue to use, borrow, and open titles from the Library's OverDrive website via a browser.

OverDrive will be actively encouraging OverDrive app users to switch to the Libby app, with a goal of moving most patrons over by the end of 2022.

Additionally, as of September 30, 2021, the web certificate provider Let's Encrypt will no longer support certain older operating systems and browsers. This means that users on unsupported operating systems and browsers will see a security warning or a "your connection is not private" message when using Libby, the OverDrive app, or the Library's OverDrive website.

If a user continues despite the security warning, their data could be compromised. Please note that OverDrive does not control the message displayed within the security warning, and messaging may vary based on the user's platform and browser.

Users who encounter this warning should update their operating system or browser version (if an update is available).

NEW ADDITION TO ANCESTRY

Researchers will now be able to study the records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands (also known as the Freedmen's Bureau) with unprecedented ease through the Ancestry database. Access to more than 3.5 million records documenting the lives of free Black people during the Reconstruction period, 1846 – 1878, have been made available. The Freedmen's Bureau Records can be found under New Collections.

Access to Ancestry from home is available until the end of 2021 for St. Clair Shores Library patrons through the Library's website www.scslibrary.org. Click on the Search Our Catalog button and login with your library card number and PIN. A link for Ancestry-Remote Access will appear on the left hand side of the screen.



TUTOR.COM HELPS WITH SCHOOL WORK

Private tutoring and tutoring centers can be expensive, but for many students the one-on-one attention a tutor provides can make a huge difference in school performance and confidence. Give students a leg up without spending an arm and a leg by introducing them to Tutor.com, a free service, through the Library.

Tutor.com provides on-demand, one-on-one tutoring in an online classroom for students in kindergarten through college in over 60 academic subjects and test preparation areas, including the ACT and SAT. The Tutor.com Learning Suite also includes practice quizzes, skills drills, video lessons and The Princeton Review Essentials test preparation. Tutors are available 4 PM - 11 PM daily. To access the service, students should go to www.scslibrary.org. A link for Tutor.com will be on the left side of the Library's home page.

Students will need their St. Clair Shores Library card number and their PIN to create an account. If they do not know their PIN, they should come into the Library with their library card to get that information. Once an account has been created on Tutor.com, a student can watch a tutorial video or jump into any of the many resources offered.



FRIENDS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Friends Book Discussion Group meets at 1 PM on the second Wednesday of the month at the Library. Everyone is welcome!

October 13 *The Soul of an Octopus*,
Sy Montgomery

November 10 *Girl in the Walls*, A. J. Gnuse

December 8 *Meet Me at the Museum*,
Anne Youngson



FRIENDS' GIFT SHOP CLOSED

After several years of nursing the Gift Shop along after the closing of the popular Library coffee shop, the Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to close the Gift Shop permanently. Declining sales and declining traffic in the Reading Lounge also made it difficult to recruit volunteers to sit all day with no activity. The remaining merchandise was sold or donated to the Library programming as prizes for various activities. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Gift Shop for the last 13 years and to the valiant volunteers who assisted our guests and patrons with their selections.

Glenda Bobolts	Leslie King
Shirley Brown	Joan LaFountain
Joann Demos	Maureen Loftus
Renee Gurlides	Lin Nichols
Sue Hefka	Mary Phalen
Candie Jagenow	

Special thanks to Friends' Board member Judy Wendler who has managed this important fundraiser for those 13 years.

WE NEED YOU ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As the Friends Board reassembles and gets back to the business of raising money to help the Library, we find several vacancies on the Board of Directors and are asking all of our members to re-evaluate their participation with the Friends and consider joining the Board. We have monthly meetings at the Library, and you are invited to attend next month to see what we're about. That meeting is on Tuesday, October 26, at 2 PM. If you have questions, please contact us at scsfriendsofthelibrary@outlook.com or call 313-499-1369 to speak with one of our Board members who would be happy to answer your questions!



EXCITING RESULTS FROM THE AUGUST 7 BOOK SALE

The one-day Inventory Reduction Sale in the Used Book Store on Saturday, August 7, was magnificent, thanks to our regular patrons (and many of their friends!) who apparently were down to the dregs of their summer reading pile! The place was crowded at first, and we had to limit how many people could be shopping at once. We apologize for the wait in line for many people, but the results were outstanding. We made nearly \$1,200 that day, selling hundreds and hundreds of books for a dime or a quarter! That's a lot of books by any measure. Thanks to everyone who stopped by that day!

FALL BOOK SALE CANCELLED

Until everyone gets back into the swing of things after the COVID layoff, we've decided to NOT have a regular Fall Book Sale this year for several reasons:

- A large selection of used books is available in the Used Book Store, so people in need of additional reading material can easily satisfy their soul with a brief stop whenever the Library is open.
- The supply system of generous donations from our patrons has been interrupted, so our supply of books for sale is nearly depleted.

We'll be sure to let you know when the next Book Sale is scheduled. Until then, take a break and stop by the Reading Lounge for a great cup of coffee or a snack ... and a few pages of a book by a writer you've never read before – or your favorite author.

WELCOME BACK TO THE USED BOOK STORE

We are happy to welcome all our customers back to the Friends Used Book Store in the Reading Lounge of the Library. Re-opening shortly after Labor Day, we are again able to provide good reading material at very nominal costs – while at the same time selling books to raise money for programming and special needs at the St. Clair Shores Public Library. It feels good to get back on schedule after an 18-month layoff. The honor system prevails and the “yellow box” on the shelf will still accept your payment for the books you select.

Many thanks to our loyal and devoted volunteers who have returned to their Used Book Store duties without missing a step. Store Manager Mary Ann Widman is anxious for you to stop by and see what's going on.

KROGER AND AMAZON GIVING PROGRAMS

To our Friends who are Kroger and Amazon Smile Shoppers - THANK YOU! Your designation of Friends of the St. Clair Shores Public Library as your charity of choice raised hundreds of dollars for us last year. Every little bit helps, and we can't say thank you enough times. Please see the links below if you are not already registered in either of these easy-to-donate-to programs.

- Make your holiday purchases count this year! Make your Amazon.com purchases through the Amazon.com/smile link, <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-2507662>, you can select Friends of the St. Clair Public Library as the charity you want to support. A portion of all of your purchases will be donated back to us.

- Likewise, make sure your Kroger Plus shopping card is linked to the Community Rewards account to benefit the Friends. Every purchase you make with your Kroger shopper's card gives \$\$\$ back to the Friends. Sign up now at <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

MEMBERSHIP

As you can imagine, your membership dues to the Friends of the St. Clair Shores Public Library are a significant portion of our revenue each year. With the COVID-related shutdown of the Friends services and benefits, many Friends have let their membership lapse. However, over the next month or so, we will be reminding you about your membership and hope that you will be able to renew on schedule. It means a great deal to us and to the many Library patrons who benefit from the services and programming provided by The Friends.

YOUTH

1ST STOP AT SELINSKY-GREEN FARMHOUSE MUSEUM GROUNDS

THURSDAYS, 10 AM

The Youth Services Department is hosting 1st Stop for Tots on the grounds of the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum. In case of inclement weather, outdoor programming will be cancelled and the program will take place on Zoom. To inquire if 1st Stop is cancelled, please phone the Library at 586-771-9020 or check the Library's Facebook page. To request the Zoom link, please email SCSYouth@libcoop.net. Registration is not required.



Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum
Photo courtesy hsc

STORYTIME

These fun-filled programs include stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts. Space is limited, and registration is required. Please phone the Library at 586-771-9020 to inquire about dates for the next session.

TAKE & MAKES

WEEK OF OCTOBER 4
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1

Children age two and up can have fun with a Take & Make craft activity. Bags containing supplies and instructions can be picked up during Library hours from the bin outside the Library, while supplies last.

TRICK-OR-TREAT & PUMPKIN HUNT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes and come trick-or-treating at all of the public desks in the Library. Treats will be available while supplies last. While here, go on a Pumpkin Hunt to find all the book character pumpkins hidden around the Library.

TALK: TEXT AND LEARN FOR KINDERGARTEN

The Youth Services Department is pleased to announce that the St. Clair Shores Public Library is now participating in the TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten program developed by libraries in Washtenaw County. With partial funding provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, TALK is now available to all public libraries in Michigan. Patrons can sign up for TALK and receive 2 text messages each week with pre-literacy activities they can do with their children, from birth to age 5. To sign up, text TALK to 75547 or visit www.texttolearn.com.

TEEN VOLUNTEER SESSION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

10 – 11 AM

Teens age 11 to 18 who need volunteer hours for school are invited to a Teen Volunteer Session to assist the Youth Services Librarians with program prep. Registration begins October 11 and can be done in person, via phone at 586-771-9020, or via email at SCSYouth@libcoop.net. Space is limited.

TEEN TAKE & MAKE – MUG RECIPES

REGISTRATION BEGINS OCTOBER 11

PICK UP WEEK OF OCTOBER 25

Looking for an easy after-school treat or late night snack? Teens age 12 to 18 are invited to reserve a Teen Take & Make – Mug Recipes Kit. Each kit includes a mug and all ingredients to make the included recipes. Registration can be done in person, via phone at 586-771-9020, or via email at SCSYouth@libcoop.net. Supplies are limited.

Friends of the St. Clair Shores Public Library Membership Application

Please print clearly or use an address label.

Name _____	Date _____
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____	E-mail _____

- Please Volunteer
- Book Sales
 - Membership
 - Program Coordination
 - Volunteer Coordination

- Senior 62+ \$ 10.00
- Individual \$ 15.00
- Family \$ 20.00
- Contributor \$ 40.00
- Benefactor \$ 100.00
- Patron \$ 250.00
- Life \$ 500.00

Please make checks payable to
"Friends of the St. Clair Shores Public Library"
St. Clair Shores Public Library 22500 Eleven Mile Road, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, dues and contributions
are tax deductible and may qualify for a Michigan tax credit.

New Member Renewal

12/16/19

Please detach on dotted line.

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