

## Upcoming Programs

### Gourmet Mushroom Log Inoculation

Sunday, April 30

1:00-3:00pm

Grow your own mushrooms! Join us as Sam Warren, expert mushroom forager, leads a workshop on starting your own mushroom log. Space is limited, so please call or email the library to register to reserve your spot.

### Getting Started With Libby

If you're making the switch to Libby, or want to get started, we're offering a workshop for all you need to know about the app for audiobooks and eBooks. Join us Wednesday, April 12 at 10:30am. Please call the library to register.



## Take & Make Programs

### Rainbow Wall Hanging

Did you know the month with the most rainbows is April? Celebrate April showers and their rainbows with this colorful craft. All materials are available at the library! Grab your kit and make your own rainbow wall-hanging.



### Black Out Poetry Contest

Create a black out poem from supplies provided at the library. Return your poem by April 28 to be entered to win a prize! Ages 13+; limit one entry per person.

## Regular Programs

### True Crime Book Club

First Tuesday of every month, the True Crime Book Club meets at 5:00pm at Terra Cotta Coffeehouse. Books and beverages are provided by the library! If you're interested in joining the discussions, email the library at [alfred@stls.org](mailto:alfred@stls.org).

### Grow Your Own II

Mary Lu Wells will begin a series on gardening. Every 2 weeks beginning Friday, March 10th at 11:30am she will share garden tips, focus on a particular crop, and will share a seasonal recipe! You can attend in-person, via Zoom, or watch later on our YouTube channel. If you're interested in learning more, please email [alfred@stls.org](mailto:alfred@stls.org).



### Easter Bunny Visit

The WJQZ Radio Easter Bunny will be at the library on Friday, April 7 at 3:30pm for photos!

## Tech Tip



The library has 5 mobile hotspots that are available for checkout. We received these hotspots from the American Library Association as part of a Community Connect grant. If you do not have internet access at home, or you're traveling, a hotspot provides access using cell towers. Borrow a hotspot for 7 days, to access the internet wherever you are. You can learn more about hotspots on our website.



Overdrive will be discontinued in April 2023. Make the switch to Libby, Overdrive's new app for accessing digital library content like e-Books and audiobooks. If you need assistance with making the transition, we're here to help! Call or email the library. Need a one-on-one appointment? Give us a call.

## Literacy Tip

There are five practices in storytime that we focus on to enhance early learning. These are: talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing.

Talking: Talking with children helps them develop language skills. Even from an early age, you can narrate what you're doing to young babies.

Singing: Singing with young children helps to slow down language so children can hear different parts of words. It also allows children to learn new words.

Reading: Reading with children nurtures a life-long love of reading. It also increases print awareness, vocabulary, and understanding.

Writing: Provide children opportunities to practice fine motor skills, and point out that letters and words convey meaning. Encourage children to help with grocery lists, practice writing their names in different ways, or playing with toys to help learn letter sounds.

Playing: Children learn through playing. And play with early literacy skills is no different. Play allows children to learn language skills and practice new vocabulary.



## New DVDs

- Women Talking
- A Man Called Otto
- The Whale
- Alice, Darling



## Library Services

- Free Mobile WiFi Hotspots
- Downloadable eBooks and audiobooks [Libby]
- Digital Magazines
- Public computers
- Print & Fax Services
- Museum & Park Passes
- Video games, DVDs, Audiobooks on CD
- Board games
- Literacy & STEM kits
- Posters
- Telescope & binoculars
- One-on-one technology assistance
- Early literacy programs
- Interlibrary loan
- FREE Programs
- Seed library
- Talking Book and Braille Library assistance
- Research Databases