

## News

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## St. Tammany Parish Library Gears up for Fifth Annual TeenTober Celebration

St. Tammany Parish Library (STPL) is gearing up to celebrate our fifth annual *TeenTober* — a nationwide celebration throughout the month of October which started in 2019, to celebrate teens, promote year-round teen services at your local library, highlight available resources and activities, and most of all encourage teens to read for enjoyment.

This month-long event is spearheaded by the STPL Teen Services Department. This Department offers innovative and creative services for teens year-round to help them learn new skills, and to fuel their passions both inside and outside the library.

"It is a time to celebrate reading for fun while encouraging teens to take advantage of all of the free resources and services the Library offers to Teens," said Jennifer Rifino, Teen Services Coordinator.

As part of *TeenTober*, STPL is offering *Teen Amnesty Month*. Throughout the month of October, replacement library card fees are waived for teens ages 12-18. If you've lost your card, now's the time to replace it. In addition, overdue book fines for items checked out on teens' cards are waived as well.

The Teen Department will highlight four areas of interest for *TeenTober 2023*.

Week One: Books & Reading

Sign up for the free monthly Teen Book Tote Subscription Service at

sttammanylibrary.org/teens and choose your theme for November's Teen Book Tote. Love to read Manga? Join us for our **AniManga Book Club**. It's also time to **vote** for your favorite reads from the past year for the annual **Teens Top Ten** List!

## **Week Two: Gaming**

Registration is now open for popular Video and Table Top Gaming events.

Week Three: Arts, Crafting & Cooking STREAM-Style (Science/Technology/READING/Engineering/Arts/Math)

Sign up for the free autumn-themed **Teen Arts & Crafts Tote**. Learn a new craft skill in our **Design Lab** workshop. Bring a friend to the **Pom Pom Makers Club** and learn how to make a new pom pom every month. Attend our new cooking club, the **Snack Crew**, where we feature an after-school snack to make and enjoy.

## **Library Service**

Visit our teen librarians who will help you learn about free services like **HomeworkLA** (offering free online tutoring), **Career One Stop**, **LA Driving Tests**, and downloadable book apps.

See and register for Teen events in October here.

Visit our website at <u>sttammanylibrary.org</u> for more information on these and other library-sponsored programs.

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The St. Tammany Parish Library has been serving the citizens of St. Tammany Parish for nearly seventy years. Our twelve branches offer over 542,000 loanable items including books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, and magazines. The library's website offers 24/7 access to downloadable audio and e-books, music downloads, research tools, magazines, and newspapers. Our programs and services are designed to meet residents' cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs.