Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District

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AMPL News

SEW GREAT:
2018 Awesome Foundation Recipient

The Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District is the grateful recipient this year of a grant from The Awesome Foundation, an ever-growing worldwide community devoted to forwarding the interest of awesome in the universe. With this grant, the library was able to purchase new sewing machines for patron use. We will be offering sewing classes for youth patrons beginning early 2019 (see page 3 for more info). To learn more about The Awesome Foundation, visit www.awesomefoundation.org. Participants must have a valid AMPL card to enroll.

Annual Food & Toy Drive

We are once again proud to sponsor our **Annual Food and Toy Drive**. New unwrapped toys, non-perishable food items, and monetary contributions will gladly be accepted here at the library through **Saturday, December 15**. All donations are distributed by Worth Township to area families in need. For additional information, please contact the Patron Services Desk at 708.371.5666 ext 141.

Many Thanks!

Thanks again to all the individuals and community groups who joined us this past August in commemoration of our state's Bicentennial, especially Mayor John D. Ryan and the Village of Alsip, the Alsip Fire Department, Alsip Park District, the Alsip Police Department, IBEW Local 134, School District 126, SWSRA, Taco Burrito King, and VFW Post 450. Be sure to visit the library's holiday tree this season, which we'll be decorating in special recognition of the Illinois Bicentennial!

Kids

By registering for our programs, you are giving consent for your child's photos to be used on our website, social media sites, and/or within the library. The first winter session runs from **Monday, February 18** through **Saturday, March 16**. We encourage you to arrive early. Residents check-in, with their valid card, 30 minutes prior to the start of the program and pick up a nametag. Non-residents may check-in starting 15 minutes prior. All programs begin promptly.

Morning Programs

Wee Reader Storytime

Mondays from 10-10:30 am
Ages 2-4 years with caregiver.

Young Artists

Tuesdays from 10-10:30 am
2-5 years old with caregiver.

Chillin' with Cappuccinos

Wednesdays from 10-11 am
Birth-4 years with caregiver.

Funny Foods

Thursdays from 10-10:30 am
Ages 2-5 with caregiver.

Family Music & Movement

Fridays at 10 am
Best for under 5 years old with caregiver. **NEW!** Smaller more intimate class size. Songs, games, and musical adventures. This class is limited to AMPL card holders only.

Afternoon Programs

Superhero Science

Mondays from 3:45-4:15 pm
Independent K-5th grade.

Creating Crafting Together

Tuesdays from 3:45-4:30 pm
Ages 3-6 with caregiver.

Book & Cook

Wednesdays from 3:45-4:15 pm
Independent 4-6 year olds.

Painting with Pals

Thursdays at 3:45 pm
Independent K-2nd grade.

Cool Kids Cook

Fridays from 3:45-4:15 pm
Independent K-5th grade.

Evening Programs

Little Explorers Playgroup

Mondays from 6-7 pm
Newborn-5 years old with caregiver.

Kids Paint Night

Tuesdays at 7 pm
Independent grade 3 and up.

Book Buddies

Wednesday from 5:30-6 pm
Birth-5 years old with caregiver. Enjoy a new story each week along with themed crafts to help your little one explore their creativity!

Family Movie Night

Wednesdays at 6 pm
Join us each Wednesday night as we present a variety of family films in our downstairs meeting room. Popcorn included!

Specials

Winter Reading Program 2019

Birth-8th Grade. Over the coming winter, stop in once each week between **Sunday, January 6** and **Saturday, February 2** for a special coupon and an entry ticket for one of our raffle prizes! Raffles will include gift cards, hot chocolate, DVDs, board games, Chicago Wolves tickets, and a grand prize drawing for one annual family membership to the Museum of Science and Industry!

BLOCK Fest®

Saturday, January 19 at 3-4 pm

Learn how to support your child's math and science growth through block play as you explore hands-on stations together. Best for families with young children. Attendees will be asked to remove shoes at the door. Participants must have a valid AMPL card to enroll.

Sewing 101

Wednesday, January 30 3:45-4:30 pm AND
Thursday, Jaunary 31 3:45-4:30 pm

Grade 3 (age 9) to 8. Learn basic sewing techniques! Our project will include machine sewing, as well as a bit of hand sewing, so students will acquire experience with both. Many thanks to The Awesome Foundation for sponsoring the purchase of sewing machines.

Pumpkin Decorating Winners

Every pumpkin entered was beyond our expectations! The top pumpkin in each category is pictured below. Way to go Julius, Olive, and David!

Sensory Storytime

Thursday, January 17 at 6 pm
Thursday, February 21 at 6 pm

Ages 3-8 years old with caregiver. Welcome to our newest storytime, inviting children to experience each story through multisensory activities. An inclusive and interactive program which may be enjoyed by children of all abilities, and has been thoughtfully designed for children with sensory integration challenges, as well as those who do best in small groups.

Family Painting

Tuesday, February 5 at 7 pm

Grades 2 and up with adult/caregiver. Feeling artistic? Explore the artist in you alongside your child as you each paint a canvas. Combined, the two create a wonderful masterpiece to display! We use non-washable acrylics so please dress accordingly.

Kids

Saturday Programs

Minecraft Meetup

Saturdays from 3-4 pm

Grades 1 and up. Come join a Minecraft quest to craft, mine, and explore. It is a safe and secure server where you can easily create structures and mechanisms.

Royal Movie Marathon

Saturday, February 2 from 10 am to 4 pm

All ages. All royalty is invited to attend a day filled with brave princes, talking animals, catchy songs, and adventurous princesses. Bring a brown-bag lunch if you'd like, and free popcorn will be available. Attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite royal outfits, and families can come and go as they wish!

Anime & Manga Club

Saturdays: January 19, March 16, and April 13 at 12 PM

Grades 6 and up. Are you a die-hard anime or manga fan? Want to meet and hang with fellow fans? Come join the new Anime & Manga Club! Bring your favorite Manga and Anime to talk about. We will also craft, watch anime, and, of course, snack on some Japanese sweets. *Please note that most anime shown during our meet-ups may be rated PG-13. Snacks may contain allergens.*

TAG

Thursday, December 6 from 7-8 pm
Thursday, February 7 from 7-8 pm

Grades 6 and up. Do you love volunteering? Or are you simply looking for a way to be more involved with other kids your age at the library? There's always something new and exciting being planned and you can be a part of that. Join us and share your opinions about what you'd like to see and do at the library.

Movie Night: *Hotel Transylvania 3*

Thursday, January 10 at 6 pm

Take the chill off these winter nights and join us for another movie night while enjoying chili with yummy toppings!

Movie Night: *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*

Thursday, January 31 at 6 pm

Another movie night just for older kids! Come and create your own popcorn toppings, then stay and watch the movie.

Saturday Movie Special: *Ant Man and the Wasp*

Saturday, February 16 at 12 pm

Cupcake Wars

Thursday, February 28 at 6 pm

Teens

Teen programs are designed specifically for teens ages 13 to 19. To register for one or more of the programs, please call 708.926.7024 or drop by the Information Desk.

Weekend Dungeons and Dragons

Saturday, December 1 at 1 pm
Saturday, December 22 at 1 pm
Saturday, January 5 at 1 pm

Weekday Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday, December 11 at 5:30 pm
Tuesday, December 18 at 5:30 pm
Thursday, January 3 at 5:30 pm
Thursday, January 17 at 5:30 pm
Tuesday, February 5 at 5:30 pm
Tuesday, February 12 at 5:30 pm

Play one of the best roleplaying games ever created at the library! No experience is necessary, and we'll provide everything you need to join.

Winter Pokemon Terrariums

Tuesday, December 4 at 6 pm

Create your own unique take on what it looks like inside a pokeball with a winter theme!

No-Knit Scarves

Tuesday, January 22 at 6 pm

Learn how to create a scarf without knitting to keep yourself warm!

Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament

Saturday, January 26 at 12 pm

Now that every character ever released in Smash is here, it's time to prove you're the best! Take first place to earn a $100 GameStop gift card. Check our website for full tournament rules.

Pathfinder

Saturday, February 2 at 1 pm
Saturday, February 16 at 1 pm

Ever try Dungeons and Dragons 5th edition and found it too simple? Try one of the best alternatives! We'll have everything you need from sourcebooks to miniatures.

Chocolate-Dripped Strawberry Hearts

Thursday, February 7 at 6 pm

Make a sweet for your sweet for Valentine's Day!

Tech Training

Please register for all programs at the Information Desk: 708.926.7024.

Information Bingo: Winter Learning Program

Thursday, January 10 through Saturday, March 2

Want to find a good book, a car repair tip, or your family tree? Try our 2019 Winter Learning Program, Information Bingo. Pick up a bingo form, do a treasure hunt through the library's databases, find answers, fill in the form and win prizes. Patrons can also take an online class for a reward. Details will be available at the library and on our website on January 3, 2019. If you haven't used our databases, come to the Kickoff on Thursday, January 10 at 7 pm. Participants are invited to a Bingo Party to celebrate completion of the program on Saturday, March 2 at 10 am.

Ancestry Database Basics

Saturday, December 1 at 10 am

A hands-on introduction to our Ancestry Library database. Limited to 10 students.

Computer Fundamentals

Saturday, January 12 at 10 am

This fun class will cover basics: opening programs, entering text, saving and printing documents, manipulating windows, and navigating websites.

Android Basics

Saturday, February 16 at 10 am

Mike Gershbein of Very Smart People will demonstrate how to navigate, find apps and customize your Android device.

Freegal Music Workshop

Thursday, February 21 at 7 pm

Library cardholders are invited to this workshop, which provides an overview of Freegal Music website and app. With a current AMPL card, patrons can download 5 songs a week and stream 3 hours a day.

Mobile Memory Lab

Digitize your favorite family photos, home audio and video cassettes, and record personal stories and interviews with loved ones. Come to one of our demo classes to learn how everything works, then attend an open lab to scan, convert, and record.

Demo Class

Thursday, January 17 at 7 pm

Open Labs

Wednesday, December 5 at 7 pm
Wednesday, January 9 at 7 pm
Monday, February 4 at 7 pm

Need Help?

An AMPL card includes access to books, movies, and music on your phone and tablet. Contact Adult Services for a short tutorial session: 708.926.7024.

Adults

Registration is required for all programs unless noted. Call the Information Desk at 708-926-7024 to register.

Laura Ingalls Wilder's Christmas Memories

Monday, December 3 at 6:30 pm

It's Christmas morning on the snowy prairie! Join Laura as she reminisces about the holidays of her childhood. You'll even get to see some of her beloved Christmas gifts!

Brownies in A Jar

Wednesday, December 12 at 7 pm

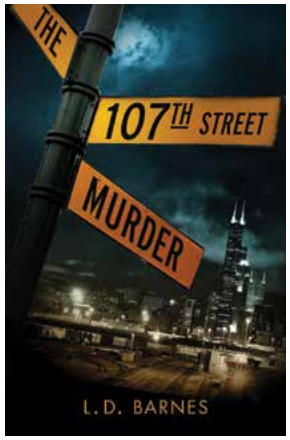
Create a deliciously decadent customizable brownie recipe in a jar. A great holiday gift or sweet treat for yourself!

Waterless Snow Globes

Monday, December 17 at 6:30 pm

Create an easy holiday craft with mason jars and personalize your own waterless snow globe to celebrate the season.

The 107th Street Murder



Wednesday, January 16 at 7 pm

Calling all mystery fans! Local author L.D. Barnes will be giving us a sneak peek from her new murder mystery, *The 107th Street Murder,* set in Beverly, Oak Lawn, and Morgan Park during the 1970's – written with the aid of her husband Frank, a retired Chicago police officer.

Improv 101

Wednesday, January 30 at 6:30 pm

Join us for an introduction to improvisational comedy with long time industry professional and Second City graduate Maurice Mo' Jones. Participate in fun games and exercises that will sharpen your improv skills and have you laughing out loud.

Sugar Scrubs

Monday, February 4 at 6:30 pm

Back by popular demand! Make a luxurious exfoliant with household ingredients for you or your Valentine. Adults and teens welcome. Limited to 20 participants

Mindfulness Meditation

Wednesday, February 6 at 6:30 pm

Clear your mind, reduce stress, and overcome physical pain with the calming and inspiring guidance of experienced meditation instructor Marcia Curtis.

Bullet Journaling 101 with Colleen Klimczak

Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 pm

Explore this revolutionary productivity tool to track your to-do list, goals, appointments, thoughts, creativity, and much more. Bullet journaling will teach you to do more with less.

Adults

Registration is required for all programs unless noted. Call the Information Desk at 708-926-7024 to register.

KonMari 101

Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30 pm

Chicago's first certified KonMari Tidying Consultant, Kristyn Ivey of For the Love of Tidy, will share home organization tips that focus on asking yourself whether belongings "spark joy." Come learn more about this revolutionary Japanese decluttering method made popular by Marie Kondo's bestsellers, *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* and *Spark Joy*, during this interactive workshop including live demonstrations and giveaways.

Furniture Painting 101

Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm

Learn how to upscale old furniture with Amy Howard chalk paint. Wear old clothes for this hands-on class. All supplies provided for free*.

**There will also be an opportunity to purchase a starter kit from the instructor for $25.*

The Journey to Mollie's War: WACS and World War II

Celebrate Women's Month

Monday, March 18 at 6:30 pm

Author Cyndee Schaffer discusses women in the military during WWII and, in particular, her mother's experiences as a member of the Women's Army Corps by taking you on a journey from inspiration to publication. Using excerpts from Mollie's letters written home, Cyndee provides a romantic yet frightful glimpse into the life of a woman in uniform during this crucial time in history. She traces the footsteps of her mother and her fellow WACs who followed the soldiers stationed in Europe from London to Normandy to Paris to Versailles and finally to Frankfurt.

Monthly Programs

Game Night

Second Monday of each month from 6 pm to 8 pm
December 10, January 14, February 11

Are your favorite board or card games sitting in the closet gathering dust? Bring them in to the library for a fun, social game night. Light refreshments provided.

Tuesday Morning Movies

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am

Light refreshments provided.

December 18* - Little Pink House
January 22 - Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again
February 26 - Three Identical Strangers

Song Circle

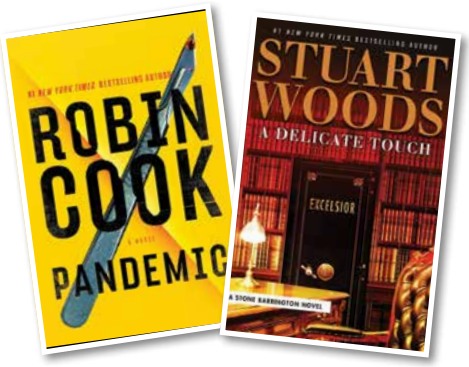
Fourth Wednesday of each month from 6 pm to 8 pm
December 19*, January 23, February 27

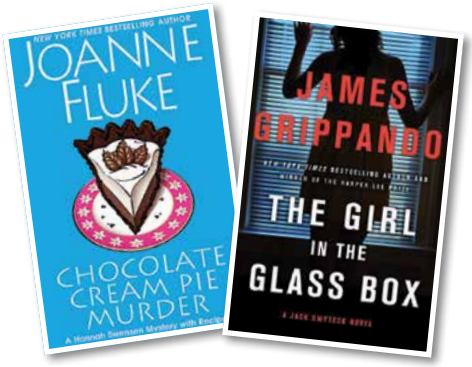
Making music together is magic! You don't have to be a contestant on American Idol to enjoy playing, singing, and harmonizing. Bring instruments and songs to share, join in a chorus or two, or just come and listen!

** Please note December dates have been adjusted due to library closure*

Adults

Coming Soon





DECEMBER

Robin Cook ..... *Pandemic*
Tami Hoag ..... *The Boy*
Nora Roberts..... *Of Blood and Bone*
Dana Stabenow ..... *Death of an Eye*
Stuart Woods..... *A Delicate Touch*

JANUARY

Catherine Anderson..... *Strawberry Hill*
Joseph Finder .....*Judgment*
Gregg Hurwitz .....*Out of the Dark*
Jayne Anne Krentz..... *Untouchable*
John Lescroart ..... *The Rule of Law*
Judith McNaught.....*The Sweetest Thing*
James Patterson ..... *Liar Liar*
Thomas Perry ..... *The Burglar*
Douglas Preston .....*Verses for the Dead*
James Rollins ..... *Crucible*
Danielle Steel .....*Turning Point*
Brad Taylor .....*Daughter of War*

FEBRUARY

Jude Deveraux .....*A Justified Murder*
Joanne Fluke.....
..... *Chocolate Cream Pie Murder*
Lisa Gardner .....*Never Tell*
James Grippando.....
..... *The Girl in the Glass Box*
Jonathan Kellerman .....
..... *The Wedding Guest*
James Patterson ..... *Killer Instinct*
J.D. Robb ..... *Connections in Death*

Hallmark Holiday Movie Marathon

Thursday, December 20 from 10 am to 8 pm

Join us for an all day marathon of heartwarming, fun Hallmark holiday movies and treats! Come when you can, leave when you must. All ages welcome.

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Discovery Backpacks

Our new Discovery Backpacks are ready for check-out! These engaging backpacks are filled with goodies to help your child learn and explore. Topics are wide-ranging, and include learning to crochet, wilderness skills, wildflower pressing, Ancient Egypt, and many more.

Homebound Services

Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District provides service to residents who are unable to visit the library on their own. We give our homebound patrons the opportunity to check-out and experience materials available at our library, and it is our pleasure to select items specifically to match your reading, listening, or viewing preferences! Take advantage of this free program by completing a form and qualifying as a homebound resident. Once you become a participant, arrangements will be made for deliveries. Forms are available at any service desk in the library, as well as on our website: www.alsiplibrary.info.

Library Hours

Monday–Thursday.....9 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday.....9 am - 5 pm
Sunday..... 1 pm - 5 pm
Drive-up book return open 24 hours

Library Closed

Christmas Eve.....**December 24**
Christmas Day.....**December 25**
New Year's Eve.....**December 31**
New Year's Day.....**January 1**

Board Meetings

Library Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm (excepting November 2018 through March 2019, when meetings will be held at 1:15 pm). Minutes and agendas are posted on the library website. Library Board members are elected by residents of Alsip, Merrionette Park and Garden Homes. Library board positions are unpaid. Meetings are open to the public.

Library Board

Mary E. McKendree, *President*
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Mary Jane Schneider, *Secretary*
Gerald Dujsik, *Treasurer*
Lester E. Engelbrecht, *Trustee*
Therese McLaughlin, *Trustee*
Robert M. Olson, *Trustee*

Programs

Attending a program and need a special accommodation? Be sure to call the Library at least five days in advance.