Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District

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AMPL News

Celebrate National Library Week

Join us **April 9 – 15** to celebrate libraries! We'll have special programs, raffles and giveaways especially for you! To kick off the week, come and enjoy the musical sounds of *Cielito Lindo* on **Monday, April 10 at 7pm**. This family music group performs in the style of mariachi as well as Latin/American folk, their band members range in age from 10 – 14. The children play a variety of instruments and have appeared on WTTW's Chicago Tonight, WGN TV and Radio, the Old Town School of Folk Music, and Women's NBA Chicago Sky halftime show. Be sure to celebrate National Library Week and enjoy the diverse musical styles of *Cielito Lindo!*

100th Anniversary of World War I

Join us at the Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the American entry into World War I. We respectfully offer the following:

The Great War & The World It Created

Thursday April 6 at 7 pm

How and why did the world's great powers entangle themselves in what became the deadliest conflict the world had seen up to that time? Retired history instructor and Library Trustee Les Engelbrecht will discuss this question and more with a presentation focusing on World War I and its effects on the world today.

Movie Screening: *Paths of Glory*

Tuesday April 11 at 9:30 am

Stanley Kubrick's classic World War I film starring Kirk Douglas.

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

Easter Sunday.....**April 16**
Mother's Day..... **May 14**
Memorial Day Sunday.... **May 28**
Memorial Day..... **May 29**

Board Meetings

Library Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 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*
Judy Buergel, *Vice President*
Mary Jane Schneider, *Secretary*
Sandra Ceretto, *Treasurer*
Gerald Dujsik, *Trustee*
Lester E. Engelbrecht, *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.

Teen Programs

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 at the library.

Dungeons and Dragons

Saturdays, March 18 & 25, April 8, May 13 & 20 at 1 pm

Join our Dungeons and Dragons 5th Edition campaign! No experience is necessary, and we'll provide everything you need from character sheets and figures to dice. We meet two Saturdays each month so stop by and find out why millions of players worldwide have stepped into the boots of mighty heroes (and sneaky antiheroes).

Miniature Painting for Beginners

Saturday, March 11 at 1 pm

Learn the basics of miniature painting at our Miniature Painting for Beginners class! All supplies will be provided for this free program.

Chocolate Raspberry Mug Cakes

Thursday, March 16 at 6 pm

Learn how to make a raspberry chocolate cake in a mug! This is perfect for creating a quick snack with little hassle.

Peaches and Cream Soap-Making

Thursday, April 20 at 6 pm

Learn how to easily make peaches and cream soap from scratch for yourself, as a gift, or maybe as something you can sell during a craft fair.

O'Hara and Friends Salon Makeup and Eyebrow Demo

Saturday, April 22 at 1 pm

With prom coming up soon, drop by the library for a makeup and eyebrow demo from O'Hara and Friends Salon.

International Tabletop Day

Saturday, April 29 at 1 pm

We'll gave a ton of board games for you to try from *Zombicide*: *Black Plague* and *Splendor*, to *Ticket to Ride* and *Quarriors*. We'll also have a few free raffles, so be sure to stop by!

Graphic Novel Discussion and Movie Trip Series – *Guardians of the Galaxy*

Tuesday, May 2 at 6 pm

Love the new comic book movies that have been released? Join us to discuss the graphic novels they take inspiration from while also receiving free tickets to see the films! In May we'll talk about *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 1: Cosmic Avengers* and then give away tickets to see *Guardians of the Galaxy 2!*

Mother's Day Bracelet

Thursday, May 11 at 6 pm

Searching for ideas for a gift for your mother but short on money? Create these beautiful bracelets from scratch for a thoughtful gift. No jewelry-making experience is necessary.

Middle School Fun & Friends! (*Registration is required for all TAG programs.*)

TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

First Thursday of every month at 7 pm

Do you want to show off your leadership skills? Or are you simply looking for a way to be more involved with other teens at the library? There's always something new and kids in **grades 6 and up** can be a part of it. Join us and share your opinions about what you'd like to see and do at the library. *Group limited to AMPL card holders.*

April 6, May 4 and June 1

Game On!

Thursday, April 20 from 7-8 pm

Grades 6-8. Join a team and put your gaming skills to the test!! We'll also provide some fun board games and snacks.

Adult Programs

Registration is requested for all programs. Stop by the Adult Information Desk or call 708.926.7024 to sign up.

Staying Positive in a Negative World

Tuesday, March 7 at 7 pm

Wellness Coach Tom Kens will teach the 10 fundamental practices to help maintain a positive attitude, despite the odds.

Consumer Fight-Back

Monday, March 20 at 7 pm

Get empowered with some fight-back strategies at this informative program.

Get a Grip on Paper Management

Tuesday, March 21 at 7 pm

Colleen Klimczak, Certified Professional Organizer, will teach us how to file our paperwork to find it when we need it.

Create a Quote of Art: A Poetry Painting Workshop

Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 7pm

Artist Christine Thornton will teach you how to incorporate a poetry quote into a decorative design, then add color with watercolor pencils to turn it into art.

An HR Expert on Resumes and Interviews

Part 1, Resumes –
Saturday, April 1 at 10 am
Part 2, Interviews –
Wednesday, April 5 at 6 pm

Bob Schlack will share the inside scoop from over 20 years' experience as a Human Resources Specialist for AT&T. Bring your resume and receive one-on-one feedback after our class sessions.

Getting Started in Genealogy

Monday, April 3 at 7 pm

Explore your family history with the help of award-winning author and researcher Grace DuMelle.

Paper Craft: Rosettes

Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 pm

Learn how to make these beautiful paper rosettes (pinwheels) to decorate your next party or use as a backdrop for photos.

Everybody Has a Story To Tell

Monday, May 1 at 7 pm

Storyteller, playwright, and director Brenda Robinson will entertain you with her fabulous tales and explain how you can create and deliver your own stories.

Chocolate and Chick Lit: A Chat with Katherine Reay

Monday, May 8 at 7 pm

Don't miss this lively Skype interview with inspirational romance writer, Katherine Reay, whose most recent book is *A Portrait of Emily Price*. This fun program will include book raffles, dessert, and Skype instructions.

Tuesday Morning Movies

4th Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am

This spring, our films will explore the lives of fascinating characters – both fictional and historical. Light refreshments provided.

March 28 – *Florence Foster Jenkins* ***April 25*** – *Mr. Holmes* ***May 23*** – *The Queen of Katwe*

Kids Programs

Programs are **1st come, 1st served** and space is limited. AMPL cardholders can **check in 30 minutes before** a program, non-residents 15 minutes if space allows. Programs start the week of March 26 and run through May 6.

Preschool Programs

Preschool Pals

Tuesdays from 10-10:30 am

Ages 2 to 5. Spring into the library and join in the fun with stories, songs, puppets, and other activities that encourage development of early literacy skills in young children. *Limit 12.*

Chillin' with Cappuccinos

Wednesdays from 10-11 am

Birth to 23 months with caregiver. Spring is here! Little ones are bursting with energy...come meet with other parents of similarly aged children as you play and socialize. Enjoy light refreshments in our fun-filled environment. *Limit 12.*

Young Artists

Thursdays at 10-10:30 am

Ages 2 to 5 years old with caregiver. Toddlers will explore activities that engage the senses and help them understand the world around them. *Limit 12*

Family Music

Fridays from 10-10:30 am

Ages 5 and under with caregiver. Songs, games, and musical adventures for caregivers and little ones. *Limit 24.*

Evening Programs

Family Storytime

Mondays from 7-7:30 pm

Ages birth to 5 years old with caregiver. Soothing stories and activities that are perfect before bedtime. Kids are welcome to wear their pajamas and bring a favorite bedtime pal.

Kids Paint Night

Tuesdays at 7 pm

Grades 3 and up. Bring your artistic skills each week as we create a masterpiece on canvas. We are here to enjoy ourselves and every art piece is uniquely yours. Please wear old clothes in case you get paint on yourself. *Limit 12.*

Family Movie Night

Wednesdays at 6 pm

All ages. Join us each Wednesday night as we present a variety of family films in our downstairs meeting room. Popcorn included!

Young Artists

Thursdays at 6 pm

Ages 2 to 5 years old with caregiver. Toddlers will explore activities that engage the senses and help them understand the world around them. *Limit 12*

Family Fun Science

Thursdays April 13 & April 27 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Ages 5 and up with caregiver. Science isn't only for kids! Join us as we find the FIZZ, BOOM, and BANG in simple, fun hands-on science experiments and projects. *Limit 16 children.*

Kids Programs

Afterschool Programs

Garden Sprouts

Tuesdays from 4-4:30 pm

Grades K to 5. Excited about dirt or curious about gardening? Spring into fun and enjoy 6 weeks of gardening stories and projects! Guaranteed to spark an interest in gardening, nutrition, and the environment with our creative hands-on learning experiences. *Limit 12.*

Perler Craft

Wednesday from 4-4:30 pm

Grades K-5. Create simple projects each week to enjoy. *Limit 12.*

Painting with Pals

Thursdays from 3:45-4:30 pm

Grade K to 2. Join your friends and become a budding artist as you follow step by step instructions to create your masterpiece! Make sure to wear old clothes that you don't mind getting a little paint on.

Saturday Specials

Checkmate

Saturdays from 10-11 am

Grades 1 and up. Chess teaches concentration, focus, logic, and outcome, while promoting the STEM initiative. For beginners as well as those with some experience.

Bingo

Saturdays from 2:30-3:30 pm

Grades K-5. Come and join us for a game of Bingo and leave with a great prize!

Afterschool Cooking Club

Fridays from 4-4:30 pm

Grade K to 5. Join us for a fun and easy cooking experience, no stove or oven needed! Bring an apron if you have one. *Limit 12.*

Mommy and Me Paint Night Special

Tuesday, May 9 at 7 pm

Grades 2 and up with parent (1 child per 1 adult). You and your child will create two separate paintings that will be combined into one masterpiece to hang on the wall.

Tech Training

Registration required for all classes. Please call 708.926.7024 for additional information and signup.

Introductory Classes

Computer Fundamentals

Saturday, March 11, 10 am OR Saturday, May 13, 10 am

First steps in the use of Microsoft Word and the Internet: opening programs, entering text, saving and printing documents, manipulating windows, and navigating websites.

Phone and Device Fundamentals

In the following classes, instructor Mike Gershbein will demonstrate the basics of tablets and phones, from navigation to customization to handy tricks and apps. Pick the session that covers your device.

Session I: Android Basics

Saturday, March 25, 10 am

Session II: iPhone and iPad

Thursday, May 18, 6:30 pm

Kindle Fire and eReader Tutorials

Call 708.926.7024 to ask about a 20-minute tutorial with library staff.

Microsoft Office Classes

Basic computer skills required for the following sessions.

MS PowerPoint

Saturday, March 4, 10 am

MS Word

Saturday, April 8, 10 am

Typing a Resume in Word

Monday, April 24, 6:30 pm

Learn to type your own resume from scratch, rather than a template.

MS Excel

Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 pm

Online Resources

Fun Photo Editing

Wednesday, March 1, 6:30 pm

Get tips on moving pictures from your phone to the computer, and use free PicMonkey.com to add filters, frames, text and more. **Basic computer skills required.**

Plan Your Vacation Online

Saturday, April 15, 10 am

So many travel websites, but which are best? This demonstration of helpful travel sites and apps will help you plan your next vacation.

Listen to Music Online

Saturday, April 29, 10 am

Instructor Mike Gershbein will demonstrate ways to get free or inexpensive access to music on your computer, phone or tablet.

Google Drive

Thursday, June 15, 6:30 pm

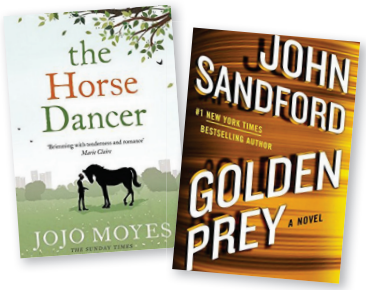
Google Drive is a free service that allows Gmail users to create files, store them online, and access them anywhere. Basic computer skills and Gmail account required.

Coming Soon

New Books

MARCH

Catherine Coulter..... The Devil's Triangle
Clive Cussler..... Cutthroat
Christine Feehan..... Bound Together
Greg Iles..... Mississippi Blood
James Patterson.....Black Book
Anne Perry..... Murder on the Serpentine
Danielle Steel.....Dangerous Games
Jacqueline Winspear In This Grave Hour



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David Baldacci.....The Fix
Steve Berry.....The Lost Order
Jeffery Deaver.....The Burial Hour
Eric Jerome Dickey.....Finding Gideon
Iris Johansen.....No Easy Target
Jojo Moyes.....Horse Dancer
Sara Paretsky.....Fallout
James Patterson..... Two From the Heart
John Sandford..... Golden Prey
Lisa Scottoline..... One Perfect Lie
J.R. Ward.....The Chosen
Stuart Woods.....Fast and Loose

MAY

Michael Crichton..... Dragon Teeth
Clive Cussler..... Nighthawk
Jude Deveraux.....As You Wish
Paula Hawkins.....Into the Water
Sherrilyn Kenyon..... Deadmen Walking
Dennis Lehane.....Since We Fell
Steve Martini..... The Secret Partner
James Patterson.....16th Seduction
Amanda Quick.....
.....The Girl Who Knew Too Much
Danielle Steel.....Against All Odds
Scott Turow..... Testimony

Rockin' Oldies Concert at Heritage II Clubhouse

Tuesday, May 16 at 1:30 pm

Located at 3715 W. 123rd Place in Alsip

Back by popular demand, Mike Valentine and his band will perform favorites from the 40's to the 90's, with a nod to Elvis, Sinatra and more!

Adult & Teen Coloring Program

2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm
March 8, April 12, May 10

Who says coloring is just for kids? Come hang out and de-stress with coloring sheets and colored pencils! All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. In Meeting Room 1.

Knit & Crochet Class

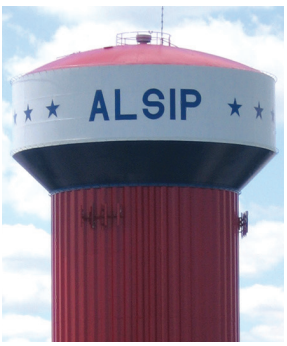
3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm
March 15, April 19, May 17

Adults and teens interested in knitting and crochet are invited to join Blanca Delgado at the library each month to learn and share ideas. Bring a skein of yarn and needles and be ready to stitch! All skill levels are welcome!

Alsip: 90 years of change

Wednesday, April 26 at 7 pm

Learn about the changing landscape of Alsip from historical geographer and founder of *InSites* Chicago, Sherry Meyer.



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Connect With Us

NEW! 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

This national program encourages parents and caregivers to share 1,000 books before their child enters kindergarten. Reading not only promotes bonding between parent and child, but also helps develop early literacy skills. Stop by the Youth Services desk for more information and to pick up a free enrollment packet.

New Adult Graphic Novels

Check out our expanding adult graphic novel collection. We have all your favorite genres from mystery to memoir. New to graphic novels? Ask a librarian for recommendations!

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 and then attend an open lab to scan, convert, and record.

Demo Classes
Thursday, March 16 at 7 pm
Wednesday, May 17 at 7 pm

Open Labs
Wednesday, March 22 at 7 pm
Thursday, April 13 at 10 am
Monday, April 17 at 2 pm
Tuesday, May 9 at 10 am