Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District

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AMPL News

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Saturday, June 6 – Saturday, August 1, 2026

Birth-grade 8. Join us as we kick off our Summer Reading Program on Saturday, June 6, 10-2 pm with fun activities for kids of all ages! Enjoy a climbing wall, bouncy house, and arcade game activities in our parking lot. (In case of rain, limited activities will move indoors.)

Children in grades 4–8 are invited to help create a Level UP! Mural Puzzle Project from 10 am-1:30 pm, which will be displayed in our Level Up area in Youth Services. Registration begins May 23.

Summer Reading Program

What is the Summer Reading Program?
It's reading on your own or with your family to earn prizes and coupons. Children read independently or are read to and check in with us each week to earn their choice of a coupon-2 coupons per month!

A Check-in at the library also earns a weekly raffle basket ticket. Basket drawings are held weekly! Weekly Raffle baskets include books, a high-value coupon, and the educational kit of their choice.

Your raffle entries are combined all summer long — One lucky family will win a museum or water park membership at the end of summer. Registration for our FREE summer program begins Saturday, June 6.

Annual School Supply Drive

July 11 - August 15

From July 11 to August 15, the library is accepting new school supplies donations. Worth Township will then distribute all donations to area families in need. Drop off your donations to the Patron Services Desk. For more information, contact us at 708-371-5666 x 141.

Kids

Summer session runs June 8 - August 1. **No programs from June 28 -July 4.**

Programs are drop in, first come first served, unless otherwise stated. Some programs may require a valid AMPL library card to participate and registration. Children may check-in 15 minutes prior to the program, non-residents may participate if space is available 5 minutes prior to the start of the program. Our classes are generally 30-45 minutes in length and process oriented. They begin promptly at the designated time. For the best experience for your child, late-comers will not be admitted once the class has begun. Some of our programs may involve food so please be aware of food allergens. Children must meet age requirements by June 1, 2026. Program grade levels refer to the grade your child is entering in the upcoming school year. By attending 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.

Morning Programs

Tales for Teddy Bears

Mondays at 10 am

Ages 1-5 with caregiver. Bring your favorite teddy bear or stuffed friend and join us for a magical experience! Enjoy an engaging mix of stories, games and creative crafts. Limit 16 children.

Coffee N' Treats: Baby & Me Playtime

Tuesdays at 10 am (No program July 28)

Birth-5 years with caregiver. Join us for a delightful session where both caregivers and kiddos can engage, socialize, and form meaningful connections. Limit 16 children.

Petite Picassos

Wednesdays at 10 am

Ages 1-5 years with caregiver. Join us as we explore and create new art each week! Little ones will have the opportunity to use a variety of fun art materials in this process-oriented art program. Please dress to get messy! Limit 16 children.

Preschool STEAM: Wondering About Wind

Thursday, June 18 at 10 am

Ages 3-6 with caregiver. Bring your little one as we discover science, technology, engineering, art, and math! Join us as we learn about wind, weather, and see how the wind can move different objects. Limit 16 children.

Family Play Hour

Thursdays July 9, 16, & 23 from 10 – 11 am

Birth-7 years with caregiver. Join us for an hour of open-ended play designed for little learners and their grown-ups! Children can explore a variety of engaging toys and activities while practicing sharing, building, and imaginative play. Drop in anytime. Limit 16 children.

Preschool Music

Fridays at 10 am

Best for 5 and under with caregiver. This program offers a delightful blend of live guitar music and storytelling that captures the imagination of young children. Limit 24 children.

Kids

Afternoon Programs

Monday Mashup

Mondays at 3:30 pm

Grades 1-4. Grab a friend (or make a new one) at our hands on CREATE session! Each session encourages participants to share materials and practice kindness while trying new activities or crafting special items. Limit 12 children.

AMPL Gaming Café

Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

Grades 1+. Join us every week for an epic video gaming experience! Bring your friends, compete, and have fun each week. Don't miss out on the fun! Limit 12 children.

Canvas Kids

Thursdays, June 11 and July 9, 30 at 3:30 pm

Grades 1-8. This fun and creative painting program introduces young artists to the exciting world of color, imagination, and self-expression while building foundational art skills in a supportive and engaging environment. Please dress to get messy. Limit 16 children.

Beading Bonanza

Thursdays, June 18 and July 16 at 3:30 pm

Grades 3-8. Join us for a relaxing and creative beading program! Each session will feature a new craft project—ranging from bracelets and bookmarks to decorative pens. Limit 16 children.

Diamond Art Club

Thursdays, June 25 & July 23 at 3:30 pm

Grades 3-8. Spark creativity with our fun and relaxing program! In this hands-on activity, kids will create a colorful magnet to bring home and place on your fridge. Limit 16 children.

STEAM Builders: Circuits & Doodle Bots!

Fridays, June 19, 26 and July 17, 24 at 3:30 pm

Grades 1-4. Get ready to explore, build, and discover! This hands-on library STEAM program is designed especially for kids who love to tinker and create. Each session combines science, technology, engineering, art, and math in a fun, supportive environment. Open AMPL Youth Cardholders. Registration begins 1 week before the date of the program. Limit 8 children.

Evening Programs

Wiggles & Jammies

Mondays at 6:30 pm (No program July 27)

1-5 years with caregiver. Step into the world of Wiggles and Jammies, where little feet can't stop moving and smiles never end! Each week, we dive into fun-filled adventures. Get set to wiggle, giggle, and let loose! Limit 20 children.

Family Art Tuesday

Tuesdays from 6-8 pm (No program July 21)

All Ages. Join us for a fun, family-friendly Art Night! Drop in anytime between 6-8 pm and discover the evening's creative project. Enjoy hands-on activities like weaving, rock decorating, beading, and more—there's something for everyone to try.

Weekend Programs

Curious Escape at the Zoo

Saturday, June 13 from 10:30 am to 3:45 pm

Grades 1-4 with caregiver and siblings. After a fun day at the zoo, you are ready to leave. When you get to front gates, they're locked. Oh no! You're locked in! Can you and your family escape? Registration begins Saturday, May 30. Call the library to reserve your time slot. Limit 1 family per time slot.

Sand Art

Saturday, June 20 at 2 pm

Grades 1-5. Mix, layer, and let your creativity flow! Kids will have fun creating eye-catching sand art by stacking colorful layers into a design that's uniquely theirs. Limit 12 children.

Canvas Kids

Saturdays, June 27 and July 25 at 3:30 pm

Ages 6-10 years old. This is a repeat of the Thursday classes with the same paintings. If you can't make it to the Thursday class come on Saturday! Please dress to get messy. Limit 12 children.

Dog's Colorful Day Very Messy Storytime

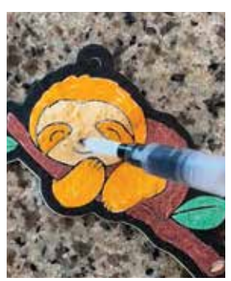
Saturday, July 11 at 11 am

Ages 1-5 with caregiver. Meet us at the Green Space Project and become part of the story. You'll get covered in different colors! Dress to get messy. Wear sunglasses or goggles if you have them. Color powder appears best on white or black clothing. Registration begins Saturday, June 27. Limit 16 children.

Aqua Puffs 3D Art

Saturday, July 18 at 2 pm

Grades 1-5. Color, spray, and watch it puff! Kids will create their own animal designs and use water to magically transform them into soft, raised 3D art. This easy, mess-free craft is perfect for young creators. Limit 12 children.



Kindergarten Readiness Kits

Explore the Kindergarten Readiness Kits for engaging activities that can enhance your child's school readiness skills. Stop by the Youth Services Department to receive a kit. An active AMPL card is required for the request. If your child doesn't have an AMPL card, please email us at **ysrefdesk@alsiplibrary.info**, and we will send you an electronic packet.

Family Fun Nights *(All Ages)*

Online registration on our website is required for all programs beginning 2 weeks prior to the event.

The Great Boodini Magic

Wednesday, June 10 at 7 pm

Step right up and watch magic come alive! The Great Boodini is bringing jaw-dropping illusions, mind-bending tricks, and laugh-out-loud fun to our library stage. Perfect for kids and families, this interactive show will have everyone gasping, giggling, and cheering. One adult caregiver per family.

Miss Make-Believe Bubble Show

Wednesday, June 17 at 7 pm

Bubble Fun for Everyone! Step inside a world of giant floating bubbles and magical tricks! Watch bubbles dance, merge, and pop — and even get inside one yourself! One adult caregiver per family.

Create & Make! Community Tie-Dye

Wednesday, June 24 from 6-8 pm

Get ready to create your own colorful masterpiece! Join us for a hands-on tie-dye event where all ages can design vibrant shirts, bags, and more. Bring your item and your imagination. Registration required. One adult caregiver per family.

Firefly Puppet Theater

Wednesday, July 15 at 7 pm

Step into a world of imagination with this highly interactive show! Kids become part of the storytelling, enjoying original music, puppets, and interactive movement led by this beloved Chicago theater troupe. One adult caregiver per family.

Little Miss Ann & Belinda Cervantes Family Music

Wednesday, July 22 at 7 pm

Little Miss Ann is a nationally touring Filipina American kids' musician who has made 9 award winning albums. She has performed at Lollapalooza kids stage, Getty Museum, SXSW and more! Ann is honored to be joined by mandolin player, Belinda Cervantes, who is in two bilingual bands; The Luna Blues Machine and Little Lunas. Together, Little Miss Ann and Belinda will inspire kids and families to clap, sing, dance and more! One adult caregiver per family.

Mammals & More

Wednesday, July 29 at 7 pm

Join us for an interactive and educational presentation where you can meet and touch unique creatures up close! Learn fascinating facts about the surprise animals that travel with the Flying Foxes Conservation Fund. Perfect for curious minds! One adult caregiver per family.

Level Up Programs (Grades 4-8)

Candy Around the World

Starting Sunday, June 7

Travel around the world by sampling candy from different countries. Open to valid AMPL Youth Cardholder. Limit 12. While supplies last.

Crochet Club

Wednesday, June 10 and July 8 at 6 pm

Join us for a beginner-friendly crochet club! Learn the basics of crocheting and create fun, creative projects to take home and show off. Registration begins May 27. Limit of 5 each date.

The Maker Mix-Up

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Get ready for a new adventure each week this summer! Cook, craft, and design your way through fun, hands-on activities. Mix it, make it, love it! Limit 16.

Boba Taste Test

Sunday, June 14 at 2 pm

Calling all Boba fans! Do you have a favorite boba? Come to the library and try our different samples. It's the perfect way to relax on a hot summer day. Limit 12.

Mini Building Kits – Succulents

Starting Sunday, July 5

Pick up your kit to make a succulent plant that you won't have to worry about trying to keep alive. No watering required for these plants! Limit 12. While supplies last.

Take Home Activities

Preschool Explorers Activity Bags

First Day of the Month

Best for ages 5 and under. Looking for a way to keep your kiddos entertained while on the go? Our engaging activity bags are the perfect solution! Limit 12 bags per month, while supplies last.

Junior Explorers Activity Bags

First Day of the Month

Ages 6-8. Unlock your child's potential with our Junior Explorers Activity Bags! These bags are the perfect blend of learning and fun, designed to challenge and engage young minds while providing hours of enjoyment. Limit 12 bags per month, while supplies last.

Take Home Activity Packets

First Day of the Month

These packets are designed to provide a delightful and engaging experience for young minds with activities that align with a unique theme every month. While supplies last.

Bilingual Explorers Activity Bags

Starts July 1

Best for ages 7 and under. Looking for something fun and educational to do at home? Pick up a Bilingual Activity Bag filled with a hands-on project in both English and Spanish! Whether you're brushing up on Spanish or just trying it out for the first time, these activity bags are perfect for learning, practicing, or playing. Limit 12 bags per month, while supplies last.

Preschool Grab & Go Craft

Fridays

Best for ages 6 and under. We invite parents and guardians to pick up a fun craft designed specifically for your little ones to enjoy. Limit 60, while supplies last.

For more information about each program and registration dates, please contact the Youth Services Department or visit our website.

Volunteering (Grades 5-8)

Summer youth volunteers help keep the library welcoming, fun, and organized. From prepping crafts to supporting kids' programs and special events, you'll gain teamwork, communication, and responsibility skills—while earning service hours and making a real impact. No experience needed—just a positive attitude!

We're offering new and fun volunteer opportunities! **Some require registration, and you'll need to commit to help either the June or July session (if applicable) to keep things running smoothly, each session is 3-weeks.** To give everyone a chance, volunteers may sign up for one program only. Before registering, you must fill out the Summer Youth Volunteer Google form, visit the Youth Services Department or visit the library's website.

Volunteer Drop-In Club

Select Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:30-4:30 pm
Session 1: June 15, 29 and July 13, 27
Session 2: June 9, 23 and July 7, 21, 28
No registration required.

Create & Make Studio Crew

Select Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 am-12 pm
Session 1: June 9, 16, 23 or
Session 2: July 9, 16, 23
Registration required.

Youth Art Night

Select Tuesdays from 6-8:30 pm
Session 1: June 9, 16, 23 or
Session 2: July 7, 14, 28
Registration required.

Kindness Crew

Select Wednesdays from 1:45-4:15 pm
Session 1: June 10, 17, 24 or
Session 2: July 8, 15, 22
Registration required.

STEAM Builders

Select Fridays from 3-4:15 pm
Session 1: June 12, 26 or
Session 2: July 10, 24
Registration required.

Preschool STEAM

Thursday, June 18 from 9:30-11 am
Registration required.

Create & Make! Community Tie Dye

Wednesday, June 24 from 6-8:30 pm
Registration required.

Messy Storytime

Saturday, July 11 from 10:30 am-12 pm
Registration required.

Teens

These programs are for teens in 9-12 grade. Registration encouraged, but not required, unless specified: 708.371.5666.

Teen: Candies from Around the World

Pickups begin Monday, June 15

Try candies from around the world while learning a brief history of the country and candy. Countries represented in this box: Columbia, El Salvador, Korea, Italy and Poland. Limit of 10.

Junk Brushes & Hair Clips

Thursday, June 18 at 5:30 pm

Get creative at our Junk Brushes & Clips event! Transform brushes and hair clips with rhinestones, beads, and more. It's a fun, hands-on way to design unique accessories and give everyday items a stylish new look! Limit of 7.

Vinyl Cricut Cups

Thursday, July 23 at 5:30 pm

Design your own custom cups at our Cricut workshop! Learn how to use the Cricut to create stylish, personalized designs you can take home. It's a fun, hands-on event perfect for everyone! Limit of 5.

Junk Journaling and Scrapbooking

Thursday, August 20 at 5:30 pm

Get creative at our Junk Journaling & Scrapbooking event! Design unique pages using mixed materials, photos, and fun textures. Bring your own items or special accents from home to personalize your creations and make each piece truly one-of-a-kind. Limit of 7.

Self-Care Kits Grab and Go's

Pickups begin on select Saturdays (June 6, July 11 and August 1)

Life can get stressful. This is your reminder to slow down a bit. Stop by and grab a self-care kit made just for you, filled with items and ideas to help you relax, recharge, and take care of yourself. Limit of 10.

Teen Chefs

Select Thursdays at 5:30 pm

Join our Teen Chef Program and learn to make simple, delicious dishes in a fun, hands-on setting. Build kitchen skills, try new recipes, and enjoy cooking with friends, perfect for beginners and aspiring chefs! Limit of 7.

June 4 – Quesadillas
July 2 – Chips and Dips
August 6 – Energy Bites *nut allergy warning

Take and Make Crafts

Pickups begin on select Mondays

Grab a craft kit and get creative on your own time! These take and make kits include everything you need to create a cool project at home. Limit of 7.

June 8 – Diamond Art
June 22 – Lanterns
July 6 – Rock Painting
July 20 – Crochet
August 10 – Paint by Number
August 24 – Phone Charms

Tech Training

Registration begins Monday, June 1. Visit Alsipmerrionette.librarycalendar.com or call 708-371-5666 to register.

Digital Literacy Workshop Series*

Wednesdays from 11 am - 12:15 pm

Sign up for one or all of these hands-on classes with instructor Kayla Giordani. Limit of 9.

July 1 – Managing Our Digital Footprints
July 8 – Online Job Searching
July 15 – Using Email Safely and Effectively
July 22 – Setting up Telehealth Apps and Accounts
July 29 – Conducting Telehealth Video Appointments

**Provided by the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce.*

Intro to AI Image Tools

Saturday, July 18 at 10 am

Join us for a demonstration of ways that AI can create or enhance graphics using tools like Canva Magic Studio and Dall-E.

Save Money Online

Sunday, August 9 at 2 pm

Instructor Mike Gershbein will share options for discount shopping online, from coupons to price alerts to cost comparison sites.

Android: Beyond the Basics

Tuesday, August 18 at 2 pm

Try using Android tools such as maps, voice tools, reminders, photo organization, and shortcuts for daily tasks. Limit of 12.

Northstar Digital Learning

Northstar Digital Literacy offers helpful online classes in today's technology. Take a class this summer and you will be entered in our Northstar raffle for fun prizes. Find details on the library's website or contact the Information Desk at 708.371.5666.

NORTHSTAR DIGITAL LITERACY
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Programs provided by AgeOptions.

Adults

Registration for adult programs begins June 1, unless otherwise stated. Visit *Alsipmerrionette.librarycalendar.com* or call 708-371-5666 to register.

Adult Summer Reading Program

Begins Saturday, June 6

Visit the Information Desk to sign up for the Adult Summer Reading Program. Read four books, and bring back your reading log by Friday, July 31 for a finishing gift and grand prize raffle entry.

American Flag Door Decoration Take and Make

Pick-ups begin Monday, June 8

Honor America's 250th anniversary by hanging a festive American flag door decoration. Limit of 12.

Craft Swap

Saturday, June 20 from 10 am to 1 pm

Bring current, good-condition craft supplies to the Information Desk between May 18 and June 12 to receive a ticket. Ticket holders shop first from 10–10:30 am. Remaining materials will be open to everyone, including ticket holders, from 10:30 am-1 pm on Saturday.

Vision & Hope: Mid-Year Refresh

Monday, June 22 at 1 pm

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon creating your mid-year vision board! All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring any extra art or materials to make your board uniquely yours. Recommended for those who did not attend Vision & Vino in Winter 2025. **Program will take place at Heritage 2 Clubhouse, 3715 W 123rd Place in Alsip.** Limit of 15.

Hygge: Scandinavia's Answer to Calm Amid the Chaos

Tuesday, June 30 at 6:30 pm

Hygge (pronounced hoo-ga) is a Scandinavian concept centered on feeling content, calm, comfortable, and cozy—evoking warmth, connection, and togetherness. Join us to learn what Hygge is and discover simple, meaningful ways to bring more comfort, self-care, and joy into your life.

Leslie Goddard Presents: Abigail Adams

Monday, July 6 at 6:30 pm

Step into the life of Abigail Adams, patriot, partner, and outspoken advocate. In this engaging portrayal, Leslie Goddard brings Abigail to life as she shares her role in America's founding, her famous plea to "remember the Ladies," and her enduring love story with John Adams.

The Hemingway Chronicles: Triumphs & Tragedies

Wednesday, July 8 at 6 pm

Local historian Bob Trzeciak will delve into the lives of the Hemingway family, exploring their triumphs, tragedies, and the experiences that shaped one of America's most legendary literary figures.

Emancipation to Inauguration: Chicago's Black Experience

Saturday, July 11 at 2 pm

African American history in Chicago runs long and deep. From our first citizen to our 44th President, the stories are remarkable and inspiring. Presented by historian Clarence Goodman.

Candies from Around the World

Pickups begin Monday, July 13

It's back! Try candies from around the world while learning a brief history of the country and candy. Countries represented in this box: Columbia, El Salvador, Korea, Italy and Poland. AMPL Cardholders only. Limit of 20.

Cricut Take and Make

Pickups begin Monday, July 20

Have a Cricut machine at home? Checked out a library machine? Sign-up to receive project supplies and instructions to complete the project at home! Limit of 20.

American History and Today with John LeGear

Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30 pm

Take a fast-paced journey through American history from the outbreak of World War I to The Beatles' arrival in 1964. This dynamic, picture-packed presentation blends newsreels, film clips, music, and pop culture to trace the dramatic changes that shaped the United States.

Beginning Sewing-Part 2

Wednesday, July 22 at 10 am

This sewing workshop is appropriate for beginning sewists! Our skilled instructor will teach students how to use a sewing machine to create a simple drawstring bag. Limit of 5. Contact Seoung or Mary Kate.

Chair Yoga at the Library

Friday, August 7 at 2 pm

Try a gentle and relaxing chair yoga class with Silver Sneakers-certified instructor, Adela Alverado.

Cricut for Advanced Users

Thursday, August 13 at 5 pm

Experienced with Design Space? Want a challenge? Join us in a craft project that will test your skills. Limit of 4.

Local Author Reading

Saturday, August 15 at 2 pm

Local authors are invited to share stories, poems, and other creative works with our supportive Writing Roundup group. If you'd like to perform a piece, please contact Colleen in Adult Services at 708.371.5666.

Side Hustle Success: Turning Free Time into Extra Money

Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 pm

In today's fast-paced world, having a side hustle isn't just a trend, it's a smart strategy for financial freedom and personal growth. Explore practical, creative, and profitable ways to earn extra income to supplement your current job, or as a way to earn income being your own boss.

Summer Open Mic Night

Thursday, August 27 at 6:30 pm

Come share your creativity or join us to watch and be entertained! If you'd like to read a story or perform music, please fill out our performer's form on the library's website or at the Information Desk.

Adults

Registration for adult programs begins June 1, unless otherwise stated. Visit *Alsipmerrionette.librarycalendar.com* or call 708-371-5666 to register.

Recurring Programs

Mini Summer Book Box

Pickups begin Monday, June 22

Haven't tried a book box? Sign up for a Mini Summer Book Box. Each box includes a book and one surprise connected to the story and it's yours to keep! Story theme: Closed Door Romance Participants in the Quarterly Book Box are not eligible. AMPL Cardholders only. Limit of 10.

Cricut Crafting for Beginners

Thursday, June 11 at 5:30 pm

Learn about the Cricut machine and make a simple craft. Open to beginners only. Limit of 6.

Quarterly Book Box

Pickups begin Monday, July 6

Each box will contain a novel and a craft, treat, or a surprise connected to the story. The theme will change quarterly. Keep all the items in the box! This quarter's theme is New Release. Participants in the Mini Summer Book Box are not eligible. AMPL Cardholders only. Limit of 18.

Bring Your Craft to the Movies Night

Tuesday, August 4 at 5:30 pm

Bring your craft project as we leave the lights on to watch and create! Light refreshments will be provided. Limit of 24.

Cricut on a Saturday

Saturday, August 8 at 1 pm

Pick from a variety of pre-selected past projects to create. Help will be available. Participants must have prior experience with Design Space. Limit of 6.

Bingo with Bob

Select Mondays at 12 pm

Play, win and have a blast! Limit of 30.

June 15
July 20
August 17

Alexander Hamilton: Exhibit

Monday, May 18 – Friday, June 12

Immigration, Patriot, Visionary examines the founding era through the life of Alexander Hamilton. An immigrant and founding father, he helped shape America's economic, constitutional, political, and foreign policy foundations. Using reproductions from the Gilder Lehrman Collection, this traveling exhibition shows Hamilton's lasting influence on the nation today. Exhibit display at the Pulaski Lounge.

Memory Lab

Learn how to turn your favorite old family photos, home recordings, and video cassettes into digital keepsakes. Beginning this season, Memory Lab will be moving to individual 30-minute tutorials. Each person may schedule up to two tutorials per season. To reserve your spot, please fill out a form at the Information Desk, call us or visit our website.

Recurring Programs *continued*

Summer Writing Roundup

Select Thursdays at 2 pm

Join us to write of your choice in a supportive environment. At the end of meeting, we'll have an optional time for sharing our progress. Writing materials and light refreshments provided.

June 25
July 16
Saturday, August 15 – Local Author Reading

Tuesday Morning Movie

Fourth Tuesday of every month at 9:30 am

Light refreshments provided.

June 23 – Rental Family
July 28 – Song Sung Blue
August 25 – You, Me, and Tuscany

Caja de Libros Trimestral

Puede recoger empezando el Lunes, 22 de Junio

Cada caja contendrá un libro y una manualidad, una golosina o una sorpresa relacionada con la historia. El tema cambiará cada trimestre. El tema de este trimestre es Romance. Participantes en cualquier otra caja de libros no son elegibles. Límite 6.

From My Roots to My Story Interviews

Begins June 1

We're inviting community members to join a special summer project leading up to Hispanic Heritage Month this September! Throughout the summer, we'll gather stories that highlight the history and traditions of Hispanic families in our community. Contributions will be featured in a display this September. You decide what to share. Personal details will only be included with your permission. Interested? Stop by, call us, or fill out the online form under Adult Programs: Hispanic Heritage Celebrations.

Estamos invitando a miembros de la comunidad a participar en un proyecto especial en preparación para al Mes de la Herencia Hispana este Septiembre. Durante el verano, colectáremos historias que destaquen la historia y las tradiciones de las familias hispanas en nuestra comunidad. Las contribuciones se presentarán en una exhibición este Septiembre. Usted decide qué desea compartir. Los detalles personales solo se incluirán con su permiso. ¿Interesado(a)? Visítenos, llámenos o complete el formulario en línea en la sección de Programas para Adultos: Celebraciones de la Herencia Hispana.

Green Space Programs

Monday from 6-8 pm

Have you ever wanted to try gardening but don't know where to begin? Or maybe you're an expert looking to swap tips and seeds? Come visit the Green Space Project this summer!

The Green Space Project is an experimental community garden sponsored by the library, the Alsip Park District and School District 126 located behind Prairie Junior High School. We meet every week, June through August, to tend our garden, socialize and enjoy crafts and other activities outdoors.

All ages are welcome! Every time you participate, your family will be entered into a drawing for prizes. **All workdays take place at The Green Space Project behind the southwest corner of Prairie Junior High at 11910 S. Kostner Ave.** Registration is not required. To get updates on upcoming garden programs, join our email list at **bit.ly/ALSIPGSP.**

Gnome Painting

June 1 at 6 pm

Come hang out in the garden and paint a small gnome for your own garden!

Mosaic Coasters

June 8 at 6 pm

Create a unique mosaic coaster with glass and cement.

Wire Jewelry Workshop with Sherri Ewing

June 15 at 6 pm

Learn how to make wire jewelry with Sherri Ewing of Precious One Designs.

Spinning with a Drop Spindle

June 22 at 6 pm

Learn to make yarn with wool roving and a drop spindle!

Air Dry Clay

June 29 at 6 pm

Come make buttons, candleholders, spoon rests, or other decor from air dry clay.

Quick Pickling Workshop

July 6 at 6 pm

Learn how to make quick pickles!

Qigong and Sound Bath with Gail Morales

July 13 at 6 pm

Qigong and sound bath in the garden with Gail Morales.

Nature Drawing Workshop

July 20 at 6 pm

Learn from artists Jared and Alicia Day of Daystorm studios. We'll provide all of the needed materials.

DIY Wind Chime

July 27 at 6 pm

Come make a fun wind chime out of beads.

Macrame Lanyard

August 3 at 6 pm

Make a macrame lanyard to use on a keychain or bag.

Learn to Crochet

August 10 at 6 pm

Come learn the basics of crochet.

Cheese Tasting Program

August 17 at 6 pm

Try different cheeses with charcuterie and crackers.

Yarn and Wool Dye

August 24 at 6 pm

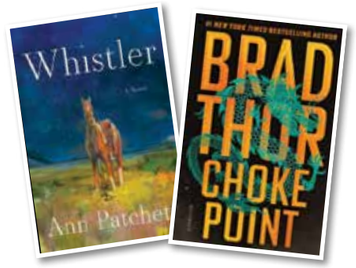
Learn to dye yarn and wool roving with dye tinctures! Make sure to wear clothes you don't mind getting messy.

Harvest Party

August 31 at 6 pm

Wind down our garden season with food and small crafts.

New Summer Titles



JUNE

Ann Patchett ..... *Whistler*
James Patterson..... *Rocket's Red Glare*
Maggie O'Farrell ..... *Land*
Brad Thor ..... *Choke Point*
Lisa See .... *Daughters of the Sun and Moon*
Tia Williams..... *The Missed Connection*
Danielle Steel..... *Weddings*
Lisa Jewell..... *It Could Have Been Her*
Beatriz Williams..... *When You Loved Me*

JULY

Emily Giffin.....*Love You More*
Jessica Knoll..... *Helpless*
James Patterson.....
..... *The Country Road Murders*
Lisa Scottoline .... *This Changes Everything*
Silvia Moreno-Garcia .....*The Intrigue*
Daniel Silva..... *Ransom*
Christina Lauren..... *The Romance Revival*
Colson Whitehead..... *Cool Machine*
Kristin Harmel..... *Meet Me in Paris*

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Riley Sager..... *The Unknown*
Lisa Gardner ..... *You'll Be Sorry*
Chris Bohjalian..... *The Amateur*
Danielle Steel.... *The True Meaning of Love*
William Kent Krueger..... *God's Country*
Fern Michaels ..... *The Boathouse*
Liane Moriarty.....*Big Little Truths*
Tess Gerritsen..... *The Shadow Friends*

Book Social

Select Saturdays at 1 pm

Join us to share about a book or show you enjoyed or just listen and gather a list for your summer entertainment. Light refreshments provided.

July 25 and September 5

20/30s Book Club

Select Saturdays at 1 pm

Join our book club made for readers in their 20s and 30s. We'll chat about great reads, meet new people, and enjoy a welcoming space for lively discussion.

July 18: Historical Fiction
August 29: Dystopian

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11960 Community Art Gallery

Apply now to exhibit your creative art in our new community art gallery. Students have the opportunity to earn credit hours, and the library will host a reception for each artist featured. Pick up an application at the Adult or Youth Services desks.

FNS Cosmic Romantics: Magically Ever After

Friday, July 17 at 7 pm

Ages 21+. A vaudeville-inspired magic show that blends dazzling sleight of hand with comedy, music, and heartfelt storytelling, starring real life couple Elizabeth Messick & Eric Thirstin. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Limit of 75.

Friday Night Special – Youth & Families

Friday, July 17 from 5-8 pm

This Youth Friday Night Special theme is **Game Night!** Stop by anytime between 5-8 pm to enjoy family foosball, bean bag toss, giant checkers, board games, and scavenger hunts. Fun for the whole family! Come when you can and stay as long as you'd like.

Summer Fun Starts with Our Library of Things!

Planning a picnic, backyard movie night, or day at the park? Borrow fun and useful items like a Yeti cooler, pickleball or bocce ball set, birdwatching kit, or screen projector all with your library card. Explore new ways to enjoy the season without spending extra!

Library Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur..... 9 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday ..... 9 am - 5 pm
Sundays ..... 1 pm - 5 pm
Drive-up book return open 24 hours

Library Closed

Father's Day ..... June 21
Independence Day ..... July 4

Board Meetings

Library Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 pm (June 9, July 14 and August 11). 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.

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