Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District

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AMPL News

A Letter from the Director

Dear District Residents,

On behalf of the Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District Board of Trustees and Staff, I want to thank you for your continued support and resilience during this unprecedented time. Our services look a little different for now, but we are still here for you, and we look forward to welcoming you back into the building soon.

Sincerely,
Sarah Cottonaro

Curbside Pickup hours extending to 8 pm on Tuesday and Thursday starting September 1.

September is Library Card Sign Up Month

If you are a library district resident in Garden Homes, Alsip or Merrionette Park a free library card is available for you. An Ecard is available by calling the Patron Services desk at 708-371-5666 ext. 100. Babies, children, teens and adults are encouraged to utilize library services.

Looking for ebooks and audio books? Free downloads are available with your AMP library card through Overdrive and Hoopla and Biblioboard.

What about free music and movies? Yes! Available through Freegal and Hoopla on our website with your AMP library card.

Children's magazines, encyclopedias and reference materials are all available for free on our website with your library card.

Curbside and home delivery of books, music and dvds are ongoing. The building may be closed for your safety, but we are here working to keep you informed and enjoying library services. Call for an Ecard today!

Kids

"NEW" Registration is required for all participants, in all programs, and must have a valid AMPL card. Register once for the entire 4 week session of weekly programs. Materials may be picked up starting the Monday, the week before the program. To register call the Youth Services Department at 371-5666 ext. 140. ELibrary cards are available for children by calling the Patron Services desk at 371-5666 ext. 100.

Session 1: Registration begins September 1 for programs September through October.
Session 2: Registration begins October 19 for programs November through December.

Weekly Preschool Programs

Autumblings

Wednesdays (pre-recorded video)

Best for ages 2-5 years old. Join Miss Wendy, virtually, for stories, songs, and crafts centered on weekly themes. Storytime prop bags will be available so your child can join the activities while watching the videos.

Preschool Music and Movement Live Zoom Session

Fridays at 10 am

Best for 5 and under. Join Debbie Parks for her weekly session of music, stories and song. Patrons will be sent a Zoom link the day before the session.

Weekly School Age Programs

Speedy Science

Mondays (pre-recorded video)

Grades K-5. Want to find some fun and fast science experiments you can run out of your own home? Look no further! These quick videos feature different experiments that you can fit into your busy schedule. Call the library in advance to register and receive the materials needed for the experiments.

Kids Paint Night

Tuesdays (pre-recorded video)

Grades 3-8. Join Miss Cindy for a video painting lesson. Each week watch the video and learn to create a painting. Paint bags will be available while supplies last, and include canvas, paint, and instructions but anyone can watch and paint with their own supplies, even adults! Since the instructions are on the video as well, paint when you are in the mood and feel free to pause when needed.

Canvas Kids

Thursdays (pre-recorded video)

Grades K-2. Interested in painting? Join Miss Cindy as we learn to paint on a pre-traced canvas. Paint bags will be available while supplies last and contain canvas, paint, and instruction.

Virtual LEGO Challenge

Saturdays

All ages. Join us for a Virtual Lego Challenge! Each Saturday, a theme will be posted on Facebook and your job is to build anything, or many things, with Lego – from a set, or from your imagination. Each theme lasts for the week. Send us a picture at ysrefdesk@alsiplibrary.info and we will give you something in return. Happy Building!

Middle School

TAG Meetings

Thursdays: 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3 at 7 pm (via Zoom)

This autumn, TAG will meet virtually via Zoom. We want to stay connected and help you earn service hours while completing projects at home that will benefit our library community. All meetings will begin at 7 pm. Each month, an invitation will be sent out via email, for TAG members to participate in the following month's meeting. Miss Wendy must have valid email on file for each TAG member.

Jr. High Take & Make Crafts

Thursdays (pre-recorded video)

Ages 10-14 years old. Feel the need to indulge your creative nature? We've got you covered! Each week pick up a new Take & Make Craft kit and indulge your inner crafter from the comfort of your home.

9/24 *Mirrored CDs*
10/1 *Bird Paper Clip Bookmarks*
10/8 *Beaded CD Tealight Candle Holder*
10/15 *Leaf Mason Jar Luminary*
11/5 *Scarecrow/Snowman Reversible Wooden Sign*
11/12 *Thanksgiving Centerpiece*
11/19 *Christmas Ornaments*

Just For You! Books and Treats Program

Grades K-8. Receive a special bag filled with a book and treats picked out just for you! To register, fill out the online form at www.alsiplibrary.info. If you don't have the internet, just call the library and we will fill out the form for you. Answer the different questions about what kinds of books you like. We will then pick out a book meant just for you! We will call you when your bag filled with a book and treats is ready. The book must be returned to the library, but the treats are yours to keep!

Tutoring Available for Students and Adult Learners

Tutor.com is a one-on-one live homework help tutoring service. It's FREE with your Alsip-Merrionette Park Library card. It's available every day, noon to midnight (CST). English and Bi-lingual Spanish tutors are available. Everything from writing to Algebra to Chemistry can be explained online.

Tutor.com To Go™ is the free mobile companion for Tutor.com. Get the app now for your iOS or Android device. Go to www.alsiplibrary.info, click on the "Research Databases" tab and scroll down to Tutor.com.

Kids

Special Programs

Curbside Pickup Craft

Best for 2-6 year olds. Are you looking for a craft activity to keep your little one busy for a little while? Now you can get our weekly drop in craft as a curbside pickup craft to take home. Check our website for a sneak peak of the craft each week.

Book Pumpkin Decorating Contest

October 1-31

Ages 13 and under. Join in our 3rd annual contest of decorating our pumpkin to a character from a book. Rules are easy: Decorate a pumpkin at your house of a book character. Take a selfie with it and send it to ysrefdesk@alsiplibrary.info and we will give you something in return!

Mystery Craft

December 1-30

All ages. Phone the Youth Reference Department anytime we are open and arrange to pick up a mystery craft at our curbside pickup or home delivery. For all ages, while supplies last.

Dancing Elf Ornament

Tuesday, December 8 (pre-recorded video)

Ages 5 and up. Join Ms. Ann and make a fun ornament that moves when you pull a string. We will provide all of the materials and instructions, you bring the creativity!

Holiday Storytime

Saturday, December 12 (pre-recorded video)

Ages 2-8 years. Get ready for Santa's big night and join Miss Wendy for some holiday cheer via this virtual video program. Enjoy stories, singing, and making a special ornament to hang on your family's tree. Holiday kits, which include song sheets, ornament supplies, and reindeer food, will be available for pickup starting Monday, December 7.

Holiday Family Paint Night

Tuesday, December 15 (pre-recorded video)

Ages 7 and up with adult/caregiver. Get ready for the holidays and join Miss Cindy as she shows you how to paint your family as gingerbread people.

Adults

Website Open 24/7

Be sure to visit library's website – it's open for you 24/7. Alsip-Merrionette Park Library cardholders can request books, movies and music for curbside pickup or home delivery. You will also find downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, graphics novels and streaming music through Overdrive, Hoopla and Freegal.

Curbside Print Jobs for AMPL District Residents

Alsip-Merrionette Park Library District patrons can do curbside pickup of print jobs.

- First, you can email print jobs to AlsipOnline@gmail.com or ASRefDesk@alsiplibrary.info
- Second, call the Information Desk (708-926-7024) so that we can forward your documents to our printer. Please wait to hear from us.
- After your job is printed, we will let you know the day and time that they will be available for you to pickup.

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Use our website to access our newest downloadable product, PressReader. With this resource you can read and keep articles from the Daily Southtown, Chicago Tribune, Sun-Times and more than 7,000 publications from around the world. The app is available for iOS, Android and Kindle HD/HDX, and you can use their website from any computer with Internet access. If you have any questions, just call the Adult Services information desk at 708-926-7024 or email us at asrefdesk@alsiplibrary.info.

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Learning Express provides online courses and practice exams for many vital topics. You can prepare for the ACT, SAT, ASVAB,

GED, GRE and more. Practice exams are available to aid in preparation for the CDL, cosmetology and nursing exams. Need to update your grammar or math, or get tips for finding a job? It provides classes in both English and Spanish.

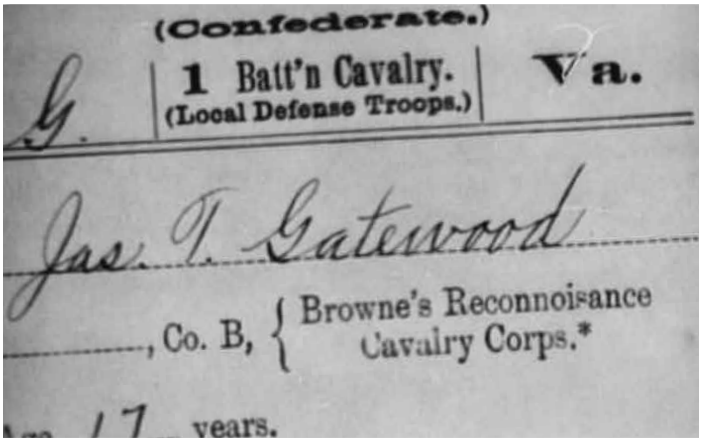
You'll find both of these great resources at alsiplibrary.info, on our Research Databases webpage. Try one today!

Adults

Registration is required for all programs unless noted. For additional information or to register for a program please contact the Adult Services Refrence Desk at asrefdesk@alsiplibrary.info or call 708-926-7024.

New Military Record Database

Fold3 by Ancestry provides access to US military records on every conflict going back to the Revolutionary War. You'll find stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served. What is the meaning of the name Fold3? In many flag-folding ceremonies, the third fold honors veterans for their service. Go to our website (alsiplibrary.info), select Research Databases and scroll down to Fold3. Pull out your Alsip-Merrionette Park Library card and enter the entire barcode.



COVID-19 Resource Page

Looking for the latest developments about our library, area food pantries or COVID-19 statistics? For your convenience, we've created a resource webpage of reliable COVID-19 information to answer your questions. From alsiplibrary.info, select 'How Do I?' from the drop down menu and then 'Acquire Information About Covid'.

Watch for Online Browsing and Pop-Up Programs

Browse our adult collection online! Start at alsiplibrary.info and select Adults – Reading Resources for pictures and videos of our new books, CDs and DVDs. In addition, watch for a few online activities to pop up on the Adults – Programs webpage.

Fall Reading Rewards

This fall, take a look at our Reading Resources webpage, check out a recommended book and get a prize. Start at alsiplibrary.info and select Adults – Reading Resources to see reviews and pictures of our new books. Call 708-926-7024 to request one from our list, and get a book and surprise gift through our curbside pickup or home delivery service (with your Alsip-Merrionette Park Library card.) Try something new today!

Zoom Program: Basic Concepts of Retirement Planning

Tuesday, September 29 at 6:30 pm

The Society for Financial Awareness will provide information on the fundamentals of planning for your future. Go to alsiplibrary.info > Adults > Adult Programs for details and registration information. (Zoom training available from the Adult Services Department.)

Online Board Games

Do you enjoy traditional board games like Scattergories, Pictionary, Yahtzee and Trivial Pursuit? We will be trying some online games via Zoom this fall. Dates, registration and Zoom training available from alsiplibrary.info > Adults > Adult Programs.

Adults

Good Reads

SEPTEMBER

Sandra Brown ..... *Thick as Thieves*
Jude Deveraux ..... *Chance of a Lifetime*
Christine Feehan ..... *Dark Song*
Joanne Fluke .....
..... *Christmas Cupcake Murder*
Vince Flynn ..... *Total Power*
Ken Follett .....
..... *The Evening and the Morning*
Iris Johansen ..... *Chaos*
Fern Michaels ..... *The Brightest Star*
Bill O'Reilly .....
..... *Killing Crazy Horse (NF)*
James Patterson .....
..... *Coast-to-Coast Murders*
James Patterson .....
..... *Murder Thy Neighbor (NF)*
Jodi Picoult ..... *The Book of Two Ways*
Mary Jo Putney ..... *Once Dishonored*
J.D. Robb ..... *Shadows in Death*
Nicholas Sparks ..... *The Return*
Ruth Ware ..... *One By One*

OCTOBER

Donna Andrews ..... *Gift of the Magpie*
Lee Child ..... *The Sentinel*
John Grisham ..... *A Time for Mercy*
Lisa Jewell ..... *Invisible Girl*
Dean Koontz ..... *Elsewhere*
Alexander McCall Smith .....
..... *How to Raise an Elephant*
James Patterson .....
..... *Three Women Disappear*
Stuart Woods ..... *Shakeup*

NOVEMBER

Jeffrey Archer ..... *Hidden in Plain Sight*
Barbara Taylor Bradford .....
..... *In the Lion's Den*
Mary Higgins Clark ..... *Piece of My Heart*
Michael Connelly .....
..... *The Law of Innocence (Mickey Haller)*
Clive Cussler ..... *Marauder*
Janet Evanovich ..... *Fortune and Glory*
Christine Feehan ..... *Leopard's Rage*
Diana Palmer ..... *Wyoming True*
James Patterson ..... *Deadly Cross*
Nora Roberts ..... *The Awakening*
Danielle Steel ..... *All That Glitters*

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School Supplies and Food Drive

Donation drop off location will be at Worth Township Town Hall. (South Entrance) 11601 S. Pulaski Road. Monday through Thursday, 9 am thru Noon.

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.

Curbside Pickup Hours

Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat ..... 9 am - 6 pm
Tuesday & Thursday ..... 9 am - 8 pm
Sundays ..... Closed
Drive-up book return open 24 hours

Library Closed

Labor Day Weekend ..... September 6 & 7
Thanksgiving Eve..... Close at 5 pm
Thanksgiving Day ..... November 26

Board Meetings

Library Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 3 pm (September 8, October 13, November 10). 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*
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Lester E. Engelbrecht, *Trustee*
Therese McLaughlin, *Trustee*
Robert M. Olson, *Trustee*

Congratulations! Our Summer Reading Challenge was a huge success with children, teens and adults reading over 64,000 minutes this summer, and winning weekly coupons, raffle baskets and gift cards. Thank you to our great sponsors. Look for our Summer Reading Challenge to return in June, 2021!