

NEWSAMPLER



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Spring Computer Classes



John Hojek is back to teach beginning computer classes at the library. All classes are held on Fridays from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M.

- **Beginning Internet** •
March 12
- **Beginning Email** •
March 19
- **Microsoft Word** •
March 26
- **Microsoft Excel** •
April 16
- **Microsoft Excel—Part 2** •
April 30
- **Microsoft PowerPoint** •
May 7
- **PC TLC** •
May 14

The fee for each class is \$10 and is due the day of class. **Registration will not be taken ahead of time. The first 15 people at the door will attend the class.** If you have any questions, please call the Adult Services Department.

Snapshot

One Day in the Life of Your Public Library

Libraries provide invaluable services for the community that often go unnoticed. To provide indisputable proof, libraries across the state of Illinois participated in *Snapshot: One Day in the Life of Your Library*. On Wednesday, February 10, libraries collected information, comments and photographs from events in a typical library day to document how important libraries are in the state of Illinois.

Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District participated in the event and can share some very interesting statistics.

- **488 people visited the library**
- **111 people came to use a computer**
- **49 reference questions were answered in adult services**
- **27 reference questions were answered in youth services**
- **27 children participated in programs that day**
- **629 items were checked out**
- **196 people visited our webpage**

Not too bad considering many people spent that day digging out from the eight inches of snow that fell the day before!

For your information...

To cope with an increasingly large number of long overdue items, our library, along with many others in the Metropolitan Library System, now sends delinquent accounts to a collection service. Please keep in mind that fees and fines can now be paid online.

Adult Services Spring Registration

Call the Adult Services Department at
708-371-5666 ext. 108 for program details.



White Sox History

Thursday, March 25 7:00 P.M.

Author and historian Richard C. Lindberg will give a guided tour of 110 years of White Sox history, as well as discuss the upcoming 2010 baseball season. Richard is the official White Sox Team Historian and author of 14 books about Chicago, including *Total White Sox*. You can purchase copies of Mr. Lindberg's books and have yours signed by the author!

That Sweepstakin' Gal

Thursday, April 22 7:00 P.M.

In twenty years of sweepstaking, Cindy Sykora has won over and over again. She and her family have scored trips, merchandise, a new car, a landscaping makeover and \$10,000 in gas cards. Cindy will share her tips and strategies for winning and tell you how to safeguard against scams.

The Chasonettes

Heritage II Clubhouse
3715 W. 123rd Place, Alsip

Thursday, May 6 at 1:30 P.M.

The library is once again sponsoring an afternoon of music at Heritage II. With a repertoire of show tunes, pop standards and seasonal music, the Chasonettes have delighted audiences for over 50 years. Directed by Ruth Smith, women from 13 south suburban communities join together in 3-part harmony to share friendship, fun and the pleasure of entertaining others. Their program will also include a short sing-along. Come to the Heritage II Clubhouse and let the Chasonettes entertain you!

Super Couponing with the Coupon Queen

Thursday, May 13 7:00 P.M.

Jill Cataldo will share fun and easy ways to save on groceries—get items for free or for just pennies! Learn the couponing secrets of the pros: which stores will let you stack multiple coupons, how to track sales and discounts online, and best of all, how to get the store to pay YOU to shop. This program will change the way you shop forever!

Book Discussion Group

April 1

The Children's Blizzard

by David Laskin

May 6

The Book Thief

by Markus Zusak

Interested in joining the Book Discussion Group? Just sign up at the Adult Reference Desk. Our meetings begin at 7 P.M.



Book, Please! Happiness

by Jenny Cutshall
Adult Services Librarian

If financial stress has gotten in the way of your own personal pursuit of happiness and you're tired of just throwing money at the problem, check out one of these insightful books...*FREE* from your library, and guaranteed to brighten your spirits. We'll be sure to have you leaving the Reference Desk with a smile—stop by for further reading suggestions!

Bright-sided: how the relentless promotion of positive thinking has undermined America

by Barbara Ehrenreich
155.232 HER

The Happiness Myth: why what we think is right is wrong: a history of what really makes us happy

by Jennifer Michael Hecht
170 HEC

In Pursuit of Happiness: better living from Plato to Prozac

by Mark Kingwell
170 KIN

The Happiness Project: or why I spent a year trying to sing in the morning, clean my closets, fight right, read Aristotle, and generally have more fun

by Gretchen Craft Rubin
158 RUB

The Geography of Bliss: one grump's search for the happiest places in the world

by Eric Weiner
910.4 WEI also available in large print (LT) and audio book (CD) formats



Fun Stuff for Kids!

Programs run March 29 through May 1.
Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Preschool Programs

The library offers story times for children at specific ages and stages of development that provide emergent literacy activities as well as social interaction.

Mother Goose Time

Mondays 10—10:30 A.M.

An introduction to the library designed for babies (birth through twenty-three months) and their favorite grownup. Stories, music, nursery rhymes, and unstructured play will be shared by all.



Toddler Time

Tuesdays 10—10:30 A.M.

Toddlers ages 2—3 years and their caregivers are invited to share books, songs, fingerplays, and sensorimotor activities.

Toddler Art

Thursdays 10—10:30 A.M.

Come join us with your 2—4 year old for a story, songs, and a process-oriented art project. Be sure to dress to get a little messy!

Story Time

Wednesdays 11—11:30 A.M.

Preschoolers (independent 3—5 year olds) can enhance pre-reading and social skills as they enjoy stories, music, and simple crafts.

Baby & Toddler Music Class

Thursdays 11—11:30 A.M.

Each week babies and toddlers (6 months — 35 months) and their caregivers will sing a storybook, play games, and enjoy a variety of small instruments while the instructor sings and plays guitar.

After School Programs

Tale Time

Tuesdays 3:45—4:15 P.M.

Kindergarteners, 1st- and 2nd-graders can come in from the cold and have fun with books, games, music, and crafts.

Kidzread Book Club

Thursdays 3:45—4:15 P.M.

Attention 3rd-, 4th- and 5th-graders! Join us as we mix books, games, crafts and other hands-on activities each week.

BINGO

Fridays 3:45—4:30 P.M.

April 9 and April 23

Kindergarten through 5th-graders are invited to come to the library and play BINGO.

Scrapbooking

Mondays 3:45—4:15 P.M.

Each week kids from 9 years old through 8th grade will bring their photos and their imagination to create a 12 x 12 scrapbook page.



Spanish/English Story Time Hora de Cuento en Español/Inglés

Wednesdays 6:30—7 P.M./Miércoles de 6:30—7 P.M.

Join us each week for stories, songs, games, and crafts in Spanish! All ages are welcome, but best for age 7 and younger.

Únanse a nosotros cada semana para compartir historias, canciones, juegos y hacer artesanía. Todas las edades son bienvenidas pero nuestra recomendación es que tengan siete años o menos.

This program is funded through an *Institute of Museum and Libraries Services* grant secured by Congressman Bobby Rush.

I Speak Spanish!

Saturdays 11—11:45 A.M.

In this independent class, children ages three through six years-old will be introduced to conversational Spanish through fun and educational activities and music.

This program is funded through an *Institute of Museum and Libraries Services* grant secured by Congressman Bobby Rush.

Spring Registration

will begin **Saturday, March 13** for residents of Alsip, Merrionette Park and Garden Homes.

Non-resident registration begins **Saturday, March 20.**

PLEASE NOTE: Children must have a valid library card to register. A fee will be charged to all non-residents.

LEGO Competition



Saturday, April 17 2:30 - 3:30 P.M.

Kids ages 4 and up are invited to bring their bucket of LEGO bricks to compete in our LEGO building contest. If you don't have LEGO bricks, we have a limited supply to share.

Mark Nichols
and the Puppet Place Theater
Present

"The Magic Onion"

Saturday, March 27

11—11:45 A.M.

Blend a beautiful princess with her faithful dog, a wicked magician and his magic onion and you have what looks like a typical fairy tale. But add hilarious twists to the plot and *The Magic Onion* will make you laugh until you cry!



Young Adult Programs

Guitar Hero®

Saturdays, April 10 and 24
2—3 P.M.

Kids in grades 6—10 can let loose their inner guitar hero and rock out with friends.



Dress Up Your Sneakers

Saturday, April 10
3:15—4 P.M.

Kids in grades 6—10 can join the fun and create their own unique design. Just bring in a pair of sneakers and create your very own fashion statement. All other materials will be provided.

Family Programs

Family Fun Nights

Mondays 7—7:30 P.M.

Join us as we present a different activity, theme, or event each week.

Make It/Take It Crafts

Tuesdays 4—9 P.M. OR
Fridays all day long

Stop by the Youth Services department and pick up a craft to make on your own in the library—while supplies last.

Drop In Story Time

Thursdays 6:30—7 P.M.

Join us for stories, activities, and a craft. Best for age seven and younger.



Celebrate Poetry Month with Heidi Bee Roemer



April is National Poetry Month—come and celebrate at the library with children's author Heidi Bee Roemer.

Poetry Reads

Monday, April 5

7—7:45 P.M. (during Family Fun Night)

OR

Tuesday, April 6

3:45—4:15 P.M. (during Tale Time)

All ages are invited to join us for this lively presentation of games and rhyming riddles. This fun presentation is poetry based and perfect for young animal lovers, too!

Poetry Party

Thursday, April 8

3:45 P.M. (during Kidzread Book Club)

Third through fifth-graders will be exposed to sample poems written by some of the best-known children's poets. Heidi's lively reading kindles children's imaginations and all the while her fun props hold them spellbound.



New Books

MARCH

William Bernhardt	<i>Capitol Betrayal</i>
Clive Cussler	<i>The Silent Sea</i>
Linda Fairstein	<i>Hell Gate</i>
Karen Robards	<i>Shattered</i>
Lisa Scottoline	<i>Think Twice</i>

APRIL

Elizabeth Berg	<i>The Last Time I Saw You</i>
Mary Higgins Clark	<i>The Shadow of Your Smile</i>
Iris Johansen	<i>Eight Days to Live</i>
Jonathan Kellerman	<i>Executor</i>
James Patterson	<i>The 9th Judgment</i>
Elizabeth Peters	<i>A River in the Sky</i>
Amanda Quick	<i>Burning Lamp</i>
Karen Robards	<i>Shameless</i>
Nora Roberts	<i>Savor the Moment</i>
Stuart Woods	<i>Lucid Intervals</i>

MAY

Dale Brown	<i>Executive Intent</i>
Richard North Patterson	<i>Honor</i>
John Sandford	<i>Storm Prey</i>
Scott Turow	<i>Innocent</i>

Coming Attractions

Books • Movies • Music

New DVDs

- *Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans* coming soon
- *Blind Side* coming soon
- *Brothers* coming soon
- *Capitalism: A Love Story* coming soon
- *Coco Before Chanel*
- *Couples Retreat*
- *The Cove*
- *An Education* coming soon
- *The Invention of Lying*
- *Michael Jackson's This Is It*
- *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*
- *Precious* coming soon
- *Sin Nombre*
- *The Stepfather*
- *The Time Traveler's Wife*
- *Whiteout*
- *The Young Victoria* coming soon
- *Zombieland*

New Music

Justin Bieber	<i>My World</i>
Susan Boyle	<i>I Dreamed A Dream</i>
Jimmy Buffett	<i>Buffett Hotel</i>
Enya	<i>The Very Best Of Enya</i>
Foo Fighters	<i>Greatest Hits</i>
Janet Jackson	<i>Number Ones</i>
Michael Jackson	<i>This Is It</i>
Norah Jones	<i>The Fall</i>
Adam Lambert	<i>For Your Entertainment</i>
Lynyrd Skynyrd	<i>God & Guns</i>
Lil Wayne	<i>Rebirth</i>
John Mayer	<i>Battle Studies</i>
Tim McGraw	<i>Southern Voice</i>
Soundtrack	<i>Glee: The Music (V. 1 & 2)</i>
Soundtrack	<i>Pirate Radio</i>
Rod Stewart	<i>Soulbook</i>
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	<i>Night Castle</i>
Carrie Underwood	<i>Play On</i>

The Society of Lifetime Readers **We have several readers who achieved new levels!**

Starting off at the 25 book level, which earns a mug, we have **Libbie Clark**.

At the 50 book level, for which they received a journal, we have **Terry Flanagan, Darlene Kaszuk, and Norma Pygon**.

The 100 book level readers received a tote: **Nick Boersma, Kathleen O'Loughlin, and JoAnn Sigrist**.

Lynne Stevenson reached the 200 book level and received a t-shirt.

We also had **Jerry Buergel** reach the 800 book level and join the select few that have reached this level and receive a bookstore gift certificate. This is the final level for which we award prizes, although readers are welcome to keep turning in their sheets. We have a couple of readers at 1475 and 2075 books!



Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District

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Phone: 708-371-5666
www.alsiplibrary.net

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 9 A.M.-9 P.M.
Friday-Saturday 9 A.M.-5 P.M.
Drive-up book return open 24 hours

Library Closed

Memorial Day—May 31, 2010

Library Board

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Library Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Minutes and agendas are posted on the library's website. The public is welcome. Library Board members are elected by residents of Alsip, Merrionette Park and Garden Homes. All Library Board positions are unpaid.

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Any individual who needs a special accommodation for a program should call the library (708-371-5666) at least five days in advance.

Your Library + Your School = FUN!

The Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library is happy to partner with School Districts 126 and 130 for two exciting events!

Art Show Reception

**Wednesday, March 31
5:30—7:30 P.M.**

The 4th Annual District 130 Art Show will be held in our Youth Services Department. All art work will remain on display in the library through April 30.



Battle of the Books

Thursday, March 18 at 1 P.M.

Teams will consist of students from Hazelgreen, Lane and Stony Creek Schools. Join the fun and let the battle begin!

We're Always Open Online

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- Renew items
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