



# NEWSAMPLER

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## Visit Your Library and Check Out a Museum

*Macy's Museum Adventure Pass offers library cardholders free admission to local museums*

The *Museum Adventure Pass* is a partnership between more than 100 suburban area libraries and 17 local arts and cultural organizations, and provides suburban Chicago library cardholders free passes to local museums, zoos and historical sites.

Beginning September 1, the *Museum Adventure Pass* presented by Macy's will be available and library cardholders can receive up to 4 complimentary passes. Each Museum Adventure Pass expires within one week of the checkout date. For more information, visit or call the library, or log on to [www.museumadventure.org](http://www.museumadventure.org).

*Participating organizations include:*

- Arlington Heights Historical Museum
- Bronzeville Children's Museum
- Brookfield Zoo
- Cantigny Park
- Chicago Botanic Garden
- Cuneo Museum and Gardens
- Elgin Public Museum
- Graue Mill and Museum
- Hellenic Museum
- KidsWork Children's Museum
- Kohl Children's Museum
- Lake County Discovery Museum
- Mitchell Museum of the American Indian
- Morton Arboretum
- Oriental Institute Museum
- Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies
- St. Charles Heritage Museum

## Rental Books and DVDs When You Don't Have Time to Wait!

Your favorite author just published a book so you stop by the library to pick it up, however, it's already checked out and there are three people ahead of you on the waiting list. You don't want to buy it, but you can't wait over a month to read it either. What can you do? Our solution is called the *Rental Collection*. The *Rental Collection* has the newest books and DVDs without the wait. The collection funds itself so the dollar you pay to rent the item goes directly toward its cost. No library funds are used to pay for additional copies, and the library has the item you want without the wait—our cost saving solution when a book or DVD is needed now!

## Eighth Annual Food and Toy Drive



The Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library is proud to sponsor our eighth annual drive. Please bring new unwrapped toys, non-perishable food items, or monetary donations to the library between November 16 and December 23. Worth Township will distribute these donations to area families in need.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who donated to our school supply and food drive this summer. Thanks to you, many students had a great start to their school year!



## 24/7 Account Access

Want to see which items you've got checked out or request a hold on a book, CD or DVD? Just go to the library's webpage, click *search the library catalog*, then click *Login*. Type in your name, library card barcode (yes, all 14 digits) and establish a PIN number. Now you can check your account and renew items online any time!



## Adult Services Fall Registration



Registration is required for all programs.

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

### Haunted Illinois

Thursday, September 17 7 P.M.

Well known author Chad Lewis will take the audience on a ghostly journey to some of the most haunted places in Illinois. From phantom creatures prowling the woods and graveyard apparitions to ghosts and spirits, no place in Illinois is without its own haunted spot. Copies of his book, *The Illinois Guide to Haunted Locations*, will be available for purchase and signing.

### Going Green, Saving Green

Thursday, October 29 7 P.M.

The Green Mama, Manda Aufochs Gillespie, will talk about how you can help to protect our environment. This program will help both the novice and the eco-savvy navigate through the consumer choices and different lifestyle options.

## Fall Computer Classes @ your library

Prairie State College instructor John Hojek will be back to teach beginning computer, Internet, and email, as well as PC maintenance and Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel. All classes are on Fridays from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M.

- **Beginning Computers** - Sept. 11
- **Beginning Internet**—Sept. 18
- **Beginning Email** - October 9
- **Microsoft Word** - October 23
- **Microsoft Excel** - October 30
- **Microsoft PowerPoint** - Nov. 6
- **Basic PC Maintenance and Tune-Up** - November 13 or November 20

Registration must be done in person, with a valid library card or ID. Alsip-Merrionette Park Library cardholders have priority, non-residents will be placed on a waiting list. The cost is \$10 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. If you have any questions, call or stop by the Adult Reference Desk.

## The Society of Lifetime Readers

We have several Society members to congratulate in this issue! **Sherrie Jankowski**, **Catherine Malmgren**, and **Norma Pygon** all reached the first milestone of 25 books and received a mug. **Barbara Bell**, **Debra Bell**, **Sherrie Jankowski**, and **Nancy Swistowicz** all reached the 50 book mark and received journals. **Barbara Morrane** read 200 books and received a t-shirt.

It's never too late to join. All library district residents 18 and over are eligible to participate.

### Book Discussion Group

September 3

#### *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*

by Mary Ann Shaffer  
and  
Annie Barrows

October 1

#### *The Geography of Bliss*

by Eric Weiner

November 5

#### *The Inn at Lake Devine*

by Elinor Lipman

December 3

#### *Olive Kitteridge*

by Elizabeth Strout

If you are interested in joining, just sign up at the Adult Reference Desk. Our meetings are the first Thursday of each month and begin at 7 P.M.



# Fun Stuff for Kids!

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

## After School Programs

## 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.**

A lap-sit time for babies (ages birth through twenty-three months) and their favorite grownup. Stories, music, nursery rhymes, and unstructured play will be shared by all.



### Toddler Time

**Tuesdays or Wednesdays 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—3 year old for a story, songs, and a process-oriented art project. Be sure to dress to get a little messy!

### Story Time

**Tuesdays 2—2:30 P.M. or 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 — 36 months) and their caregivers will sing a storybook, play games, and enjoy a variety of small instruments while the instructor sings and plays guitar.

### Tale Time

**Tuesdays 3:45—4:15 P.M.**

Kindergarteners, 1st and 2nd graders will jump into the fall season with activities, games, songs, and crafts to encourage reading and language development.

### BINGO

**Fridays 3:45—4:30 P.M.**

**9/25, 10/9, 11/6, 11/20 and 12/4**

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

### 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.

### 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.



## Young Adult Programs

**NOW open to kids from 6th to 10th grade.**



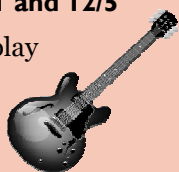
**Be sure to sign up and join in on the fun!**

### Gamer Café

**Saturdays 2—3P.M.**

**9/26, 10/10, 11/7, 11/21 and 12/5**

Hangout with friends, play video games, listen to music, and enjoy snacks.



### Dreams Workshop

**Saturday, October 10**

**3:30—4:15 P.M.**

Do you wonder what your dreams mean? Learn common interpretations of dreams, the importance of sleep, and make a sleeping pillow to ensure sweet dreams.

### Altered Book Safe

**Saturday, November 21**

**3:30—4:15 P.M.**



We'll use a book to make a super secret safe to hide all your most precious valuables.

# Special Programs

Tickets are given 30 minutes before show unless otherwise noted.

## Traveling Twist 'n Top

**Tuesday, October 13 OR Thursday, October 15**  
**3:45p.m. REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



Our Master Twister will lead the kids in a "Twist 'n Top" experience. Children ages 4 and up will learn about the history of the pretzel, then twist and decorate their own individual pretzels. The Master Twister will assist with the baking or provide containers for the kids to take home and bake. All Twist 'n Top pretzels and ingredients are dairy, egg, and nut free for allergy conscious participants.



## Robin's Dog Stars

**Saturday, November 14 at 2P.M.**

Join Starlight as she performs about thirty tricks, some of which include jumping through hoops, climbing a ladder, and getting a tissue when her trainer sneezes!

## Dave Herzog's Christmas Capers

**Monday, November 23 at 7P.M.**

Santa Claus is coming to town and he's bringing a whole sleigh full of holiday cheer with him. Join Santa and his friends Frosty the Snowman, Termite the Christmas Tree, plus many more wonderful winter characters as they ring in the holidays with their special brand of Christmas Magic.

# Family Programs

## Family Fun Night

**Mondays 7—7:30 P.M.**  
**9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5 and 10/12**

It doesn't take a lot of money to have fun with your family. Come and join us each Monday night as we present a different activity, theme, or event that everyone in the family can enjoy.

## Make It/Take It Crafts

**Tuesdays 6—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.



## Family Evening Story Time

**Wednesdays**  
**6:30—7 P.M.**

Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animals or blankie for this sleepy story time where you'll enjoy stories, crafts and music.

## Mom & Daughter Scrapbooking Holiday Card Class

**Saturday, November 21**  
**10—10:45 A.M.**

Celebrate the winter months with your child making three holiday cards of your choosing: Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's.

## Youth Services Fall & Holiday Registrations

FALL registration begins **Saturday, August 29** for residents of Alsip, Merrionette Park, and Garden Homes. Open registration begins Saturday, September 5.

HOLIDAY registration begins **Saturday, October 17** for library district residents. Open registration begins Monday October 24.

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

## Parents

who do not wish their children (under age 18) to have access to the Internet at our library may sign a form to that effect and the child's Internet access will be blocked. The forms can be obtained in the Youth Services Department on the lower level of the library.

## Christmas Sing-a-Long

**Thursday, December 3**  
**6:30P.M.**

Bring the whole family and join us for some holiday fun. We'll tell stories, sing songs, make ornaments, and enjoy refreshments.



## Share the Warmth of the Season

Please bring warm hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves to our Youth Service Department for area children in need. All donations will be given to Worth Township for distribution to area families.

## New Books

### SEPTEMBER

Dan Brown	<i>Lost Symbol</i>
Clive Cussler	<i>Spartan Gold</i>
Christine Feehan	<i>Dark Slayer</i>
Sara Paretsky	<i>Hardball</i>
James Patterson	<i>Alex Cross's Trial</i>
Richard North Patterson	<i>The Spire</i>
Stuart Woods	<i>Hothouse Orchid</i>

### OCTOBER

David Baldacci	<i>True Blue</i>
M. C. Beaton	<i>There Goes the Bride</i>
Michael Connelly	<i>Nine Dragons</i>
Patricia Cornwell	<i>The Scarpetta Factor</i>
Eileen Goudge	<i>Once in a Blue Moon</i>
Diana Gabaldon	<i>An Echo in the Bone</i>
John Irving	<i>Last Night in Twisted River</i>
Jonathan Kellerman	<i>Evidence</i>
Robert B. Parker	<i>The Professional</i>
James Patterson	<i>Murder of King Tut</i>
John Sandford	<i>Rough Country</i>
Nicholas Sparks	<i>The Last Song</i>
Danielle Steel	<i>Southern Lights</i>

### NOVEMBER

Clinger Cussler	<i>The Wrecker</i>
Vince Flynn	<i>Pursuit of Honor</i>
John Grisham	<i>Ford County</i>
Charlaine Harris	<i>A Touch of Dead</i>
Linda Howard	<i>Ice</i>
Steven King	<i>Under the Dome</i>
Dean Koontz	<i>Breathless</i>
James Patterson	<i>I, Alex Cross</i>
J. D. Robb	<i>Kindred in Death</i>

# Coming Attractions

Books • Movies • Music

## New DVDs

- *Appaloosa*
- *Bride Wars*
- *Burn Notice (season 2)*
- *Confessions of a Shopaholic*
- *Coraline*
- *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*
- *Defiance*
- *Dexter (season 3)*
- *Disneynature: Earth*
- *Gigantic*
- *Gran Torino*
- *Grey Gardens*
- *He's Just Not That Into You*
- *I Love You, Man*
- *International*
- *I've Love You So Long*
- *Knowing*
- *Obsessed*
- *Phoebe in Wonderland*
- *Pink Panther 2*
- *Push*
- *Race to Witch Mountain*
- *Revolutionary Road*
- *17 Again*
- *The Soloist*
- *Taken*
- *True Blood (season 1)*
- *Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail*
- *Valkyrie*
- *Waltz with Bashir*
- *Watchmen*

## Reserve Your Copy!

Go to [www.alsiplibrary.net](http://www.alsiplibrary.net)  
and click on  
**Search the Collection**

## New Music

Black Eyed Peas	<i>The E.N.D.</i>
Michael Buble	<i>Michael Buble Meets Madison Square Garden</i>
Kenny Chesney	<i>Greatest Hits II</i>
Ciara	<i>Fantasy Ride</i>
Eric Clapton	<i>Live from Madison Garden</i>
Elvis Costello	<i>Secret, Profane, and Sugarcane</i>
Crosby, Still & Nash	<i>Demos</i>
Dave Matthews Band	<i>Big Whiskey and the Groogrux King</i>
Depeche Mode	<i>Sounds of the Universe</i>
Green Day	<i>21st Century Breakdown</i>
Ben Harper	<i>White Lies for Dark Times</i>
Kings of Leon	<i>Only by the Night</i>
Original Cast	<i>Hair (revival)</i>
Elvis Presley	<i>I Believe: The Gospel Masters</i>
Rascal Flatts	<i>Unstoppable</i>
Lionel Richie	<i>Just Go</i>
Keith Urban	<i>Defying Gravity</i>
Vanessa Williams	<i>The Real Thing</i>



**Alsip-Merrionette Park  
Public Library District**

11960 S. Pulaski, Alsip, IL 60803  
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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**

Labor Day—September 7, 2009  
Thanksgiving—November 26, 2009

**Library Board**

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Kevin Pickar, Trustee  
John Woodville, Trustee

Ruthann Swanson, Library Director

Library Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. 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 5 days in advance.

**Can't find it on the web? Try one of the library's databases!**

Electronic databases contain information that cannot be found by searching the Internet. The Alsip-Merrionette Park Library has added more electronic databases to help meet your information needs.

In addition to the databases that you've come to know and use (ReferenceUSA, Heritage Quest Online, Public Records, World Book Encyclopedia, etc.), new sources have been added. Many of these new databases can be found when using the EBSCO and Gale products, with some being specific to the needs of younger students. Here's a sample of some of our new products:

EBSCO Products	Gale Products	Children's Interests
Consumer Health Complete	Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center	Kids InfoBits (Gale)
Points of View Reference Center	Science Resource Center	Middle Search Plus (Ebsco)
Business Source Complete	Business and Company Resource Center	Student Resource Center —Gold (Gale)
Science Reference Center	Biography Resource Center	
MAS-Ultra –School Edition for high school students	Lit Finder	

The databases can be accessed from home or at the library and will help provide you with additional sources of research for school, business, and personal interests. Be sure to use them next time you're researching!