

# NEWSAMPLER

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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## Live & Learn Construction Grant

**Alsip-Merrionette Park Library awarded \$125,000 grant from State Librarian Jesse White**

We are very fortunate and grateful to have received a grant of \$125,000 that will greatly help toward the funding of our current building addition and remodeling project. These *Live and Learn Construction Grants* are awarded and administered by the Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian to help public libraries pay for essential capital improvements. When this grant was awarded, Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White said, "This important grant program helps public libraries pay for the cost of projects such as remodeling for handicapped accessibility, new carpeting, interior or exterior painting, and in some cases new construction or additions to existing facilities. Many of our public libraries simply don't have sufficient funds to pay for these improvements on their own, though in some instances these grants do require local matching funds. Our public libraries are cornerstones of our communities, and they have never been more important. During these difficult economic times, statistics have shown that more and more citizens are using their local public library for things like free Internet access, CD's, DVD's, newspapers and magazines. I am pleased to be able to award these grants through the Illinois State Library to help maintain the infrastructure of our public libraries, and help them remain the best resource available to citizens for information."

## No book drop during construction

Sorry for the inconvenience

## Library Groundbreaking



On Monday, November 21, 2011 trustees broke ground on the library's renovation project. Pictured left to right: library director, Ruthann Swanson with library trustees, Mary Jane Schneider, Lester Englebrecht, Board President Mary McKendree and Gerald Dujsik.

See photos of our construction project at our website, [alsilibrary.info](http://alsilibrary.info). Click on LIBRARY BUILDING PROJECT under our *Quick Links*. You can also check us out on Facebook.

## Visit us at our temporary location!

Even though the library building on Pulaski is under construction, you can visit the library at our temporary location, **12838 S. Cicero Avenue**. All our materials are here and available for check out. Programs are starting soon! Look inside for all the details!

# Winter Programs @ your library

Registration is required. Call the Adult Services Department at 708-371-5666 (ext. 109) for details.

## Leap Into New Technology

**Wednesday,  
February 29 at 7 P.M.**

*Program will be held at the  
Alsip Park District, 12521 S. Kostner*

Adult & Youth Services are joining forces to present a program of interest to the entire family. The Geek Squad from the Lansing **Best Buy** will demonstrate the latest in ebooks, tablets, and gaming technology.

## Update Your Job Skills

**Wednesday,  
March 14 at 7 P.M.**

Peggy Heenan, *Admissions and Outreach Representative* from Moraine Valley Community College, will be at the library to provide information for adults who are considering returning to college to update their job skills, train for a new career or explore personal interests.

*Registration limited to 25 people*

## Using Picasa for Your Digital Photos

**Wednesday,  
March 28 at 7 P.M.**

Glenn Carpenter, college photographer and imaging specialist at Moraine Valley Community College, shows how Google's Picasa can help you organize, edit and share your photos.

*Registration limited to 25 people*

**February 2, 2012**

### ***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks***

*by Rebecca Skloot*

**March 1, 2011**

### ***The Uncoupling***

*by Meg Wolitzer*



The Book Discussion Group meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 P.M. If you would like to attend, sign up at the Adult Reference Desk.

**April 5, 2012**

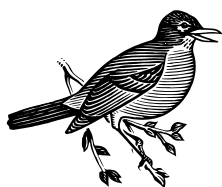
### ***Blood, Bones & Butter***

*by Gabrielle Hamilton*

**May 3, 2011**

### ***Major Pettigrew's Last Stand***

*by Helen Simonson*



## Computer Classes

Instructor John Hojek will be back to teach beginning computer, Internet and email classes at the library. Classes are on **Fridays from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M.**

### **Beginning Computers**

**March 30**

For beginners who are unfamiliar with computers

### **Beginning Internet**

**April 20**

For beginners who are unfamiliar with the Internet

### **Beginning Email**

**May 4**

You'll learn how to set up and use an email account.

Registration must be done in person at the library. Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District residents have priority; non-residents will be placed on a waiting list. A \$10 non-refundable registration fee is due at sign-up (\$25 for non-residents). If you have any questions, call the Adult Reference Department at 708-371-5666 ext. 109.



# Winter Programs for Kids!

Program registration begins **Saturday, January 7, 2012** for residents of Alsip, Merrionette Park, and Garden Homes. Open registration begins Saturday, January 14. Programs run from January 23 through March 3.  
**PLEASE NOTE:** Children must have a valid library card to register. A fee will be charged to all non-residents.

## Preschool Programs

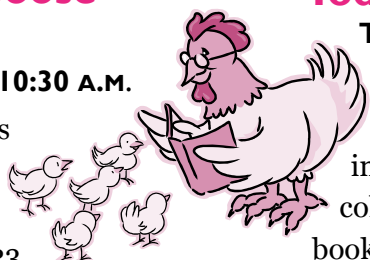
The library offers story times for preschool children at specific ages and stages of development that provide emergent literacy activities as well as social interaction. Registration is required.

### Mother Goose Time

**Mondays 10—10:30 A.M.**

This program is designed for babies, ages birth through 23 months, and a caregiver.

Stories, music, nursery rhymes and unstructured play will be shared by all.



### Toddler Time

**Tuesdays 10—10:30 A.M.**

Toddlers ages 2—4 years and their caregivers are invited to come in from the cold and have some fun with books, music 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!

### Music Medley

**Wednesdays 10—10:30 A.M.**

Preschoolers (3—5 year olds) will make their own instrument and explore pre-reading through the use of music.

## Drop In Craft



Stop by the Youth Services Department and pick up a craft to make on your own in the library. We've planned a different craft for each week so don't miss out on the fun!

## BINGO

**Saturdays 10—10:45 A.M.**  
February 4, 18 & March 3

Independent kindergarteners and up are invited to come and play **BINGO!**



### Baby and Toddler Music Class

**Fridays 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.

## Family Fun Nights

**Mondays 7—7:30 P.M.**

Join us as we present a different activity, theme, or event each week for you and your children. A great chance to have family fun and share some quality time!



# After School Programs

## Road Trip U.S.A.



**Mondays**  
4—4:30 P.M. OR  
**Wednesdays**  
4—4:30 P.M.

Kids in grades kindergarten and up are invited on a trip across the U.S.A. Join us as we explore our great nation and, of course, stop for snacks along the way!



## Bookalicious

**Thursdays**  
4—4:30 P.M.

A delicious fun time for kids in grades 3 and up. Read great children's books in a fun and informal setting and enjoy a tasty snack.

## Special Program

### Ceramics Club

**Saturdays 3—4P.M.**

Children in grades 2 and up will paint a ceramic figurine that they will be able to take home the same day.



## Zoo Keeper's Club

**Tuesdays**  
4—4:30 P.M. OR  
**Thursdays**  
6:30—7 P.M.



Ever wonder where the animals at the zoo come from? Kids from age 4 to grade 2 can join us as we discover and explore the uniqueness of different animals.



## Art Class

**Tuesdays 7—7:45 P.M.**

Kids in grades 5 and up can learn drawing, cartooning, and more in this fun class for kids.

# Youth Volunteers

Kids in grades six through twelve may volunteer at the library this winter.

Volunteers may be asked to clean books, cut-out crafts, assist children with craft projects or help out at the desk.

Call the Youth Services Department (708-371-5666 ext. 111) and let them know which of the following times you are available to volunteer:

**Tuesdays**

6:30—8:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays**

6:30—8:30 p.m.

**Saturdays**

10:30 a.m.—Noon

Arrangements to volunteer at the library must be made ahead of time.

# Reading is Snow Much Fun!

## Children's Winter Reading Program

Don't let the winter snow and cold get you down. Join our special six-week reading program and win great prizes! Stop by the library for all the details.



# Coming Attractions

Books • Music • Movies • Television

## New Books

### December

- *The Third Gate* by Lincoln Child
- *Locked On* by Tom Clancy
- *Death Benefit* by Robin Cook
- *Red Mist* by Patricia Cornwell
- *The Scottish Prisoner* by Diana Gabaldon
- *Down the Darkest Road* by Tami Hoag
- *77 Shadow Street* by Dean Koontz
- *D.C. Dead* by Stuart Woods

### January

- *The Rope* by Nevada Barr
- *Believing the Lie* by Elizabeth George
- *Need You Now* by James Grippando
- *A Devil is Waiting* by Jack Higgins
- *Gun Games* by Faye Kellerman
- *Copper Beach* by Jayne Ann Krentz
- *The Hunter* by John Lescroart
- *Deadline* by Fern Michaels
- *Breakdown* by Sara Paretsky
- *Private: #1 Suspect* by James Patterson
- *Gideon's Corpse* by Douglas Preston

### February

- *Catch Me* by Lisa Gardner
- *Victims* by Jonathan Kellerman
- *Oath of Office* by Michael Palmer
- *Celebrity in Death* by J. D. Robb
- *Restless in the Grave* by Dana Stabenow

## New Music

- *Ashes and Fire* by Ryan Adams
- *Worship Music* by Anthrax
- *Duets II* by Tony Bennett
- *Tailgates & Tanlines* by Luke Bryan
- *Come To the Well* by Casting Crowns
- *Stronger* by Kelly Clarkson
- *Mylo Xyloto* by Coldplay
- *Welcome 2 My Nightmare* by Alice Cooper
- *Sweeter* by Il Divo
- *Ceremonials* by Florence & the Machine
- *Sweeter* by Gavin DeGraw
- *Torches* by Foster the People
- *Watch the Throne* by Jay-Z
- *Clancy's Tavern* by Toby Keith
- *Own the Night* by Lady Antebellum
- *Four the Record* by Miranda Lambert
- *Unbroken* by Demi Lovato
- *Clear As Day* by Scott McCreery
- *Th1r3n* by Megadeth
- *Here and Now* by Nickelback
- *I'm With You* by Red Hot Chili Peppers

## New DVDs

- *50/50* **coming soon**
- *Abduction*
- *Bored to Death* (season one)
- *Change-Up*
- *Contagion*
- *Cowboys and Aliens*
- *Crazy Stupid Love*
- *Expendables*
- *Friends with Benefits*
- *Glee: The Complete Second Season*
- *Hangover Part I I*
- *The Help*
- *I Don't Know How She Does It*
- *Larry Crowne*
- *Midnight in Paris*
- *Moneyball*
- *Mr. Popper's Penguins*
- *Our Idiot Brother*
- *Rejoice and Shout*
- *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*
- *Sarah's Key*
- *Turtle: The Incredible Journey*
- *Water for Elephants*



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## Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District

TEMPORARY LOCATION  
12838 S. Cicero, Alsip, IL 60803  
708-371-5666  
www.alsiplibrary.info

### Library Hours

Monday — Thursday 9 A.M.— 9 P.M.  
Friday & Saturday 9 A.M.— 5 P.M.  
NO BOOK DROP AVAILABLE

### Library Closed

#### Presidents Day

Monday, February 20, 2012

### Library Board

Mary E. McKendree, President  
Judy Buerge, Vice President  
Mary Jane Schneider, Secretary  
Sandy Cerretto, Treasurer  
Gerald Dujsik, Trustee  
Lester Engelbrecht, Trustee  
Robert Olson, Trustee

Ruthann Swanson, Library Director

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. Library Board members are elected by residents of Alsip, Merrionette Park and Garden Homes. All library board positions are unpaid. The public is welcome.

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## You've Got Construction Questions We've Got Answers!

We've been asked lots of questions about the library's renovation project since we moved to our temporary location on Cicero. Here are the answers to some of our most frequently asked questions.

### When will construction be finished?

Our estimated return date is early 2013.

### Will there be a second floor?

No. The two-story expansion refers to additional square footage in the basement as well as on the first floor.

### Why did you have to move during construction?

If you've traveled down Pulaski recently you may have noticed all the work that's been done at the library. The west wall and windows have been removed. Construction machinery has taken over the parking lot! Moving offsite has allowed the project to progress quickly and keep costs down.

### What's going on in the north parking lot?

Digging in the north parking lot is laying the groundwork for geothermal energy to be used to heat and cool the new building.

### Why did the library need a renovation?

In many ways we had outgrown our building. The renovation will give us an additional 14,000 square feet. This added space will provide room for more computers, more meeting rooms plus quiet study rooms. We'll also have more seating space, a Teen area, plus a drive-up book drop. People with laptops will find more places to sit and use our high speed Wi-Fi service. The building will also get an updated décor as well as a redesigned interior.