

# NEWSAMPLER



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## Thanks for the support!

As our economy struggles to recover, the Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library wishes to express its gratitude to the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Illinois Congressman Bobby Rush for securing grant money for our library.

These funds are part of a congressional initiative that have allowed the library to purchase materials and offer additional programming. The Youth Services Department has added twenty new book and puppet literacy kits. These kits are available for check out to parents and caregivers who would like to add enrichment activities to their home or school. A new bilingual Spanish-English family story time will also be added with money from these funds. The grant has also helped to fund computer instruction for adults.

Again we want to thank Congressman Rush and the



Institute of Museum and Library Services for their continued support of public libraries!

## Something to Shout About!



Dedicated employees are an asset to our organization and the Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library wants to extend its congratulations to library staff members who are celebrating special anniversaries:

### 20 years

#### **Doris Trela**

Circulation and Technical Services Departments

### 10 years

#### **Denis Hoge**

Maintenance

#### **Kathleen Alberts**

Circulation Services Department

### 5 years

#### **Jennifer Cutshall**

Adult Services Department

#### **Rita Romanowski**

Technical Services Department

**We applaud their hard work and loyalty to our library.**

## Computer Classes @ your library

John Hojek will be back at the library to teach beginning computer classes next year. Our first class, **Beginning Computer**, will meet on Friday, February 26 from 10 A.M.—2 P.M. The fee for the class is \$10. Our sign-up procedure has changed. Registration will not be taken ahead of time. Instead, the first 15 people at the door will get in the class. Meeting room doors will open at 9:30 A.M. If you have questions, please call the Adult Services Department.



## Adult Services Winter Registration

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

### Federal Taxes and the American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009

Thursday, January 21  
7:00 P.M.

Harry J. Fitzsimmons from the Internal Revenue Service will discuss the highlights of the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (ARRA), signed by President Obama. The presentation will include information on the *Make Work Pay Credit*, *Economic Recovery Payment*, and other pertinent credits and deductions that are part of this bill. Registration required.

### Alsip Library Antiques Show 2010

Thursday, February 25  
7:00 P.M.



If you have always wondered how much your treasured antique is worth, this is your chance to find out! Rex Newell of *Rex's Antiques* will be at the library to give you the answer. He will appraise and discuss "hand-held" antiques and collectibles brought in by the audience. The first 40 people to sign in at the door can have one item appraised. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Rex specializes in art, time pieces and 1950s modern items. Please do not bring any Native American or Oriental pieces. All are welcome to attend.

### Book Discussion Group

February 4

#### **The Other Boleyn Girl**

by Philippa Gregory

March 4

#### **Suite Francaise**

by Irene Nemirovsky

April 1

#### **The Children's Blizzard**

by David Laskin

May 6

#### **The Book Thief**

by Markus Zusak

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



### Book, Please! Military History

by Jenny Cutshall  
Adult Services Librarian

American military history has long been a popular subject among our library's patrons. Here are a couple of new suggestions and a couple of old favorites for you to check out:

#### **D-Day: The Battle for Normandy** by Anthony Beevor

Whether you're familiar with the names and events of 1944 or curious to learn more, Beevor's **D-Day** is a comprehensive and thoroughly engaging journey back through time. ~ *Book Page* **940.5421 BEE**

#### **The War**

by PBS Home Video

Produced and directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, this seven episode series tells the story of ordinary people in four American towns and examines the ways in which the Second World War touched the lives of every family on every street in every town in America.

**DVD 940.54 WAR**

#### **Battle Cry Freedom: The Civil War Era**

by James McPherson

McPherson won a Pulitzer Prize and great acclaim for this civil war story. This book's "political and economic discussions are as engrossing as the descriptions of military campaigns and personalities." ~ *Library Journal* **973.7 MCP**

#### **SEAL Warrior: Death in the Dark: Vietnam 1968-1972**

by Thomas H. Keith

This testosterone-laced memoir depicts an admirable member of an elite navy SEAL unit and his service in Vietnam. ~ *Publishers Weekly* **959.704 KEI**

#### **On Hallowed Ground: The Story of Arlington National Cemetery** by Robert M. Poole

*The Washington Post*: "Like the nation itself, Arlington bears the scars of its history, as Poole so eloquently shows. Today, black and white, officer and enlisted, male and female, recent arrivals from the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan as well as...Civil War comrades, lie intermingled on those grassy slopes overlooking the Potomac, in their melancholy democracy of the dead." **973.099 POO**



# Fun Stuff for Kids!

Programs run January 25 through March 6.  
Registration is required 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 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 9:30—10 A.M. OR 10:15—10:45 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.

### Sensory Story Time

**Wednesdays 3:45—4:30 P.M.**

**NEW!** This story time is especially designed for children with sensory integration issues. If your child has difficulty sitting through one of the library's other story times, this may be just what you are looking for. This story time will enhance the literacy experience for developmentally delayed children, as well as those preparing for preschool, by engaging in multiple sensory activities.

### 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.

### BINGO

**Fridays 3:45—4:30 P.M.**

**January 29, February 2 and 26**

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.



## 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.

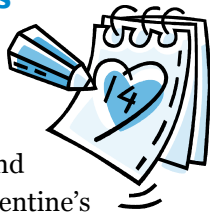
This program is funded through an *Institute of Museum and Libraries Services* grant secured by **Congressman Bobby Rush** (see story on front page).

# Special Programs

## Valentine's Day Card Making Class

Thursday,  
February 4  
3:45—4:15 P.M.

Kids in grades 3 and up can make a Valentine's Day card as well as a "Special Someone" and Spring card.



## Paul Lee Magician

Saturday,  
February 6  
11 A.M.

A family show for all ages featuring lots of audience participation. Live animals will be transformed through the world of magic and illusion!



## Youth Services Winter Registration

will begin  
Saturday, January 9  
for residents of Alsip,  
Merrionette Park and  
Garden Homes.

Non-resident registration begins Saturday, January 16.

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

# Family Programs

## Family Fun Night

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.



## Movies and Popcorn

Saturdays  
Dates and times to be announced

Come join us for popcorn and a fun kid's movie. Check in at the library to see what our feature film will be!

**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.

# Young Adult Programs

## Guitar Hero®

Saturdays  
January 30, February 13 & 27  
2—3 P.M.

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



## Make It and Wear It: Simple Fleece Scarf

Saturday, January 30  
3:15—4P.M.

Kids in grades 6—10 can join the fun and wrap yourself in a toasty warm fleece scarf. All materials will be provided.

## Snow Better Time to Read!

The weather outside may be frightful, but reading is always delightful! Join our special six week reading program and win great prizes. Stop by the Youth Services Department for all the details. Open to children birth through 8th grade.

## New Books

### DECEMBER

Stephen Coonts	<i>Disciple</i>
Michael Crichton	<i>Pirate Latitudes</i>
Sue Grafton	<i>U is for Undertow</i>
J.A. Jance	<i>Trial by Fire</i>
Alexander McCall Smith	<i>La's Orchestra Saves the World</i>
Fern Michaels	<i>Deadly Deals</i>
Joseph Wambaugh	<i>Hollywood Moon</i>

### JANUARY

Mary Balogh	<i>Matter of Class</i>
Barbara Delinsky	<i>Not My Daughter</i>
Jude Deveraux	<i>Days of Gold</i>
Julie Garwood	<i>Sizzle</i>
Jack Higgins	<i>Wolf at the Door</i>
Tami Hoag	<i>Deeper Than the Dead</i>
Jayne Ann Krentz	<i>Fired Up</i>
John Lescroart	<i>Treasure Hunt</i>
Stuart Woods	<i>Kisser</i>

### FEBRUARY

Louise Erdrich	<i>Shadow Tag</i>
Kristin Hannah	<i>Winter Garden</i>
Kay Hooper	<i>Blood Ties</i>
Michael Palmer	<i>The Last Surgeon</i>
Robert B. Parker	<i>Split Image</i>
James Patterson	<i>Worst Case</i>
J.D. Robb	<i>Fantasy in Death</i>
Dana Stabenow	<i>Night Too Dark</i>
Danielle Steel	<i>Big Girl</i>
Adriana Trigiani	<i>Brava, Valentine</i>

# Coming Attractions

Books • Movies • Music

## New DVDs

- *500 Days of Summer* *coming soon*
- *All About Steve* *coming soon*
- *Angels & Demons*
- *Bruno*
- *A Christmas Tale*
- *District 9* *coming soon*
- *Extract* *coming soon*
- *Food, Inc.*
- *Four Christmases*
- *Funny People*
- *The Hangover* *coming soon*
- *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince* *coming soon*
- *I Love You, Beth Cooper*
- *Inglourious Basterds* *coming soon*
- *Is Anybody There?*
- *International*
- *It Might Get Loud* *coming soon*
- *Julie & Julia* *coming soon*
- *My Sister's Keeper*
- *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian*
- *Northern Lights*
- *Paper Heart*
- *Public Enemies* *coming soon*
- *Shorts*
- *Spread*
- *Star Trek*
- *The Taking of Pelham 123*
- *Taking Woodstock* *coming soon*
- *Terminator Salvation*
- *The Ugly Truth*
- *Up*

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and click on  
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## New Music

Michael Buble	<i>Crazy Love</i>
Colbie Caillat	<i>Breakthrough</i>
Mariah Carey	<i>Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel</i>
David Gray	<i>Draw the Line</i>
Gloriana	<i>Gloriana</i>
Whitney Houston	<i>I Look To You</i>
Toby Keith	<i>American Ridge</i>
Steve Martin	<i>The Crow</i>
Owl City	<i>Ocean Eyes</i>
Paramore	<i>Brand New Eyes</i>
Pearl Jam	<i>Backspacer</i>
Soundtrack	<i>The Twilight Saga: New Moon</i>
Barbra Streisand	<i>Love is the Answer</i>
Various	<i>Woodstock 40 Years On</i>

## New Holiday Music

David Archuleta	<i>Christmas from the Heart</i>
Bob Dylan	<i>Christmas in the Heart</i>
Jackson 5	<i>Ultimate Christmas Collection</i>
Sting	<i>If On a Winter's Night</i>
Sugarland	<i>Gold and Green</i>

## Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District

11960 S. Pulaski, Alsip, IL 60803  
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**

Christmas Eve—December 24, 2009

Christmas Day—December 25, 2009

New Year's Eve—December 31, 2009

New Year's Day—January 1, 2010

Presidents Day—February 15, 2010

### **Library Board**

Mary E. McKendree, President

Judy Buerger, Vice President

Mary Jane Schneider, Secretary

Sandy Cerretto, Treasurer

Marilyn Engelbrecht, Trustee

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.



# got LEGOs?

The Youth Services  
Department is looking  
for donations of  
LEGOs so we can start  
a Library LEGO Club.

If you've got LEGOs that you would like  
to donate to the library, please contact  
Amy Malysa at 708-371-5666 ext. 111

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