

Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District

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AMPL News

Keep Fit at the Library This Summer

The Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District wants to help you and your family stay fit with our Summer Reading program. We have special activities planned for all ages. Why not try some yoga, learn healthy new recipes or go on a family bike trip? There's something for everyone so be sure to make time to visit the library this summer. Registration begins **Saturday, June 4**, for all age levels.

On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!



Summer reading provides an opportunity to enrich children's literacy skills and develop a strong connection to lifelong learning through the library. Children from birth through 8th grade are invited to participate in our summer reading prize program, On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! **New this year, all children's classes are first come, first served.** Thirty minutes before each program, children with an Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library card can secure a name tag. Non-residents can secure a name tag 15 minutes before each program. Check inside for all the summer reading details.

Get in the Game, READ!

If you are in high school, be sure to sign up for our Get in the Game, READ! summer reading prize program. We'll be giving away some great prizes and, bonus, we have some great programs planned too. Be sure to sign up so you can get extra credit for your assigned summer reading at the library.

Exercise Your Mind, Read!

The library's summer reading programs aren't just for kids and teens. Adults too can join in the fun. Explore a variety of ways to improve your health and well-being, including fitness, nutrition, and stress relief at the library. We have prizes for you too, so be sure to exercise your mind at the library this summer.

Library Hours

Monday–Thursday9 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday9 am - 5 pm
Sunday1 pm - 5 pm
Drive-up book return open 24 hours

Library Closed

Father's Day**June 19**
Independence Day**July 3 & 4**

Board Meetings

Library Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. 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 Buerger, *Vice President*
Mary Jane Schneider, *Secretary*
Sandra Ceretto, *Treasurer*
Gerald Dujsik, *Trustee*
Lester E. Engelbrecht, *Trustee*
Robert M. Olson, *Trustee*

Programs

Attending a program and need a special accommodation? Be sure to call the Library at least five days in advance.

Teen Programs

Teen programs are designed specifically for teens ages 13 to 19. To register for one or more of the programs, please call 708.926.7024 or drop by the Information Desk at the library.

Open Gaming Day

Tuesday, June 7 at 5 pm

Swing by the library for some pizza and access to a bunch of PS4, Wii U, and Xbox One games! Feel free to bring your own controllers and games as well!



Custom Mug Etching

Tuesday, June 21 at 6 pm

Learn how to use etching cream to create your own customized mug! The process is simple, and all materials are provided.

Super Smash Bros for Wii U Tournament

Thursday, June 23 at 4 pm

Battle your way to the top of our Smash Bros tournament to win a \$100 Visa gift card and other prizes! Register soon – space is limited.

Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday, July 5 at 5 pm

Drop by the library to participate in our Dungeons and Dragons 5th edition campaign! No experience is necessary, and everything you need from character sheets to dice will be provided.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Constructed Tournament

Thursday, July 21 at 5 pm

Think you have the best Yu-Gi-Oh! deck around? Prove it at our tournament! Be sure to check out our teen programming page online for rules.

Cake Pops

Saturday, July 23 at 1 pm

Relax with us at the library while we decorate cake pops using a wide range of sweet ingredients!

Street Fighter V Tournament

Tuesday, August 2 at 5 pm

Take part in our final tournament of the summer for a chance to win a \$100 Visa gift card! Tournament rules can be found on our teen programming page online.



Middle School Fun & Friends!

Must be an Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library card holder to volunteer or participate in Middle School programs.

Assistant Coaches (Teen Advisory Group)

Grades 6-8

Can't get enough volunteering? Do you want to show off your leadership skills? Sign up to be an Assistant Coach! Help us this summer by giving out weekly prizes or helping in programs. Get our application at the May 5 TAG meeting and attend the mandatory orientation meeting June 2.

Tournament Thursdays

Thursdays from 7-8 pm; Grades 6-8

Registration is required for all of the following programs:

June 23 – Candy Sushi **June 30** – Jewelry Making
July 7 – Cupcake Wars! **July 14** – Pocket Purses
July 21 – Paint Night **July 28** – Games

Save the Date!

End of summer TAG lock in: Friday, July 29, from 5 pm to 10 pm.

Adult Programs



Registration is requested for all programs. Stop by the Adult Information Desk or call 708.926.7024 to sign up.

Chair Yoga

Wednesday, June 8 at 7 pm
Thursday, June 9 at 10 am
Wednesday, July 13 at 7 pm
Thursday, July 14 at 10 am

Joanne Carmody from Moraine Valley College's Health, Fitness and Recreation Center will lead participants in a variety of yoga poses that can be done using a chair. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing.

Knit & Crochet Class

3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm
June 15, July 20, August 17

Adults and teens interested in knitting and crochet are invited to join Blanca Delgado at the library each month to learn and to share ideas. Bring a skein of yarn and needles and be ready to stitch! All skill levels are welcome.

A Healthy Approach to Eating

Wednesday, June 22 at 7 pm

Join us for a cooking demonstration by expert chef Michael Niksic. Chef Niksic will provide healthy food samples and show you how to improve your diet and eating habits. Everything from cookware to sanitations to making the right choices at the grocery store will be covered. Registration is limited.

Tuesday Morning Movies

Tuesdays at 10 am

English actress and author Dame Judi Dench is the focus of our summer movie series. Light refreshments will be served.

June 28 – *Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*

July 26 – *The 2nd Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*

August 23 – *Philomena*

Mindfulness & Meditation

Tuesday, June 28 at 7 pm

Mindfulness practice is ideal for cultivating greater awareness of the mind and body connection. This introductory class presented by the Beverly Yoga Center will focus on the breath and body relaxation.

How to Make a Successful Presentation Without Stress

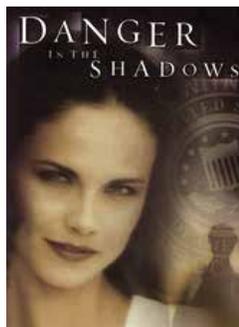
Wednesday, August 10 at 7 pm

Teacher, coach and author Jerilyn Willin will motivate, educate and entertain you as she discusses how to communicate more assertively and eliminate stress especially in job interviews. She will share techniques to help keep people engaged and handle difficult questions, as well as ways to turn nerves into positive energy.

New Romance Book Discussion Group

Wednesdays at 7 pm
June 1, July 6, August 3

Join us to discuss the inspirational romance *Danger in the Shadows* by Dee Henderson, an Illinois author. Copies of the books are now available for check-out at our Patron Services Desk. We'll also select the title for our next romance book discussion. Sign-up at the Adult Information Desk or call 708.926.7024.



Monthly Book Discussion Group

Thursdays at 7 pm

The book group meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm. The library provides the book to check out, refreshments and a moderator. We are always open to new members; book group is a great way to meet fellow bibliophiles. To register, please contact the Adult Services Department at 708.926.7024.

June 2 – *The Little Bookstore of Big Stone Gap* by Wendy Welch

July 7 – *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

August 4 – *In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick

Kids Programs

"On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!" Summer Reading 2016

Registration for the prize program begins Saturday, June 4. New this year – all children's classes are first come, first served. No registration required. Children with their own Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library cards should arrive 30 minutes before each class to secure a name tag. For more information about classes or the reading prize program, please contact the Youth Services Department at 708.371.5666, ext. 140. Check out our website, www.alsiplibrary.info and like us on Facebook! Classes and prizes begin the week of June 20.

Preschool Programs

Toddler Art

*Mondays from 6-6:30 pm OR
Thursdays from 10:30-11 am*

Ages 2 to 5 years old with caregiver. Toddlers will explore activities that engage the senses and help them understand the world around them.



Music & Movement

Tuesdays 10-10:30 am

Ages 3 to 5. Get ready to wiggle and jive! Preschoolers will enjoy exploring pre-reading skills through the use of music.

Alphabet Stew

Wednesdays from 10-10:30 am OR 2-2:30 pm

Ages 2 to 4 years with caregiver. Join us for books, rhymes, parachute play, and activities that are centered on different letters of the alphabet.

Creative Chefs

Wednesdays 11:30 am-12 noon

Ages 2 to 5 years with caregiver. Each week we will enjoy tasty stories and learn easy cooking skills while preparing a simple, healthy snack.

Bouncing Babies

Thursdays from 9:30-10 am

Birth to 23 months with caregiver. Get ready to sing, clap, bounce, and listen to nursery rhymes and simple stories with your baby.

Drop in Family Music

Fridays from 10-10:30 am

Ages 5 and under with caregiver. Songs, games, and musical adventures for caregivers and little ones. Limited to the first 24 children and their caregivers

Special Programs

Family Evening Bike Rides

Friday, July 1, 6-8 pm

Keep fit and have fun! Enjoy our family bike rides along the Cal-Sag Trail. Stories and snacks will be provided. Meet at Freedom Park, just east of Cicero Avenue on 131st Street.

Family Sidewalk Chalk

Monday, July 11, 7 pm

Calling all artists! Everyone is invited to come and help us decorate the sidewalks surrounding the library. We supply the chalk and you supply the creativity. Meet in front of the Library.

Kids Programs

Kids Yoga

Mondays from 10-10:30 am

Ages 5 and up. Keep healthy and fit with stretching each week. Fun poses teach your child breathing and focus. Mats will be provided.

Tinker Time

Tuesdays from 3:45-4:30 pm

Ages 7 and up. Do you enjoy making and exploring the world of electronics? Join other kids with similar interests and have fun with some of the latest technological gadgets.

Minecraft Meet-up

*Wednesdays from 3:45-4:30 pm OR
Saturdays, July 2 and 30, 11:30-12:15 pm*

Grades 1 and up. Do you love Minecraft? Join us as we use the Minecraft server to create a safe and controlled environment for Minecraft enthusiasts.

Get Lost with Larry

Thursdays from 4-4:30 pm

Grades K to 2. Join us each week as Larry gets lost somewhere in the United States, and we help Pete find him. Once we find Larry, learn all about the area in which he got lost and do a craft.

Checkmate

Saturdays from 2-3 pm

Learn new moves and test your skills! Chess teaches concentration, focus, logic, and outcome, while promoting the STEM initiative. For beginners as well as those with some experience.

Painting with Pals

*Fridays (June 24, July 8 & 22) and
Saturdays (July 2, 16 & 30) from 3:45-4:30 pm*

Grades 2 and up. Bring your painting skills each week as we create a masterpiece that is uniquely yours.

Evening Programs

Marvelous Mondays

Mondays at 7 pm (June 20, 27 & July 18, 25)

Each week will feature a different family all age program. Magicians! Jugglers! Animal acts! No registration required. Residents with library cards may receive tickets 30 minutes prior to the show, non-residents 15 minutes prior.

Family Bingo

Tuesdays from 7-7:30 pm

All ages with caregiver. Bring the whole family as we play special sports bingo as well as regular bingo. Adults can play as well as the kids and can be entered in a raffle for special prizes.



Jammie Jamboree

Wednesdays from 6:30-7 pm

Ages birth to 5 years old with caregiver. Soothing stories and activities perfect for before bedtime. Kids are welcome to wear their pajamas and bring a favorite bedtime pal. No registration required, just drop in when you can.

Family Chess with Caregiver

Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 pm

Grades 1 and up. Learn new moves and test your skills with your child! Our instructor will teach a new move each week to develop your competitive edge. Chess teaches concentration, focus, logic, and outcome, while promoting the STEM initiative. For beginners as well as those with some experience. (One adult per child.)

The Mad Scientists Club

*Fridays (July 1, 15 & 29) and
Saturdays (June 25 & July 9) from 4-4:30 pm*

Grades 2 to 5. This program will put the Fizz, Boom, Bang into exploring the fun side of science in this hands-on program.

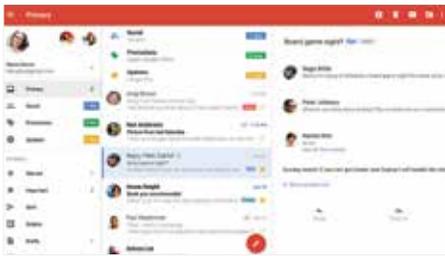
Tech Training

Registration is required for all programs. To sign up or request additional information, call the Adult Services Department at 708.926.7024.

Master Your Gmail: Organization and Attachments

Saturday, June 11, 10 am

Get tips on cleaning up your Gmail inbox, protecting against spammers, organizing with folders, and attaching files to your emails. **Must bring your Gmail username and password to participate in class.** Contact the Information Desk for assistance in setting up an account.



Exercise Your Mind: Health and Fitness Apps

Thursday, July 14, 6:30 pm

Need a boost with nutrition and exercise? Free apps are available for your smartphone or tablet that will help you get started and stay motivated.

Computer Basics

*Saturdays, July 16 OR
September 17, 10 am*

New to computers? Sign up for this lively class which covers mouse, keyboard, and windows navigation skills: how to open/close windows, scroll, minimize, maximize, find menus and enlarge text.

Fun with Pinterest

Thursday, July 21, 6:30 pm

Pinterest has pictures and information for every area of interest. Come sign up for a Pinterest account, learn about pins, create boards, and follow others who share your same interests. **Bring your username and password for your email or Pinterest account** and join us for this entertaining program.

MS PowerPoint for Absolute Beginners

Thursday, August 11, 6:30 pm

If you have never used Microsoft PowerPoint, this class is for you. Learn how to create a slide, enter text, insert images, and save and print a SlideShow. **Basic computer skills required.**

Beginning Microsoft Excel

Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 pm

In this fast-moving class, students will create a basic worksheet and learn fundamentals, such as opening files, adding columns, printing, saving, editing and formatting a file. **Basic computer skills required.**



There's an App for That!

Thursday, June 9, 6:30 pm

Do you want to do more with your phone or tablet? Discover a variety of the best Apple and Android mobile apps.

Job Searching Online

Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 pm

Are you overwhelmed by your job search? Learn how to find a job online as well as tips for making the process work for you!

Windows 10 Introduction

Thursday, June 30, 6:30 pm

This class will show you how to get started with Windows 10 including navigation, customization, Edge, Cortana and the new Start Menu.

LinkedIn 101

Thursday, August 18, 6:30 pm

Learn how to use the social networking site LinkedIn to find jobs, connect with other professionals, and keep on top of business news. **(Please bring your username and password for your email or LinkedIn account.)**

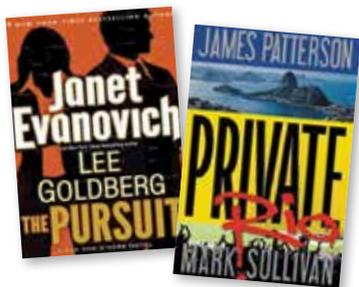
Be Safe Online

Thursday, September 22, 6:30 pm

Gain practical tips on avoiding credit card and identity theft online by managing passwords, avoiding malware and viruses and showing online smarts.

Coming Soon

New Books



JUNE

Mary Balogh..... Only Beloved
Janet Evanovich..... The Pursuit
Joseph Finder..... Guilty Minds
Sherrilyn Kenyon..... Born of Legend
Stephen King..... End of Watch
Brad Meltzer..... House of Secrets
James Patterson..... Private Rio
Nora Roberts..... Bay of Sighs
Danielle Steel..... The Apartment



JULY

Elizabeth Adler..... Charmers
Linda Fairstein..... Killer Look
Christine Feehan..... Shadow Rider
Iris Johansen..... Night and Day
Liane Moriarty..... Truly Madly Guilty
Diana Palmer..... Defender
Daniel Silva..... Black Widow
Danielle Steel..... Magic



AUGUST

Janet Evanovich..... Curious Minds
Christine Feehan..... Dark Carousel
Linda Howard..... Frost Line
Sherrilyn Kenyon..... Dragonmark
Debbie Macomber..... Sweet Tomorrows
James Patterson..... Bullseye
Lisa Scottoline..... Damaged
Danielle Steel..... Rushing Waters
Stuart Woods..... Smooth Operator

New Music

Asking Alexandria..... The Black
Aaron Amarth..... Jomsviking
Anthrax..... For All Kings
Joe Bonamassa..... Blues of Desperation
David Bowie..... Blackstar
Brothers Osborne..... Pawn Shop
2 Chainz..... ColleGrove
Dream Theater..... The Astonishing
Flatblush Zombies.....
.....3001: A Laced Odyssey
Kevin Gates..... Islah
Yo Gotti..... The Art of Hustle
Anthony Hamilton What I'm Feeling
Joey + Rory.....
.....Hymns That Are Important To Us
Kendrick Lamar ... untitled unmastered
Killswitch Engage..... Incarnate
K. Michelle..... More Issues than Vogue

Zayn Malik..... Mind of Mine
Ray LaMontagne..... Ouroboros
Macklemore and Ryan Lewis.....
..... This Unruly Mess I've Made
Newsboys..... Love Riot
Ninja Sex Party Under the Cover
The 1975
I Like it When You Sleep, for You are So
Beautiful Yet So Unaware
Panic at the Disco.....
..... Death of a Bachelor
Rachel Platten Wildfire
Charlie Puth..... Nine Track Mind
Bonnie Raitt..... Dig in Deep
Rihanna..... Anti
Granger Smith..... Remington
Gwen Stefani.....
..... This is What the Truth Feels Like

Tedeschi Trucks Band..... Let Me Get by
3 Doors Down..... Us and the Night
Various Artists Hamilton
Hank Williams, Jr. It's about Time
Lucinda Williams.....
..... The Ghosts of Highway 20



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Paper Shredding Event

Saturday, June 18 from 10 am to 1 pm

Let us help you with summer cleaning by shredding your unwanted documents. This event will be held in the employee parking lot where a truck from Shred Authority will be stationed.

15th Annual Food & School Supplies Drive

July 1 – August 26

The library is proud to sponsor its 15th Annual Food and School Supply Drive. Non-perishable food items and school supplies will be collected. Worth Township will distribute items to area families in need. For additional information, please contact the Information Desk at 708.926.7024.

Courtesy Notices in Spanish & Polish

Spanish and Polish courtesy notices are now available. For more information regarding courtesy notices contact the Patron Services Desk at 708.371.5666, ext. 141.

Library Bag Contest Winner

During National Library Week, to highlight the theme of “Libraries Transform” we hosted a contest to design our next library bag. Thank you to all the participants. The top 3 designs were chosen by library staff and then displayed for users to vote. Congratulations to **Eva M. Kozlowski** with her artwork “*The Future is Just the Present in Waiting*” to be chosen for best design. Thank you for the runners up **Gabriella Scalzo** - “*Love Your Favorite Books*” and **Mike Giba** - “*Check It Out.*”



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