



## Middle School Programs

### **Apprentice Architects (TAG – Teen Advisory Group)**

Grades 6-8

Can't get enough volunteering? Do you want to show off your leadership skills? Then sign up to be an Apprentice Architect! Help us this summer by giving out weekly prizes or helping in programs. Pick up an application in the Youth Services Department and return it as soon as possible. **You MUST attend the mandatory orientation meeting either June 6 @ 10am or June 8 @ 7pm.** Must be an AMPL card holder to volunteer.

### **Trending Thursdays** Grades 6-8

Thursdays from 7-8 pm



**Registration is required for all the following programs:**

**June 22 – No-Sew T-Shirt Tote** – Reuse those tees you no longer want to wear...Learn how to turn a t-shirt into a tote bag **WITHOUT** sewing a stitch!! (Bring your own t-shirt.)

**June 29 – Build a Book Safe** – Do you sometimes wish you had a unique, secret hiding place? Join your friends and make yourself a nifty book safe.

**July 6 – Cake Pop Decorating** – It's simply divine and delicious! Come show off your creativity with cake pops. We'll have melted, colored chocolates to dip them in and all sorts of fun, edible things to decorate them with. What could be more fun and yummy?

**July 13 – Coded Jewelry Making** – Love steampunk jewelry but don't know how to make it? This is your chance to let your creativity flow and make a one-of-a-kind crafting design. All materials provided...you just need to bring your imagination!

**July 20 – Altered Tin Mini Photo Album** – Another unique make project designed to keep those special photos in a decorated, repurposed Altoid® tin.

### **Save the Date!**

End of summer TAG lock in: Friday, July 28 from 5-10 pm.

## **SUMMER READING 2017**



By registering for our programs, you are giving consent for your child's photos to be used on our website, social media sites, and/or within the library.

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## “Build a Better World” Summer Reading 2017

**Summer Reading Program:** The Summer Reading Program is an opportunity to enrich your child’s literacy skills and develop a strong connection to lifelong learning through the library.

**Summer Prize Program:** Children, birth-8<sup>th</sup> grade, may register to earn weekly prizes and coupons. **Registration for the prize program begins, Saturday, June 3.** Free to residents with an AMP library card. Non-resident fee is \$5/child. Coupons and prizes are awarded weekly, beginning the week of June 18, and ending July 29. **To receive coupons and prizes, registration for the prize program is required.**

**Summer Children’s Classes:** All children’s classes are first come, first serve, unless otherwise stated. **No registration required.** The check-in for programs procedure is as follows: Children with their own AMP library cards may arrive 30 minutes before each class, each week, to secure a name tag. Non-residents may receive a name tag 15 minutes before each class.

**Age Limits and Why:** *In order to provide your child with the best possible experience, all of our programs are designed according to specific age/grade level groups. Our instructors are sensitive to the needs of the individual age levels. Children must be the age listed in the brochure for each program by June 1<sup>st</sup>. We reserve the right to ask for proof of age/grade.*

Programs begin the week of June 19 and end July 29.

**The library is closed July 4.**

You may register for just the prize program or just attend classes, **OR**, you may participate in both.

All AMPL district children, age birth through 17 are eligible for a library card. Please contact the Patron Services desk for more information at 708-371-5666 ext. 100, 101.

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](http://www.alsiplibrary.info) or like us on Facebook!

## Special Programs



### **Android Invasion! Build a Robot**

Best for children ages 5 years and up,  
However, younger ones may need assistance  
Saturday, July 8 from 2-4 pm  
Using recycled materials, glue, creativity, imagination, and determination your family can build a JunkBot during this drop-in program. JunkBots are non-functioning robots built to have fun. There will also be simple functioning robots to engage with.

### **Intro to D&D** Grades 5-8

Saturday, July 15 from 11-noon  
We will be playing a one-time introductory Dungeons & Dragons adventure. No experience necessary! Characters and dice will be provided. Limit 10.

### **Tiny Little Free Libraries** For families

Saturday, July 15 at 2:30 pm  
Paint and decorate your very own tiny little free library. “Build a Better World” is our summer theme, and we encourage you to create community through the sharing ideal of “take one, leave one” of the little free library movement. Sponsored and made possible through the generous contributions of The Home Depot. **Open only to AMPL cardholders. Registration is required and limited to 12 families.**



### **Bookworm Circle** Grades 3 and up

Saturday, July 22 from 11:15-noon  
We are starting a book club! Stop by after June 24 to pick up your Book Club Kit, complete with your membership card and a copy of *Missy Piggle Wiggle and the Whatever Cure* by Ann M. Martin for you to check out. Come back on Saturday, July 22 to eat snacks and participate in fun activities! Limit 12.



## **SRP 2017-Build a Better World Youth Services Build-a-Station**



New this summer in Youth Services! Beginning Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, our middle school volunteers, known as T.A.G. or Teen Advisory Group, will be staffing two tables of simple, but fun Maker and STEAM projects for elementary school children. Each week we will offer a different hands-on project. Elementary school age children might have a “buddy” available to help them create and learn from our talented pool of youth volunteers. The program is drop-in, anytime the library is open, while supplies last. Some of our projects include giant murals, LEGO building, Line Sculptures and everything craft sticks! Stop by and check it out!

## Family Fun Mondays

Registration is not required. Free tickets are available at the Youth desk, the night of the show starting at 6:30 pm for residents and 6:45 pm for non-residents. (No program Monday, July 3)

### **Craig Nelson Magic Show**

Monday, June 19 at 7 pm

Join us for an evening of fun and magic as Craig Nelson brings the world of magic to our library with this amazing and interactive show.



### **Dave Di Naso's Traveling World of Reptiles**

Monday, June 26 at 7 pm

The Traveling World of Reptiles blends education and a unique style of humor in this live, extremely interactive, and hands on experience about reptiles and amphibians from around the world.



### **Program to be announced**

Monday, July 12 at 7 pm

### **The Wonderful World of Puppets: A Journey around the Globe**

Monday, July 17 at 7 pm

The Puppet Place's famous and rambunctious Mr. Punch acts as host, introducing this crowd-pleasing show that is both entertaining and educational.



### **Juggling Jeff**

Monday, July 24 at 7 pm

Join the fun with this interactive and high energy comedy show. You will be entertained with improvisation, suspense, ridiculousness, and may have the opportunity to participate in the show.

### **Drop-In Craft**

**Every Friday stop at the YS Desk for a new craft!  
While supplies last, no registration required.**

## Morning Programs



### **Wee Reader Storytime**

Ages 2-5 years with caregiver

Mondays 10-10:30 am (Same program repeated on Thursdays at 2:30 pm)

Bring your wee one as we enjoy stories, activities, and simple crafts based on weekly theme. Limit 12 children. (No program July 3)

### **Music & Movement**

2-5 years old, caregivers welcome

Tuesdays from 10-10:30 am

Get ready to wiggle and jive through the use of music! A blend of entertainment, fun, and other engaging activities that encourage child development. Limit 12 children.



### **Chillin' with Cappuccinos** Birth-5 years with caregiver

Wednesdays from 10-11 am

Beat the heat this summer and build community connections with other parents of similarly aged children. Play, socialize, and enjoy refreshments in a safe, cool, fun-filled environment! Limit 24 children.



### **Yoga A-Z**

Independent grades 2 and up

Wednesdays from 11:30-noon

Build a healthier mind and body by practicing this gentle and fun way to exercise. No mats required. Limit 12 children.



### **Young Artists**

2-4 years old with caregiver

Thursdays from 10-10:30 am

Young artists will explore activities that engage the senses and help them understand the world around them. Limit 12 children.



### **Family Music**

Best for ages 5 and under with caregiver

Fridays from 10-10:30 am

Songs, games, and musical adventures for caregivers and little ones. Limit 24 children.





## Afternoon Programs

**Little Explorers Playgroup** Birth-5 years old with caregiver  
Mondays from 2:30-3 pm (No program July 3)  
Socialize with other parents of young children as your little explorers play and learn. Children and their caregivers can enjoy light refreshments. No limit.

**Life Size Games** Independent K and up  
Mondays from 4-4:45 pm (No program July 3)  
We're taking game night to the next level by putting you into your favorite games. Limit 12 children.



**Young Makers Club** Independent K-5<sup>th</sup> graders  
Tuesdays from 4-4:30 pm  
Do you enjoy designing, making, creating, building? This program is for you! Each week you'll be given supplies to "make" something unique. Together, we can build a better World...one maker at a time! Limit 12 children.



**Little Picassos** Independent ages 4-6 years old  
Wednesdays from 2:30-3 pm  
Little ones now is your chance to use your imagination and your artistic abilities! Each week you will paint a different kind of masterpiece that you can bring home and proudly display. No experience necessary! Limit 12 children.



**Coding Club** Independent 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders  
Wednesdays from 4-5 pm  
Have you ever wondered about how your favorite games and apps work? Come learn the basics of coding through games and activities. No experience necessary. Limit 10 children.



**Painting with Pals** Independent ages 6-9 years old  
Thursdays at 3:45 pm  
Join your friends and become a budding artist as you follow step by step instructions to create your masterpiece! Make sure to wear old clothes that you don't mind getting a little paint on. Limit 12.



**Afternoon Cooking Club** Independent K-5<sup>th</sup> graders  
Fridays from 2:30-3 pm  
Yummy and delicious! You don't want to miss out on our fun and easy cooking experience. Don't worry parents, no stove or oven will be used. Bring an apron if you have one. Not recommended for children with food allergies of any kind. Limit 12 children.

## Evening Programs

**Tech F.E.S.T.** Birth-5 years old with caregiver  
Mondays from 6-6:30 pm (No program July 3)  
Enjoy traditional Family Evening Storytime favorites with techy twists! Families can participate in stories, songs, crafts, and other literacy building activities. No limit.



**Kids Paint Night** Independent ages 9 and up  
Tuesdays at 7 pm  
Bring your artistic skills each week as we create a masterpiece on canvas. We are here to enjoy ourselves and every art piece is uniquely yours. Please wear old clothes in case you get paint on yourself. Limit 12 children.



**Improv Nights** Independent grades 5-8  
Tuesdays from 7-8 pm (starts June 27)  
Come learn how to act out scenes on the fly. We will be playing different improv games and having a good time. No experience necessary. Limit 25.



**Family Movie Night** All Ages  
Wednesdays at 6 pm  
Join us each Wednesday night as we present a variety of family films in our downstairs meeting room. Popcorn included! (See calendar for movie titles)



**Fun with Paint** 2-5 years old with caregiver  
Thursdays from 6-6:30 pm  
This is a perfect class for your child to explore projects using all different kinds of paint. Limit 12 children.

