

Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District

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# AMPL News

## It Feels Good to Be a Friend!

The Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library is re-establishing its Friends of the Library group. Join the core group of passionate individuals who are already helping to shape the future of library programs and events through fundraising and volunteering. The group meets the **fourth Wednesday of every month at 7 pm** in our Meeting Room #1 on the lower level. These meetings run anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour, and focus on brainstorming and fine tuning opportunities to fundraise to support library programming, collections, and other special projects. All are welcome!

## The "Cluck" of the Town!



You may have noticed unusual new additions to the library this summer. Youth Services is a proud recipient of an Ezra Jack Keats Foundation grant entitled, *Our Planet, Our Library*. The grant incorporated several aspects of ecology and sustainability into our activities. Currently, we hatch butterflies each spring, and this year we included ladybugs. We are taking the life cycle demonstration one step further with additional hands-on elements by hatching chicks in a small classroom

size incubator at our children's reference desk, displaying a worm farm, a recycling demonstration unit, installing a library compost bin, growing a portable garden of edible fruits and vegetables, as well as hosting three wonderful White Pearl Leghorn chickens until **October 8th!**

The grant and related youth programs go beyond the basic story time curriculum to give our patrons a hands-on experience: see an egg become a chick, learn how scraps become compost to feed worms, watch our "farm in a pot" grow vegetables and fruits. Patrons of all ages are invited to meet us by the Coop to help with the chickens at **9:30 and 2:30** every day. Thanks to everyone who took the time to vote in our "Name the Girls" contest. Stop by soon and say hello to Henrietta, Pearl and Rosie!

### Library Hours

**Monday–Thursday** . . . . .9am - 9pm  
**Friday & Saturday** . . . . .9am - 5pm  
**Sunday** . . . . .1pm - 5pm  
Drive-up book return open 24 hours

### Library Closed

**Labor Day**  
**Weekend** . . . . .September 6 and 7  
**Thanksgiving** . . . . . November 26

### 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

Check out our new programs designed specifically for teens ages 13 to 19! Please call 708-926-7024 or drop by the library to register for any programs you may be interested in attending.

## Guitar Pick Jewelry

*Tuesday, September 15 at 6 pm*

Create amazing jewelry using an array of colorful guitar picks! We'll teach you a number of projects ranging from simple to challenging – it's your choice!



## Teen Resume Help

*Tuesday, September 29 at 6 pm*

Looking for a part-time job but not sure where to start with your resume? Swing by the library to put one together and learn how to best market yourself. Each teen that attends will also receive a flash drive.

## Teen Advisory Board

*Tuesday, October 20 at 6 pm*

The library is seeking ways to improve its programs and services for teens. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard! Teens in grades 9 – 12 are invited to join the advisory board. Tell us what you want to see and what you think of what we've offered so far. This is an excellent opportunity to earn service hours!

## Middle School Fun & Friends!

### TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

*First Thursday of every month at 7 pm*

Do you want to show off your leadership skills? Can't get enough volunteering? Or are you simply looking for a way to be more involved with other teens at the library? There's always something new and kids in **grades 6 and up** can be a part of it. Join us and share your opinions about what you'd like to see and do at the library.

*September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3*

## Sugar Skulls

*Tuesday, October 27 at 5 pm*

Celebrate Day of the Dead by learning how to create sugar skulls, as well as decorating them using royal icing and other materials!

## Hunger Games Book Discussion

*Tuesday, November 10 at 5 pm*

Join the library's book discussion of the Hunger Games series to meet other fans of the series and earn tickets to the release of Mockingjay Part 2! Space is limited, so sign up soon! The date of our movie trip will be determined at the end of the discussion.

## Christmas Earrings

*Tuesday, December 8 at 6 pm*

Learn how to make bell earrings to give as a gift for Christmas or add a bit of festive flair to your outfit!

## Custom Totes and Shirts

*Tuesday, December 15 at 6 pm*

Make your own shirts and totes using transfers of whatever image you choose! Bands, games, music, or something else entirely – what image goes on your shirt or tote is up to you!



# Adult Programs

Registration is required for all programs. Call the adult services information desk at 708-926-7024 for information.

## Knit & Crochet Club

*Wednesdays at 6 pm*

*September 16, October 21,  
November 18 and December 16*

Blanca Delgado and other like-minded needle enthusiasts meet at the library each month for fun activities, to share ideas, and to have a stitching good time. All skill levels are welcome! Drop by with yarn and needles and get ready to stitch!

## Niagara Falls, but you don't have to!

*Wednesday, September 23 at 7 pm*

Did you know that the majority of falls occur in your own home? Would you like some easy and affordable ideas on how to prevent such an occurrence?

Lee Krizka, Rehabilitation Counselor and Public Educator and Speaker for the Spinal Cord Injury Association of Illinois, will discuss practical ideas and solutions. Disabled for 30 years, Lee has first-hand experience with making basic modifications on a budget. She promises your home will retain its style and personal touch, without injury!

## WGN Radio Legends

*Wednesday, September 30 at 7 pm*

Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library, in joint partnership with Evergreen Park Public Library, will host WGN Radio legends Steve King and Johnnie Putman. Steve and Johnnie will discuss their brand new book, *A Little More Les*, a celebration of their 18-year relationship with the legendary guitarist and inventor, Les Paul. They will share

their experience with us, sell their book (\$25) and autograph it as well.

## Chicago's 1893 Columbian Exposition

*Wednesday, October 14 at 6 pm*

Bob Trzeciak will discuss what the 1893 Columbian Exposition meant to Chicago. He will also explore the dark side of it with a look at what H. H. Holmes often called the World's first serial killer and the subject of the book *Devil in the White City*. A drawing will be held after the presentation to select a few attendees for a brief palm reading by Mr. Trzeciak.

## Food & Toy Drive

*November 16 – December 19*

## Make It Yourself!

### Corn Husk Craft

*Wednesday, October 28 at 7 pm*

Join artist and crafter Armida Olivares as she shows you how to decorate a basket with corn husk flowers. We will supply all the materials needed. Limited to thirty library cardholders.

### Up-Cycle Newspaper

*Wednesday, November 11 at 7 pm*

Artist and crafter Armida Olivares returns to show you how to use newspapers to make either a lovely vase or a small gift basket. We will supply all the materials needed. Limited to thirty library cardholders.

### Arm Knitting

*Wednesday, December 2 at 6 pm*

Teen and adults are invited to join us to learn how to knit using your arms as the needles. Arm knitting is the rage, and it's no surprise! It's a quick and easy way to make a warm, cozy infinity scarf using nothing more than your arms. In no time at all you'll be ready to run out the door wearing your new scarf. Better yet, give it as a gift for the holidays. Come and see what all this craze is about! Yarn will be provided.



# Kids Programs

**Fall 2015** - Registration begins Saturday, September 12 for residents. Open registration begins Saturday, September 19 for all others. Registration is required for most programs, unless otherwise stated. **Holiday 2015** - Registration begins Saturday, October 31 for residents. Open registration begins Saturday, November 7 for all others.

## Preschool Programs

### Preschool Pals

*Tuesdays from 10-10:30 am*

Independent 3 to 5 year old, not yet in Kindergarten. Preschoolers can jump into the fall season and enhance their pre-reading and social skills as we enjoy stories, music, and simple crafts.

### Toddler Art

*Thursdays at 10-10:30 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.



### Bouncing Babies

*Wednesdays from 10-10:30 am*

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

### Alphabet Stew

*Wednesdays from 2-2:30 pm*

Ages 2 to 4 years with caregiver. Books, rhymes, fingerplays, and activities are centered on letters of the alphabet.



### 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.



## Evening Programs

### Good Night! Storytime

*Wednesdays from 6:30-7 pm*

Ages birth to 6 years old with caregiver. Please join us for a fun and relaxing evening program for the whole family. We are a welcoming group who enjoy stories, art projects, toys, sensory activities, and more. You are welcome to drop in when you can.

### Tinkering & Technology

*Thursdays from 6:30-7:15 pm*

*October 8, 15, 22, 29*

Grades 4 to 8. Come explore the world of LittleBits Electronics. Build, create, have fun and snap your ideas to life!

# Kids Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

## Saturday Specials



### Checkmate

*Saturdays from 10-11 am*

Grades 2 and up. Learn new moves and test your skills! 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 all levels – beginners through experienced.

### Bingo

*Saturdays from 11:30-12 pm*

Grades K to 5. Join us as we play regular Bingo and special picture bingo too.

**October 10 and 24**

### Minecraft Meet-up

*Saturdays from 11:15-12:15 pm*

Grades 2 and up. Do you love Minecraft? Join us at this club where we use the Minecraft server to create

a safe and controlled environment for Minecraft enthusiasts. A Minecraft User Account is needed from you. A pocket edition User Account will NOT work.

**October 3, 17 and 31**

### Minion Madness

*Saturdays from 2:30-3:30 pm*

Grades 2 to 5. Hang out and transform a Twinkie of your very own into a one-in-a-minion Minion and enjoy more Minion inspired activities.

**October 3, 17 and 31**

### Haunting Halloween Tree

*Saturday, October 24 at 3 pm*

Grades 2 and up. Get into the Halloween spirit by creating the scariest Halloween tree you can think of using acrylic paints. Each artist leaves with a painting to hang.

## Afterschool Programs

### Eco-Kids

*Tuesdays from 4-4:30 pm*

Grades K to 5. Join this unique club and help us maintain our new garden planters, make bird feeders and discover what it takes to sustain our environment. Get ready to go green!



### Acorns & Apples

*Wednesdays from 4-4:30 pm*

Grades K to 5. Fall is a great time to get crafty! Join us to create fun pieces of art featuring favorite fall themes-pumpkins, leaves, and all things orange and yellow.



### Passport Club

*Thursdays from 4-4:30 pm*

Grades K to 5. Travel the world without even leaving the library. Each week we will jet off to a new destination and learn about their culture while making a craft, and listening to stories.

# Tech Training

Registration is required for all programs. To sign up or request additional information, call the Adult Services Department at 708-926-7024.

## Computer Basics

*Saturday, September 12 OR October 10 OR November 7, 10-11:30 am*

Are you new to computers, or still trying to find your way around? Try this class which will cover the mouse, keyboard, and windows navigation skills: how to open/close windows, scroll, minimize, maximize, find menus and enlarge text.

## Android Basics

*Thursday, September 17, 6:30-8:30 pm*

Discover more about your Android smartphone or tablet – if you are a beginner or a more seasoned user. Learn what makes Androids unique, and how to customize your device to get more done and have more fun. Please bring your Android to class, if you own one.



## Beginning Excel

*Saturday, September 19, 10-11:30 am OR Tuesday, October 20, 6:30-8 pm*

In this class, students will create a basic worksheet and learn fundamentals, such as opening, adding columns, printing, saving, editing and formatting a file.

## Facebook Basics for Seniors

*Wednesday, September 23, 10-11:30 am*

Do you have a Facebook account, but aren't sure what to do next? Come learn how to upload pictures, use private messaging and connect with friends. Be sure to bring your Facebook username and password! If you need assistance setting up a Facebook account before the date of the class, contact the Adult Services Department at 708.926.7024.



## Beginning Word

**Thursday, October 15, from 6:30-8 pm OR Thursday, December 10, 6:30-8 pm**

This session will introduce the fundamentals of Word: creating, saving, and printing, as well as entering and formatting text, copying/pasting, and inserting graphics.

## There's an App for That

**Saturday, October 24, 10 am-12 pm**

Do you want to do more with your phone or tablet? Discover a variety of the best Apple and Android mobile apps. You'll learn best practices for choosing, downloading and managing your apps. Please bring your phone or tablet for hands-on practice.

## Job Searching Online

**Thursday, November 5, 6:30-8 pm**

Don't know where to start your online job search? Learn how to find a job online as well as tips for making the process work for you!

## Windows 8.1

**Thursday, November 12, 6:30-8 pm**

The Windows 8.1 operating system is significantly different from past versions of Windows. Learn to navigate using keyboard shortcuts, right-click menus, charms, apps and more. (Fifteen-minute Tech Tutorials also available for Windows 8.1.)



# Coming Soon

## New Books

### SEPTEMBER

*Dishing the Dirt* ..... M.C. Beaton  
*Make Me* ..... Lee Child  
*End Game* ..... Catherine Coulter  
*The Solomon Curse* ..... Clive Cussler  
*Dark Ghost* ..... Christine Feehan  
*Shadow Play* ..... Iris Johansen  
*Come Rain or Come Shine* ..... Jan Karon  
*After You* ..... Jojo Moyes  
*The Murder House* ..... James Patterson  
*Devoted in Death* ..... J.D. Robb  
*Undercover* ..... Danielle Steel  
*Murder of an Open Book* .....  
Denise Swanson

### OCTOBER

*Host* ..... Robin Cook  
*Naughtier Than Nice* ... Eric Jerome Dickey  
*Survivor* ..... Vince Flynn  
*A Banquet of Consequences* .....  
Elizabeth George  
*Playing With Fire* ..... Tess Gerritsen  
*Rogue Lawyer* ..... John Grisham  
*Theory of Death* ..... Faye Kellerman  
*Fancy Dancer* ..... Fern Michaels  
*Saturn Run* ..... John Sandford  
*Corrupted* ..... Lisa Scottoline  
*See Me* ..... Nicholas Sparks  
*Foreign Affairs* ..... Stuart Woods

### NOVEMBER

*Guilty* ..... David Baldacci  
*Away in a Manger* ..... Rhys Bowen  
*All Dressed in White* ... Mary Higgins Clark  
*Crossing* ..... Michael Connelly  
*Depraved Heart* ..... Patricia Cornwell  
*The Pharaoh's Secret* ..... Clive Cussler  
*Tricky Twenty-Two* ..... Janet Evanovich  
*Avenue of Mysteries* ..... John Irving  
*The Golem of Paris* ..... Jonathan Kellerman  
*Born of Betrayal* ..... Sherrilyn Kenyon  
*Cross Justice* ..... James Patterson  
*A Christmas Escape* ..... Anne Perry  
*Crimson Shore* ..... Douglas Preston

## New Movies

*The Age of Adaline* (Coming Soon)

*Aloha*

*Cinderella* (Coming Soon)

*Far from the Madding Crowd*

*Furious 7* (Coming Soon)

*Hot Pursuit*

*Insurgent*

*Mad Max*

*Marvel's the Avengers -  
Age of Ultron* (Coming Soon)

*Pitch Perfect 2* (Coming Soon)

*San Andreas* (Coming Soon)

*True Story*

*Unfriended*  
(Coming Soon)



## New Music

*At.Long.Last.A\$AP* ..... A\$AP Rocky

*Eternity: 666 Weeks Beyond Eternity* ..  
Freedom Call

*Touch Down 2 Cause Hell* .....  
Boosie Badazz

*Jackie* ..... Ciara

*Contigo* ..... Calibre 50

*Empire Season 1 Soundtrack*

*Fifty Shades of Grey Original Motion  
Picture Soundtrack*

*How Big, How Blue, How Beautiful*....  
Florence + the Machine

*Eternity: 666 Weeks Beyond Eternity* ..  
Freedom Call

*Magazines or Novels*.... Andy Grammer

*Stages* ..... Josh Groban

*Listen* ..... David Guetta

*Empire* ..... Hillsong United

*Tell You What I Know* ..... J J James

*Que Suenen Los Tambores* .....  
Victor Manuelle

*Handwritten* ..... Shawn Mendez  
*Wilder Mind* ..... Mumford & Sons

*Drones* ..... Muse

*The Waterfall* ..... My Morning Jacket

*Beneath the Skin* .....  
Of Monsters and Men

*Bombs Away* ..... Sheppard  
*Madness* ..... Sleeping with Sirens

*Traveller* ..... Chris Stapleton

*Southernality* ..... Thousand Horses

*Special Effects* ..... Tech N9ne

*Blurryface* ..... Twenty One Pilots

*Now That's What I Call Music 54* .....  
Various

*Jeekyll + Hyde* ..... Zac Brown Band

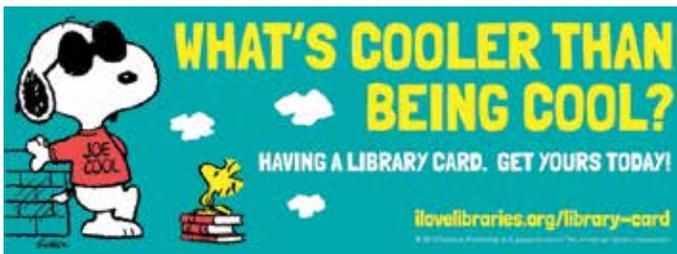
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### Connect With Us



## September is Library Card Sign-up Month

The Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library is joining the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to make sure that every student has the most important school supply of all – a free library card. Residents of Alsip, Merrionette Park and Garden Homes are invited to visit the library in September and take advantage of all of our fun and free services. **Snoopy is Honorary Chair for Library Card Sign-up Month 2015!** Stop by the Patron Services Desk with your camera and get a picture with Snoopy. For more information on how to sign up for a library card, stop by the library in person or visit us online at [www.alsiplibrary.info](http://www.alsiplibrary.info).



## Alsip Arena Series

Gaming tournaments return to the Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library! We've expanded the scope of our tournaments, and now there's something for everyone! Show off your skills in NBA 2K15, Mortal Kombat X, and break away from the TV screen with our first Yu-Gi-Oh! Draft Tournament! Every tournament is free and \$50 Gamestop gift cards will be awarded to the winner of each. Check out our website at [alsiplibrary.info](http://alsiplibrary.info) for specifics on each tournament.

**NBA 2K15 Tournament**  
*Tuesday, September 22 at 5 pm*

**Mortal Kombat X Tournament**  
*Thursday, October 29 at 5 pm*

**Yu-Gi-Oh! Draft Tournament**  
*Tuesday, November 24 at 5 pm*

