



# NEWSAMPLER

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## Construction to Begin

### On a Larger, More Modern Library!

**W**e have some exciting news! We are soon embarking on a project that includes an addition to the library as well as an extensive remodel of the existing facility. This project will take less time to complete and be less expensive if we move entirely off site for the duration, which is estimated to be around 15 months. We are not sure yet of the exact date, but it should be in late July or early August. We are moving to a building at 12838 S. Cicero Avenue. We will have to close for 2 or 3 weeks to complete the move and to get settled in our temporary quarters. We anticipate that we can continue to provide the community with the same materials and services while our current building is renovated.

**O**ur building was completed in 1981 and for many years was able to support the needs of our community. However, for the last few years we have been struggling to keep up with the demands for new materials and services that modern libraries provide. In short, we have outgrown our building. Our Board of Trustees explored the option of simply remodeling and came to the conclusion that we needed more space. The architectural firm of PSA-Dewberry was hired to come up with a design that would allow us to offer all the services that an up-to-date facility should provide.

**W**e're very excited about the building's design, which will include a 2-story addition of 14,000 sq. ft. to the west of the building, where our parking lot currently is located. The new building will face toward the parking lot to the north and will have its main entrance on that side. The added space will provide room for more computers, more meeting rooms and quiet study rooms, more seating space, a Teen area, and drive-up book drop. People with laptops will find that there will be more places to sit, to take advantage of our high speed Wi-Fi service. In addition to the expanded area for better service, the building will get a much-needed updating of the décor and a complete interior redesign.



*Serving the communities of Alsip, Merrionette Park, and Garden Homes*

## Dragons & Knights Coming to Alsip!



**E**nter a world of dragons, knights, and damsels in distress at the *Midsummer Knight's Read*, the Summer Reading Youth Program at the Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District.

**S**ign-up for our youth, teen and adult summer reading programs begins Saturday, June 4. Check inside for all the details.

## In Remembrance

**Marilyn Englebrecht**, library board trustee since 1998 and a *Friends of the Library* member, passed away on April 24, 2011. Marilyn was a good friend to our library and we will miss her.

# A Midsummer Knight's Read

## 2011 Summer Reading Program for Kids!

Step back in time this summer at the Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library. Enjoy a journey through medieval times with knights, princesses, jesters and fairies. We have lots of great prizes for everyone who reads and there are also lots of fun programs and contests to enter. Get ready for a great summer!



## Novel Destinations



### Adult Summer Reading Program

You're invited to travel the world with us this summer. *Novel Destinations* is the theme of this year's Adult Summer Reading Program. Join us for a chance to win fabulous prizes like a travel backpack or passes to the AMC Loews Theater in Crestwood. Our grand prize will be a Cannon digital camera—great for taking travel photos or just having fun with the family. All you have to do to be part of the fun is read or listen to some great books! Sign-up begins Saturday, June 4th, and our program runs through July 30. Be sure you make the library one of your *Novel Destinations* this summer.

## Are you in high school?

**Stop by the library and join our Teen Summer Reading Program. You could win a cool floor rocker or bean bag chair!**

If you are entering high school (grades 9-12) in the fall and have your own Alsip-Merrionette Park Library card, be sure to sign up for our teen summer reading program.

You can make required summer reading pay off in a big way! We have some great prizes in store—come in to the library and check out the cool floor rockers and beanbag chairs that you could win! Just fill out a slip each time you read a book between June 4 and July 30. That's it! No book reports, no grades, just great prizes!

### Registration

Registration for residents of Alsip, Merrionette Park and Garden Homes begins, **Saturday, June 4th.** Each child must have a valid library card and registration must be done in person at the library.

### Family Fun Nights



The Youth Services Department will host Family Fun Nights each Wednesday at 7 P.M.

<b>Game Night</b>	<b>June 22</b>
<b>Make a Medieval Stained Glass Window</b>	<b>June 29</b>
<b>Crown &amp; Wands</b>	<b>July 6</b>
<b>Dragon Eggs</b>	<b>July 13</b>
<b>Coat of Arms</b>	<b>July 20</b>
<b>Make a Castle</b>	<b>July 27</b>

Join us for an evening of fun for the whole family!

# Monday Night Kids Specials

Programs are first come, first serve, and attendance is limited to 100 people.

Residents can pick-



## The Smarty Pants Big Balloon Show

Monday, June 20 at 7:00P.M.

In this special production, kids ages 4–8 will see a magical balloon wizard, the hilarious Sir Balloon-A-Lot Knight, and even a balloon dragon that spits fire into the audience.

## The Sword and the Stone

Monday, June 27 at 7:00P.M.

Melikin Puppets will make Arthur and Camelot come alive! Arthur of course is the star, but the scene stealer is Merlin the Magnificent. He turns smiles into laughter as he saves Arthur from the villainous Sir Sagamor.

## Magic, Juggling, Balloons and Fun!

Monday, July 11 at 7:00P.M.

Join Mike Mauthe as he delights audiences with his magic and illusion skills, juggling feats and balloon wizardry. Mike will astound you with his juggling and magical balloon creations of anything from a mouse to the most elaborate sculpture, tweaked into shape in split seconds.

## Traveling World of Reptiles

Monday, July 18 at 7:00P.M.

Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles show is an up-close, live, and extremely interactive or "hands on" experience with reptiles and amphibians from around the world.



## Going Medieval on Reading

Monday, July 25 at 7:00P.M.

"Magic the Dragon" billows safe and fun smoke in a hilarious routine that highlights "Knowledge is Power" and promotes the library as a resource to make dreams come true!

## Youth Volunteers Needed

Young adults who are between 6th and 10th grades can help in the Youth Services Department. Duties may include cleaning books and DVDs, cutting out crafts, assisting children with craft projects or helping out at the desk. Children may volunteer as little or as much as they like. Drop-in volunteer hours are:

<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>9:30—11:30 a.m. or 2:30—4:30 pm.</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>6:30—8:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>2:30—4:30 p.m.</b>

Help your community and earn your service hours at the library this summer!

# Kids Contests

## Read to Me

### Matching Game

Non-readers are invited to discover which picture is different in this visual contest. One winner will be randomly selected each week to win a prize.

## Beginning Readers Trivia

Designed specifically for emergent readers, this contest will add some fun to their weekly library visits. One winner will be randomly selected each week to win a prize.

## Chapter Book Trivia

Attention all Chapter Readers, come in and answer our special trivia question with a chance to win a prize. One winner will be randomly selected each week to win a prize.

## Young Adult Readers Trivia

Kick off summer and enter the weekly trivia contest. Winners will be randomly selected to win a prize.

## Daily Find It

Find the hidden object located somewhere in the Youth Services Department. Bring it to the YS desk and win a prize!

## Create a Medieval Castle or Dragon

Challenge yourself to create a mystical or mythical creature or castle. Pick up a bag of supplies at the Youth Services desk. Then bring your creation back by July 1 to display in our Library Art Show.

# Summer Weekend Specials for Kids!

## Playdough Play Date

**Saturdays 2—2:30 P.M.**

Drop in for fun with playdough. You bring your creativity and imagination; we'll provide the playdough.

## Got Tape?

**Saturdays 3:30—4:30 P.M.**

**July 2, 16 and 30**

Kids in grades 6 and up will enjoy making various fun items from scratch using the world's stickiest substance, duct tape.

## BINGO

**Saturdays 10:30—11:15 A.M.**  
**June 25, July 9 and July 23**

Join us as we play our special Summer Reading BINGO!

## Drop in Craft

**All day Fridays and Saturdays**

Come into the library and make a special summer reading craft.

# Story Times and Activity Groups

## Once Upon a 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.

## 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, enjoy games, and play small instruments while the instructor sings and plays guitar.

## Jesters

**Tuesdays 10—10:30 A.M.**

Toddlers ages 2—4 years and their caregivers are invited to share books, songs, finger-plays, and sensorimotor activities centered on a weekly theme.

## Creative Castle Corner

**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!

## Story Soup

**Wednesdays 10:30—11:15 A.M.**

Preschoolers (2—5 year olds) will enjoy tasty stories and learn easy cooking skills while preparing a simple snack.

## Fairy Tale Gardening

**Thursdays 7—7:45 P.M.**

Ever wonder how Jack got his magic bean seeds or where Cinderella's pumpkin came from? Three to seven year-olds can join us as we discover the answers and grow our own fairy tale gardens.

## Princesses in Training

**Tuesdays 11:30—Noon**

Do you have what it takes to be a princess? All princess girls in grades K-2 are invited to join us this summer as we make tiaras and crowns to wear to our special tea party.

## Knights in Shining Armor

**Thursdays 2—2:30 P.M.**

Boys in grades K—2 are invited to join us as we design special shields and track down dragons. Who will be the bravest knight?

## Road Trip USA

**Mondays 4—4:45 p.m.**

**Tuesdays 7—7:30 p.m.**

**Wednesdays 3:30—4:15 P.M.**

Enjoy traveling? Like sampling foods from different places? If you're in grades K—5, pack your bags, board the bus, and join us on our journey across the USA!

## Chicago Kids Club

**Thursdays 3:45—4:15 P.M.**

Buckle your seatbelts and enjoy the ride! Kids in grade 3 and up will discover the "Windy City" of Chicago while enjoying snacks, crafts, and fun activities. Learn about all the fun places that are only a few miles away!

## Scrapbooking

**Mondays 2:15—2:45 P.M.**

Kids in grades 3 and up are invited to bring several photos each week to create a 12" x 12" scrapbook page. All decorating supplies will be provided.

## Knights of the Round Table

**Mondays 6—6:45 P.M.**

If you're in grade 5 or up and want to learn to draw, cartoon, and lots more, then join this art class. We'll feature different materials and techniques each week. All materials provided.



# Coming Attractions

Books • Music • Movies • Television

## New Books

### June

- *From Barcelona, With Love* by Elizabeth Adler
- *One Summer* by David Baldacci
- *Sisterhood Everlasting* by Ann Brashares
- *Against All Enemies* by Tom Clancy
- *The Kingdom: A Fargo Adventure* by Clive Cussler
- *Carte Blanche* by Jeffrey Deaver
- *Smokin' Seventeen* by Janet Evanovich
- *Buried Secrets* by Joseph Finder
- *No One in the World* by E. Lynn Harris
- *Trader of Secrets* by Steve Martini
- *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett
- *Now You See Her* by James Patterson
- *Two Deaths of Daniel Hayes* by Marcus Sakey

## New DVDs

- *The Adjustment Bureau*
- *Battle: Los Angeles*
- *Beastly*
- *Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son*
- *Beautiful*
- *Cedar Rapids*
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules*
- *Drive Angry*
- *The Eagle*
- *Gnomeo & Juliet*
- *Hall Pass*
- *I Am Number 4*

### July

- *Split Second* by Catherine Coulter
- *Escape* by Barbara Delinsky
- *Silent Girl* by Tess Gerritsen
- *Eyes Wide Open* by Andrew Gross
- *Quinn* by Iris Johansen
- *The Devil Colony* by James Rollins
- *Portrait of a Spy* by Daniel Silva
- *Happy Birthday* by Danielle Steel

### August

- *Secret Mistress* by Mary Balogh
- *In My Time* by Dick Cheney
- *Ideal Man* by Julie Garwood
- *Spymasters* by W. E. B. Griffin
- *Betrayal of Trust* by J. A. Jance
- *Retribution* by Sherrilyn Kenyon
- *Kill Me if You Can* by James Patterson
- *Cold Vengeance* by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
- *Flash and Bones* by Kathy Reichs

- *Legend of the Fist: The Return of Chen Zen*
- *Living in Emergency*
- *Monogamy*
- *Other Woman*
- *Private Lives of Pippa Lee*
- *The Rite*
- *The Roommate*
- *Season of the Witch*
- *True Grit*
- *Unknown*
- *Vanishing on 7th Street*
- *The Warrior's Way*

## New Music

- *21* by Adele
- *The King is Dead* by Decemberists
- *Wasting Light* by Foo Fighters
- *Hello Fear* by Kirk Franklin
- *Glee : The Music V. 5* by Glee Cast
- *Celtic Thunder* by Heritage
- *I Remember Me* by Jennifer Hudson
- *Paper Airplane* by Alison Krause
- *Born This Way* by Lady GaGa
- *Goodbye Lullaby* by Avril Lavigne
- *Number One Hits* by Tim McGraw
- *The Kings of Limb* by Radiohead
- *Collapse Now* by R.E.M.
- *So Beautiful or So What* by Paul Simon
- *The King's Speech* Soundtrack
- *Femme Fatale* by Britney Spears
- *2011 Grammy Nominees* Various

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You can reserve materials any time through our library's website. Go to [alsiplibrary.info](http://alsiplibrary.info), click *search the library catalog*, then click *Login*. Type in your name, library card barcode and your PIN number. Once you're logged in, you can search the library's catalog, reserve materials, renew items and pay fines. It's quick and easy and allows you access to the library anytime!

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**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**

**Independence Day**  
Monday, July 4th

**Library Board**

Mary E. McKendree, President  
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Mary Jane Schneider, Secretary  
Sandy Cerretto, Treasurer  
Gerald Dujsik, 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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Youth Services Summer Reading 2011

# A Midsummer Knight's Read

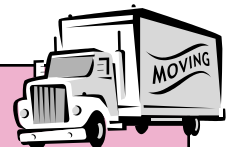
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# Novel Destinations



Adults are invited to join our summer reading program. This summer we're traveling to Novel Destinations so have your passport ready and pack up a book or two! Sign-up at the Adult Services Reference Desk beginning Saturday, June 4.



**We're  
Moving!**

See page 1 for all the details about our temporary location.