

NEWSAMPLER



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We've got what you're looking for!

Look to us for the latest books, music and movies

Stop by the Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library for the latest and most popular titles. Pressed for time? Go online and reserve your copy; we'll call you when it's ready for pick-up. Everything from the latest best seller to Billboard's top ten to big movie titles, you'll find it here at the library!

New Music

- *Christmas* by Celtic Thunder
- *Hemingway's Whiskey* by Kenny Chesney
- *100 Miles from Memphis* by Sheryl Crow
- *Can't Be Tamed* by Miley Cyrus
- *The Remix* by Lady GaGa
- *Teenage Dream* by Katy Perry
- *Band of Joy* by Robert Plant
- *Feels Like Today* by Rascal Flatts
- *Guitar Heaven* by Santana
- *All About Tonight* by Blake Shelton
- *Eat Pray Love* Soundtrack
- *You Are Not Alone* by Mavis Staples
- *The Incredible Machine* by Sugarland
- *Speak Now* by Taylor Swift
- *You Get What You Give* by Zac Brown Band

New Movies

- *The A-Team* coming soon
- *The American* coming soon
- *Cats & Dogs: Revenge of Kitty Galore*
- *Charlie St. Cloud*
- *Despicable Me* coming soon
- *Disney's A Christmas Carol*
- *Eat Pray Love*
- *Eclipse* coming soon
- *The Expendables*
- *The Extra Man*
- *Grown Ups*
- *Inception* coming soon
- *The Kids Are All Right*
- *Knight & Day*
- *Lovely Still*
- *Ramona & Beezus*
- *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*
- *The Town* coming soon
- *Toy Story 3*
- *Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family*
- *The Winning Season*

New Books

December

- *Dead or Alive* by Tom Clancy
- *Ruthless Game* by Christine Feehan
- *Secrets to the Grave* by Tami Hoag
- *What the Night Knows* by Dean Koontz
- *In Too Deep* by Jayne Ann Krentz

January

- *Straight Talk, No Chaser* by Steve Harvey
- *Unwritten Laws* by Greg Iles
- *Damage* by John Lescroart
- *Home Free* by Fern Michaels
- *Tick Tock* by James Patterson
- *Call Me Irresistible* by Susan Elizabeth Phillips
- *Strategic Moves* by Stuart Woods

February

- *The Union Quilters* by Jennifer Chiaverini
- *Now You See Her* by Joy Fielding
- *Devil's Food Cake Murder* by Joanne Fluke
- *Fadeaway Girl* by Martha Grimes
- *A Heartbeat Away* by Michael Palmer
- *Heartwood* by Belva Plain
- *Treachery in Death* by J.D. Robb

Winter Programs

Registration is required.

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

Easy and Budget Friendly Crock Pot Cooking

Wednesday,
February 23 at 7 P.M.

Get your crock pot warmed up for its winter workout. Join Susan Powell as she presents easy recipes that will please

your family and help to stretch your food dollars.



Titanic

An Evening to Remember
Wednesday,
March 30 at 7 P.M.

Travel back in time with Titanic historian, Denise Vanaria, to that fateful night in April, 1912. Ms. Vanaria will appear in authentic clothing and display artifacts associated with the Titanic. She will also include information about Titanic's Chicago connections.

Special Programs

Tickets for Special Programs are given 30 minutes before each program in the Youth Services Department.

Melikin Puppets present Night Before Christmas

Monday,
December 6
7:00P.M.



Join us for two special plays that celebrate the holidays!

The Shoemaker and the Elves tells the classic tale of a poor shoemaker who is helped by elves to make it a Merry Christmas for all! *The Night Before Christmas* is told as never before by Woofy, the family's pet dog! Bring your family and get into the holiday spirit!

Jabali Acrobats

Monday, January 31 at 7P.M.

Originating in Kenya, these talented artists have thrilled audiences with their incredible acrobatics and tumbling that turns to dance with the Congo Snake dance and the Flamingo Limbo Bar Dance.

Dave Fleming Magician and Juggler

Monday, February 28 at 7P.M.

Join us as Dave amazes the audience with his juggling and magic variety show. He will get everybody in the act, so there is fun to be had by all!



Book Discussion Group

December 2, 2010

Elegance of the Hedgehog
by Muriel Barbery

February 3, 2011

Garlic and Sapphires
by Ruth Reichl

March 3, 2011

A Reliable Wife
by Robert Goolrick

Meetings begin at 7 P.M.

If you are interested in joining, please sign up at the Adult Reference Desk.

The Society of Lifetime Readers

We welcome two new members to the society—**Deborah Binnendyk** and **Carmen Harley** who read their first 25 books and received a mug. Remember all library district residents age eighteen and over are invited to become Society members. Just stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.

Family Fun Nights

Mondays 7—7:30 P.M.

You're invited to join in the fun each Monday night as our Youth Services Department presents a different activity, theme, or event that everyone in the family can enjoy.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.



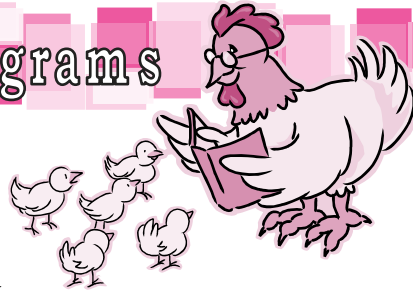
Winter Programs for Kids!



Program registration begins **Saturday, January 8, 2011**, for residents of Alsip, Merrionette Park, and Garden Homes. Open registration begins Saturday, January 15.

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

Preschool Programs



Mother Goose 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, play games, and enjoy a variety of small instruments while the instructor sings and plays guitar.

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.



Saturdays at 10:30 A.M.

January 29, February 12 & 26

Bring your friends and enjoy a movie at the library!

Toddler Art

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.

Snow is Falling

Books are Calling



Join our special six week winter reading program and win great prizes.

Stop by the Youth Services Department for details.

After School Programs

Tale Time

Tuesdays 3:45—4:15 P.M.

Four-year-olds through 2nd graders will come in from the cold and have fun with books, games, music and crafts.

Travel Club

Wednesdays 3:45—4:15 P.M.

Grab your passport and pack your bags as we journey to a different country each week. Kindergarten through 5th graders are invited to make a craft and sample food from each country!

Bingo

Fridays 3:45—4:30 P.M.

January 28, February 11 & 25

Independent kindergarteners through 5th graders are invited to come and play!

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.

Kids in grade 3 and up will bring their photos and their imagination to create a 12 x 12 scrapbook page.

Art Class

Wednesdays 6—6:45 P.M.

Kids in grades 5 and up can learn drawing, cartooning, and more in this fun class for kids.

Drop in Craft

**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.



Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District

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www.alsiplibrary.info

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 & Christmas Day

Friday, December 24 & Saturday, December 25

New Year's Eve & New Year's Day

Friday, December 31 & Saturday, January 1

Presidents Day

Monday, February 21

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 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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Any individual who needs a special accommodation for a program should call the library (708-371-5666) at least 5 days in advance.

'Tis the Season for Our 9th Annual Food and Toy Drive



The holidays are fast approaching and, again this year, we're asking for your help for those in need. Please bring new unwrapped toys, non-perishable food items, or monetary donations to the library on your next visit. The items will be given to Worth Township for their Christmas Care Program and will be distributed to area families. Our ninth annual food and toy drive runs through December 22nd.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tuna | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crackers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hot Chocolate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mac & Cheese | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Instant Potatoes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Powdered milk |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cereal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peanut Butter & Jelly | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tea |
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Computer Classes Return in the Spring

Computer instructor John Hojek will return on Friday, March 18, to teach **Beginning Computers** here at the library.

Registration must be done in person beginning February 1. A \$10 non-refundable registration fee is due at sign-up. For more information call the Adult Services Department 708-371-5666 ext. 108 or 109.

