



LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesdays • 7 p.m.

January 21 & February 18

The Board of Trustees does not meet in December. Visit alphapark.org for meeting agendas and minutes.

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LIBRARY UPDATES



Dementia Caregivers Support Group

Caring for a loved one with dementia or other conditions affecting the brain can be a difficult endeavor, but you're not alone! APL is proud to partner with the Alzheimer's Association® to offer a new monthly Dementia Caregivers Support Group at the library. Join us **December 19, January 16, & February 20** (3rd Thursdays of the month), at 10 a.m. to build a support system with people who understand what you're facing. Conducted by trained facilitators, these support groups are a safe place for caregivers to exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions; talk through issues and ways of coping; share feelings, needs, and concerns; and learn about important community resources. **Please call 800.272.3900 to register!** Visit alphapark.org or call 309.697.3822 for more information.

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LIBRARY HOURS

Mon. - Thurs.	9AM-8PM
Friday	9AM-6PM
Saturday	9AM-5PM
Sunday	CLOSED

EXCEPTIONS

December 13 – CLOSED 1PM
December 24-26 – CLOSED
December 31 – CLOSED
January 1 – CLOSED
January 20 – CLOSED
February 17 – CLOSED

YOUTH

STORY TIMES

BABY TADPOLES STORY TIME

Tuesdays • 9-9:30 a.m. • Ages 0-1
Dec. 3 & 10; Jan. 7, 14, 21, & 28;
Feb. 4 & 25

Join us for songs, bounces, and a story read-aloud. Stick around afterward to socialize with other families! Recommended for babies under 18 mos. who are not walking yet. **DROP IN**

TODDLER FROGLET'S STORY TIME

Tuesdays • 9:30-10 a.m. • Ages 2-3
Dec. 3 & 10; Jan. 7, 14, 21, & 28;
Feb. 4 & 25

Join us for movement songs, finger-plays, and stories – and play with other families afterward! Recommended for walking toddlers up to age 3. **DROP IN**

PRE-K FROGS & FRIENDS STORY TIME

Fridays • 10:30 a.m. • Ages 3-6
Dec. 6 & 13; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31;
Feb. 7 & 28

Children and their caregivers are invited to come enjoy stories, songs, and play-time with friends – and make a craft to take home! **DROP IN**

SATURDAY STORY TIME

Saturdays • 10:30 a.m. • Ages 2-6
Dec. 7, Jan. 4, & Feb. 5

Join us for a fun-filled experience with stories, songs, and crafts! Geared towards ages 2-6, but kids of all ages are welcome. **DROP IN**

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AL'S ART CLASS

Mondays • Dec. 2, Jan. 6, & Feb. 3
4 p.m. • Ages 0-2
5 p.m. • Ages 3-6

Learn some fun art skills for littles from Ms. Al! Dress for a mess and make some art to take home! **REGISTER**

LEGO CLUB

Thursdays • 4-5:30 p.m. • Ages 5-12
December 5 & 19; January 2 & 16;
& February 6 & 20

What can your imagination build? Lego Club returns with new challenges, new friends, and new creations! **DROP IN**

NO-SEW SNOWMAN

Saturday, December 14
10-11:30 a.m. • Ages 3-12

Create a custom sock snowman using our art supplies and your creativity! Optionally, bring an extra sock you don't mind cutting up to create a winter hat for your snowman. **REGISTER**

AL'S ART CLASS

Mondays • 4:30 p.m. • Ages 7-12
Dec. 16, Jan. 27, & Feb. 24

Learn some fun art skills for older kids from Ms. Al! Dress for a mess and make some art to take home! **REGISTER**

SNOWBALL FIGHT

Wednesday, January 8 • 4:30 p.m.
Ages 7-12

Join us for the ultimate snowball fight, then make peace with your opponents after the battle with hot chocolate! If there's not enough snow, we'll have an indoor fight with fluffy fake snowballs. **REGISTER**

SENSORY PLAY

Saturdays • January 18 & February 15
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Ages 0-6
1:30-2:30 p.m. • Ages 7-18

Dress for a mess and explore messy play stations to engage the senses, including rice, beads, play dough, and more. Adult supervision required for kids under 10. **REGISTER**

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, Jan. 23 & Friday, Jan. 24
4-6 p.m. • All Ages

Join us for a special two-day Family Movie Night showing of Disney's Frozen (G) on 1/23, followed by Frozen II (G) on 1/24. Refreshments will be provided. **REGISTER**

ESCAPE ROOM: NEVER ENDING WINTER

Thursday, Feb. 20 • 3-6 p.m. • Ages 7-12
A mischievous ice spirit has imprisoned your group and plans to curse the world with an unending winter – unless you can solve their puzzles to escape the room! **REGISTER**

PERLER BEAD CREATIONS

Tuesday, February 25 • 4-5:30 p.m.
Ages 7-12

Design your own creations or use a fun template, and we'll help you melt the beads to fuse it all together! **REGISTER**

D&D INTEREST MEETING

Thursday, Feb. 27 • 4:30 p.m. • Ages 8-18
Interested in playing Dungeons & Dragons? Come hear more info about playing D&D at APL this summer. All skill levels are welcome, and refreshments will be provided. **REGISTER**



TEENS

YOUTH & TEEN BOOK CLUBS

HOMESCHOOLER BOOK CLUB

Mondays • 1 p.m. • Ages 8-18
Dec. 9, Jan. 13, & Feb. 10

Check out a copy of this month's featured book (same titles as Youth Book Club) at the Circ Desk, then join us for a discussion, activity, and themed snack. **REGISTER**

YOUTH BOOK CLUB

Mondays • 4 p.m. • Ages 8-13
Check out a copy of this month's featured book at the Circ Desk, then join us for a discussion, activity, and themed snack. **REGISTER**

December 9 – *Yotsuba&!*
by Kiyohiko Azuma

January 13 – *Among the Hidden*
by Margaret Peterson Haddix

February 10 – *The Moth Keeper*
by K. O'Neill



NO-SEW SNOWMAN

Saturday, December 14
3 p.m. • Ages 13-18

Create your own custom sock snowman using our art supplies and your creativity! We'll show you how to make a tiny beanie out of yarn, or bring an extra sock you don't mind cutting up for the hat. **REGISTER**

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Fridays • 6-8:30 p.m. • Ages 13-18
Come hang out with the Teen Advisory Board and watch a movie with themed snacks! **REGISTER**

December 20 – The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes (PG13)

January 31 – Twilight (PG13)

February 28 – Zootopia (PG)

SNOWBALL FIGHT – IN THE DARK!

Wednesday, January 8 • 6:30 p.m.
Ages 13-18

Join us for an extra challenging snowball fight after the sun sets, then make peace with your opponents after the battle with hot chocolate! If there's not enough snow, we'll have an indoor fight with fluffy fake snowballs. **REGISTER**

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Ages 13-18

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PERLER BEAD CREATIONS

Wednesday, February 26 • 6:30 p.m.
Ages 13-18

Design your own creations or use a fun template, and we'll help you melt the beads to fuse it all together! **REGISTER**

TEEN CLUBS

ANIME CLUB

Wednesdays • 4-5:30 p.m. • Ages 11-18
December 4 & 18, January 15, & February 5 & 19

Love anime? Come watch anime, talk about manga, learn about Asian culture, and try a cool snack! **DROP IN**

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesdays • 6-7:30 p.m.
Ages 13-18

Dec. 11, Jan. 22, & Feb. 12
Want to volunteer and eat pizza at the same time? Join our Teen Advisory Board, where you'll get to plan programs and bring your ideas for the library to life! *Members are expected to arrive 30 minutes before other teen programs (except Anime Club and Book Clubs) to assist with setting up.* **DROP IN**



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ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

APL BOOK & TEA SOCIETY

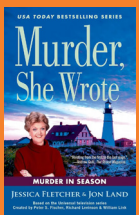
Thursdays • 3:30 p.m.

The APL Book & Tea Society is for connoisseurs of cozy mysteries! Enjoy tea and pastries while discussing the monthly book selection. Refreshments change monthly to fit the book. **REGISTER**

December 12 – *Murder, She Wrote: Murder in Season* by Jessica Fletcher & Jon Land

January 9 – *Eggs on Ice* by Laura Childs

February 13 – *Buttercream Bump Off* by Jenn McKinlay



THE GRIMM READERS

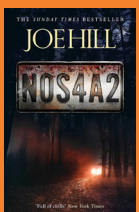
Tuesdays • 6 p.m. • Ages 18+

If you enjoy reading horror, thriller, or science fiction, join us for a slightly darker book club! **REGISTER**

December 17 – *NOS4A2* by Joe Hill

January 28 – *Vox* by Christina Dalcher

February 25 – *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley



ANNUAL READING CHALLENGE

A new year means a new pile of books to read! Don't forget to turn in your **2024 Reading Challenge** form by **Monday, December 30**, to receive the completion prize and be entered in the prize drawing! Then pick up the **new 2025 Reading Challenge** to start fresh! For each challenge, participants must read books that fit 40 of the 50 prompts. Happy Reading!

CHAIR YOGA

Mondays • 9:30 a.m.

Join Gayle Carrillo for chair yoga – now offered every Monday morning! Chair yoga is a modified yoga that's great for those with limited mobility. All skill levels are welcome, but limited space is available. *There will be no class 12/30, 1/20, or 2/17.* **DROP IN**

APL YARNERS & NEEDLERS

Tuesdays • 5-7:30 p.m.

Bring your projects from home to knit/sew while you socialize! The yarners meet weekly to work on projects of all kinds, including knitting, crocheting, embroidery, tatting, quilting, mending, and more. New members are always welcome. **DROP IN**

GENTLE YOGA

Wednesdays • 9:30 a.m.

Join Gayle Carrillo for gentle yoga for all skill levels – now offered every Wednesday morning! Yoga mats are provided, but limited space is available. *There will be no class 12/25, 1/1, 2/5.* **DROP IN**

CROSS STITCH CORNER

Wednesdays • 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 4, Jan. 8, & Feb. 5

Come cross stitch at the library! Work on a provided kit or bring your own project from home. This winter, we'll provide a variety of winter-themed kits for all skill levels. **REGISTER**

KROGER VACCINE CLINIC

Thursday, Dec. 5 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Protect yourself and your loved ones this winter by getting your flu shot and COVID booster at this convenient walk-in clinic. Vaccinations are free/low cost with most insurance. If uninsured, please call 309.697.3822 for estimated costs. **DROP IN**

GED CLASSES

Thursdays • 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. • Ages 16+

Tutor-guided instruction focuses on math, reading, science, and social studies, with all materials provided. The Moonlight Coalition also pays for you to take the GED test when you're ready. *There will be no class 12/26.* **DROP IN**

WATERCOLOR CLUB

Fridays • 3–4:30 p.m.

Dec. 6, Jan. 3, & Feb. 7

All skill levels are welcome to come paint at the library and exchange tips and techniques as you work on your own projects. Please bring your own paint. **REGISTER**

GAME NIGHT AT APL

Mondays • 5:30–7:30 p.m. • Ages 18+

Dec. 9, Jan. 13, & Feb. 10

Don't miss game night at the library! Try out games from our collection, or bring your favorites from home. Pizza and soda will be provided. **DROP IN**

ADULTS

CRAFT NIGHT: MINI SNOW GLOBES

Wednesday, December 11 • 6 p.m.

Friday, December 20 • 2 p.m.

This month, we'll be making winter-themed snow globes out of recycled yogurt jars. Each session will make the same project. **REGISTER**

BESTIES NIGHT

Friday, January 17 • 6-8 p.m.

Bring your bestie or come make new friends at Besties Night! This year, we'll enjoy a baked potato bar and learn the art of book binding with our own bibliopegist, Sam! Each participant will make their own hardcover book/journal to take home and fill with writing or art. Registration is required, along with \$10 fee, at the Circulation Desk. **REGISTER**

CRAFT NIGHT: PIPE CLEANER ROSES

Wednesdays • Jan. 22 & 29 • 6 p.m.

Get ready for Valentine's Day with these pretty, everlasting roses made with pipe cleaners! Each session will make the same project. **REGISTER**

UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL SECURITY

Thursday, January 30 • 6 p.m.

Presented by a financial advisor from Morgan Stanley, this seminar will help you understand and have more confidence in Social Security. Learn about how much money you can expect to receive, as well as when to apply for benefits and how to maximize payments. **REGISTER**

MANGA CLUB

Tuesdays • 5:30 p.m. • Ages 18+

Our new Manga Club is for the adults out there who love anime! Read each month's selection, then join us to discuss your opinions – and maybe view some anime clips to compare them! **REGISTER**

December 10 – *Mob Psycho 100 Vol. 1-3* by One

January 14 – *Goodbye Eri* by Tatsuki Fujimoto

February 11 – *Orange: The Complete Collection Vol. 1-2* by Ichigo Takano



WINTER PLANT SWAP

Monday, February 3 • 6:30 p.m.

Get plenty with us at the library's quarterly plant swap! Bring cuttings, rooted props, full plants, or pots to trade – and enter the drawing to win the door prize plant! **DROP IN**

CRAFT NIGHT: MINI RAINBOW WREATH

Wednesdays • Feb. 12 & 26 • 6 p.m.

Join us to make cute mini rainbow wreaths to attract the luck of the Irish and celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Each session will make the same project. **REGISTER**

CREATIVE ZONE

WOVEN STAR ORNAMENTS

Monday, December 16 • 6 p.m.

Join Tom Stagg for a festive evening learning how to weave your own 6-inch, 5-point star ornament using flat reed material! **REGISTER**

MACRAMÉ HEART TAPESTRY

Tuesday, February 4 • 6 p.m.

Make the perfect Valentine's Day gift with us: a small macramé tapestry to give to your loved one or keep for yourself! **REGISTER**

OIL PASTEL TULIPS

Monday, February 24 • 6 p.m.

Tom Stagg is back in action, this time to teach you how to use oil pastels to make a still life rendition of beautiful spring tulips! **REGISTER**

ADULT TAKE & MAKES

Stop by the library on the third Friday of every month to pick up a craft to make at home.

December 20

Mini Macramé Wreath Ornaments

January 17

Paper Hydrangeas

February 21

Paper Roses



Christmas Lights Recycling: December 1-30

Drop off broken light strings at the library for the Peoria County recycling program!

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OUTREACH

GLASFORD POP-UP LIBRARY

Tuesdays • 3-5 p.m. • All Ages
Join APL every Tuesday at the Glasford Village Hall for our Pop-Up Library! Drop by to check out books, get crafty, play games, get homework help, socialize, and more! Activities are available weekly that all ages will enjoy. It's a great opportunity for adults to come socialize and enjoy a cup of coffee, too! So stop by, chat with a librarian, and see what the library has to offer you! **DROP IN**

HOMEBOUND DELIVERY SERVICE

APL's Homebound Service is available to anyone who's unable to visit the library, whether long-term or short-term assistance is needed. To fill out the application, visit alphapark.org/outreach-services, or call 309-697-3822 x91 for more information.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

Look for our Little Free Libraries at Alpha Park, Mapleton Recreation Center, and Union Hall – and keep an eye out for a new one coming to Kingston Mines! They're regularly stocked with books for all ages to take home, enjoy, and share!



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HOLIDAY SELFIE STATION

NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 31
@ ALPHA PARK

Village of Bartonville
The Location for Everyone

ALPHA PARK
PUBLIC LIBRARY

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays • 10 a.m.

Dec. 19, Jan. 16, & Feb. 20

Caregivers are invited to attend this Alzheimer's Association® facilitated group. Develop a support system, discuss challenges and solutions, talk through issues and ways of coping, and learn about community resources. *Please call 800.272.3900 to register!* **DROP IN**

VOLUNTEER MEET & PREP

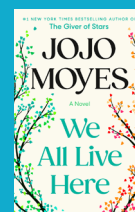
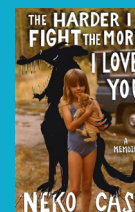
Wednesdays • 2 p.m. • Ages 13+

Dec. 18, Jan. 15, & Feb. 19

Join us once a month to learn more about volunteer opportunities in the library and your community. Participants will help with a project that day! A majority of projects will be prepped while seated at a table. **DROP IN**

ANTICIPATION STATION

We can't wait for these upcoming releases!



All APL programs are free and held at the library, unless noted otherwise. Some programs require registration.

Register for programs at the library, at alphapark.librarycalendar.com, or by calling 309-697-3822. Registration opens 30 days prior to the program. Please notify staff or cancel your registration if you won't be able to attend.