



LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Mondays • 7 p.m.
 March 17, April 21, & May 19
 The Board of Trustees meets on the third Monday of each month. Visit alphapark.org for meeting agendas and minutes.

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LIBRARY UPDATES



Little Free Library in Kingston Mines

Alpha Park Public Library is excited to announce our newest Little Free Library (LFL) in front of the Kingston Mines Post Office located at 209 Washington St, Kingston Mines, IL 61539. Join us there for the ribbon cutting on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. The library's Outreach Department recently secured an Impact Library Program Grant from the Little Free Library nonprofit organization to make this LFL possible. These libraries are free book exchanges – “take a book, share a book” – designed to build community, inspire readers, and expand book access for everyone. APL's Little Free Libraries are regularly stocked with books and fun things for all ages to take home, enjoy, and share! Visit the new one in Kingston Mines and our other LFLs located at Alpha Park, Mapleton Recreation Center, and the Steelworker's Union, or visit littlefreelibrary.org/map to discover free books wherever you go!

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 Bartonville, IL 61607
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LIBRARY HOURS

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

EXCEPTIONS

March 21 – CLOSED @ 12PM
 April 19 – CLOSED
 May 26 – CLOSED



YOUTH

STORY TIMES

BABY TADPOLES STORY TIME

Tuesdays • 9:30 a.m. • Ages 0-1
March 4, 11, 18, & 25;
April 1, 8, 22, & 29; May 6 & 13
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 • 10:30 a.m. • Ages 2-3
March 4, 11, 18, & 25;
April 1, 8, 22, & 29; May 6 & 13
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
March 7, 14, 21, & 28;
April 4, 11, & 25; May 2, 9, & 16
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
March 1, April 5, & May 3
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**



CRAFTY CRITTERS ART CLASS

Mondays • March 3 & April 7
4 p.m. • Ages 0-2
5 p.m. • Ages 3-6
Learn some fun art skills for littles from Ms. All! Dress for a mess and make some art to take home! **REGISTER**

LEGO CLUB

Thursdays • 4-5:30 p.m. • Ages 5-12
March 6 & 20; April 3 & 17;
May 1 & 15
What can your imagination build? Lego Club returns with new challenges, new friends, and new creations! **DROP IN**

MACRAMÉ RAINBOW CRAFT

Thursday, March 13
4:30-6 p.m. • Ages 7-18
Create a fun rainbow to hang in your house out of macramé cord and yarn in your choice of colors. Adult supervision & assistance is recommended for kids under 10. **REGISTER**

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March 17 & April 21
Learn some fun art skills for older kids from Ms. All! Dress for a mess and make some art to take home! **REGISTER**

SENSORY PLAY

Saturday, April 12
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 is required for kids under 10. **REGISTER**

UPCYCLED EARTH DAY CRAFTS

Thursday, April 24 • 4-6 p.m.
Ages 0-18
To celebrate the planet we call home, join us and create one or more of our Earth Day inspired crafts using recycled materials. Adult supervision is required for kids under 10. **DROP IN**

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, May 16 • 4-6 p.m. • All Ages
Join us for a showing of Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase (PG), where Scooby and the gang are trapped in a computer game and must defeat the villainous virus to escape. Refreshments will be provided. **DROP IN**

ASK ABOUT OUR READING CHALLENGES: 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN & 500 BOOKS BEFORE MIDDLE SCHOOL!



TEENS

YOUTH BOOK CLUB

Mondays • March 10 & April 14
1 p.m. • Ages 8-18
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

March 10 – *A Kind of Spark*
by Elle McNicoll

April 14 – *Invisible* by Christina
Diaz Gonzalez



BOOK TASTING

Monday, May 12
1 p.m. • Ages 8-18
4 p.m. • Ages 8-13

Visit our StarBooks Café to help us decide which books to read next fall for book club! Sip hot cocoa or boba tea while you sample new books! **REGISTER**

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Fridays • 6-8:15 p.m. • Ages 13-18
Come hang out with the Teen Advisory Board after the library closes and watch a movie with themed snacks! **DROP IN**

March 28 – Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG)

April 18 – Mamma Mia! (PG13)

May 23 – Scooby-Doo (PG)

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TEEN CLUBS

ANIME CLUB

Wednesdays • 4-5:30 p.m.
Ages 11-18
March 5 & 19; April 2 & 16;
May 7 & 21

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

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

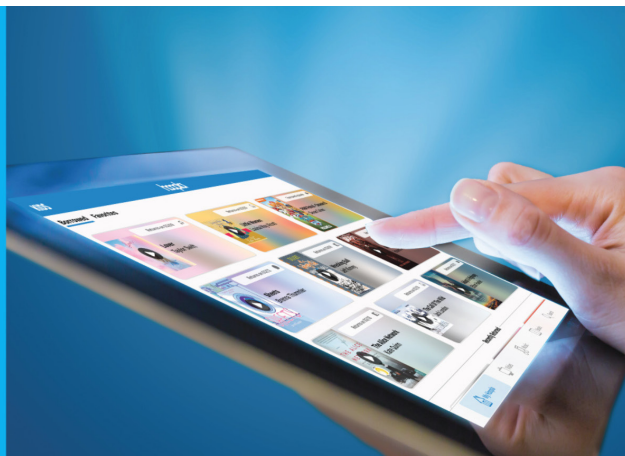
Wednesdays • 6-7:30 p.m.
Ages 13-18
March 12 & 26; April 9 & 23;
May 14

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! **DROP IN**

**ASK ABOUT OUR NEW
READING CHALLENGE:
100 BOOKS BEFORE
GRADUATION!**

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Tap into Discovery.
Read, Listen, and Watch
with Your Library Card.



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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**

March 13 – *Murder in the Mystery Suite* by Ellery Adams

April 10 – *Death Bee Comes Her* by Nancy Coco

May 8 – *Hooked on Murder* by Betty Hechtman



THE GRIMM READERS

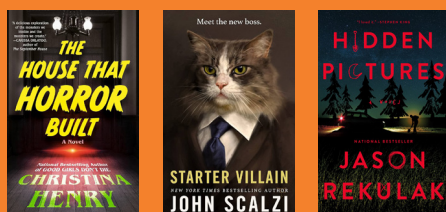
Tuesdays • 6 p.m. • Ages 18+

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

March 25 – *The House that Horror Built* by Christina Henry

April 22 – *Starter Villain* by John Scalzi

May 20 – *Hidden Pictures* by Jason Rekulak



CHAIR YOGA

Mondays • 9:30 a.m.

Join Gayle Carrillo for chair yoga – 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 3/10, 3/17, and 5/26.* **DROP IN**

APL PLANT SWAP

Mondays • March 3 & May 5
6:30 p.m.

Get plenty with us at the library’s plant swap – now happening every other month! Bring cuttings, rooted props, full plants, or pots to trade – and enter the drawing to win the door prize plant! **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 on Wednesday mornings. Yoga mats are provided, but limited space is available. *There will be no class 4/30.* **DROP IN**

CROSS STITCH CORNER

Wednesdays • 6:30 p.m.

March 5, April 2, & May 7
Come stitch at the library! Work on a provided kit or bring your own project from home. This spring, we’ll provide a variety of seasonally-themed kits for all skill levels. **REGISTER**

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. **DROP IN**

WATERCOLOR CLUB

Fridays • 3-4:30 p.m.

March 7, April 4, & May 2
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+
March 10, April 14, & May 12

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**

CRAFT NIGHT: STAINED GLASS BOOKMARKS

Wednesdays • March 12 & 26 • 6 p.m.

This month, we’ll be making beautiful bookmarks painted with a stained glass effect. Each session will make the same project. **REGISTER**

GARDEN BRICK BOOKS

Friday, March 14 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Add a touch of whimsy to your garden this spring by adding bricks painted to look like your favorite books! Dress for a mess, bring an image of your book cover(s), and get creative! **REGISTER**



ADULTS

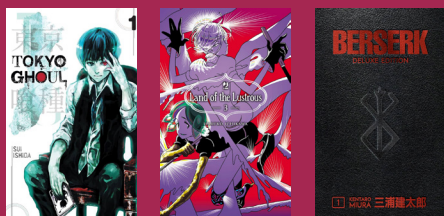
MANGA CLUB

Saturdays • 2 p.m. • Ages 18+
Our new Manga Club is for the adults out there who love anime! Check out the monthly selection at the Circ Desk (or stream on Hoopla), then join us to discuss your opinions, watch some anime clips, and enter the raffle to win the door prize! **REGISTER**

March 8 – *Tokyo Ghoul Vol. 1-3*
by Sui Ishida

April 12 – *Land of the Lustrous Vol. 1-3*
by Haruko Ichikawa

May 10 – *Berserk Vol. 1-3*
by Kentaro Miura



PLANNING FOR LONG-TERM CARE

Tuesday, March 18 • 6 p.m.
Join us for a discussion with a financial advisor from Morgan Stanley on planning for long-term care – one of the most important topics that's often avoided or overlooked. This seminar will explore how people can prepare for long-term care costs and why planning matters. **REGISTER**

MACRAMÉ RAINBOWS

Monday, April 7 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Come make an adorable macrame rainbow with us – the perfect craft to brighten up your home during a rainy spring! **REGISTER**

CRAFT NIGHT: YARN PAINTING

Wednesdays • April 9 & 23 • 6 p.m.
This month, learn how to use yarn to “paint” a picture of an ocean sunset. Each session will make the same project. **REGISTER**

VISION SCREENINGS

Thursday, April 24 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Your vision and eye health are so important! Have your vision checked out with a free screening provided by Illinois Eye Center. All ages are welcome – no appointment needed! **DROP IN**

WATERCOLOR CHICKENS

Monday, April 28 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Join us for a fun evening with Tom Stagg and learn how to paint cute watercolor chickens! Frame them for your kitchen or give them to a friend – cluck cluck! **REGISTER**

CRAFT NIGHT: PAINTED TOTE BAGS

Wednesday, May 14 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 23 • 2-3:30 p.m.
Join us this month to decorate a canvas tote bag using stencils and fabric paints. Each session will make the same project. **REGISTER**

PERSONALIZED BOOKMARKS

Thursday, May 15 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Join us to make personalized jumbo paperclip bookmarks using our button machines and magazines – or bring your own art to use (punch diameter of 1.63in is used to make 1.25in bookmark art). **REGISTER**



FRIENDS OF APL MEETINGS

Tuesday • 10 a.m.
March 4, April 1, & May 6
Are you interested in giving back to your community? Join the Friends of APL to support the library through volunteering, fundraising, and advocating at events throughout the year. The Friends meet the first Tuesday every month, and new members are always welcome. **DROP IN**

FRIENDS OF APL BOOK SALE

The Friends of APL maintain the ongoing book sale located at the back of the library. Gently used books, movies, and more for all ages are available, with all proceeds benefiting the library. Donations are greatly appreciated.

ADULT TAKE & MAKES

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

March 21
Macramé Mushroom Keychains

April 18
Paper Hyacinths

May 16
Macramé Coasters

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OUTREACH

GLASFORD POP-UP LIBRARY

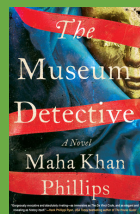
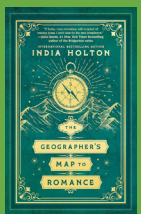
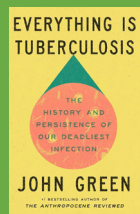
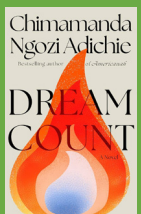
Tuesdays • 3-5 p.m. • All Ages
Join APL every Tuesday at the Glasford Village Hall for our Pop-Up Library! Drop by to check out books, get crafty, play games, get homework help, socialize, and more! Activities are available weekly that all ages will enjoy.
DROP IN

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.

ANTICIPATION STATION

We can't wait for these upcoming releases!



SAFETY OF SENIORS

@ LIMESTONE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

April 5 • 9-11:30am

NEW FORMAT THIS YEAR!

9am - Speakers

10am - Local Vendors

- Safety tips
- Mobile DMV
- Refreshments
- Prizes!



THE EMPOWERED CAREGIVER SERIES

Thursdays • 10 a.m. • March 6, 13, 20, & 27
The Alzheimer's Association will host a 4-part educational series for caregivers of someone living with dementia. Each session will focus on a specific topic: Foundations of Caregiving, Supporting Independence, Communicating & Responding to Behaviors, and Care & Support Services. **REGISTER**

VOLUNTEER MEET & PREP

Wednesdays • 2 p.m. • Ages 13+
March 19, April 16, & May 21
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

SENIOR COFFEE

Wednesdays • 8 a.m.
April 2 & May 7
Mark your calendars for the return of Senior Coffee on the first Wednesday each month! Social hour begins at 8 a.m. with guest speakers starting at 8:30 a.m. Catch up with friends, enjoy donuts and coffee, and learn something new! **DROP IN**

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays • 10 a.m.
April 17 & May 15
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!* **REGISTER**

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.