

## Middle School Programs

### **Take a Chance Thursdays** Grades 5-8

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Movies, candy sushi, Pop Tart taste testing...You never know what you'll be doing! So Take a Chance and join Miss Wendy for something new and different Thursday evenings this summer. Limit 12.

### **Library Camp Counselors (TAG-Teen Advisory Group)**

Going into Grades 6-8 (recent 8th grade graduates welcome)

Thursdays May 5, June 2, and July 7 at 6 pm

Looking to do something fun this summer? Do you want to show off your leadership skills? Then sign up to be a Library Camp Counselor! Help us this summer by giving out weekly prizes, helping in programs, or taking care of the children's garden. Pick up an application in the Youth Services Department and return it as soon as possible. You **MUST** attend the mandatory orientation meeting June 2 at 6 pm. Must be residents of Alsip, Merrionette Park, and Garden homes with a valid library card or school ID.



## Take Home Activities

### **Preschool Grab & Go Craft**

Best for ages 2-6 years old

Every Friday

Come to the Youth Services Desk every Friday to pick up a craft for your little one to make at home. While supplies last.

### **Busy Bags**

Best for Ages 5 and Under

First day of each month

Give your child a fun time with our busy bags! These fun bags contain an easy and quiet activity for your child. They are the perfect size to fit in a diaper bag or backpack. Limit 1 bag per month, while supplies last.

### **Summer Sunshine: Take Home Activity Packet**

First day of each month

Starting the first of each month, stop by the Youth Services Information Desk for a Summer Sunshine: Take Home Activity Packet. Filled with pages of coloring, activities, and lots of summer fun.



# Summer Reading 2022



**By registering for our programs, you are giving consent for your child's photos to be used on our website, social media sites, and/or within the library.**

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# 2022 Summer Reading Prize Program

Our 2022 theme is "Read beyond the Beaten Path" celebrating the role libraries have in connecting people inside and outside of the library.

## What is this program?

The Summer Reading Prize Program is an opportunity to enrich your child's literacy skills and develop a strong connection to lifelong learning. For 6 weeks, children read independently, while checking in each week at the library to receive coupons, small toy prizes and to compete in our wonderful raffles.



## Who can join?

Children, birth-8th grade, with their own valid Alsip Merrionette Park Public Library card, may register to earn weekly prizes, coupons and raffle baskets. Registration for the prize program begins, Saturday, June 4 and is ongoing to July 31. It is never too late to sign up for our prize program. Best of all, this program is FREE!

How does this program work? Do I have to check in at a certain time or a certain day?

It's easy! Coupons, prizes and raffles are awarded weekly, beginning the week of June 20 and ending July 31. To receive coupons, prizes and raffles registration for the prize program is required. You can check in any time or any day that we are open. Just come downstairs to the lower level at the Youth Services desk.

## What about the raffles?

**Weekly Raffles:** When your child checks in at the Youth Services desk, they will receive a raffle ticket for a weekly raffle basket filled with books, games, activities and special prizes. Each basket is different. If your child draws a picture of the book they read or colors in their reading log or writes about their book in their reading review log, they receive an extra raffle ticket.

**Grand Prize Raffles:** At the end of the 6 weeks, one name is drawn from all of the raffle tickets, and a 1 year family museum membership is awarded. This year, to accompany the outdoor theme, an overnight camping cabin in our local forest preserves will also be awarded. Coming back weekly to check in and bringing your reading log or book review gives you more raffle tickets and a better chance of winning the raffles!

## Children's Summer Classes

During the summer, our classes are 6 weeks long.

Children must have their own valid Alsip Merrionette Park Public Library card to attend. We recognize that families are busy and have adjusted our registration process to reflect this.

Beginning this summer, all children's classes are first come, first serve, unless otherwise stated. No prior registration required. The check-in for classes is as follows:

Children with their own AMP library cards should arrive 15 minutes before each class, each week, to secure a name tag from the Youth Services desk and entrance into our classes.

## Family Shows

Best for ages 5 and up. These are ticketed events with limited seating. Tickets are required and available at the Youth Services desk 30 minutes before the show. An AMPL card or proof of library district residency is required.

**Smarty Pants - Big Balloon Show** Wednesday, June 29 at 7 pm  
Smarty Pants presents the Big Balloon Show, a hilarious show featuring his award-winning giant balloon props. This engaging, unique show has entertained family audiences since 2006.

**Kevin Kelly - Magic Show** Wednesday, July 13 at 7 pm  
Kevin Kelly has delighted audiences for over 20 years with his fabulous magic show. Filled with unique and awe-inspiring tricks, you can see a rabbit pop out of a hat and a child float in mid-air, along with slap-stick comedy for both children and adults.

**Crosstown Exotics** Wednesday, July 27 at 7 pm  
Crosstown Exotics is a reptile and bug show that provides hands-on education entertainment. With African giant bullfrogs, hissing cockroaches, a 16 ft. Burmese python, and giant tortoises. Everyone gets to interact with the animals for an experience unlike anything you've ever known.

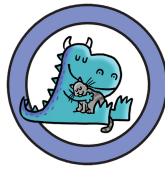
## Specials

**Family Tie-Dye Party** Thursday, July 7 from 6-8 pm  
Join us in this drop-in family program hosted by our summer youth volunteers. Brilliant cold-water dyes will be available for you to create the t-shirt of your dreams. Each participant must provide their own 100% cotton t-shirt. Gloves, bands, bags, and dye provided.

**Moon Viewing Party with the Solar Ambassadors** Best for ages 5 and up  
Thursday, July 7 from 6:30-8:30 pm  
Meet Mark Benson, volunteer from the Solar Ambassadors, and try out his telescopes, as well as our own library Orion Starblast telescope. No registration required. Drop in anytime between 6:30-8:30 pm in our garden area to check out the night sky.

**Rainbow Fishing Derby** Ages 2-6 plus caregiver  
Sunday, July 17 from 1:30-3 pm  
Join Ms. Ann for a fun rainbow fishing derby! Register in advance to reserve a 20 minute time slot for your child to use our magnetic fishing set and sort the fish by color. Each family will take home a free book. This program will be held outside in front of the library. This event will be held indoors in the event of rain or extreme heat. Limit 5 families.

## Saturday Programs



### Sensory Day of Play

Birth-14 years old with caregiver (though best for 9 years and under)

Saturday, June 11 from 11 am-2 pm

Join us for our first Sensory Day of Play. Children will experience play through multisensory activities. Children of all ages will enjoy this interactive play day!

When registering, please choose the best time slot for your family:

11 am-12 pm

12-1 pm

1-2 pm

Please note: 11 am-12 pm is reserved for families who have children with sensory processing sensitivities.

Each family will receive a goody bag, so you can continue the fun at home.

### Bingo

Grades K-5

Saturdays, July 9 & 23 at 11 am

Are you feeling lucky? Think you can beat everyone else to the prize? Want to have some fun? Try your luck to win best-selling books and other fun prizes!

Limit 12.



### Read to the Dogs!

Ages 5 and up

Saturdays, July 16 & 30 from 11 am-12 pm

Love on a Leash, a certified and trained reading dog group, is back! This friendly and fun team of dogs' welcome children to practice their reading skills. Select one, 20 minute time slot when you register. You may bring your favorite book to share or choose one from our pre-selected titles.

Space is limited in many of the classes so please arrive early.

Our classes are generally 30 minutes in length and process oriented. They begin promptly at the designated time. For the best experience for your child, late-comers will not be admitted once the class has begun.

### Age Limits and Why

In order to provide your child with the best possible experience, all of our programs are designed according to specific age/grade level groups. Our instructors are sensitive to the needs of the individual age levels. Children must be the age listed in the brochure for each program by the June 4th registration. The grade level is the grade the child will be going into, in September, 2022. We reserve the right to ask for proof of age/grade. Programs begin the week of June 20 and end July 31. The library is closed July 3 and 4 for Independence Day. You may register for just the prize program, OR, you may participate in both prizes and classes.

### How do I get a library card?

All AMPL district children from birth+ are eligible for a free library card. Please contact the Patron Services desk for more information at 708-371-5666 ext. 100.

For more information about children's classes or the reading prize program, please contact the Youth Services Department at 708-371-5666 ext. 140.

Adults may also participate in their own reading prize program. Contact Adults Services at 708-371-5666 ext. 139 for more information. Check out our website, [www.alsiplibrary.info](http://www.alsiplibrary.info) or like and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!



### Origami Scavenger Hunt

Every month our Youth Department will have a different theme for our Origami Scavenger Hunt. Have fun searching for the origami within our shelves. When you find the origami bring it to the Youth Department Reference Desk so you can receive your own origami take home kit! While supplies last.

### Monthly Riddle

Are you good at riddles? Come in to the Youth Services Department or check our Facebook page see what our monthly riddle is. Let us know in person what the answer is, and win a prize. While supplies last.

## Morning Programs

**Tales for Teddy Bears** Ages 2-5, not yet in Kindergarten with caregiver  
Mondays at 10 am (No program July 4)

Join Miss Cindy with your favorite teddy bear, or other stuffed friend, as we read stories, play games, and make a craft. Limit 12.

**Wiggles and Giggles** Ages 2-5, not yet in Kindergarten with caregiver  
Tuesdays at 10 am (No programs June 28 & July 5)

Does your little one have the wiggles? Then this program is for you! Each week we will wiggle and giggle and get silly! Lots of movement and lots of fun! Limit 12.

**Petite Picassos** Ages 2-5 years with caregiver  
Wednesdays at 10 am

Join Miss Wendy as we explore and create new art each week! Little ones will have the opportunity to use a variety of fun art materials in this process-oriented art program. Although smocks are provided, dress to get messy! Limit 12.

**Fairy Tale STEAM** Ages 2-5 years with caregiver  
Thursdays at 10 am

Join Ms. Ann each week for a fun activity to learn around science and art with your favorite fairy tale characters. Limit 12.

**Preschool Music & Movement** Best for under 5 with caregiver  
Fridays at 10 am (No program July 29)

Songs, stories and musical adventures with Miss Debbie and her guitar! Limit 12.

## Afternoon Programs

**Speedy Science** Ages 5-11

Mondays OR Fridays at 3 pm (No programs Monday, July 4 or Friday, July 15)

Join Miss Ann each week for a fun science activity! Each week we will do a different experiment to learn cool things about science! Limit 12 each day.

**Kid's Kindness Club** Grades 3-5

Tuesdays at 3 pm

Being KIND is the BEST thing you can be! Join Miss Wendy and become the "I" in KIND as we compete projects that will spread joy and happiness throughout our library community. Limit 12.

**Kids Create** Grades K-3

Wednesdays at 3 pm (No program July 5)

Do you like being creative? Do you want to express yourself through art and other creative outlets? Join Miss Liz as we create different, fun activities each week! Limit 12.

**Canvas Kids** Ages 5-7

Thursdays at 3 pm

Join Miss Cindy as she shows you how to paint on a pre-traced canvas board. Please note: This program runs between 30-45 minutes and we use non-washable paint so dress to get messy. Limit 12.

## Evening Programs

**Family Fun with STEAM** Ages 5 and up with caregiver

Mondays at 6:30 pm (No program July 4)

Join Ms. Ann each week and do a fun STEAM activity for the whole family! From making pictures with our green screen to making your own cloud dough, each week will be filled with STEAM fun. Limit 12.

**Adventures in Art** Ages 8 and up

Tuesdays at 7 pm

Join Miss Cindy for this process oriented paint class geared toward older kids. We use non-washable acrylic paint so dress accordingly. Limit 12.

**Family Evening Storytime** Best for ages 2-7 years, but all ages welcome

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (No program July 6)

Join Miss Liz for a fun filled evening of stories, songs, and crafts! Limit 12.

## Unboxing Club

**Just for You** Ages birth-8th grade

Receive a special bag from Miss Ann filled with a book and treats! Answer a few questions, and we will pick out a book and some treats meant just for you! The book must be returned to the library, but the treats are yours to keep! You may register online or in person. Limit 1 bag per program session.



**Camp Capers**

All ages

Monday-Thursday Drop-in between 3:30-4:30pm

Looking for something to do on a hot, summer day? Drop in and join our youth volunteers at the Camp Capers Table.

Each week, supplies for a new and fun craft will be available.

No registration required.