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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday	9-9
Friday	9-6
Saturday	9-5
Sunday	Closed

Board Meetings

Monday, September 18, 7:00 pm

Monday, October 16, 7:00 pm

Public is welcome!

Library closings

Monday, September 4

SUPPORT US!

Creative Strategies for Tax-Wise Giving to the Library

- Outright gifts of cash
- Living Trust
- Bequest in your will
- Life insurance gift
- Retirement plan gift
- Real estate gift
- Charitable remainder annuity trust
- Charitable remainder unitrust
- Charitable gift annuity
- Charitable lead trust

Note: Consult your attorney or financial advisor before selecting your chosen way of supporting Alpha Park Library.

Pick up a flyer on the table in the main entry-way today, to learn more about the benefits of giving.

From the Director

THREE THINGS NOT TO TALK ABOUT, EVER

When I was a kid, I was never to talk about religion, politics, or a woman's age. Not polite. How quaint. In the age of "reality" TV shows, nothing is off-limits. (And "quaint" doesn't always seem so bad.)

But let me politely mention money and libraries, moving beyond dollar bills and taxes.

Think of funding in human terms. At the end of the Family Summer Reading Club, 310 people attended The Big Party at the Riverfront Museum, courtesy of the library. On a summer Saturday, 100 folks popped in to hear popular entertainer "Julie K." Chris McBrien entertained 170 patrons with his ventriloquism and crazy comedy on June 8. Those fun-filled hours were made possible by careful spending of library money...money seen as offerings for people and services, not only as bills to be paid.

About 1,200 adults and kids signed on for Summer Reading. Had we not owned over 99,000 items (books, magazines, e-books, books on CD) to offer participants, we could not have called ourselves a library, and our program would not have been a reading one. Everything we offer the public to check out does not rain down from the sky. We pay for what we give back to you, whether the money comes from tax dollars, gifts and memorials, or the Friends of the Library's fundraisers.

Last year, 95% of our income arrived via revenue from individual property tax and corporate taxes. That's one reason I often finish articles with, "Thank you for supporting *your* public library!" Because, one way or another, you do support us, along with thousands of people who walk through our doors or access our services via the computer or offsite at, say, the Mapleton Rec Center.

What folks may not know is that our revenue drops in December, after a modest payment from the county—but our so-called fiscal year doesn't end until June 30. We don't receive a big check from anyone's tax office for about five months. We have to be very careful about how many books, DVDs, books on CD, etc., we buy for a long, long time. Meanwhile, we know that our public wants the newest and latest of everything. And who wouldn't?

I'm not a financial advisor, but—if you didn't realize it, the library is eligible to receive gifts which are tax-deductible. To help us through those leaner months, people may give us cash; name us as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy; include us in a living trust or various other kinds of trusts and bequests—and more. For further information, pick up a flyer at the library, or talk to an attorney or financial advisor. Look for more of this kind of information in the coming months. And now I have run out of room, except to say: Thanks for supporting *your* public library.

John Richmond, Director

Youth Services

Fall Storytimes are held in six-week sessions throughout the year. Sessions may include books, fingerplays, crafts, songs and games. Children should be the appropriate ages at the first class of each session.

Book Babies: Parents/caregivers with babies ages 12-24 months are invited to the library for activities.

Songs, creative time, and group play

Wednesdays, 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

September 13, 20, 27

October 4, 11, 18

Toddler time: Storytime for 2-year-olds with an adult.

Tuesdays, 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

September 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17

Bookworms: Storytime for ages 3 to 6.

Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

September 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17

Wednesdays, 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.

September 13, 20, 27

October 4, 11, 18

Thursday Tales: Storytime for 2- and 3-year-olds with an adult.

Thursdays, 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

September 14, 21, 28

October 5, 12, 19

Stories on the Steps: Evening storytime for ages 3 to 8.

Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

September 14, 21, 28

October 5, 12, 19

Just for Teens

Teen Board

Thursday, September 7, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 5, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Teen Board members must be in 7th through 12th grades and have a library card. Show up or call Youth Services at 697-3822, ext. 14, for more information.

Manga Club

Thursday, September 14, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 5, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy manga and anime? Join this new and exciting program for teens 12 and up. We will share snacks, talk about the manga we have read, and finish it all off with an episode of anime. Each month we will have a different theme.

Comic Art Club

Monday, September 11, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Monday, October 9, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Do you like to draw? Do you like manga or graphic novels? Come join us! Kids 10 and up are invited to enjoy snacks, draw, and socialize. All materials and supplies provided.

Anime Movie Fest

Saturday, October 21, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Want to watch some anime that will scare your pants off? Come to the library for our first Anime Movie Fest. We will watch a horror anime and eat treats. This program is free and open to all students 12 and up.

Special Events

Construction Club

Tuesday, September 26, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 24, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Attention architects! Builders can now join us MONTHLY for a building challenge and some free design time. Materials will be provided. No registration required. Come by and join the fun!

Make-It/Take-it

Saturday, September 16, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Children ages 4 through grade 4, along with their parent or caregiver, are invited to make a craft in the Youth Services Department anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. In September, we will decorate sun visors. In October, we will make a Halloween creation.

Bat House Workshop

Thursday, September 28, 6:00 p.m.

Join us to learn how to build a simple bat house. Parents should plan to work with children to complete the project. Materials contribution for each house is \$4 and due at registration. This workshop is limited to 20 houses. Registration is required; call the Youth Services Desk, 697-3822, ext. 14.

Kids' Halloween Party

Tuesday, October 31, 10:00 a.m.

Children six and under and their caregivers are invited to join their friends at the library for a special Halloween-themed storyhour. We will provide stories, snacks, and a craft. Kids, wear your costume for the costume parade!

Adult Programs & Special Events

Technology Classes

Book a Librarian!

Call the Information Desk at 697-3822, ext. 13, to set up a time to get help with your device or learn how to download free eBooks or audiobooks from the library. It's free and we're way more patient than your kids!

Introduction to Computer Basics

Thursday, September 14, 10:00 a.m.

In one hour, you will learn some of the basic skills you will need to operate a computer. Ideal for those who need to learn the very basics, the class will cover how to use a mouse and keyboard, how to navigate a computer, and how to open and use programs. Registration is required. Call the Information Desk for more details, 697-3822, ext. 13.

Introduction to Facebook

Monday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.

In this introductory class, we will discuss the steps needed to create and use a Facebook profile, send messages, and add photos and content to your profile. We will also talk about steps you can take to protect your privacy while using Facebook. Registration is required. Call the Information Desk for more details, 697-3822, ext. 13.

Introduction to Google Drive

Monday, October 16, 7:00 p.m.

In a single hour, you will learn some of the different tasks you can complete using Google Drive including cloud storage, word processing, and sharing documents. After this class you will be able to take your work on the road and confidently access your documents from anywhere. Registration is required. Call the Information Desk for more details, 697-3822, ext. 13.

Intermediate Powerpoint: Special Effects

Monday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.

Come to the Alpha Park Public Library to learn even more about Microsoft Powerpoint. In this class we will discussed more advanced topics including adding transitions to slides, adding logos and pictures, and animate unique elements on your Powerpoint. Registration is required. For more details call the Information Desk, 697-3822, ext. 13.

Basic iPad Class

Thursday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.

This class is designed to help you get to know your iPad better. The class will explore the basics including how to change your settings, learn how to interact with the device, and discover the world of apps. Bring your iPad and let us know what tricks you've found! FREE class. Registration required. Contact the Information Desk at 309-697-3822, ext. 13, to register.

45th Anniversary Open House

Thursday, October 19

Join us Thursday, October 19 for a 45th Anniversary Celebration! We'll have treats, APL history memorabilia, and a chance to win prizes all day.

45 Books for 45 Years

Your Alpha Park Library is turning 45 years old this year! To celebrate, the library is hosting a challenge. If you read 45 books, one for each year, you win a prize. Stop by the Information Desk to grab your official tracking sheet.

APL Yarners and Needlers

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Come and smile awhile! The Yarners and Needlers meet every Tuesday to work on projects of all kinds including knitting, crocheting, embroidery, tatting, quilting, mending, and much more. This program is free and open to the public. Want more information? Give Marla a call at 697-3822, ext. 24.

Disc "Frisbee" Golf Available for Check Out

Get outside this summer and play a round of Frisbee Golf! Tuscarora Park has a new course, there's a small course at Limestone High School, and there are many more around the area. Try before you buy -- The library has two sets of discs available for check out for 3 weeks.



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Ask a librarian for more information.



Book Discussion

2nd Thursday of Every Month, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

September 14: *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson

October 12: *The Lake House* by Kate Morton

Copies of the books are available for check out one month before the discussion. Please let us know if you prefer a sound recording or large print edition of the book and we'll try our best to get it.

Special Events

Cookbook Club

1st Monday of Every Month, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Come join the Cookbook Club and share delicious recipes made by other library members. Bring a copy of your favorite recipe, and a sample if you wish, to the Cookbook Club and share it with the group. All adults are welcome to attend. Register for this program by calling the library at 697-3822, ext. 13.

September: No Meeting

October 2: Soups and Sandwiches

APL Presents Local Author Kris Bedi Monday, September 18, 7:00 p.m.

Alpha Park Library is excited to welcome local author Kris Bedi as he prepares for the release of his new memoir. Kris Bedi has contributed to published works before, including the book *Magic of Memoir* which was published last year. Kris will discuss his writing method, the journey to getting his memoir published, and will read excerpts from his work. Call the Information Desk for more details, 697-3822, ext. 13.

Peoria State Hospital Cemetery Walk Saturday, September 16, 9:30 a.m.

Gary Lisman, author of *Bittersweet Memories: A History of the Peoria State Hospital*, will begin at the library with a brief overview of the state hospital cemeteries and then patrons will follow Gary in their own vehicles to the state hospital grounds for a guided tour. Good footwear is essential, as some cemeteries are located on slopes and can be slippery. This event is FREE and open to the public, but is limited to 35 people. To register, contact the Information Desk at 697-3822, ext. 13.



Teen DIY: Horror Makeup

Thursday, October 26, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Prepare for Halloween by learning some tips and techniques for creating realistic horror-style makeup. We will have some hands on training to try out your weirdest designs. This program is free and open to students ages 12 to 18. Call Sara for more information, 697-3822, ext. 14.

Family Escape Room

Saturday, September 30, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Think you have what it takes to bust out of the library? By popular demand, the family escape room is back. Gather the family to solve riddles, discover hidden clues, and defeat our escape room. Please register at 697-3822, ext. 14, or sara@alphapark.org so we can assign your group a time. There are 30-minute slots available.

Medicare Seminars

**Wednesday, September 13, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. OR
Thursday, September 21, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Have questions about Medicare? Alpha Park Library will have two seminars on Medicare benefit access. The first, on September 13, will be presented by Karen Johnson from Humana. The second, on September 21, will be presented by a member from the Central Illinois Agency on Aging. Both seminars are free. Call the Information Desk to register, 697-3822, ext. 13.

Unity Point Wellmobile

Friday, October 6, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The Unity Point Wellmobile will be at Alpha Park Library to offer individuals free, standard screenings including blood pressure, blood glucose and cholesterol, and spirometry testing. These screenings are completely free and are on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more details call the Information Desk, 697-3822, ext. 13.

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN—THE FRIENDS!

The Friends of the Library continue to raise funds and spend them on us. Examples: Prizes for Summer Reading; new fatigue mats for those who stand at the checkout desk; and new office chairs for checkout desk staff. Up next, we hope: New chairs for the Youth Services Department, and lightweight tables for meeting rooms. The Friends truly take a load off the library's sometimes squeezed budget!

And please remember that the Friends are selling pavers, aka bricks, for a patio near the bird feeder and butterfly garden. Sample pavers are on display in front of the checkout desk. Cost per brick: \$25. Purchase a brick to be engraved with the names of loved ones, whether living or dead; honor a friend or family member with an engraved paver.

The next Friends meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, in the meeting room next to the Information (Reference) Desk. Questions: Call Amber Hopwood, Friends president, @ 697-3097.