



# AUTUMN 2024

September • October • November

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## PROGRAM GUIDE



### LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Mondays • 7 p.m.  
Sept. 16, Oct. 21, & Nov. 18  
Visit [alphapark.org](http://alphapark.org) for meeting agendas and minutes.

### FRIENDS OF APL MEETINGS

Thursdays • 10:30 a.m.  
Sept. 12, Oct. 10, & Nov. 14  
Support the library through volunteering, fundraising, and advocating at events throughout the year. The Friends meet the second Thursday of every month, and new members are always welcome. Membership dues start at \$5. **DROP IN**



## LIBRARY UPDATES



### PUZZLE COMPETITION FUNDRAISER

SEPTEMBER 26 • 6-8PM

Compete on teams of 4 to win prizes and raise money to support the library!  
Entry is \$40/team.

### Friends of APL Fundraisers

The Friends of APL have organized two exciting opportunities to support the library this fall! If you love puzzles, sign up for our first ever **Puzzle Competition on Thursday, September 26!** Compete in teams of four adults to put a puzzle together faster than the other teams for the chance to win prizes! Entry will be \$40 per team, and registration will begin August 26. Then, join the Friends and Tom Stagg for our second annual **Paint & Donate Workshop on Thursday, October 24!** Paint your favorite book cover on a wooden ornament that will be displayed on the Friends' holiday tree in Alpha Park through the holiday season. Registration for the workshop will be \$10 per person (Ages 16+) and begins September 24. Light refreshments will be served and lots of fun will be had at both events – and all proceeds will benefit your favorite local library!

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### LIBRARY HOURS

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

### EXCEPTIONS

September 2 – CLOSED  
November 27 – CLOSED 5 p.m.  
November 28 – CLOSED

# YOUTH

## STORY TIMES

### WADDLERS & TODDLERS

Tuesdays • 9:30 a.m. • Ages 0-2  
September 3 - October 15  
November 5-26

Drop in for our baby and toddler story time, featuring sing-alongs, fingerplays, stories, and early literacy tips – and stick around to play and socialize with other families! **DROP IN**

### PRE-K READ & PLAY

Fridays • 10:30 a.m. • Ages 3-6  
September 6 - October 18  
November 1-29

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**

### FAMILY STORY TIME

Saturdays • 10:30 a.m. • All Ages  
Sept. 7, Oct. 5, & Nov. 2

The whole family is welcome to join us for a fun-filled experience with stories, songs, crafts, and activities! **DROP IN**



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### FAIRY TALE TEA PARTY

Thursday, Sept. 5 • 4 p.m. • Ages 7-12  
Join us for an ethereal Fairy Tale Tea Party! Whether you prefer dragons or princesses, all are welcome! Snacks and drinks will be provided. **REGISTER**

### AL'S ART CLASS

Mondays • 4:30 p.m. • Ages 0-6  
Sept. 9, Oct. 7, & Nov. 4  
Learn some fun art skills for littles from Ms. Al! Dress for a mess and make some art to take home! **REGISTER**

### YOUTH BOOK CLUB

Mondays • 4 p.m. • Ages 8-12  
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**

**September 16** – *The Fort*  
by Gordon Korman

**October 14** – *Séance Tea Party*  
by Reimena Yee

**November 11** – *The Bad Beginning*  
by Lemony Snicket



### SENSORY PLAY

Saturday, September 21  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Ages 0-5  
Dress for a mess and explore various messy play stations to engage the senses, including rice, beads, playdough, and more. Adult supervision is required. **REGISTER**

### AL'S ART CLASS

Mondays • 4:30 p.m. • Ages 7-12  
Sept. 23, Oct. 28, & Nov. 18  
Learn some fun art skills for older kids from Ms. Al! Dress for a mess and make some art to take home! **REGISTER**

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

Monday, Oct. 21 • 4-6 p.m. • All Ages  
Join us for an evening of spooky Halloween fun with games, crafts, a sweet treat, and Trick-or-Treating at the library! Costumes are encouraged, but please avoid face-covering masks/costumes. **REGISTER**

### DIY PUMPKIN PILLOW

Tuesday, Oct. 22 • 4:30 p.m. • Ages 7-12  
Learn how to make a squishy, no-sew pumpkin pillow! Customize yours with an autumn aesthetic or spooky jack-o-lantern vibe. Adult assistance required. **REGISTER**

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, Nov. 8 • 4-6 p.m. • All Ages  
Join us for another fun Family Movie Night and watch the beloved movie Up (PG) at the library! Refreshments will be provided. **REGISTER**

### NO-SEW T-SHIRT BAG

Tuesday, Nov. 12 • 4 p.m. • Ages 6-12  
Come make a no-sew t-shirt bag to store snacks, school supplies, and more. Please bring your own shirt, as the design on the shirt will be on the front of the bag. **REGISTER**

### LEGO CLUB

Thursdays • 4-5:30 p.m. • Ages 5-12  
Sept. 19, Oct. 17, & Nov. 21  
What can your imagination build? Lego Club returns with new challenges, new friends, and new creations! **DROP IN**



# TEENS

## HOMESCHOOLER BOOK CLUB

Mondays • 1 p.m. • Ages 8-18  
Sept. 16, Oct. 14, & Nov. 11  
This afternoon book club is for students who can't make it to our other sessions. 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**

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesdays • 6 p.m. • Ages 13-18  
Sept. 11, Oct. 9, & Nov. 13  
Hey teens! Join our Teen Advisory Board to tell us what you'd like to see in the library: programs, movie nights, volunteer opportunities, and more! We provide the pizza, you provide your opinions! Members should attend at least one other teen program each quarter. **DROP IN**

## TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, September 13 • 6-8 p.m.  
Ages 13-18  
Come hang out with the Teen Advisory Board and watch the 2006 animated classic Cars (G). Snacks will be provided. **REGISTER**

## ALCOHOL FLAME PAINTINGS

Wednesday, Sept. 25 • 6 p.m. • Ages 13-18  
Learn how to safely make alcohol flame paintings and make a masterpiece to take home! **REGISTER**

## TEEN LOCK-IN

Saturday, October 19 • 6-11 p.m.  
Ages 13-18  
Experience the library after hours at our teen-only Lock-In! We'll watch a movie, eat pizza, play hide-and-seek in the stacks, paint pumpkins, and more! Permission slip required. **REGISTER**

## DIY PUMPKIN PILLOW

Wednesday, October 23 • 6 p.m.  
Ages 13-18  
Learn how to make a squishy, no-sew pumpkin pillow! Customize yours with an autumn aesthetic or spooky jack-o-lantern vibe. **REGISTER**

## TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, November 15 • 6-9 p.m.  
Ages 13-18  
Come hang out with the Teen Advisory Board and watch the 2014 dystopian space thriller Interstellar (PG13). Snacks will be provided. **REGISTER**

# TEEN CLUBS

## ANIME CLUB

Wednesdays • 4-5:30 p.m. • Ages 11-14  
September 4 & 18, October 2 & 16, & November 6 & 20  
Love anime? Come watch anime, talk about manga, learn about Asian culture, and try a cool snack! **DROP IN**

## TEEN BOOK CLUB

Mondays • 6 p.m. • Ages 13-18  
Join our new teen book club (featuring TAB mascot Andrew) – read what you like, and tell us all about it! Instead of having a designated book each month, you pick what you want to read that fits within the monthly theme! **REGISTER**

September 30 – Dystopian Future

October 28 – 'Final Girl' Horror

November 25 – Indigenous/First Peoples

Reading suggestions from Ms. Kindred:



Use your APL card to access free and discounted tickets to museums, science centers, zoos, and other cultural venues!

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# ADULTS

## BOOK CLUBS

### APL BOOK & TEA SOCIETY

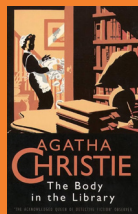
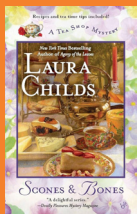
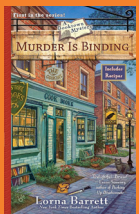
Thursdays • 3:30 p.m.

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**

**September 12** – *Murder is Binding* by Lorna Barrett

**October 10** – *Scones and Bones* by Laura Childs

**November 14** – *The Body in the Library* by Agatha Christie



### THE GRIMM READERS

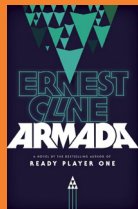
Tuesdays • 6 p.m. • Ages 18+

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

**September 24** – *What Moves the Dead* by T. Kingfisher

**October 22** – *Horrid* by Katrina Leno

**November 26** – *Armada* by Ernest Cline



### APL YARNERS & NEEDLERS

Tuesdays • 5-7:30 p.m.

Bring your projects from home to knit/sew while you socialize! 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 10/30.* **DROP IN**

### CROSS STITCH CORNER

Wednesdays • 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 4, Oct. 2, & Nov. 6

Come cross stitch at the library! Work on a provided kit or bring your own project from home. This fall, we'll provide a variety of Autumn- and Halloween-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 students to take the GED test when you're ready. *There will be no class 11/28.* **DROP IN**

### WATERCOLOR CLUB

Fridays • 3-4:30 p.m.

Sept. 6, Oct. 4, & Nov. 1

All skill levels are welcome to come paint at the library and exchange tips and techniques as you work on your own projects. Paper and brushes will be available, but please bring your own paint. **REGISTER**

### POLLINATOR GARDEN PLANTING DAY

Saturday, Sept. 7 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Learn the benefits of growing native plants in your own yard and help us refresh the back patio garden with plants donated by the Friends of Rocky Glen. Water and tools will be provided, so come ready to get your hands dirty! **REGISTER**

### CHAIR YOGA

Mondays • 9:30 a.m.

Join Gayle Carrillo for chair yoga – now offered every Monday morning starting September 9! Chair yoga is a modified yoga that's great for those with limited mobility. All skill levels are welcome, but limited space is available. **DROP IN**

### GAME NIGHT AT APL

Mondays • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • Ages 18+

Sept. 9, Oct. 14, & Nov. 11

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

### CRAFT NIGHT: PUMPKIN LANTERNS

Wednesdays • Sept. 11 & 25 • 6 p.m.

This month, we'll be constructing pumpkin-shaped paper lanterns to get festive for fall! Each session will make the same project. **REGISTER**

### ARTIST TRADING CARDS

Saturdays • 1 p.m. • Ages 16+

Sept. 14, Oct. 12, & Nov. 9

Come make artist trading cards based on a different theme every month, and then trade them with other artists! **REGISTER**



# ADULTS

## 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**

**September 10** – *Witch Hat Atelier Vol. 1-3* by Kamome Shirahama

**October 8** – *Chainsaw Man Vol. 1-3* by Tatsuki Fujimoto

**November 12** – *Anything* by Junji Ito



## ENSURING ELECTION INTEGRITY

**Monday, September 30 • 6 p.m.**  
Learn what best practices and procedures the Peoria County Election Commission has in place to ensure the democratic process occurs with the utmost integrity. Discuss common myths about the voting process and what you can do to help debunk misinformation.  
**DROP IN**

## CRAFT NIGHT: AUTUMN GNOME WREATH

**Wednesdays • Oct. 9 & 23 • 6 p.m.**  
Celebrate the fall season by making your own Autumn Gnome Wreath to decorate your door or wall at home! Each session will make the same project.  
**REGISTER**

## CREDIT & DEBT MGMT

**Thursday, October 17 • 6 p.m.**  
Stressed about debt? This seminar with a financial advisor from Morgan Stanley will help you understand the relationship between credit and debt and introduce strategies to reduce your debt.  
**REGISTER**

## VISION SCREENINGS

**Thursday, October 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**

## FALL PLANT SWAP

**Monday, November 4 • 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: PAPER DOILY CHRISTMAS TREES

**Wednesday, November 13 • 6 p.m.**  
**Friday, November 22 • 2 p.m.**  
Prepare for the holiday season by making Christmas trees out of paper doilies – great for displaying on your mantel with your stockings! Each session will make the same project.  
**REGISTER**

## LIFEWAYS OF THE WOODLAND INDIANS

**Thursday, November 21 • 6 p.m.**  
Join educator, artist, and activist Eliida Lakota as she shares the history and experiences of local Native American tribes and her personal collection of tools and artifacts.  
**REGISTER**

## GET CREATIVE

### CRAFT SUPPLY CLEANOUT

**Monday, September 23 • 6 p.m.**  
Come help us clean out our leftover craft supplies! Get creative and make something fun using odds and ends from previous programs, and then take home any extra supplies you want to help us make room for upcoming projects.  
**REGISTER**

### PUMPKIN PAINTINGS

**Monday, October 28 • 6 p.m.**  
Join Tom Stagg for a festive paint night! We'll use acrylics and canvas to paint a pumpkin with a raven – perfect for spooky season!  
**REGISTER**

### MACRAMÉ DOORBELL WREATH

**Monday, November 25 • 6 p.m.**  
Join us to create a macramé wreath hanging with a bell – a lovely decoration for your door to greet all your guests during the holiday season!  
**REGISTER**

### ADULT TAKE & MAKES

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

**September 20**  
Macramé Bookmarks

**October 18**  
Macramé Photo Display

**November 15**  
Paper Chrysanthemums

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# OUTREACH

## GLASFORD POP-UP LIBRARY

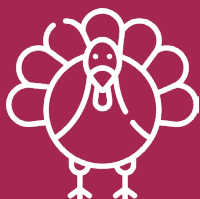
Tuesdays • 3-5 p.m. • All Ages  
Join APL every Tuesday at the Glasford Village Hall for our Pop-Up Library! Drop by to check out books, get crafty, play games, get homework help, socialize, and more! Activities are available weekly that all ages will enjoy. It's a great opportunity for adults to come 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](http://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, Big Mike's Donuts, Mapleton Recreation Center, and Union Hall! They're regularly stocked with books for all ages to take home, enjoy, and share!



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## SENIOR COFFEE

Wednesdays • 8 a.m.  
Sept. 4, Oct. 2, & Nov. 6

Join APL, Limestone Township, and the Bartonville Park Committee for Senior Coffee on the first Wednesday of each month! Catch up with friends, enjoy donuts and coffee, and learn something new! Social hour begins at 8 a.m. at the Clubhouse at Alpha Park with guest speakers starting at 8:30 a.m. **DROP IN**

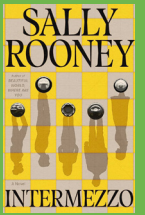
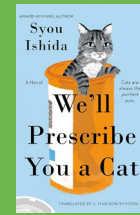
## VOLUNTEER MEET & PREP

Wednesdays • 2 p.m. • Ages 13+  
Sept. 18, Oct. 16, & Nov. 20

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!*



**FIND US @ THE PARK THIS FALL!**

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**OCTOBER 27 • 1-3PM**



All Ages  
Welcome!



**HOLIDAY SELFIE STATION**  
**NOVEMBER 30 • 4-7PM**

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](http://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.