



SPRING 2024

March • April • May

PROGRAM GUIDE



LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Mondays • 7 p.m.
March 18, April 15, & May 20
Visit alphapark.org for meeting agendas and minutes.

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LIBRARY UPDATES

SAFETY OF SENIORS

Join us for the annual Safety of Seniors event happening on Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Limestone Community High School's cafeteria. Sponsored by Alpha Park Public Library and the Bartonville Police Department, this community event is completely free and open to the public, featuring guest speakers Peoria County State's Attorney Jodi Hoos & Victim Services Coordinator Aimee Shinall sharing the latest safety tips! Learn how to stay healthy and active and avoid being the victim of a scam or crime. Our local vendors will have information on services, activities, volunteer opportunities, and safety tips, and the Secretary of State's Mobile DMV will be set up to provide new/renewed identification cards, drivers licenses, Real IDs, and license plate stickers. Plus, enjoy great entertainment and refreshments while you socialize – and win prizes! Visit alphapark.org or call 309-697-3822 x25 for more details.

NEW ONLINE CALENDAR

The library is excited to announce our new, enhanced online events calendar will be available soon! Improved navigation will make finding programs, registering for events, and reserving meeting rooms and study rooms easier than ever. Stay tuned for more calendar launch announcements coming in March or visit alphapark.org!

SPRING BREAK READING CHALLENGE

Kids of all ages are invited to sign up for our Spring Break Reading Challenge March 24-31 and read every day in order to win a prize! Read a little or a lot – but make reading a daily habit! Visit alphapark.beanstack.com or the Youth Services desk to get started!

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LIBRARY HOURS

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

EXCEPTIONS

March 28 – CLOSED
March 30-31 – CLOSED
May 27 – CLOSED

YOUTH

STORY TIMES

FAMILY STORY TIME

Saturdays • 10:30 a.m. • All Ages
March 2, April 6, & May 4
We'll read books that appeal to young and old, play music, and complete a STEAM activity during this all-ages story time! **DROP IN**

WADDLERS & TODDLERS

Tuesdays • 9:30 a.m. • Ages 0-2
March 5 - April 9
Babies and toddlers are invited to listen to stories, sing, dance, and play as we socialize with new friends. **DROP IN**

PRE-K READ & PLAY

Wednesdays & Fridays
10:30 a.m. • Ages 3-6
March 6 - April 12
Join us for a fun-filled experience with stories, songs, activities, and a craft to take home. **DROP IN**

COMMUNICATION JUNCTION

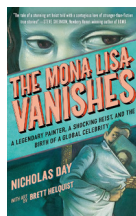
Wednesdays • May 1 & May 15
10:30 a.m. • Ages 0-6
Our friends from Communication Junction will teach sign language, read stories, sing songs, and encourage movement during these special story times! **REGISTER**

YOUTH BOOK CLUB

Mondays • 2 p.m. • Ages 8-13
Check out our selections from the Circ Desk and join us to discuss these fantastic stories! Themed snacks provided. **REGISTER**

March 18 - *Silverwing: The Graphic Novel* by Kenneth Oppel

April 15 - *The Mona Lisa Vanishes* by Nicholas Day



ESCAPE FROM APL

Friday, March 22 • 2-5 p.m. • Ages 9-12
Can you escape from the Library's Escape Room? Put your puzzle-solving skills to the test to find out! Call 309-697-3822 x33 to register for a specific time slot. **REGISTER**

LEGO CLUB

Tuesdays • March 26 & April 30
3:30 p.m. • Ages 5-12
What can your imagination build? Lego Club returns with new challenges, new friends, and new creations! **DROP IN**

ILLINOIS BAT CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Tuesday, March 26 • 1 p.m. • All Ages
The Illinois Bat Conservation Program will share why bats are so important to our ecosystem and how we can help them as citizen scientists. Plus, take home a bat craft! **DROP IN**

DOGMAN PARTY

Friday, March 29 • 1-4 p.m. • Ages 6-12
Celebrate the new Dogman book, *The Scarlett Shredder*, with themed games and activities! **DROP IN**

SOLAR ECLIPSE PARTY

Monday, April 8 • 1:30 p.m. • All Ages
Join us at the pavilion in Alpha Park for music, crafts, and a chance to view the Great North American Eclipse! Eclipse viewing supplies are limited; registration is required! **REGISTER**

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, April 12 • 4-6 p.m. • All Ages
Join us for another fun Family Movie Night and watch *Elemental* (PG) at the library! Refreshments will be provided. **DROP IN**

DIY TYE DYE

Monday, April 22 • 2-4 p.m. • Ages 9-12
Bring your own white cotton shirt and come get your tye dye on! APL will provide the dye and the fun! **REGISTER**

I SURVIVED! WOULD YOU?

Friday, April 26 • 2-5 p.m. • Ages 6-12
Come see if you would survive some of the events depicted in the *I Survived* books. Make crucial decisions at different stations to stay alive! **REGISTER**

PAWS TO READ

Saturday, May 11 • 10:30 a.m. • Ages 5-12
The Peoria Humane Society will bring some furry friends for you to read a story to - a great opportunity to practice your reading skills! Call 309-697-3822 x33 to register for a specific time slot. **REGISTER**

BOOK TASTING

Monday, May 20 • 2 p.m. • Ages 8-13
Read a sampling of books in our StarBOOKS Cafe and give us your feedback to help our Youth Book Club select upcoming books! **REGISTER**



TEENS

BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST

May 1-20 • All Ages

Attention artists! Submit your best interpretation of the summer reading program theme **Read, Renew, Repeat** on a bookmark (to the Youth Services department) for the chance to have your design made into our official bookmark for summer reading!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesdays • 6 p.m. • Ages 13-18
March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, & May 8 & 22

Hey teens! Join our Teen Advisory Board for your chance 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. **REGISTER**

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Tuesdays • March 15 & April 12
4:30-7 p.m. • Ages 13-18

Welcome to the new spring sessions D&D at APL! Whether you're new or skilled, come to the table and join these one-off adventures! Bring your own snacks. **REGISTER**

TEEN GAME NIGHTS

Tuesdays • March 19 & April 16
4:30-7 p.m. • Ages 13-18

Come to APL for Game Night! Bring your favorites to teach your friends, or try out some of our games you can check out and play at home! **DROP IN**

MINI TERRARIUMS

Monday, March 25 • 3:30-6 p.m.
Ages 13-18

Make a mini terrarium and see if you have a green thumb! We'll have all the planning necessities and some supplies to decorate your terrarium.

REGISTER

BOTANICAL PRINTS & FLOWER LANGUAGE

Tuesday, April 9 • 2-5 p.m.
Ages 13-18

Create your own beautiful botanical print with our heat press. We'll also learn about the language of flowers, so you can pick out flowers to press into a secret message! **REGISTER**

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, April 19 • 6-8 p.m.
Ages 13-18

Join the Teen Advisory Board to watch the 2004 classic Mean Girls (PG13). Maybe we can make "Fetch!" happen... Snacks will be provided. **REGISTER**

TEEN CLUBS

ANIME CLUB

Wednesdays • 5 p.m. • Ages 11-14
March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, & May 1 & 15

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

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**

March 25 – Prophecy & Quests

April 29 – Novels in Prose

May 20 – Retellings

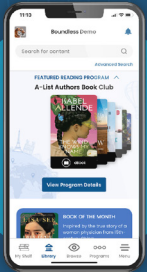
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ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

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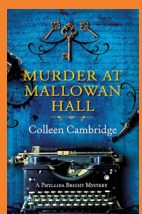
Thursdays • 3:30 p.m.

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 14 – *Murder at Mallowan Hall* by Colleen Cambridge

April 11 – *The Sunset Years of Agnes Sharpe* by Leonie Swann

May 9 – *Murder in an Irish Village* by Carlene O'Connor



THE GRIMM READERS

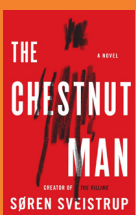
Tuesdays • 6 p.m. • Ages 18+

If you enjoy reading horror, thriller, or science fiction, join us for our first season of The Grimm Readers Book Club!

March 26 – *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson

April 23 – *The Chestnut Man* by Soren Sveistrup

May 28 – *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley



APL YARNERS & NEEDLERS

Tuesdays • 5-7:30 p.m.

Our creative Yarners & Needlers meet every Tuesday to work on projects of all kinds, including knitting, crocheting, embroidery, tatting, quilting, mending, and more. 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.

March 6 & 20; April 3 & 17; & May 1 & 15

Join Gayle Carrillo for gentle yoga for all skill levels every other Wednesday. Yoga mats are provided. Registration is no longer required, but limited space is available. **DROP IN**

CROSS STITCH CORNER

Wednesdays • 6:30 p.m.

March 6, April 3, & May 1

Beginners, experts, and everything in between are welcome to come cross stitch and socialize at the library! Work on a provided kit or bring your own project from home. This time, we'll provide a Cozy Cottage kit to work on throughout the spring sessions. **REGISTER**

GED CLASSES

Thursdays • March 7 - May 30

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Ages 16+

In partnership with the Moonlight Coalition for Adult Learning, 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 not be class on March 28.* **DROP IN**

TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS

Stop by the library on the 3rd Friday of every month to pick up a craft to make at home.

March 15

Book Page Butterfly Bookmarks

April 19

Book Page Daisy Decorations

May 17

Book Page Roses

GAME NIGHT AT APL

Mondays • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • Ages 18+

March 11, April 8, & May 13

Love board games? Join us every month for game night at the library! Try out a few games from our collection, or bring your favorite from home. Pizza, snacks, and soda will be provided. **DROP IN**

CHAIR YOGA

Wednesdays • 9:30 a.m.

March 13 & 27; April 10 & 24; & May 8 & 22

Join Gayle Carrillo for chair yoga (a modified yoga that's great for limited mobility) every other Wednesday. All skill levels are welcome. Registration is no longer required, but limited space is available. **DROP IN**

CRAFT NIGHT: YARN-WRAPPED CARROT

Wednesdays • March 13 & 27

6-7:30 p.m.

This month, we'll make adorable yarn-wrapped carrots, the perfect addition to any springtime decorations. Each session will make the same project. **REGISTER**



ADULTS

TAP THAT APP TECH HELP

Thursdays • 5:30p.m.

March 21, April 18, & May 16

Bring your phone or tablet and learn how to use our apps to get more out of your library card! Then dive into our digital collection and explore thousands of free eBooks, audiobooks, graphic novels, movies, music, and more! **DROP IN**

VISION SCREENINGS

Thursday, April 4 • 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Eye health is important! Have your vision checked out with a free screening provided by Illinois Eye Center! All ages welcome. **DROP IN**

CRAFT NIGHT: SPRING WINDOW

Wednesdays • April 10 & 24
6-7:30 p.m.

In April, we'll make a cheerful spring window wall decoration to brighten up your home. Perfect for those who love the cottagecore aesthetic! Each session will make the same project. **REGISTER**

ALTOID TIN PAINTINGS

Monday, April 22 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Join Tom Stagg to learn how to paint a mini landscape masterpiece using a portable *pleine air* kit consisting of an Altoid tin, a mini canvas, and acrylic paint. Recreate the provided lighthouse landscape subject, or bring your own photo to paint! **REGISTER**

STORM PREPAREDNESS

Thursday, May 2 • 5:30 p.m.

Severe weather can change lives in an instant, but being prepared to weather the storm is key. Learn how storm preparedness can keep your family safe with tips from Ameren Illinois. They'll also share energy efficiency tips to manage usage and lower your utility bills. Door prizes include an emergency kit! **REGISTER**

APL SPRING PLANT SWAP

Monday, May 6 • 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: FLOATING TEACUP

Wednesdays • May 8 & 22
6-7:30 p.m.

This month, we'll make papercraft floating teacups – a unique centerpiece for your next social gathering! Each session will make the same project. **REGISTER**

PERSONALIZED BOOKMARKS

Thursday, May 23 • 6:30 p.m.

Join us to make personalized jumbo paperclip book marks (with an antique brass finish) using our button machine and magazines - or your own personal art! **REGISTER**



FRIENDS OF APL MEETINGS

Tuesdays • 10:30 a.m.

March 12, April 9, & May 14

The Friends of Alpha Park Public Library support the library by volunteering, fundraising, and advocating at events throughout the year. The Friends meet the second Tuesday of every month, and new members are always welcome. Membership dues start at \$5, with many options available. **DROP IN**

FRIENDS OF APL BOOK SALE

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



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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, Union Hall, and inside of Big Mike's Donuts! They're regularly stocked with books for all ages to take home, enjoy, and share!

VOLUNTEER TRAINING DAY

Tuesdays • 4:30-5 p.m. • Ages 13+
March 19, April 16, & May 21

Have you ever wanted to volunteer at the library? Take this 30-minute training to learn everything you need to be a part of our essential volunteer crew! Open to all adults and teens. **REGISTER**

VOLUNTEER MEET & PREP

Wednesdays • 2 p.m. • Ages 13+
March 20, April 17, & May 22

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**

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! Stop by to check out books, play games, get homework help, socialize, and more! **DROP IN**

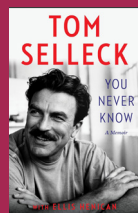
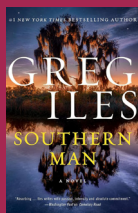
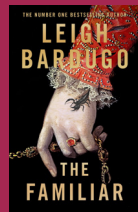
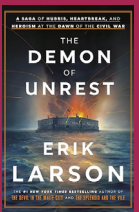
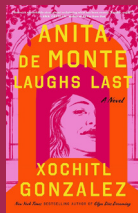
SENIOR COFFEE

Wednesdays • April 3 & May 1
8-9 a.m.

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. Join us in April for bingo and in May for birdwatching. Catch up with friends, enjoy donuts and coffee, and learn something new! **DROP IN**

ANTICIPATION STATION

We can't wait for these upcoming releases!



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JOIN US FOR SAFETY TIPS FROM LOCAL & STATE AUTHORITIES - PLUS LOCAL VENDORS, SOS MOBILE DMV, ENTERTAINMENT, REFRESHMENTS, & PRIZES!

SAFETY OF SENIORS

MARCH 23 • 9AM-12PM

@ THE LIMESTONE COMMUNITY
HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA



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.org, 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.