



### LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Mondays • 7 p.m.

June 15 & August 17

The Board of Trustees meets on the third Monday of the month (Tuesday in January and February due to holidays). The Board does not meet in July and December. Visit [alphapark.org](http://alphapark.org) for meeting agendas and minutes.

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## LIBRARY UPDATES



### SUMMER READING 2026: PLANT A SEED, READ!

Readers of all ages are invited to participate in APL's Summer Reading 2026: Plant a Seed, Read! Join us June 2 – July 25 for amazing fun and prizes! This theme is rooted in exploring how farms grow food that nourishes our bodies and libraries grow ideas that nourish our minds – and both connect us to our communities and culture. Readers can register and track their progress online at [alphapark.beanstack.com](http://alphapark.beanstack.com) or with the Beanstack app, or pick up a reading log from the library. Exciting programs are planned throughout the summer featuring farming-themed activities, informative presentations, and family favorites like story times, crafts, and movie nights. Register for programs at [alphapark.librarycalendar.com](http://alphapark.librarycalendar.com) – and don't miss our Kick-Off Party on Tuesday, June 2, 2-6 p.m.! Readers who complete the program will receive passes and gift cards to Tanners Orchard – and be entered in the final drawing for awesome prizes!

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### LIBRARY HOURS

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

### EXCEPTIONS

June 19 – CLOSED  
July 3-4 – CLOSED



# YOUTH & TEENS

## STORY TIMES

### BABY TADPOLES STORY TIME

Tuesdays • 9:30 a.m. • Ages 0-1

June 9, 16, 23, & 30

July 7, 14, & 21

Join us for baby bounces, movement songs, felt board activities, and stories – and socialize with other families afterward! **DROP IN**

### TODDLER FROGLET'S STORY TIME

Tuesdays • 10:30 a.m. • Age 2

June 9, 16, 23, & 30

July 7, 14, & 21

Join us for movement songs, activities, and stories – and play with other families afterward! **DROP IN**

### PRE-K FROGS & FRIENDS STORY TIME

Fridays • 10:30 a.m. • Ages 3-5

June 12 & 26; July 10, 17, & 24

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

Saturday, August 1 • 10:30 a.m.

Ages 2-5

Join us for a fun-filled experience with stories, songs, and crafts! **DROP IN**



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## SUMMER READING KICK OFF PARTY!

Tuesday, June 2 • 2-6 p.m. • All Ages

Get ready to celebrate summer and kick off **Summer Reading 2026: Plant a Seed, Read!** with a bang! Drop in 2-6 p.m. to get registered and have some fun! We'll have a farm animal petting zoo, face painting, a tractor, a craft, and more surprises throughout the library! **DROP IN**

### MINECRAFT AT APL: WORLD OF WONDERS

Friday, June 5 • 4-5:30 p.m.

Ages 8-18

Play Minecraft at the library with Arrayscape Gaming! Step into the 7 Ancient World of Wonders to navigate complex puzzles and hidden chambers, learning about the architectural mastery and cultural heritage of civilizations past! Adult supervision is required for kids under 10. **REGISTER**

### LEGO CLUB

Thursdays • 4-5:30 p.m. • Ages 5-12

June 4, July 2, & August 6

What can your imagination build? Lego Club is here for you with new challenges, new friends, and new creations! We can't wait to see what you make! **DROP IN**

### CRAFTY CRITTERS

Mondays • 4-4:30 p.m. • Ages 0-2

Learn some fun art skills for littles from Ms. All! Dress for a mess and make some art to take home! **REGISTER**

6/8 – Sponge Painting

7/6 – Sensory Dough

8/3 – Watercolor Painting

### CRAFTY CRITTERS

Mondays • 5-5:30 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

6/8 – Stained Glass Trees

7/6 – Painted Shells

8/3 – Popsicle Stick Bookmarks

### DUNGEON EXPLORERS:

Tuesdays • 3-4:30 p.m. • Ages 10-12

Dragons and monsters and dice, OH MY! Dungeon Explorers is a kid-friendly D&D game with puzzles, monsters, and new friendships! All skill levels are welcome. We'll have two sessions this summer: Fire & Lightning. **REGISTER**

Fire – 6/9 & 6/23; 7/7 & 7/21

Lightning – 6/16 & 6/30; 7/14 & 7/28

### SCOOTER HARVEST RACE

Wednesday, June 10 • 1-3:30 p.m.

Ages 8-18

Bring a friend or be ready to be partnered up with this gym scooter race in the library! You and a partner will take turns sitting and pushing each other as you race against the clock and try to collect produce along the way for points! **REGISTER**



# YOUTH & TEENS

## STARDEW VALLEY PERLER BEAD ART

Thursday, June 11 • 12-2 p.m.

Ages 10-18

Create pixel art of your favorite designs from the popular farming simulation game, Stardew Valley, including blue chickens, sunflowers, Junimos, and more! **REGISTER**

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Tuesdays • 1-4 p.m. • Ages 13-18

June 13, July 11, & August 8

Roll for initiative! D&D is back with a new campaign this summer! All skill levels are welcome. Snacks will be provided. **REGISTER**

## NO-SEW FRUIT PILLOW

Monday, June 15 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Ages 6-18

Come and learn how to make a cute fruit pillow with us, no sewing involved! Choose from a blueberry, cherry, lime, or orange pillow. **REGISTER**

## TIE-DYE & WATER BALLOON GAMES

Thursday, June 18

12-2 p.m. • Ages 6-10

3-5 p.m. • Ages 11-18

Join us for some tie-dye fun and a water balloon fight! Dress for a mess and bring a set of dry clothes. We'll provide something for you to tie-dye, but you may also bring one white item of clothing to dye (no larger than a t-shirt). Adult supervision is required for kids under 10. **REGISTER**

## SIGN & SING STORY TIME

Saturday, June 20 • 10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-5

Join Communication Junction at the library for a special story time: 30 minutes of signing, singing, and stories! **REGISTER**

## ADVENTURES IN ART

Mondays • 4:30-5:30 p.m. • Ages 7-12

Learn some fun art skills for older kids from Ms. Al! Dress for a mess and make some art to take home! **REGISTER**

6/22 – Sharpie & Alcohol Painting

7/20 – Yarn Weaving Art

8/17 – Button & Felt Flowers

## FAIRY GARDEN TEA PARTY

Wednesday, June 24 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12

You're invited to a fairy-themed tea party! We will have games, snacks, and different fruit teas for you to taste! Costumes are encouraged. **REGISTER**

## COULD YOU HANDLE THE HUNGER GAMES?

Thursday, July 2 • 2-4 p.m.

Ages 10-18

Do you think you have what it takes to survive as a district tribute in the Hunger Games books? Now is your chance to try! Join us to try some of our challenges inspired by the series! **REGISTER**

## TEEN CLUBS

### ANIME CLUB

Wednesdays • 4-5:30 p.m.

Ages 11-18

June 3 & 17; July 1 & 15; August 5  
Love anime? Come watch anime, talk about manga, learn about Asian culture, and try a cool snack! **DROP IN**

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesdays • 4-5:30 p.m.

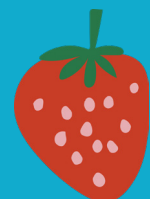
Ages 13-18

June 10, July 8, & August 12  
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**



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# YOUTH & TEENS

## FAMILY FUN

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Fridays • 4-6 p.m. • All Ages  
Come beat the heat and watch a movie at the library! Refreshments will be provided.

#### REGISTER

6/26 – Hoppers (PG)

8/14 – GOAT (PG)

### BARNYARD DISCOVERIES

Thursday, June 25 • 1-3 p.m.  
All Ages

Barnyard Discoveries is bringing the farm to APL! Drop in from 1-3pm to interact with animals inside their mobile petting zoo trailer, then come inside to make a farm animal craft! **DROP IN**

### SCIENCE SHOW WITH BRADLEY DEMO CREW

Monday, July 13 • 2 p.m. • All Ages  
Join us for a mind-blowing science show put on by the Bradley Demo Crew! **REGISTER**



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### GOOSE FIERI'S FLAVOR TOWN

Wednesday, July 8 • 12-2 p.m.

Ages 4-18

Spicy, sweet, or maybe both? Goose Fieri is bringing his Flavor Town taste-test challenge to the library! See if you can guess the correct flavors and vote for your favorites! **REGISTER**

### GARDEN ROCK PAINTING

Thursday, July 9

1-2 p.m. • Ages 7-12

3-4 p.m. • Ages 13-18

Feeling creative? Join us for a painting party as we create one-of-a-kind stone decor for your garden or window sill! **REGISTER**

### SENSORY PLAY

Friday, July 10 • 3-4:30 p.m.

Ages 0-6

Dress for a mess and explore play stations to engage the senses, including rice, beads, play dough, and painting. Water play stations will be available outside, weather permitting. **REGISTER**

### ESCAPE THE HAUNTED FARM

Thursday, July 16 • 1-4 p.m.

Ages 11-18

The Haunted Farm at the end of the road is just an urban legend, right? Except once you walked in, the door locked behind you, and now you have to solve the clues left behind to get back home! **REGISTER**

### ESCAPE THE GIANT'S TOWER

Friday, July 17 • 1-4 p.m.

Ages 6-10

A giant has gone through the library and stolen from 5 different stories! Help us get them back before the stories are lost so our fairy tale friends get their happy endings! **REGISTER**

### EMOTIONAL SUPPORT CHICKEN

Wednesday, July 22 • 3-5:30 p.m.

Ages 12-18

Want to learn how to sew a cute little chicken plushie? Join us to create the perfect handheld chicken to cuddle! **REGISTER**

### THE SUPER MARIO GALAXY PARTY

Thursday, July 23 • 2-4 p.m.

Ages 5-18

Come celebrate summer at our Super Mario Party! Enjoy games, crafts, and themed snacks with other Mario fans. Separate registration required for the movie at 4 p.m. **REGISTER**

### THE SUPER MARIO GALAXY MOVIE

Thursday, July 23 • 4-6 p.m.

Ages 5-18

Continue the celebration vibes with a showing of The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (PG). Refreshments will be provided. Separate registration required for the party at 2 p.m. **REGISTER**



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# OUTREACH

## SENIOR COFFEE

Wednesdays • 8 a.m.

June 3, July 1, & August 5

Mark your calendars for Senior Coffee at the Alpha Park Clubhouse 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 about your community! **DROP IN**

**6/3** – Local Mines with ICC Geologist Ed Stermer

**7/1** – Tippy Creek Honey Farm

**8/5** – WTVP

## VOLUNTEER MEET & PREP

Wednesdays • 2 p.m. • Ages 13+

June 17, July 15, & August 19

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**

## DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays • 10 a.m.

June 18, July 16, & August 20

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**

## CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Saturdays • 6-8 p.m. • All Ages

June 20, July 18, & August 15

Join us for another fun summer of music in the park! Bring your own chairs to the pavilions in Alpha Park and relax with friends and family. Food trucks open at 5:30 p.m. and music starts at 6 p.m. **DROP IN**

**6/20** – Bland Fam Acoustical Jam with *Tin Roof* food truck

**7/18** – Balderdash with *Kiwanis Grill* food truck

**8/15** – Deuces Wild with *Kiwanis Grill* food truck

## 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! Check in with your summer reading process June through July. *Please note there will be no pop-up on 6/2.* **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

Take a book, leave a book! Look for our Little Free Libraries at Alpha Park, Kingston Mines, and Union Hall! They're regularly stocked with books for all ages to take home, enjoy, and share!

Unable to make it to the library? Ask about our

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# ADULTS

## BOOK CLUBS

### APL BOOK & TEA SOCIETY

Thursdays • 3:30 p.m.

For connoisseurs of cozy mysteries! Enjoy tea and pastries while discussing the monthly selection.

**REGISTER**

6/11 – *The Windsor Knot*

7/9 – *The Busybody Book Club*

8/13 – *Murder Takes a Vacation*



### FANTASY FELLOWSHIP

Saturdays • 2 p.m.

Come explore the vast world of fantasy fiction – adventure awaits!

**REGISTER**

6/20 – *The Honey Witch*

7/18 – *Weyward*

8/15 – *Tress of the Emerald Sea*



### THE GRIMM READERS

Tuesdays • 6 p.m.

Join us for a slightly darker book club! **REGISTER**

6/23 – *Clown in a Cornfield*

7/28 – *Operation Bounce House*

8/25 – *Strange Houses*



### CHAIR YOGA

Mondays • 9:30 a.m.

Join Gayle Carrillo for a modified yoga that's great for those with limited mobility. All skill levels are welcome, but limited space is available. *Please note there's no class 6/29.* **DROP IN**

### GENTLE YOGA

Wednesdays • 9:30 a.m.

Join Gayle Carrillo for gentle yoga for all skill levels. Yoga mats provided, but limited space is available. *Please note there's no class 7/1.* **DROP IN**

### CROSS STITCH CORNER

Wednesdays • 6:30 p.m.

June 3, July 1, & August 5

This summer, we're adding 3 genres to our Stitch-A-Long bookshelves. All skill levels are welcome, and basic kits are available for beginners.

**REGISTER**

### GED CLASSES

Thursdays • 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. • Ages 16+

Tutor-guided instruction focuses on GED prep with all materials provided. The Moonlight Coalition also pays for you to take the GED test when you're ready. **DROP IN**

### GAME NIGHT AT APL

Mondays • 5:30–7:30 p.m. • Ages 18+

June 8, July 13, & August 10

Come try out games from our collection, or bring your favorites from home. Pizza and soda provided.

**DROP IN**

### 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. *Please note there's no meeting 6/2.* **DROP IN**

### CRAFT NIGHTS

Wednesdays • 6 p.m.

Join Craft Master Allie for a new creative project each month! Both monthly sessions will make the same project.

**REGISTER**

June 10 & 24 – Foam Honey Bees

July 8 & 22 – Patriotic Fabric Flowers

August 12 & 26 – Jellyfish Art

### POUNDED FLOWERS TEA TOWELS

Friday, June 12 • 6–8 p.m.

Make whimsical decorative towels using beautiful flowers, mallets, and specially treated fabric! **REGISTER**

### VEGETABLE GARDENING IN RAISED BEDS & CONTAINERS

Thursday, June 18 • 6 p.m.

Learn how to use above ground growing systems for safe and fruitful production of your favorite backyard vegetables from a Master Gardener. **REGISTER**

### BUTTERFLY SUN CATCHERS

Saturday, June 27 • 1–3 p.m.

Spend your afternoon with us and make a beautiful butterfly wall hanging with prismatic stained glass effect! **REGISTER**

### WATERCOLOR HIGHLAND COWS

Monday, June 29 • 6 p.m.

Join Tom Stagg to create your own bovine masterpiece of a majestic shaggy Highland cow using watercolors. **REGISTER**

### BACKYARD CHICKENS 101

Thursday, July 2 • 6 p.m.

Learn how to get started and how to maintain a healthy backyard coop with tips from Kim Strack – and meet a few of her bantam hens! **REGISTER**



# ADULTS

## APL PLANT SWAP

Monday, July 6 • 6:30 p.m.

Bring cuttings, rooted props, full plants, or pots to trade – and enter the drawing to win the door prize plant! **DROP IN**

## JAMES HERRIOT

Thursday, July 9 • 6 p.m.

Join Claire Evans as she recounts the life and times of Alf Wight, the unassuming country veterinarian who practiced for 50 years in the Yorkshire Dales and rose to international fame under the pen name James Herriot with his beloved *All Creatures Great and Small* series.

**DROP IN**

## HERB GARDENING

Thursday, July 16 • 6 p.m.

Learn from a Master Gardener how to select, plant, and maintain herb gardens so that they add beauty to the home landscape, while offering culinary and other beneficial uses.

**REGISTER**

## BARNYARD BUNCO

Friday, July 17 • 6-8 p.m.

Grab your friends and join us for a wild night of Barnyard Bunco! Roll hard, win prizes, and have a blast! Snacks will be provided. **REGISTER**

## FELTED PIGLETS

Monday, July 20 • 6-8 p.m.

Create your own adorable felted piglet using wool roving and sharp needles! Steady hands and coordination are needed to complete this project.

**REGISTER**

## ZIPPER FLOWER BROOCHES

Saturday, July 25 • 1-3 p.m.

Join us to make a simple but unique flower brooch using zippers!

**REGISTER**

## D&D: CLAUS FOR CONCERN

Monday, July 27 • 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Something is wrong in Santa's toy factory! All skill levels are welcome to join us for this Christmas in July one-shot adventure. Snacks and materials provided. **REGISTER**

## THE FOUNDING MOTHERS

Wednesday, July 29 • 6:30 p.m.

Presented by Laura Keyes, this Illustrated Lecture focuses on the remarkable women who had a first-hand view of the founding of our nation and whose stories need to be shared. Learn about soldiers, writers, printers, scholars, farmers, artists, and spies – all women, and all vital to our nation's history. **REGISTER**

## CAT CAFÉ WITH PCAPS

Sat., August 1 • 2-3:30 p.m. • All Ages

Learn about PCAPS and volunteer opportunities, enjoy coffee and cookies, and meet adorable cats in need of loving homes. Adoption applications will be available. Donations of dry cat food and supplies will also be collected for the shelter. **REGISTER**

## SATURDAY SLEUTHS

Saturday, August 22 • 1-4 p.m.

Put your detective hats on and solve a Hunt A Killer murder mystery! Help analyze the clues to figure out the motive, means, and culprit of Dead on the Vine! **REGISTER**

## PLEIN AIR TREES

Monday, August 24 • 6 p.m.

Get inspired by nature and learn how to sketch a simple, meditative contour line drawing of a majestic tree with Tom Stagg. We will be drawing outside, weather permitting. **REGISTER**

# MORE CLUBS

## WATERCOLOR CLUB

Fridays • 3-4:30 p.m.

June 5 & August 7

All skill levels are welcome to come paint at the library and exchange tips and techniques as you work on your own projects. **REGISTER**

## BYOB BOOK CLUB

Saturdays • 2 p.m. • Ages 18+

June 6 & August 1

Our newest book club is BYOB: Bring Your Own Book! Come share what you've been reading lately, get new recommendations from fellow book lovers, and find your next favorite! **REGISTER**

## CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Wednesdays • 6 p.m. • Ages 18+  
June 17, July 15, & August 19

Meet with fellow writers, develop your writing skills, and get those creative juices flowing! Open writing sessions are also held every Wednesday 5-8 p.m. and Saturdays 3-5 p.m. **DROP IN**

## ANIME CLUB

Saturdays • 2 p.m. • Ages 18+

Come hang out with other adults and discuss all things anime! **REGISTER**

6/13 – Open Mic Presentations & Delicious in Dungeon EP 1-12 Discussion

7/11 – Anime Jeopardy! &

Delicious in Dungeon EP 13-24 Discussion

8/8 – Only Yesterday (PG)



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# ODDS & ENDS



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## FRIENDS OF APL MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 7 • 10 a.m.

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. 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 and movies are available for all ages, with all proceeds benefiting the library. Donations are greatly appreciated. And keep an eye out for our Big Book Sale coming this fall!



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## Read, Eat, Play Library Road Trip

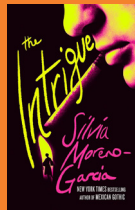
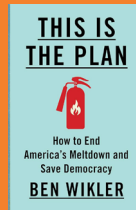
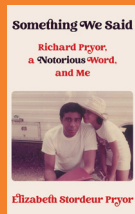
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## ANTICIPATION STATION

We can't wait for these upcoming releases!



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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.