



AUTUMN 2026

September • October • November

PROGRAM GUIDE



LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Mondays • 7 p.m.

Sept. 21, Oct. 19, & Nov. 16

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 for meeting agendas and minutes.

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LIBRARY UPDATES

BOOK SALE EXTRAVAGANZA!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 • 12-5PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 • 10AM - 4PM

FRIENDS BOOK SALE EXTRAVAGANZA!

What's the only thing better than books? Bargain books! Don't miss the Friends of APL's Book Sale Extravaganza this fall! Drop in Friday, October 2, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to browse books for all ages at prices you won't believe. Plus, there will be a selection of vinyl records, puzzles, games, and more! All proceeds will benefit your favorite library! And speaking of Friends, the time to join is now! Become a Friend to support the library through volunteering, fundraising, and advocating at events throughout the year. The Friends meet the first Tuesday every month at 10 a.m., and new members are always welcome. Drop in to check it out at their meetings this fall on September 1, October 6, and November 3!

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LIBRARY HOURS

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

EXCEPTIONS

September 7 – CLOSED
November 25 – CLOSED 5PM
November 26 – CLOSED



YOUTH & TEENS

STORY TIMES

BABY TADPOLES STORY TIME

Tuesdays • 9:30 a.m. • Ages 0-1
September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
October 6 & 27

November 3, 10, & 17

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
September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
October 6 & 27

November 3, 10, & 17

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
September 4, 11, 18, & 25
October 2, 9, & 30

November 6, 13, & 20

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

Saturdays • 10:30 a.m. • Ages 2-5
Sept. 5, Oct. 3, & Nov. 7

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

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: CREATE A CHARACTER

Tuesday, Sept. 1 • 4:30-6 p.m.

Ages 10-18

Whether you'll be joining us this fall for D&D at the library, or just want to make a new character for your own campaign, this is the place! We'll walk you through the steps to make a unique character you'll look forward to playing on your next game day! **REGISTER**

LEGO CLUB

Thursdays • 4-5:30 p.m. • Ages 5-12
Sept. 3, Oct. 1, & Nov. 5

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. Al! Dress for a mess and make some art to take home! **REGISTER**

9/14 – Pudding Paint

10/5 – Bubble Wrap Art

11/2 – Chalk Paint

CRAFTY CRITTERS

Mondays • 5-5:30 p.m. • Ages 3-6

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

9/14 – Scarecrows

10/5 – Apple Weaving

11/2 – Fire-Breathing Dragons

YOUTH BOOK CLUB

Mondays • 4:30 p.m. • Ages 8-12

Check out a copy of the monthly selection at the Circ Desk, then join us for a discussion, themed activity, and snack. **REGISTER**

9/21 – *Band Nerd*

10/26 – *Garlic & the Vampire*

11/23 – *The Last Kids on Earth*



DUNGEON EXPLORERS

Tuesdays • 4:30-6:30 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. **REGISTER**

Fire – 9/15, 10/6, & 10/27

Lightning – 9/22, 10/13, & 11/3

GLOW-IN-THE-DARK SLIME

Thursday, Sept. 17 • 4:30 p.m.

Ages 6-18

Add some glow to your life and make your own gooey, squishy, stretchy slime! Learn the recipe and science behind the glow in the dark. **REGISTER**

MY BUDDY & ME PAINTING CLASS

Wednesday, Sept. 23 • 4:30 p.m.

Ages 4-11

Bring your grown-up buddy and join us for a step-by-step painting class or create your own masterpiece! Snacks will be provided. **REGISTER**



YOUTH & TEENS

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

9/28 – Zentangle Pumpkins

10/19 – Mixed Media Spider Webs

11/16 – Marker & Foil Prints

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Tuesdays • 4:30-6:30 p.m. • Ages 13-18

Sept. 29, Oct. 20, & Nov. 10

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

MASTER COPIER

Wednesday, Sept. 30 • 4:30-6 p.m.

Ages 12-18

Grab a brush and recreate a famous painting — your way! No art skills needed, no rules to follow, just have fun. Come get creative and take home your own version of a classic! **REGISTER**

GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB

Wednesdays • 4:30 p.m.

Ages 13-18

Check out a copy of the monthly selection at the Circ Desk, then join us for a discussion, themed activity, and snack. **REGISTER**

9/16 – *This Place Kills Me*

11/18 – *How to Talk to Your Succulent*



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Fridays • 4-6 p.m. • All Ages

Join us for a cozy movie night at the library! Refreshments will be provided. **REGISTER**

10/9 – Hotel Transylvania (PG)

11/20 – Toy Story 5 (PG)

FRANKENTOYS

Wednesday, Oct. 21 • 4:30 p.m.

Ages 7-18

Learn to make your own creepy or cuddly Frankentoy creation using parts from other stuffed animals! Bring a toy from home or use our materials.

REGISTER

MONSTER MASH

Friday, Oct. 23 • 4-6 p.m. • Ages 11-18

Join us for a frighteningly good time with snacks, crafts, kandi beads, and old Halloween films! Build a monster in Dr. Evil's Laboratory – if you dare enter! **REGISTER**

BOO BASH

Thursday, Oct. 29 • 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Ages 0-10

Come to our not-so-spooky Halloween party! Enjoy story time, crafts, and trick-or-treating in the library! Costumes encouraged (no masks please). **DROP IN**

SIGN & SING STORY TIME

Friday, Nov. 6 • 10:30 a.m. • Ages 3-5

Join Communication Junction at the library for a special story time featuring signing, singing, and stories!

REGISTER

BOOK BEDAZZLING

Thursday, Nov. 19 • 4:30-6 p.m. • Ages 10-18

Bedazzle the cover of your favorite book to add some sparkle to your reading! Bring a book from home to embellish with rhinestone accents. **REGISTER**

TEEN CLUBS

ANIME CLUB

Wednesdays • 4:30-6 p.m. • Ages 11-18

Sept. 2, Oct. 7, & Nov. 4

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

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesdays • 4:30-6 p.m. • Ages 13-18

Sept. 9, Oct. 28, & Nov. 11

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**

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Fridays • 6-8:30 p.m. • Ages 13-18

Come hang out with the Teen Advisory Board after the library closes and watch a movie with themed snacks! **REGISTER**

9/25 – Divergent (PG13)

10/16 – Hocus Pocus (PG)

11/13 – Project Hail Mary (PG13)

TEEN WRITING CLUB

Wednesday, Oct. 14 • 4:30 p.m.

Ages 13-18

Meet with fellow writers, develop your writing skills, and get those creative juices flowing! We'll share tools and activities to help develop your writing skills, so dive in and refine your unique voice and storytelling abilities! **DROP IN**



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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

9/10 – Vera Wong's *Unsolicited Advice for Murderers*

10/8 – *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone*

11/12 – *This is Not a Game*



FANTASY FELLOWSHIP

Saturdays • 2 p.m.

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

REGISTER

9/19 – *Assassin's Apprentice*

10/17 – *Nettle & Bone*

11/21 – *Katabasis*



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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.

Join Gayle Carrillo for gentle yoga for all skill levels. Yoga mats are provided, but limited space is available. *Please note there's no class 9/16.*

DROP IN

CROSS STITCH CORNER

Wednesdays • 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 2, Oct. 7, & November 4

This fall, we're adding 3 more genres to our Stitch-A-Long bookshelves, or bring your own project from home.. 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+

Our GED classes are offered in partnership with the Moonlight Coalition for Adult Learning. 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

APL PLANT SWAP

Thursday, Sept. 3 • 6:30 p.m.

Get planty with us at our last plant swap of the year! Bring cuttings, rooted props, full plants, or pots to trade – and enter the drawing to win the door prize plant!

DROP IN

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 9/7.*

DROP IN

GAME NIGHT AT APL

Mondays • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • Ages 18+ Sept. 14, Oct. 10, & Nov. 9

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

DROP IN

CRAFT NIGHTS

Wednesdays • 6 p.m.

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

REGISTER

Sept. 23 & 30 – Book Page Leaf Garland

Oct. 14 & 28 – CD Moon Mosaic

Nov. 11 & 27 – Rolled Beeswax Candles

THE GRIMM READERS

Tuesdays • 6 p.m.

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

REGISTER

9/22 – *Jurassic Park*

10/27 – *Salem's Lot*

11/24 – *Gone Girl*



ADULTS

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

Thursday, Sept. 24 & Friday, Sept. 25
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Take the AARP Smart Drivers classroom course to refresh your driving skills and rules of the road knowledge! You must attend both sessions. There will not be a lunch break, so bring a snack. Course fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Call 309.697.3822 x13 to register. **REGISTER**

CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP

Monday, September 28 • 6 p.m.

Bring your leftover craft supplies to swap with other crafters! Materials should be unused/good condition. We'll also clear out our supplies, and you can get creative with available materials. **REGISTER**

MINI GOTHIC GALLERY

Thursday, Oct. 15 • 6 p.m.

Embrace your inner goth and get creative! Make your own mini macabre gallery art using tiny frames, spooky ephemera, vintage images, twisted trinkets, and more! Participants may also bring your own materials from home. **REGISTER**

D&D: THE HORRORS OF HILLSTONE MANOR

Thursday, Oct. 22 • 5:30-9:30 p.m.

A prominent merchant and his family gone missing! Band together to investigate the oozing manor and locate the family. All skill levels are welcome for this one-shot adventure. Snacks and materials provided. **REGISTER**

SATURDAY SLEUTHS

Saturday, Oct. 24 • 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 The Salem Slicer! **REGISTER**

OIL PASTEL AUTUMN LANDSCAPES

Monday, Oct. 26 • 6 p.m.

Join Tom Stagg to create a small landscape using oil pastels that will burst with the colors of autumn! **REGISTER**

PAINTED PAGES

Wednesday, Nov. 4 • 6 p.m. • Ages 8+

Get ready to spread a little holiday cheer and paint a wooden book ornament to help decorate the Friends of APL's Holiday Tree in the park! Kids under 16 must be supervised by an adult. **REGISTER**

PLANT BINGO

Thursday, Nov. 5 • 6 p.m.

Who's ready to win some free houseplants?! Come play Plant BINGO at the library for the chance to win plants and have a blast! Score a BINGO to win a plant - or win the door prize plant from Relics! **REGISTER**

GENEALOGY BASICS

Thursday, Nov. 19 • 6 p.m.

Learn how to get started on your family history research with Angela Sneeringer of the Peoria County Genealogical Society. She will cover basic research techniques, using online tools and local resources like the county clerk records, organizational tips, and more. **REGISTER**

MORE CLUBS

WATERCOLOR CLUB

Fridays • 3-4:30 p.m.

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

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+

Sept. 5, Oct. 3, & Nov. 7

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**

ANIME CLUB

Saturdays • 2 p.m. • Ages 18+

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

9/12 - Guess that Anime!

10/10 - Kaiden Presentation

11/14 - Akira (R)

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Wednesdays • 6 p.m. • Ages 18+

Sept. 16, Oct. 21, & Nov. 18

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**



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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! **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, or call 309-697-3822 x91 for more information.

SENIOR COFFEE

Wednesdays • 8 a.m.
Sept. 2, Oct. 7, & Nov. 4
Senior Coffee happens 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**

9/2 – Games w/ Graceland Senior Center

10/7 – Tiffany Olsen, Communications Coach

11/4 – Christmas Volunteer Prep



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FIND US OUT & ABOUT THIS FALL!

BIG PICTURE PEORIA STREET FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 13 • 11AM-4PM



TRUNK OR TREAT @ ALPHA PARK
OCTOBER 25 • 1-3PM

GLASFORD HALLOWEEN PARADE
OCTOBER 31 • 5-9PM

All Ages
Welcome!

VOLUNTEER MEET & PREP

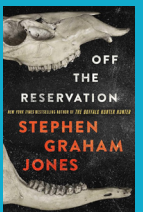
Wednesdays • 2 p.m. • Ages 13+
Sept. 16, Oct. 21, & Nov. 18
Join us once a month to learn more about volunteer opportunities in the library and your community. Participants will help with a project that day! A majority of projects will be prepped while seated at a table. **DROP IN**

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays • 10 a.m.
Sept. 17, Oct. 15, & Nov. 19
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**

ANTICIPATION STATION

We can't wait for these upcoming releases!



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, 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.