This summer our Summer Reading Program theme is “Reading Colors Your World”. I was very excited to learn this, as I am an avid fan of all things art. I think this summer’s theme will give me an excuse to check out all those really big, lovely art books in the 700’s of the non-fiction section. I do know a few of my favorites will get perused while sitting in the summer sun, on my back patio. I love to read about the fascinating lives of the many artists that have impacted my outlook on art and life.

Jean-Michel Basquiat is probably one of the most well-known of my favorites. He was a pretty fascinating individual, and even dated Madonna back in the day (I may have just dated myself!). His works all feature common themes such as royal crowns, and dinosaurs. Maya Angelou even wrote of book of poetry inspired by his artwork called “Life Doesn’t Frighten Me”. He was truly a fascinating individual that came from a very humble home. His most valued piece of work is estimated at over $110 million dollars!

Another favorite of mine is a historical novel on Georgia O’Keffe, “Georgia” by Dawn Tripp. I am a someone who enjoys a long walk in the woods and O’Keffe’s inspirational paintings of flowers, sunsets, and landscapes of the Southwest always get me thinking about nature hikes though the Texas Hill Country. Tripp’s book is a steamy work that focuses on the early career of Georgia, and her struggles of finding her footing in love and in the art world. I would recommend this one for someone who is looking for a summer romance and art all in one!

Summer is a fun time for relaxing in the backyard, reading in your hammock, and enjoying the abundance of colors that surround us. We have blue skies, green grasses, and summer flowers a plenty. Share an outdoor walk with a friend and see how many shades of green you find! We are pretty lucky to live on the prairie where summer life is as bountiful and as colorful as any of the pages in an art book. Weather you’re reading this summer or strolling along a park side trail, I hope your days are colored with joy and excitement.

Melissa Sierra, Director
Youth Book Club
**Mondays, June 21, July 19 & August 23; 3:00pm - Zoom**
Ready to read something new? Join us on Zoom as we discuss Jason Reynolds’ *Track* series this summer. Titles are available at the checkout desk one month before the event. Zoom links will be available on our website and social media pages.

**June:** Ghost  
**July:** Patina  
**August:** Sunny

**Origami Storytime**  
**Mondays, June 7 - July 19**  
Origami storytime is a recorded storytime that will go live each Monday on our Youtube channel (link available on Facebook and website). Participants will hear stories and practice two related origami folds with Miss Wanda. A program kit containing paper and weekly directions is available at library for pickup anytime library is open.

**Mealtime Memories**  
**June 17 and July 20; 3:00pm - Zoom**  
Ready to up your kitchen game? Join Kristyn from Mealtime Memories to learn more ways to get creative in the kitchen. In June, we'll investigate Desserts in Disguise. In July, we'll try surprise cakes, cake pops and rosettes! Register on our website and mark your calendar now.

**Drive In Storytime**  
**Tuesday, June 8, 6:30pm or Thursday, July 15, 10:30am**  
This summer we are taking storytime outside! Register per carload on our website. Ms. Carolyn and Ms. Wanda will lead us through songs, stories and crafts, drive-in style through our car radios. Feel free to bring a blanket or chairs if you wish.

**Aquarium Zoom**  
**Wednesday June 9: 10:00am Zoom**  
Glen Echo Park Aquarium in Chesapeake Bay, Maryland is going to meet us live on zoom with some special animals. During the event, we will meet many live animals such as fish, turtles, clams, crabs, and even a stingray relative! To register for this event, visit the calendar on our website.

**Construction Club**  
**June 30 - book cover, July 30 - comic strip**  
Construction Club gets even more creative! Use your design skills—hand-drawn or digital—to create something special. Share the image of your creation on our Facebook Event page. After the due date, a winner will be drawn from all the entries for a fun prize!

**Engineering In Action - Take 2!**  
Did you miss our Engineering In Action series live this spring? We are making the recordings available again for June and July only. Pick up the free activity kits from the youth services department of the library to try your hand at engineering challenges lead by local engineers. Available while supplies last.

**Adventure Kits**  
Adventure kits are backpacks of family fun only available during the summer. Check out a bag and begin your crochet-geocaching-stargazing-hiking-camping-bird & insect hunt or rock collecting adventures!

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**  
Email or stop by the library to register your young child. You will get a tracking sheet and app tips for recording your reading together. Your reader will receive prizes along their journey and we will celebrate our graduates at a special event each year. You'll be amazed at how quickly 1,000 books fly by. Come by the library to get started today!
**YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS**

Seating is limited for teen programming and masking is required.

**Museum of Bad Art: The Trilogy**

*Anyone can attend*

The Museum of Bad Art collects, exhibits and celebrates art that will be seen in no other venue. Since 1993, this Boston-based gem has collected art from yard sales, sidewalk trash and the artists who created it. Register for each event on our website.

- **June 22; 2:00pm** MOBA 101: Introduction to the Museum of Bad Art
- **July 7; 2:00pm** Dopplehangers- Intentionally or Not?
- **July 22; 2:00pm** A Visit to the MOBA Zoo

**Paint Night**

*Teen-only event*

Join local artist Brooke McClaskey for Paint Nite. Supplies and instruction will be provided to help you create your own masterpiece. Register on our website.

- **June 3; 6:30 pm** Galaxy Riverbend
- **July 15; 6:30 pm** Beach-Gnomer

**Pathfinder RPG**

*Teen-only Event*

**June 30, 6:00pm - 9:00pm**

Join us at Game Night for a Pathfinder event. Jimmy Sanders from Mythica Gaming will be game master for the event. Previous experience not needed. **This event will be at the Game Night store, 104 Roosevelt, Bartonville.** Register on our website.

**Magic: The Gathering**

*Teen-only Event*

**June 16, 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Have you wanted to learn more about building a strong Magic deck? Then the first hour of this event is for you. Join Jimmy Sanders from Mythica Gaming as he leads us through deck building. **This event will be at the Game Night store, 104 Roosevelt, Bartonville.** Register on our website.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

Zoom links are available on the program's Facebook Event page and through the library's event calendar.

**All Booked Up @ APL**

*Thursdays, June 10, July 8, & August 13, 2:30pm - Zoom*

We will select a book and meet monthly via Zoom. Go to bit.ly/3iwL5Kg to join our All Booked Up @ APL Bookclubz page.

- **June:** A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
- **July:** Atomic Women by Roseanne Montillo
- **August:** The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

**Concerts in the Park**

* Saturdays 6:00pm - 8:00pm*

What better way to spend a summer evening than in the park, with some great food listening to some great music? Join us over at the Pavilions at Alpha Park for our Concerts in the Park. Social Distancing practices in place. Bring Lawn chairs or use picnic tables.

- **June 26:** Skazz Band (Swing)
- **July 24:** Big Hollow (Blues and Folk/Rock)
- **September 11:** Barry Cloyd (Americana)

**Self Care Take & Make Series**

Come along with us in this DIY take & make series! Pick up the kits each month on the dates below (while supplies last) and watch the pre-recorded video tutorial on our YouTube page.

- **June 22:** Soothing Clay Mask
- **July 20:** Skin-softening foot soak
- **August 24:** Facial exfoliator scrub

**Free Comic Book Day**

*August 13th - August 14th*

Enjoy our graphic novel display and pick up some Free Comic Book day swag and maybe even check out a new Graphic Novel from our collection.

**Mealtime Memories**

*3:00pm - Zoom*

Join Kristyn from Mealtime Memories to learn all about fun stuff you can do to up your kitchen game.

- **June 14th:** Charcuterie Boards
- **July 26th:** Air Frying
- **August 16th:** Meal Planning

**Introduction to Genealogical Research**

*July 14th 1:00pm - Zoom*

Ever wanted to start researching your family history but never knew how? This joint program with the Peoria County Genealogical Society will let you know about all of the local resources that you have at your fingertips.

**Take Home Job Fair Kits**

*July 1st*

Need help finding a job? Swing by the Alpha Park Library or visit our YouYube channel on July 1st to pick up our Job Fair Kit packet that includes everything you would ever want to know about applying for a job.