Middle School Programs

Assistant Astronauts (TAG – Teen Advisory Group)
Going into grades 6+
Looking for something fun to fill up your summer days? Then sign up to be an Assistant Astronaut! Help us this summer by giving out weekly prizes or assisting staff and younger children in programs. Pick up an application in the Youth Services Department and return it as soon as possible. You MUST attend the mandatory Astronaut Academy orientation meeting with a caregiver either Saturday, June 1 at 10 am or Thursday, June 6 at 7 pm. Must be an AMPL card holder to volunteer.

Programs
Grades 5+

Sew Fun!
Thursday, June 20 at 6 pm
Come and sew your own pillowcase; choose a fabric that showcases your personality. Basic sewing machine knowledge is needed. All materials are provided. Limit 8.

Anime & Manga Club
Saturday, July 6 and August 3 at 12 pm
Are you a die-hard anime or manga fan? Want to meet and hang with fellow fans? Come join our Anime & Manga Club!

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament
Saturdays, July 13 and July 27 from 2-4 pm
Test your might in an epic battle of Nintendo’s greatest heroes! First place walks away with an ultimate prize. Snacks will be served. Limit 20.

Slime Time
Thursday, July 18 at 6 pm
Who says slime is just for little kids? Bring a friend and join us as we make some unique slime recipes; including floam, for some extra sensory fun!

Oreo Taste Testing
Thursday, July 25 at 6 pm
Mint, strawberry, birthday cake, double chocolate, original—what’s the best Oreo flavor? Oreo no longer just have a simple crème filling. Today there are dozens of choices. Decide for yourself at this taste-testing event. Join us and sample some yummy flavors of Oreos and crown a new champion!

Save the Date!
End of summer TAG lock in: Friday, July 26 from 5-10 pm.

Summer Reading 2019
A Universe of Stories

By registering for our programs, you are giving consent for your child’s photos to be used on our website, social media sites, and/or within the library.
“A Universe of Stories” Summer Reading 2019

Summer Reading Program: The Summer Reading Program is an opportunity to enrich your child’s literacy skills and develop a strong connection to lifelong learning through the library.

Summer Prize Program: Children, birth-8th grade, may register to earn weekly prizes and coupons. **Registration for the prize program begins, Saturday, June 8.** Free to residents with an AMP library card. Non-resident fee is $5/child. Coupons and prizes are awarded weekly, beginning the week of June 17, and ending July 27. **To receive coupons and prizes, registration for the prize program is required.**

Summer Children’s Classes: All children’s classes are first come, first serve, unless otherwise stated. **No registration required.** The check-in for programs procedure is as follows: Children with their own AMP library cards may arrive 30 minutes before each class, each week, to secure a name tag. Non-residents may receive a name tag 15 minutes before each class.

Age Limits and Why: **In order to provide your child with the best possible experience, all of our programs are designed according to specific age/grade level groups. Our instructors are sensitive to the needs of the individual age levels. Children must be the age listed in the brochure for each program by June 1st. We reserve the right to ask for proof of age/grade.**

Programs begin the week of June 17 and end July 27. **The library is closed July 4 and we will not be having regular weekly programs July 1-5.**

You may register for just the prize program or just attend classes, **OR**, you may participate in both.

All AMPL district children, age birth through 17 are eligible for a library card. Please contact the Patron Services desk for more information at 708-371-5666 ext. 100, 101.

For more information about classes or the reading prize program, please contact the Youth Services Department at 708-371-5666 ext. 140. Check out our website, www.alsiplibrary.info or like us on Facebook!

Special Programs

**Dads & Donuts Day**
Ages 2-7 years with caregiver
Sunday, June 9 at 1:30 pm
Sunday afternoon fun with stories, DONUTS, crafts, and fun especially designed to celebrate the awesomeness of Dads, Grandpas, and Uncles! Limit 24 children.

**Sensory Playtime**
Ages 3-8 years with caregiver
Thursdays, June 27 and July 11 at 6 pm
This specially created program invites children to experience play through multi-sensory activities. This inclusive, interactive playtime can be enjoyed by children of all abilities. Limit 10 children.

**Family Painting**
Grades 2 and up with caregiver
Tuesday, July 30 at 7 pm
Feeling artistic? Explore the artist in you along with your child as you each paint a canvas, that when combined will create a wonderful masterpiece to display! We use non-washable acrylic paint so please dress accordingly. Limit 18 people.

Sign up for SRP Prize Program
June 8 and receive a ticket for
The Kickoff Ice Cream Social
10 am – 4 pm
Petting Zoo and Pony Rides
11 am – 3 pm (no ticket required)
Family Fun Wednesdays
Family fun continues throughout the summer on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. All shows are free and open to the public. Free tickets may be requested at the Youth Services desk 30 minutes before the show for Alsip-Merrionette Park Library card holders. Non-residents and all others may request tickets 15 minutes before the show, space permitting.

Erin’s Farm
Wednesday, June 19 at 7 pm
Erin’s Farm animal rescue and sanctuary will be showing off a variety of farm animals! This family friendly program is perfect for animal lovers of all ages.

Smarty Pants Big Balloon Show
Wednesday, June 26 at 7 pm
Join us for a big balloon extravaganza that’s fun for the whole family! This theatrical balloon show features comedy, magic, and Smarty’s award-winning balloon props.

Moon Viewing Party with the Solar Ambassadors
Wednesday, July 10 from 6-8 pm
Drop in anytime between 6 and 8 in our garden area to check out the night sky using the library’s Orion Starblast Telescope.

Tony’s Creepy Crawly Zoo
Wednesday, July 17 at 7 pm
Tony’s Creepy Crawly Zoo is an exciting, dynamic, and theatrical hands-on live insect show that inspires a lifelong love of science.

Trent James Magic Show
Wednesday, July 24 at 7 pm
Be prepared to be amazed by Trent’s high-energy performance that combines mind-boggling magic with gut busting humor!

Morning Programs

Starry Storytime
Ages 2-4 years with caregiver
Mondays at 10 am
Bring your bright shiny star to the library as we enjoy stories, activities, and simple crafts based on weekly theme. Limit 12 children.

Young Artists
2-5 years old with caregiver
Tuesdays at 10 am
Young artists explore and create art. Limit 12 children.

Chillin’ with Cappuccinos
Birth-5 years with caregiver
Wednesdays at 10 am
Beat the heat this summer and build community connections with other parents of similarly aged children. Play, socialize, and enjoy refreshments in a safe, cool, fun-filled environment!

Funny Foods
2-5 years old with caregiver
Thursdays at 10 am
This will be one of the only times a child will be encouraged to play with their food. From painting to engineering, everything will be edible and safe for a child to try. Dress to get messy. Recipes may contain allergens. Limit 12 children.

Preschool Music & Movement
Best for under 5 and with caregiver
Fridays from 10-10:30 am
Join our Chordiculture instructor Debbie Parks in songs, games, and musical adventures. Limit 15 children.

Bouncing with Babies
Age birth-23 months with caregiver
Fridays from 11-11:20 am (No class July 26)
Bounce and bond with your little one. This program will engage your little one with rhymes, songs, chants, and board books, while also giving caregivers great tips to build foundational literacy skills and create magical memories. Limit 12 children.
Afternoon Programs

Cosmic Capers
All ages
Monday to Fridays 1-3 pm (Drop-in)
We’re offering tons of cosmic fun this summer with our intergalactic daily crafts. Each week, our youth volunteers will be on hand to help younger children make-and-take an out of this world craft!

Space Science
Independent 5-12 year olds
Mondays at 3 pm
Blast off! Join us at the library as we learn about space with a new STEAM project every week. Some weeks will involve science, other weeks will have craft element, but you can guarantee that every week we will have Milky Way sized fun! Limit 12 children.

Reading Rockets
Grades 1-3
Tuesdays at 12 pm OR 12:45 pm
Reading Rockets offers a fun and interactive experience for children of all reading abilities entering first through third grade in the fall. Children will be paired with a trained youth volunteer for 30 minutes of reading activities which include read aloud practice, as well as literacy games and activities to inspire reading success and confidence. Please note that Reading Rockets is not a tutoring service; our goal is to help kids enjoy reading. Limit 8 children per time slot, registration required. Registration begins June 8.

Tween/Teen Tuesdays
Grades 5 and up
Tuesdays at 3 pm
Don’t let boredom get to you this summer. Join us at the library for some intergalactic fun! Pokemon terrariums, galaxy snow globes, space sun catchers...just to name a few. Stop by each week and see what “out of this world” project you’ll be creating!

Book & Cook
Independent 4-6 year olds
Wednesdays at 3 pm
Children participate in learning to cook simple recipes, as well as enjoying new and unique picture books. Recipes may contain allergens. Limit 12 children.

Painting with Pals
Independent 5-7 years old
Thursdays at 3 pm
Join your friends and becoming a budding artist as you follow step by step instructions to create your masterpiece! We use non-washable acrylic paint so dress accordingly. Limit 12 children.

Cosmic Cooking
Independent ages 5-12
Fridays at 3 pm
Start your weekend off right by making great snacks! You don’t want to miss out on our fun and easy cooking experience. Bring an apron if you have one. Recipes may contain allergens. Limit 12 children.

Evening Programs

Get Ready, Get Set, Kindergarten!
Independent 4-5 year olds, starting Kindergarten in Fall 2019
Mondays at 5 pm
Interested in making sure your preschoolers have all the required skills to be successful in kindergarten? Fall 2019 kindergarteners can come to this five-week informative and hands-on class that will enhance their kindergarten readiness skills. Kids could win raffle prizes! Registration is required and begins June 8 for AMPL card holders and non-card holders on June 12. Limit 15 children

Little Explorers Playgroup
Birth-5 years old with caregiver
Mondays at 6 pm
Let’s get moving! Play with our interactive toys and enhance fine and gross motor skills. No limit.

Kids Paint Night
Independent ages 8 and up
Tuesdays at 7 pm
Bring your artistic skills each week as we create a masterpiece, with step by step instructions. We are here to enjoy ourselves and every art piece is uniquely yours. Please wear old clothes, we use non-washable acrylic paints. Limit 12 children.