Alexander Mitchell Public Library

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AMPL News

Monthly Newsletter for the Alexander Mitchell Public Library

Fall Library Programs

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Preschool Story Time: This program introduces young children, ages 3-5 years, to literature through stories, songs, and activities. **Dates:** Begins October 7th **Times:** Tuesdays, 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM **No registration required.**

Wee Read: This program is for toddlers, ages 18 months—3 years, and their care givers and seeks to develop and nurture a love of books and the library. **Dates**: Begins October 8th **Time:** Wednesdays at 10:00 AM **No registration required.**

Afternoon Adventures: Get ready for an after school adventure! Kids in grades K-2 will explore a new topic each session in an active and fun environment. **Grades:** K-2 **Date:** Every other Wednesday Oct 22 - Dec 3 **Time:** 3:30-4:30 PM **No Registration**.

KidQuest: Kids in grades 3-5 will embark on an epic journey (without leaving the library). Do you have what it takes to complete the quest? **No registration required. Grades:** 3-5 **Date:** Every other Wednesday Oct 29 - Dec 10 **Time:** 3:30-4:30 PM

Special Event!! Minecraft Building Tournament: This game will test your creative skills. Everyone MUST have their own account and if you play on a console, such as the XBOX, you need to make sure your account will work for a laptop. Participants will need to bring their own laptop. If you need a library laptop, please make sure to reserve one immediately because there is a limited supply. They are given out first-come, first-serve. Library staff will notify you if you are on a wait list for laptops. There is no fee for this event. **Grades:** 3-5th **Date:** Wednesday, October 15th **Time:** 3:30-5PM.

Teen Programs

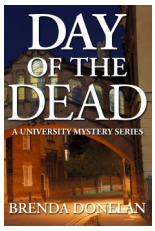
Minecraft Gaming Tournament**:** This game will test your survival skills. Everyone MUST have their own account and if you play on a console, such as the XBOX, you need to make sure your account will work for a laptop. Participants will need to bring their own laptop. If you need a library laptop, please make sure to reserve one immediately because there is a limited supply. They are given out first-come, first-serve. Library staff will notify you if you are on a wait list for laptops. There is no fee for this event.
Grades 6-9th **Date:** Thursday, October 16th **Time:** 3:30-5PM.

Teen Monster Mash!!: A spooktacular party of ghoulish games, frightful food, crazy costumes, and more!!
Grades: 6-9th **Date:** Thursday, October 30th **Time:** 3:30-4:30 PM

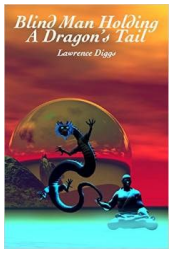
Mockingjay Survival Games: ***May the odds be ever in your favor!*** Try your skills at a Mockingjay/Hunger Games themed event. You might want to brush up on your archery skills.....no registration but lots of fun.
Grades: 6-9 **Date:** Thursday, December 11th **Time:** 3:30-4:30 PM

Adult Programs & Technology Classes

Author Events



Join us for an evening filled with mystery and intrigue with author Brenda Donelan, **Thursday, October 30th at 7:00PM** at the Public Library. Brenda Donelan, formerly of Aberdeen, has published a novel entitled ***"Day of the Dead."*** This is the first book in the University Mystery Series.Donelan will talk about her experience writing this series and will be selling and signing books as well. She developed the story based on her experiences as a college professor. The novel is receiving stellar reviews from around the country. This book is available for checkout at the Public Library.



"***Blind Man Holding a Dragon's Tail***," an interactive animation presentation, will be presented by Lawrence Diggs on **Thursday, November 6th at 7:00PM** at the Alexander Mitchell Public Library. This presentation will offer the audience a chance to explore the nature of reality while challenging them to question whether we can ever experience reality. Prepare to rethink reality. This program is for all ages. No registration.

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Intro to Computers
No previous computer knowledge is required. This 2 part class will consist of learning the very basic fundamentals of using a computer. Examples of what will be covered: using a mouse & keyboard, turning the computer on/off, etc. Laptops will be provided for use during class. **Date:** Monday, 10/6 and Wednesday, 10/8 **Time:** 1-3pm
Registration is required by October 2nd. If minimum enrollment is not met by that date, the program will be canceled.

Holiday Card Workshop
Learn how to make holiday cards using snapfish.com and shutterfly.com. Bring your photos. Bring your own laptop or use one of the library's. **Date:** Tuesday, 10/14 –OR- Thursday, 11/13 **Time**: 1-3pm –OR- 6:30-8:30pm
Registration is required by October 10th/November 10th. If minimum enrollment is not met by that date, the program will be canceled.

Skill Review Session
The Skill Review Session will consist of reviewing fundamental computer skills. This class is a great way to ease into "The Internet for Beginners" course. Laptops will be provided for use during class.
Date: Wednesday, 10/15 **Time:** 1-3pm Registration is required by October 13th. If minimum enrollment is not met by that date, the program will be canceled.

Internet for Beginners
This 2 part class will consist of learning the fundamentals of using the internet. Examples of what will be covered: e-mail, searching, etc. Those registered for this class will need to know how to use a mouse & keyboard. Laptops will be provided for use during class.
Date: Monday, 10/20 and Wednesday, 10/22 **Time:** Session A: 1-3pm, Session B: 6:30-8:30pm
Registration is required by October 16th. If minimum enrollment is not met by that date, the program will be canceled.

Windows 8
New to Windows 8? In this interactive demonstration, participants will tour the Start screen and experiment with touch gestures, live tiles, and charms. Then, the instructor will answer any questions. Bring your Windows 8 laptop. If you're considering getting a Windows 8 machine, you're welcome to come and watch. **Date:** Wednesday, 10/29 **Time:** 1-3pm –OR- 6:30-8:30pm Registration is required by October 27th. If minimum enrollment is not met by that date, the program will be canceled.

Digital Photos
Learn how to move pictures from your digital camera to your computer or flash drive. Participants will also learn how to upload these photos to Facebook and websites to get them printed. Required to bring: your camera with photos on it, extra batteries and camera cord. Optional to bring: laptop or flash drive. Laptops will be provided for use during class. **Date:** Wednesday, November 5
Time: 1-3pm –OR- 6:30-8:30pm Registration is required by November 3rd. If minimum enrollment is not met by that date, the program will be canceled.

Facebook for Beginners
Those registered for this class will need to know how to use a mouse & keyboard, as well as have an e-mail address. This class will consist of learning the fundamentals of using Facebook. Laptops will be provided for use during class, but you can bring your own laptop or tablet if you prefer. **Date:** Wednesday, November 12 **Time:** 1-3pm –OR- 6:30-8:30pm
Registration is required by November 7th. If minimum enrollment is not met by that date, the program will be canceled.

Book Club Info

Mondays 'R Murder: for mystery lovers. Meets 2nd Monday of every month during the lunch hour at the library. 12:10-12:50pm. Bring your lunch.
Reading List:
Oct 06, 2014 *Blood Will Out* by Walter Kirn
Nov 10, *2014* *Trapeze* by Simon Mawer
Dec 08, 2014 *The Weight of Blood* by Laura McHugh

AMPL Books: a public book club. Meets 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7pm at the Public Library.
Reading List:
Oct 08, 2014 *Bellman & Black* by Diane Setterfield
Nov 12, 2014 *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro
Dec 10, 2014 *Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

Young At Heart Reading Circle: book club for 50+. Meets 4th Tuesday at 9:30am at Senior Center.
Reading List:
Oct 28 *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green
Nov 25 *Same Kind of Difference as Me* by Ron Hall
Dec 08 Sharing party (NOTE: Date change)