



Midlothian Public Library

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9 am - 5 pm

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9 am - 4 pm

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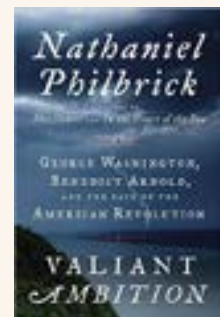
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“On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!” The Summer Reading kickoff for all ages is Monday, June 6. It’s going to be an amazing summer packed with sports, games, and reading challenges. We’re getting everything ready for you to have a grand slam summer of fun. More exciting changes include: Longer checkout periods for AV, a meeting room makeover, storybook garden nature activities, lots of new e-books titles, and the start of our strategic planning process. We will be hitting the streets and starting community conversations at local events, and we want to hear from you. Share with us your dreams and aspirations for the library and for the Midlothian Community as a whole. We’re listening! - Heather

Book of the Month: *Book of the Month: I am obsessed with “Hamilton, the Musical,” so I am reading everything I can get my hands on about that time period. “Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution” by Nathaniel Philbrick is a unique look into the tumultuous relationship between these two fascinating historical figures. I bought the Hamilton music soundtrack for all of you to enjoy!*



Movie of the Month: *The movie cases are now out on the shelves for easier browsing! We have added a “Family Movies for Everyone” section, with PG and PG-13 movies that can be appreciated across the generations. Family movie pick: “Inside Out” is a feel good/feel bad/feel angry and it’s still going to be all right kind of movie.*



Help the Barbie Club

Barbie Club is looking for like-new, gently used Barbies and Ken dolls, clothes, accessories, and furniture.

If you would like to donate please drop off your donation at the Help Desk.

Library Board of Trustees meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7 pm.

The public is welcome to attend. **Next Meeting: May 17, 2016.**

All programs at the Midlothian Public Library are free and open to the public.

Register online at midlothianlibrary.org or call the Help Desk at **(708) 535-2027**

Find Us Online



Adult Programs

“Losing A Hero to Alzheimer’s”

Thursday, May 5, 7-8 pm
Author Patricia M. McClure shares her experience as her mother’s caregiver while helping others learn how to identify the stages of Alzheimer’s. Please register.



Drop In Computer Help

Saturday, May 7, 10-11 am
Do you need help attaching your resume to a job application or downloading an e-book? Come in and speak to our computer technician. Please Register.



Adult Coloring

Thursday, May 19, 7– 8 pm
Bring the bright colors of Spring inside, and enjoy coloring with other adults. This is a fun and relaxing pastime. Please register.

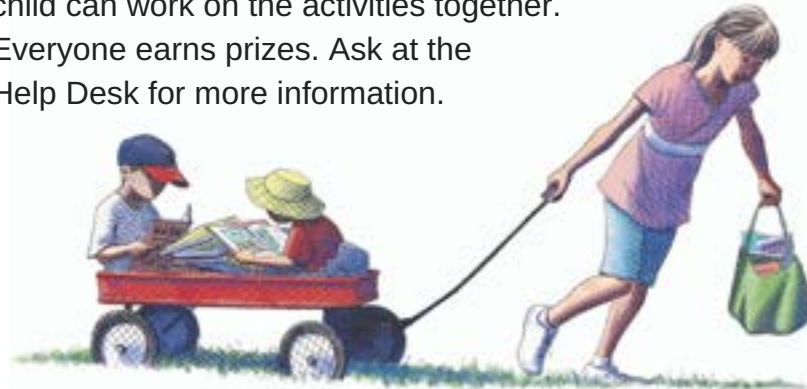
On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!

Adult Summer Reading Program June 6 – July 29

Mark your calendars, Get comfy with a nice pile of books and READ! From June 6-July 29, Midlothian Public Library will offer its annual summer reading program for children, teens, and adults, in which participants of all ages can read and engage in other learning challenges to earn prizes! Adults can plan on joining us for movies, board games, chair yoga, coloring, Life Hacks and MORE!

CALLING ALL PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND CAREGIVERS...

When you sign your child up for the Kids Summer Reading program, be sure to sign up as a “Coach”. You and your child can work on the activities together. Everyone earns prizes. Ask at the Help Desk for more information.



Wild by Cheryl Strayed Saturday, May 14, 10 am

“A powerful, blazingly honest, inspiring memoir: the story of a 1,100 mile solo hike that broke down a young woman reeling from catastrophe—and built her back up again.”

Copies are available at the Check Out Desk.
All are welcome.

Adult
Book Discussion
Group

Teen Programs

TNT (Teens in Theatre) Summer Play Auditions

Tuesday, May 3, 6-7:30 pm
Come audition for this year’s student-directed summer play, The Shakespeare Mix-Up by Amy Green, to be performed on July 23.



No prior theater experience necessary. Rehearsal schedule will be handed out at auditions. If you’d like to serve on the stage crew, please ask at the Help Desk for more information.

Supersmash Bros. Tournament Saturday, May 7, 10:45 am–3:15 pm

Come participate in 4-player smash, doubles, and 4 v.4 competitions on the Wii U. Pizza and pop will be served. Bring your own controller or use one of ours. Game cube controller adapter will be available. Registration required. Please indicate preferred team members at time of registration.



Teen Game Night

Tuesday, May 10 & 24, 6:45-8 pm
Come play video games on the Wii U, play board games, enjoy snacks and hang out with other teens! No membership or registration required. Just drop in!



VOICE (Teen Advisory Board) Banquet Tuesday, May 23, 6-8 pm

VOICE is a group of teens who help the library advise the library on events and programs for teens, assist at library events for adults and children, and plan and organize service projects that benefit the larger community. This month, teens who have served on VOICE this year and their parents are invited to our end-of-year banquet. We will have a brief organizational meeting at 5:30 in the teen area before the banquet begins. RSVP to Help Desk staff with number attending required by May 16. Newcomers interested in joining VOICE should see Jennie Cottrill or Grace Alleman at the Help Desk to get plugged in to VOICE’s many summer activities!

On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!



Teen Summer Reading Program June 6-July 29

Teens can look forward to flag football, relay races, yoga, creative writing, crafting, game night, documentary film discussions and the National Teen Lock-In. And don’t forget the VOICE annual car wash and Teens in Theatre’s annual summer play!

Children's Programs



"On the Block" Art Program - Saturday, May 21, 1-2 pm

Romare Bearden was a prominent African American artist based in the Harlem neighborhood of New York City. We will share Claire Hartfield's book, *Me and Uncle Romie*, and then create collages of our own neighborhoods in the style of Bearden's best known work, *The Block*. First in a three-part monthly series. Best for ages 6-12.

LEGO Club

Monday, May 2, 3:30-5 pm

Drop in and build, build, build!

Legos are a great way to increase spatial awareness, develop fine motor skills, and have fun!

Legos provided. Best for ages 4 & up.



Let's Get Messy

Tuesday, May 17, 4-5 pm

Registration Preferred

Join Miss Cindy at this art-based storytime, where we'll use our five senses and read stories! Best for ages 1-7, with a caregiver.



Tween Gaming

Wednesdays, May 11 & 25, 3:30-5:00 pm

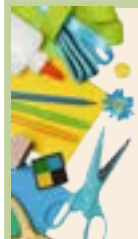
Come on into the library for some Wii U and board games. A variety of games will be available; patrons will be asked to take turns and switch games as needed. Controllers provided, but feel free to bring your own. Best for ages 8-12.



Barbie Club

Saturday, May 28, 1-3 pm

Drop in and play with Barbies, hang out with friends, have fun! Dolls and accessories provided. Best for ages 3 & up.



Drop-in Crafts

Mondays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 11 am-Noon

Join Miss Jeanne on Monday mornings to dip into creativity with crafts! Each week will be a different surprise; drop in anytime during the hour!



On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!



Children's Summer Reading Program June 6-July 29

Children can look forward to a Jedi training and archery performance, a juggler, our annual matchbox car race, and an extreme bike demonstration. Babies through preschoolers can attend weekly storytimes, and drop in for weekly playdough, sand, and water playtimes. School age children can come to art and science programs and special events like Capture the Flag and Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library. Favorites like Let's Get Messy, Legos, Barbies, chess, and open gaming will be back as well.

Children's Programs

Cinco de Mayo Craft

Monday, May 2 – Saturday, May 7, Any Time

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo by making a Mexican tissue paper flower to help beautify our library space. Make one to take home too. Ask at the Help Desk to get started. For all ages.



Mother's Day Party

Tuesday, May 3, 4-5 pm

Registration Preferred

Celebrate Mom, Grandma, Auntie, or another special woman in your life with stories, lemonade and cookies. Come make a special craft just for her! Best for ages 4-7.



"Let it Rain" Family Storytime

Monday, May 16, 3:30-5 pm

Since time began, people have depended on abundant rain for drinking water and to grow food. Celebrate this life-sustaining experience by creating a human rain storm, hearing rain-themed stories, and making a traditional rain stick to enjoy the soothing sound of a gentle rain. For families with children of all ages. Registration Preferred.



Techie Tots

Saturday, May 21, 11 am-Noon

This program will invite participants to explore the wonders of stories, apps and games emphasizing early literacy skills with the use of a tablet device. Best for children ages 3 - 5.



Spring Storytimes

The current 5-week session will end Friday, May 20th.
We will take a three-week break before our summer storytimes begin.

Walkers, Wigglers, and Crawlers

Thursdays, at 10:30 am (session ends Thursday, May 19)

Perfect for babies to 2 years old, this storytime is filled with picturebooks, singing, moving and shaking! Discover enriching early literacy activities to repeat at home.

Preschool Pals

Fridays at 11:30 am (session ends Friday, May 20)

Are you ready for fun? This engaging storytime is especially for 3 to 5 year-olds who love interactive stories, songs, and activities that encourage emerging language skills.

Mega Block Party!

Fridays from Noon - 1 pm

Join us for a fun-filled block party after storytime!

Open play is a great way to encourage discovery, build fine motor skills, and socialize. A great place to meet other caregivers, too! All ages welcome.

No registration required for storytimes. Siblings always welcome to join in!
After each storytime, there will be an open, unstructured playgroup to encourage socialization & discovery.

Friends of the Library

**Want to help your local library?
Become a Friends Member for only \$5.00!**

Get the inside scoop about events, and share ideas with your neighbors. Support our “Book Nook” by purchasing gently used books, discover the “Little Free Library” at the Metra stop, and help with our book sale, game nights, cultural events, and other fundraisers.

Next Friends meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 6-7 pm.
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