Midlothian Public Library
14701 S. Kenton Ave. Midlothian, IL 60445
April - May 2021

Midlothian cardholders can now check out a SmartBook™ LTE with built-in hotspot to use the Internet in the comfort of their own homes!

What is a SmartBook™? It is an 8” tablet with a case, keyboard and built-in wireless Internet connection, so that you don’t need home Internet to use it. It comes with popular apps installed, like Gmail, Google Docs, Indeed Job Search, Facebook, and Zoom and web browsers like Google Chrome and Microsoft Edge to access other websites.

How Does It Work? Call the library to reserve one or place a hold through our online catalog. Young people under age 18 must have a signed Internet use agreement on file to check out. SmartBooks™ may be checked out for one week at a time.

How Can I Learn to Use One? SmartBooks™ come with a built-in tutorial app that shows you how to use them. Or call the library and ask for our Help Desk, and our staff will walk you through the process.

Warning...Don’t Return in the Book Drop! To prevent damage, please return your SmartBook™ inside the library or call us from one of the curbside spots, and we will come get it from you.

These SmartBooks™ are funded by a grant from the Libraries Transforming Communities initiative of the American Library Association.

Midlothian: Village of Resilience
(A Community Discussion)
Saturday, April 17, 6:30 - 8 pm, via Zoom * OR
Saturday, April 24, 6:30 - 8 pm, in-person with social distancing

The COVID-19 pandemic, the economic downturn, and the social and political controversies of 2020-2021 have made life harder for everyone. How do we, as individuals and communities, make it through and rebound from times of hardship? This discussion will offer participants a chance to connect with others, reflect on their experiences and respond with ways that individuals and the library can support resilience in this community. This event will be offered twice—once via Zoom and once in-person with social distancing—choose the one that suits you best. This program is offered in association with Libraries Transforming Communities initiative of the American Library Association. Registration required.

**Take It Make It**

**Butterfly Picture:** Thursday, April 8
Create a picture for spring using washi-tape.
Registration required beginning April 1; limit 36.

**Aromatherapy Neck Pillow:** Thursday, May 13
Relax with this easy to make lavender scented pillow.
Registration required beginning May 1; limit 36.

**Money Smart Week April 10 – 17**
This week-long free virtual campaign aims to help people better manage their personal finances with a focus on those hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year’s line-up includes:
- Saturday, April 10, 10 am Talking Cents
- Sunday, April 11, 10 am Saving
- Monday, April 12, 12 pm Basic Banking
- Tuesday, April 13, 12:30 pm Student Loans
- Wednesday, April 14, 1 pm Fraud Protection
- Thursday, April 15, 1 pm Personal Finance
- Friday, April 16, 12 pm Housing Protections + Resources
- Saturday, April 17, 10:30 am Budgeting

Please register at www.monesmartweek.org. Events are free and open to the public, but registration is advised.

**Adult Book Discussion (via Zoom)**
Thursday, April 22, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
*Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes.
This book will be available through the library or electronically through Libby/Overdrive/Media on Demand. Please call the Help Desk if you have any questions.

Thursday, May 27, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
*Last Flight* by Julie Clark.
This book will be available through the library or electronically through Libby/Media on Demand/Overdrive or Hoopla. Please contact the Help Desk if you have any questions.

**Spring Paint & Sip!**
Friday, May 1, 6:30 pm
Grab your favorite beverage and join TeAnna as she leads us through a lovely spring paint-along session.
Registration required. Supplies provided beginning Wednesday, April 28th. This program will be presented live through Zoom. Find Zoom link on the Events page of our website!

**Citizenship 101 (Spanish, Bilingual)**
Monday, May 10, 6 - 8 pm
A representative from the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) will give a presentation on the requirements and process to become a U.S. citizen and how to avoid immigration scams. This class will be presented virtually. When you register a link will be emailed to you with information on how to join the meeting. The class is bilingual (Spanish - English).

**Relaxation Through Meditation**
Thursday, May 20, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Arlene Samsel will explain how meditation can evoke a deep state of relaxation. She will present a simple but powerful technique which you will have a chance to practice. Please register. This program will be presented through Zoom.

**Friends of the Library Meeting**
Thursdays, April 1 & May 6, 6:30 pm
All are welcome to attend these Zoom meetings.

**Do you have basic knowledge of Excel? Would you like to serve your community?**
Could you donate 2 or 3 hours of your time a month? The Friends of Midlothian Public Library are in need of a Treasurer and a Membership Chair. Volunteers are also needed to stock the Little Free Libraries sponsored by the Friends. Not familiar with the Friends and how they assist the library’s mission? Try attending a Friends meeting to learn more. No commitment expected, just come learn.

**National Library Week!**
Welcome to Your Library! Staff Shelves!
April 4-10
Be sure to check out the Library’s Instagram account every day this week to see what your friendly staff have been reading! All Ages.
Children’s Services

Fantastic Fridays Storytime!
Fridays, April 2, 16, 30 & May 14 & 28, 10 am
Start the weekend off with stories, songs and fun!

Weekend Family Fun
Saturdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 10:30 am
Are you looking for new family activities? Join us each Saturday morning in April to learn about new, cheap, fun things you can try, all in the comfort of your own home!
- April 3 – Fort Building
- April 10 – Indoor camping
- April 17 – Newspaper Fashion Show
- April 24 – Easy No-Bake Treats

Preschool Information Session
Wednesday, April 7, 6:30pm
Are you looking for a school that meets your child’s learning and developmental needs? Academic Mastery Academy Preschool in Posen, IL, will deliver a one-hour Zoom session about their FREE preschool program. Registration required. Find Zoom link on the Events page of our website!

Grab & Go Crafts
Fridays, April 9 & May 7, 10 am - 7 pm
Stop by the library to pick up a fun craft to make at home! Best for ages 5+. No registration necessary; first come, first serve. Crafts will be recycled after one week.
- April 9 – Spring Suncatchers Paint Kit
- May 7 – Spoon Flower Kit

LIVE! Family Bingo
Friday, April 9, 6:30 pm
Get the family together for a competitive game of Bingo! Bingo cards will be supplied, 2 per each family member. Prizes awarded to three champions! Registration required. Find Zoom link on the Events page of our website!

Family Fun Bilingual Storytime
Tuesdays, April 13 & May 11, 6:30pm
Join Miss Maria for great stories and songs in Spanish and English!

Celebrate Earth Day!
Thursday, April 22, 6:30 pm
Let’s learn how to protect our amazing planet with this fun, informative storytime!

LIVE! Lotteria
Wednesday, May 5, 6:30 pm
Join us LIVE and celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a fun family game of Lotteria! Lotteria cards will be supplied; 2 per each family member. Prizes awarded to three champions! Registration required. Find Zoom link on the Events page of our website.

Teen Services

Teen Social Club
Mondays, April 5, 19, May 3 & May 17, 3 - 4 pm
Teens are welcome to join our discord and join the conversation or participate in games.
Discord: https://discord.gg/5n5vxFA

LIVE: Crafts with a Librarian
Wednesdays, April 14, 28, & May 12, 26, 6 - 7 pm
Sign up to pick up craft kits curbside. Then on the afternoon of the craft join us via Discord and learn alongside our librarians while we do the crafts together.
Discord: https://discord.gg/5n5vxFA
- Craft 1: Paint with Stuart
- Craft 2: Papercrafts with Jamie
- Craft 3: Cross stitch with Stuart
- Craft 4: Plants with Jamie

National Anime Day!
Thursday, April 15, 10 am - 7 pm
Celebrate National Animal Day! The library is giving away Anime Grab and Go Bag, which feature fun trinkets, activities, and more! No registration necessary; first come, first serve. Bags will be recycled after one week.

Online Chess Tournament
Friday, May 21, 5 - 7 pm
Teens of all skill levels are welcome to register for a chess tournament that will be held online via lichess.org. Winners of the tournament will receive medals that can be picked up curbside. Registration is required.
Discord: https://discord.gg/5n5vxFA

Online Programs

All virtual programs are offered through the Library’s Facebook Page unless otherwise indicated in program description.
Los SmartBooks™ Ya Están Disponibles Para Uso en Casa
Un SmartBook™ es una tableta de 8” con una funda y un teclado y conexión inalámbrica a Internet integrada, por lo que no necesita Internet en casa para usarlo. Viene con aplicaciones populares instaladas, como Gmail, Google Docs, Indeed Job Search, Facebook y Zoom y navegadores web como Google Chrome y Microsoft Edge para acceder a otros sitios web.

Los titulares de tarjetas de Midlothian pueden llamar a la biblioteca para reservar una o poner una en espera por medio de nuestro sitio web.

Los jóvenes menores de 18 años deben tener un acuerdo de uso de Internet firmado para realizar el check-out.

SmartBooks™ se puede facturar durante una semana a la vez.

SmartBooks™ viene con una aplicación tutorial integrada que le muestra cómo usarlos. O llame a la biblioteca y solicite nuestro servicio de asistencia, y nuestro personal le guiará a través del proceso.

Para evitar daños, por favor devuelva su SmartBook™ dentro de la biblioteca o llámenos cuando esté en nuestro estacionamiento, y iremos a buscarlo de usted.

Programas

Reto Verano de la Biblioteca 2021
¡Marque sus calendarios para Leyendo Colorea Tu Mundo! El reto anual de verano de la Biblioteca Pública de Midlothian empieza Sábado 7 de Junio y se termina el 31 de Julio. ¡Quédense atentos para más detalles!

Cuentos Bilingües para Toda la Familia
Los martes, el 13 de abril y el 11 de mayo, 6:30 pm
¡Acompaña a la Señorita Maria para cuentos y canciones en español e inglés!

¡Lotería en Vivo!
Miércoles, 5 de Mayo
¡Acompañanos en vivo y celebre el Cinco de Mayo con un juego divertido de Lotería para toda la familia! Cartas de Lotería serán suministradas; 2 por cada miembro de la familia. ¡Premios otorgados a tres campeones de Lotería! Requiere registro. Encuentre el vínculo de Zoom en la página de Eventos / Events en nuestro sitio.

Club Social de Jóvenes
Los lunes, el 5, 19 de abril y 3, 17 de mayo, 3 - 4 pm
Los jóvenes están bienvenidos a conectar con nuestro chat de discord y tomar parte en la conversación o participar en juegos.
Vínculo de Discord: https://discord.gg/5n5vxFA

Ciudadanía 101 (Bilingüe)
Lunes, 10 de mayo, 6 - 8 pm
Un representante de Servicios de Ciudadanía e Inmigración de los Estados Unidos (USCIS) va dar una presentación de los requisitos y el proceso para convertirse en ciudadano de los Estados Unidos y cómo evitar estafas de inmigración. Esta clase será presentado virtualmente. Cuando te registres un enlace sera enviado a tu correo electrónico con información de cómo conectarse a la junta. Esta clase es bilingüe (español - inglés).