Library Doors Now Open for Most Library Services: No Appointments Required!

Regular Library Hours Resume Monday, September 28

- Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 8 pm
- Friday - Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

Curbside pickup available 10 am - 4 pm daily. Call or order online. Option to pick up materials at the library of your choice has resumed. Walk-in pickup (at table near door) for pre-ordered materials available all hours. Homebound delivery continues. Delivery of materials from other SWAN libraries and option to pick up materials at the SWAN library of your choice has resumed.

As computers and WiFi tables are limited, appointments are recommended but not required. Please call (708) 535-2027 up to two business days in advance to book an appointment.

Masks are required at all times, and children under age 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult age 18 or older.

For more information, visit www.midlothianlibrary.org/reopening
Library Board of Trustees Position Opening April 2021: Will You Run?

The Library Board of Trustees will have a vacant 4-year term to fill in the April 2021 election. If you think you might like to run for this or any other local public office but never knew how to get started, consider...

How to Run for Public Office,  
Thursday, October 8, 7 - 8:30 pm  
via Zoom Webinar

Village Clerk Al Moskal will give a presentation on the legal ins and outs of procedures for running for the Library, Village, School or Park District Boards. Library Trustee Brenna Baker and Village Trustee Sandra Crowley will also share their experiences both running and serving on a local public board. To join go to https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83716426573 or download the free Zoom app or call (312) 626-6799 and enter Webinar ID: 837 1642 6573.

For more information about the Library Board and the time commitment and other expectations, you can also call Library Director Jennifer Cottrill at (708) 535-2027 or email jcottrill@midlothianlibrary.org.

We’ve Gone Fine-Free!

What does this mean?

When you check out an item at Midlothian Public Library and return it late, you will no longer be charged a fine. In addition, all fines for overdue materials you’ve already returned have been forgiven. Also, if you have had an item for so long that it has been counted as “lost,” if you bring back that item in good condition, the lost charge and processing fee will be waived.

Why are we doing this?

Library fines have been shown to create a barrier to access to library resources for those who can least afford it. Individuals who cannot pay their fines sometimes give up on library use, which runs contrary to this library’s commitment to encouraging lifelong learning. Research shows that fines don’t really work as a motivator to return materials on time. Fines or no, people return items to the library at about the same level of timeliness.

How will we make sure people return things?

We still ask that you return your items in a timely manner so that others may use them. And we have certain safeguards in place.

• When an item becomes 14 days overdue, your account will be blocked until the late item is returned.

• If an item is 42 days overdue, the item will be counted as “lost,” and you will be billed for the cost of the item plus a processing fee until you return it.

• If an item is 60 days overdue, your bill will be sent to a recovery agency, who will send you notices until you return the item. The recovery agency charges us a $10 service fee, which we will pass on to you and require you to pay.

For full details, visit www.midlothianlibrary.org/finefree
**Online Programs**

All virtual programs are offered through the Library’s Facebook Page unless otherwise indicated in program description.

**Children’s Services**

**Family Fun Bilingual Storytime**
Tuesdays, October 6 & 20, 6:30-7:30 pm
Join Miss Maria as she reads stories and sings songs in Spanish and English!

**Grab & Go Craft Kits**
Wednesdays, October 14 & 28
Please register and indicate on the registration page the age of your child to receive an appropriate craft. Supplies available through curbside or walk-in pickup.

**Fantastic Fridays Storytime**
Fridays, October 9-30, 10-10:30 am
Join us Friday mornings for fun songs, stories, and more!

**Spooky Little Stories!**
Monday, October 26 & Tuesday, October 27, 6:30-7:45 pm
For grades PreK-2. Join Library staff this Halloween for some spooky stories just for little ones.

**Scary Stories & Urban Legends**
Wednesday, October 28 & Thursday October 29, 6:30-7:45 pm
For grades 3+. Want a scary story to keep you up at night? Join library staff as they read from Alvin Schwartz’s *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark*.

**Teen Services**

**D&D Halloween Special**
Tuesday October 20 & 27, 6-8 pm
To restart our fall session of RPG Club, we will host a one shot ending with a Day 0 for our next campaign. To join, see event calendar on library website.

**After School Cool**
Wednesdays, October 7 & 14, 3-5 pm
Join the Discord to chat with friends or say hello to staff. To join, see event calendar on library website.

**Teen Tutors**
Mondays - Fridays, 4-7 pm
Make an appointment with an available tutor. Contact Stuart Kerr via email at skerr@midlothianlibrary.org.

**Chess Club Online**
Monday, October 12 & 26, 4-5 pm
Would you like to hone your chess skills or watch Stuart lose in the fewest moves possible? Meetings will comprise of new openings ideas and free play.

**FanFic Forever! Teen Book Club**
Saturday, October 17, 11 am-Noon
Come talk books and be social, get reading suggestions, and ask questions about writing.

**STEAM KIT**
Wednesday, October 14
For Grades 6-12. Sign up to pick up a STEAM kit from our library. October’s kit will include an Orrery to build and paint. Supplies available through curbside or walk-in pickup.

**Two Nights of Poe**
Friday, October 30 & Saturday, October 31, 6:30-7:45 pm
For teens and parents. Library staff present dramatic readings of Edgar Allen Poe’s best stories and poems! You’ll be left raven about them!

**Adult Services**

**Friends of the Library Meeting**
Thursday, October 1, 6:30-7:30 pm
All are welcome to this Zoom meeting. To join, see event calendar on library website.

**Citizenship 101**
Monday, October 5, 7-9 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. When you register a link will be emailed to you with information on how to join the meeting. The class is bilingual (Spanish - English).

**Take It! Make It!**
**Floating Witch Hat Luminaries**
Thursday, October 15
Create a fun Halloween decoration to hang. Please register. Supplies will be available through curbside or walk-in pickup.

**Book Talk**
Thursday, October 22, 6:30-7:30 pm
Join this Zoom discussion and get book suggestions. Copies of the book will be available in advance for curbside pickup or in-building checkout. If you have questions, please call the Help Desk. All are welcome. To join, see event calendar on library website.
Las Puertas De La Bibliotheca Estan Abiertas Para La Mayoria De Los Servicios - No Se Necesita Hacer Citas!

La Bibliotheca Regresa a Su Horario Regular
El Lunes, Septiembre 28, 2020
• Lunes-Jueves, 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
• Viernes-Sabado, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tenemos Recogida en la Curva disponible de 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM todos los días. Llame o haga un pedido en línea. Se ha reanudado la opción de recoger materiales en la biblioteca de su elección. Recogida a pie (en la mesa cerca de la puerta) para materiales pre-ordenados disponibles durante todo el horario. La entrega de entrada en casa continúa. Las computadoras y las mesas de WiFi son limitados, se recomiendan citas, pero no son necesarias. Favor de llamar al (708) 535-2027 con hasta dos días hábiles de anticipación para reservar una cita.

Los tapabocas son requeridos a todo momento y los menores de 12 años deven de estar acompañados por un adulto responsable de 18 años o mayor.

Para mas informacion, visite nuestra pagina de internet www.midlothianlibrary.org/reopening

¡Disculpa Nuestro Polvo!
Nosotros comenzamos a construir renovaciones exteriores. En ocasiones, los cierres breves de uno o unos pocos días pueden ser requeridos. Cuando las computadoras no están disponibles, la biblioteca Acorn Public Library (localizada en la 15624 Central Avenue, Oak Forest) proveerá pases de visitante gratis para los miembros de Midlothian Public Library. Siguenos en las redes sociales o visite nuestra página de inicio y elige «Sign Up for our E-Newsletter» para aviso de que anticipar y cuando.

¡Ya No Cobramos Multas!
Cuando sacan un artículo en Midlothian Public Library y lo regresan tarde, ya no te van a cobrar una multa. Además, todas las multas para materiales atrasados que ya han regresado han sido perdonadas. Igualmente, si usted ha tenido un artículo por tanto tiempo que ha sido considerado como «perdido», si lo devuelve en buena condición, el cargo por el material perdido y cargos administrativos serán renunciados. Todavía pedimos que regresen sus artículos a tiempo para que los demás puedan utilizarlos. Y tenemos ciertas salvaguardias en orden. Para todos los detalles, visite www.midlothianlibrary.org/finefree.

Programas Bilingües en Línea
Ciudadanía 101
lunes, 5 de octubre, 7-9 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. Cuando te registres un enlace sera enviado a tu correo electrónico con información de cómo conectarse a la junta.

Cuentos Bilingües
los martes, 6 y 20 de octubre, 6:30-7:30 pm
¡Acompaña a Señorita Maria para canciones y cuentos en Español e Inglés! Ofrecido a través de nuestra página de Facebook.