**Top 3 Events To Mark On Your Calendar**

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**Summer Library Challenge 2021: Reading Colors Your World**
Saturday, June 5 - Saturday, July 31

**Kick-off Celebration @ Bellybutton Hill**
Saturday, June 5, 10 am - 4 pm (Rain date: Saturday, June 12)

Join us for our 2021 Summer Library Challenge at Kostner Park (otherwise known as Bellybutton Hill). When you sign up for the program, you’ll receive a free t-shirt AND a book! Stick around to tie-dye your shirt with Library staff and enjoy some fun games. Or if you’d rather tie-dye at home, we’ll give you the supplies. Kostner Park is located at 150th & Kostner in Midlothian, IL. Registration is required. 20 participants are allowed every half hour. Masks required. Thank you to Midlothian Park District for generously lending us this space!

**How the Summer Library Challenge Works**

**For PreK to Grade 5**

Join the challenge this summer with reading and fun activities! This year, you get to set your own weekly reading goals. Once you reach those goals, come to the library and pick up a prize packet! Register in person or call the library.

**For Grades 6 - 12**

Read how you want! Midlothian Public Library is asking teens to set their own weekly goals for reading. We all read at different paces, and it is important to make reading part of your daily/weekly routine. Meet your weekly goals, to be eligible for the month’s prize! Register in person or by calling the library.

**For Adults (18+)**

Let Reading Color Your World this summer! Log books and complete activities to earn rewards using Beanstack. You will receive a prize for registering, reading 3 books, and be entered into a final drawing. Anyone over 18 is welcome to join. Register in person, through the website, or by calling the library.

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The Midlothian Public Library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals who require accommodation for a disability to any library presentation should contact the library at least five (5) working days prior to the event.
A Special Thanks to our Trustee Who Serve and Guide Without Compensation

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Library Board of Trustees meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7 pm.
The public is welcome to attend. Upcoming Meetings: June 15 & July 20.

In the COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT...

During the pandemic, Steven Williams stayed connected with his grown son in Alabama by collaborating on a family video and picture gallery. The project was disrupted when Mr. Williams’ laptop broke and he did not have the money to have it fixed. In July 2020, when the library reopened for computer use by appointment, Mr. Williams got a library card and came to the library nearly every day for 4 months to work on his project. Library staff assisted him in using free online graphic design software to enhance his work. In November, just as rising COVID cases caused the library to revert to curbside-only service, Mr. Williams had saved enough money to repair his laptop. Mr. Williams wrote a note to library staff expressing gratitude for their “hospitality, courtesy and care,” and for helping him keep his family project on schedule. During the library’s period of limited in-building service between July and November 2020, patrons like Mr. Williams visited the library for 1,475 computer appointments. Libraries help bridge the gap!

Have a story about why you love the library? Send it to mds@midlothianlibrary.org, and we may feature you next!

Curbside Continues...With a Few (Minor) Changes!

Curbside pickup, which has been popular during the pandemic, will continue! However, due to the gradual increase in patrons who choose to enter our building to pick up their orders, we’ll be making a few changes back to our “normal” way of doing things:

- Starting June 1, we will no longer automatically check out your orders and bag them.
- If you would like to pick up your order inside, just walk up to the Checkout Desk and request it.
- If you would like curbside service, please pull into our curbside spots and call us like usual. At that time, we will ask for your library card number or your name and a piece of identifying information (e.g., your birth date, address, or phone number), and we will check out the materials to you and bring them to your car.
- Staff will no longer personally call each patron when your order is in. Instead, automatic notices will resume based on your account preference (text, email, or phone call). If you don’t remember your preference or wish to change it, please login to your account through our website or just call us, and we’ll help you.

Thank you for your flexibility as we make the gradual transition back toward “normal”!
Adult Programming

New Service!

Databases Provide Practical Info You Can Use
The SWAN consortium of libraries has purchased a robust collection of online databases for use by library cardholders in the 100 consortium libraries. A database is an expertly curated collection of online resources that would normally not be available on the free Internet. Many of these provide practical information that adults can use in their daily lives.

Auto Repair Source
Procedures, diagrams, specs and more to help you diagnose, repair and maintain cars.

Business Source Premier
Articles & videos on accounting, finance, economics, marketing & management.

Consumer Health Complete
Articles on health, fitness, and nutrition, including teen health topics for parents.

Legal Information Resource Center
Resources assist you in legal matters of all kinds, e.g., family, financial, real estate & more.

Small Business Reference Center
Videos and reference books with advice and tools for small business owners.

Vocational & Career Collection
Trade and industry-related periodicals in a variety of fields.

To access these resources and many others, visit the DIGITAL LIBRARY tab of our website or visit https://swanlibraries.net/lib/mds/. Need assistance? Call the library and ask for our Help Desk.

Conversation Café (via Zoom)
Mondays, June 21 & July 19, 6:30 - 8 pm
A Conversation Café is a 90-minute structured hosted conversation that uses a simple format and simple ground rules to help people feel at ease and give everyone who wants it a chance to speak—it’s also fine for people to simply listen. No one need feel like an “expert” on the topic, as participants are encouraged to speak from their own experience. Format and discussion questions will be emailed to participants in advance, but no homework is expected! Registration required.

June: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
We will focus on our participants’ visions for an equitable, diverse, and inclusive society and what changes they are interested in making at the local community and organizational levels to promote equity, diversity, and inclusion.

July: Passing the Baton
We will use the metaphor of the relay race to invite participants to reflect on the baton of experiences they have been passed by their families, communities, and society, and which of those “batons” are beneficial to pass on to those who come after us and which are best to leave behind.

For the link to join Zoom programs, see our online event calendar by clicking the Events tab of our website.

Monday Minute
Mondays, June 7 - July 26, 10 am
Tune in to Facebook every Monday morning for a book, movie, CD, or video game review presented by our lively staff.

No Stress Video and Phone Interviews (via Zoom)
Thursday, June 17, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Video and phone interviews can be just as stressful as an in-person interview. Learn the differences between types of interviews and how to prepare for them, as well as tips on best presenting yourself when you’re not actually in the room. Please register.

Organizing Based on Your Personality Type (via Zoom)
Thursday, July 15, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Are you right-brained or left-brained? Come find out. Based on your personality, learn your organizing styles. If you struggle with getting and staying organized it might be because you are not organizing based on your personality type. Please register.
Friends of the Library Meeting
June 17, 6:30 pm
The Friends of the Library will not meet in the months of July and August and will resume September 9, after Labor Day. Meetings will be conducted via Zoom. See online Events calendar for link.

Little Free Libraries Reopen
The Little Free Libraries located at the Midlothian Train Station, Village Hall and Park District ARC will again be available to the community. Please follow posted directions in order to use the materials safely. Enjoy!

Volunteers Needed
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 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.

Now Accepting Used Book Donations
The Friends can sell your lightly-used books and DVDs to raise funds to support the library’s work and to stock the Little Free Libraries. Drop off donations at the library Checkout Desk, or bring very large donations to the library rear door. Before donating, please check the list of what can and can’t be used http://bit.ly/mdsdonations. Unfortunately, items that cannot be used will be thrown away.

Celebrate the Library’s 90th Anniversary and Grand Reopening with a T-Shirt
This fall, Midlothian Public Library will turn 90, just as it is finishing up its exterior renovation that will keep the library warm and weathertight for decades to come. Help the Friends support the library’s work into its next 90 years by purchasing a commemorative t-shirt. Pre-order by July 4 for the early bird price of $10 at http://bit.ly/90YrsLib, scan the QR code, or request a paper form at the Checkout Desk. After July 4, shirts will cost $12, and specific sizes will only be available while supplies last. Shirts are 100% cotton, unisex cut, and available in adult sizes S through XXXL. Add $2 for XXL and $3 for XXXL. When your order is in you will be contacted to pick it up and pay at the library by curbside or walk-in service. Payment will be accepted in cash or by check payable to Friends of Midlothian Public Library.
Children’s Programming

All programs are virtual through the library’s Facebook page unless otherwise indicated.

WELCOMING OUR NEW CHILDREN’S SERVICES LIBRARIAN, ZANDRIA

Hi friends! My name is Zandria Robins. I’m the new Children’s Librarian here at Midlothian Public Library. Some of my favorite children’s authors are Eric Carle and Mo Willems. I can’t get enough of that Pete the Cat; I just love reading those books at story time. When I’m not reading children’s books, I enjoy reading young adult fiction and baking. I love all things Disney especially Mickey and Minnie Mouse. One of my favorite activities is singing karaoke with my friends and family. I might even own two wireless karaoke microphones (shhh, don’t tell anyone)! I’m really excited to be a part of the team here at Midlothian and I look forward to meeting you all.

New Service!

New SMARTBOOKS laptops are available for check-out for Midlothian Public Library Card Holders only. Integrated Wifi Hotspot included. Access internet in the convenince of your home or on-the-go.

Featured

Family Fun Bilingual Storytime
Tuesdays, June 8 & 22 and July 6 & 20, 6:30 pm
Join Miss Maria this summer with colorful stories and songs in Spanish and English!

Pajama Storytime
Thursdays, June 10 & July 8, 7 pm
Get your pjs on and join us for a dreamy storytime. Don’t forget to bring your favorite stuffy!

Summer Stories
Fridays, June 11, 18 & 25 and July 9, 16 & 23, 10 am
Start your summer weekends right with great stories, songs and activities!

Grab & Go Crafts
Wednesdays, June 9 & 23 and July 7 & 21, All Day
Color your summer with crafts! Best for ages 4+. Pick up materials at the library on the date of the event and get crafty at home. No registration necessary; first come, first serve. Crafts will be recycled after one week.

June 9: Fish Windsock
June 23: Painted Bird Houses
July 7: Coffee Filter Dragonfly
July 21: Paper Plate Rainbow Fish

Live STEM! (via Zoom)
Wednesdays, June 9 & July 21, 11 am
STEM, STEM and more STEM. We’ll work together to create cool structures. Best for grades 3+. Registration required; pick up materials starting on the dates below. Find the Zoom link on the events page of our website.

June 9: Mini Water Slide (Pick up materials starting June 7)
July 21: Balloon Powered Car (Pick up materials starting July 19)

Live Art! Puffy Sidewalk Paint
Monday, June 14, Noon
Do you like drawing with sidewalk chalk? Well, you’ll love making puffy sidewalk paint! Join us as we show you how to make it and put a little extra FUN in your summer.

Junior Chefs (via Zoom)
Thursdays, June 17 & July 29, 6:30 pm
Let’s get cooking in the kitchen. Join us as we demonstrate kid friendly recipes that you can do at home. Best for grades 3+. Registration Required; pick up materials starting on the dates below. Find the Zoom link on the events page of our website.

June 17: Apple nachos, banana sushi, what more could you ask for? (Pick up materials starting June 14)
July 29: S’mores pops and marshmallow popcorn in one night! (Pick up materials starting July 26)
Teen Programming

Teen Treats
Wednesdays, June 23 & July 28, All Day
Please register to reserve your Teen Treat Kits! Kits are limited.

June 23: Birdnests
July 28: Island Cookies

Virtual Teen Game Night
Wednesdays, June 2 & 16 and July 7 & 12, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Join along on discord as we game and chat together.
Games we typically play are Super Smash Brothers,
Magic: The Gathering, and Among Us.
Discord: https://discord.gg/5n5vxFA

AFTER-HOURS, IN-BUILDING Teen Gaming Tournaments
Fridays, June 25 & July 30, 6 - 8 pm
Attendance is limited to 25 participants, and you must register for entry.
Masks are required, and social distancing will be enforced.

June 25: Mario Kart
July 30: Super Smash Brothers

Teen Crafts
Wednesdays, June 9 & July 14, All Day
Please register to reserve your Teen Crafts! Crafts are limited.

June 9: Macrame
July 14: Solar System Necklaces

RPG Club
Tuesdays, June 8, 15 & 22 and July 6, 13 & 20, 1 - 3 pm
Join our Summer Session of D&D! No experience needed, and all materials will be provided by the library.
Register to reserve your very own dice set and pack of character sheets!
D&D Beyond: https://ddb.ac/campaigns/join/11775273449670503
Discord: https://discord.gg/5n5vxFA

New Services!

New! Digital Magazines from Media on Demand
Earlier this year, we rolled out a new eMagazine platform called Flipster, and we are now thrilled to announce that the our Media on Demand consortium is now offering EVEN MORE eMagazines through Libby by OverDrive! The Media on Demand collection provides access to 3,000 magazines with no wait time!

To access them, visit our website, www.midlothianlibrary.org, go to DIGITAL LIBRARY > E-MEDIA > Media on Demand Magazines. OR download the free Libby or OverDrive app from wherever you get your apps. Login using your library card number and PIN.

Don’t have a library card? Go to the upper right-hand corner of our website and click CARD SIGNUP to get a temporary card number you can use immediately for all our digital materials. After that, staff will contact you to turn your temporary card into a permanent one.

Forgot your PIN? Go to www.midlothianlibrary.org/reopening and click Resetting Your PIN. Or call us during business hours, and staff can reset it for you.

Need assistance? Call the library, and our staff will be happy to help.
Reto Verano de la Biblioteca 2021:
Leyendo Colorea Tu Vida
Sábado, el 5 de Junio – Sábado, el 31 de Julio

¡Celebración de Inicio sera en Bellybutton Hill!
Sábado, 5 de Junio, 10 am - 4 pm  (Día de lluvia: Sábado, 12 de Junio)

Únase a nosotros para nuestro Desafío de Biblioteca de Verano 2021 en Kostner Park (también conocido como Bellybutton Hill).
¡Cuando te inscribas en el programa, recibirás una camiseta y un libro gratis! Quédate para atar y teñir la camiseta con el personal de la biblioteca y disfruta de algunos juegos divertidos. O si prefieres atar teñido en casa, te daremos los suministros. Kostner Park se encuentra en 150th & Kostner en Midlothian, IL. Se permiten 20 participantes cada media hora. Se requieren máscaras. Gracias a Midlothian Park District por prestarnos generosamente este espacio!

Para Niños

Cuentos Bilingües para Toda la Familia (a través de nuestra página de Facebook)
Los Martes, el 8 y 22 de Junio; el 6 y 20 de Julio
6:30 pm
¡Únete a La Señorita María este verano con historias coloridas y canciones en español e inglés!

Artesanías para Llevarse
Los Miércoles, el 9 y 23 de Junio; el 7 y 21 de Julio, Todo el día
¡Colorea tu verano con artesanías! Recoger materiales en la biblioteca en la fecha del evento y ponerse astuto en casa. Ideal para mayores de 4 años. No es necesario registrarse; se le sirve por orden de llegada. Las artesanías se reciclarán después de una semana.
Junio 11: Windsock de pescado
Junio 23: Casa de pájaros pintada
Julio 7: Libélula del filtro de café
Julio 21: Plato de papel arcoíris de pescado

Para Adolescentes

Golosinas para Adolescentes
Los Miércoles, el 23 de Junio y el 28 de Julio, Todo el día
¡Regístrese para reservar sus kits de golosinas para adolescentes! Los kits son limitados:
Junio 23: Nido de Pajaros
Julio 28: Galletas de la Isla

Después de Horas, en la Construcción de Torneo de Juegos para Adolescentes en Interiors
Los Viernes, el 25 de Junio y 30 de Julio de 6 - 8 pm
La asistencia está limitada a 25 participantes, y debe registrarse para la entrada. Se requieren máscaras y se aplicará el distanciamiento social.
Junio 25: Mario Kart
Julio 30: Super Smash Brothers

Para Adultos

Los programas para adultos son a través de Zoom. Encuentra el enlace Zoom en la página Eventos de nuestro sitio web.

Entrevistas de Video y Teléfono Sin Estrés
Jueves, 17 de Junio, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Las entrevistas de video y teléfono pueden ser tan estresantes como una entrevista en persona. Aprende las diferencias entre los tipos de entrevistas y cómo prepararte para ellas, así como consejos sobre cómo presentarte mejor cuando en realidad no estás en la habitación. Por favor, registrese. Encuentra el enlace Zoom en la página Eventos de nuestro sitio web.

Organización Basada en Su Tipo de Personalidad (a través de Zoom)
Jueves, 15 de Julio, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
¿Tienes el cerebro derecho o el cerebro izquierdo? Ven a averiguarlo. Basado en tu personalidad, aprende tus estilos de organización. Si tienes problemas para organizarte y manténerte organizado podría ser porque no te estás organizando en función de tu tipo de personalidad. Por favor, registrese.
Our Mission:
Promote the power of knowledge and provide the community access to information for the fulfillment of its educational, cultural, professional, and personal interests.

Register at midlothianlibrary.org or call at 708-535-2027.

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