September 2025

Outside the Box

The newsletter of the Box of Books Library

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Upcoming Programs

Friday, September 19 | 5:00-8:00pm Fiber Art Wall Hanging

Kate Elliott will lead a workshop in which participants will create a rainbow wall hanging. Pizza will be provided. Class limited to 12. Teens and Adults



Sunday, September 21 | 11:00-3:00pm Find the Box of Books at the Farmer's Market! We'll be at the activities tent this week.

Tuesday, September 30 | 4:00pm Air Plant Pinch Pot

Make a small clay pinch pot for an air plant with local potter, Rebecca Nightingale. Air plants provided. Children under 10 must have adult support.

Interested in attending a program? Register in advance, so if there is a program change we can contact you.

The Great Give Back: Halloween Costume Drive

The Great Give Back is a state-wide initiative in which libraries give back to their communities in October. This year, the Alfred Box of Books and Almond 20th Century Club libraries are teaming up to hold a Halloween Costume Drive.

Between September 15 and October 18, the libraries will be collecting donations of gently used Halloween costumes or dress up clothes. Donations can be made at either library. Donations Guidelines:

- Donations MUST be in a closed plastic bag and placed in the collection bin at each library. DO NOT put them in book drops.
- Donations must be clean and in good condition. Please do not donate anything with rips, tears, stains, etc. The libraries reserve the right to throw away any donated items that are not in good condition.

Then between October 21-30, you can "shop" the costume collection at the Almond 20th Century Club library during their regular hours. Limit 1 costume per child. Availability first-come, first served.



Summer Reading Wrap Up

Summer reading finished on August 15. We had a terrific summer, with 47 children, 9 teens, and 35 adults registering to participate. Of those 91 participants, we received just short of 40 reading logs back. Participants read 40,310 minutes (or 672 hours!). In the six weeks of summer reading, we held 23 programs that were attended by over 469 people!! Some of our most popular programs included our visit with author, Doogie Horner, petting zoo with Mike Morton, and our weekly crafternoon programs! The theme for next year is Unearth a Story, which will focus on dinosaurs!

- 1. Fun that Pops Magic Show
- 2. Storytime Little Ones
- 3. Art Book Club at ACAM
- 4. Puzzle Race at Almond 20th Century Club
- 5. Kids dyeing their own teddy bears











Recurring Programs

True Crime Book Club

First Tuesday of the month @ 5:00pm

Get a FREE copy of the book and join us for a great discussion every month.

Dungeons and Dragons Club Every Other Wednesday @ 6:00pm

Club is scheduled to meet May 7 and 21 from 6:00-8:00pm. Contact fesmirec@stls.org for more info.

Storytime Wednesdays at 11:00am

Storytime is for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers!

Library of Things

Did you know you can borrow these items from the library?

- Telescope
- Digital microscope
- Seeds
- board games
- puzzles
- diagnostic code reader
- mobile hotspots
- Ozobots
- STEM Kits
- Museum Passes
- Projector