

Get Ready for Beanstack! Children's Winter Reading Program

Children and their caregivers will have the opportunity to use Beanstack when they register for the Winter Reading Program. Beanstack is much more than a tracking tool for the reading program. Once registrants create a Beanstack profile they will:

- Keep track of all family members' reading logs with one account.
- Receive weekly, personalized book recommendations that are tailored to their child's interests, age and reading level.
- Have access to a variety of thematic activity guides like Stomp, Stomp, Roar: Dinosaur, Bathtime and A Day at the Zoo.
- Be able to search a database of recommended apps and other online literacy resources.

Kids who join the Chicago Wolves' "Read to Succeed" Winter Reading Program will use the new online reading program to track their progress. Registration and logging is super easy. Plus, you'll earn a virtual badge for each reading milestone.



The program is open to children ages newborn through 12 years-old. Registration and logging begins on December 15. The program ends on January 31, 2018. You'll be required to log 20 books, 20 days or a combination of both to complete the program.

Participants will be eligible to win Wolves merchandise including a pair of tickets to a Wolves game! Each child who completes the program will receive a book and be entered into a drawing for a Kindle Fire!

If you have any questions, please contact the Children's staff and we will be happy to assist you.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL "ESCAPE"

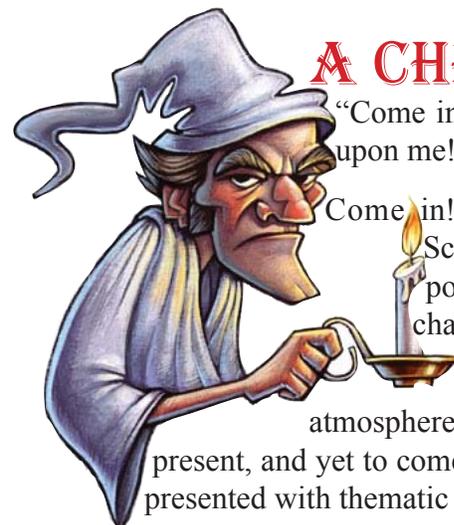
"Come in, -- come in! And know me better, man! I am the Ghost of Christmas Present. Look upon me! You have never seen the like of me before!" — Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*

Come in! Visit the library's brand new escape room and experience the journey of Ebenezer Scrooge in Charles Dickens' classic holiday story, *A Christmas Carol*. Tis your turn to ponder the riddles that occur as Ebenezer is visited by mysterious apparitions and challenged to better understand the warmth of the season.

Each portion of the escape room provides fun puzzles, challenges and a unique atmosphere that have been created to replicate Ebenezer's journey throughout Christmas past, present, and yet to come. Those young and old who are up to the experience will encounter each spirit and be presented with thematic puzzles that incorporate aspects of Dickens' classic story.

Located in the Library's Eide Room, the limited run of the Library's Christmas Carol escape room goes from January 4 through January 7 and is open for all ages to enjoy! Pre-registration for time slots are required.

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847-395-0874 • www.apld.info
Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.





Direct from the Director

Jennifer Drinka
Library Director

Thank you to the nearly 750 adults and teens who participated in the community survey. We are so grateful for your feedback. After analyzing the results, the Board and staff of the Antioch Public Library District are eager to embark on a three-year Strategic Plan to “Strengthen our Foundations”. We are excited to share the new mission statement and strategic initiatives with you:

Mission Statement:

“The Antioch Public Library District is a gathering place for information, collaboration, creativity and entertainment, which strengthens the community by providing high demand materials in a variety of formats for all ages, and by stimulating young children’s interests and appreciation for reading and learning.”

Strategic Initiatives:

- Publicity about library services
- Digital collection
- Library website
- Printed bestsellers and newly published adult books

I would also like to thank you for your patience through the parking lot project. I am happy to let you know that the project is complete! In the coming months, you will see continued improvements through the installation of an ADA compliant entryway leading into the library from the veranda, which will truly make the library a welcoming and accessible place for all.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The library is looking for volunteers to deliver to patrons who are homebound. If you are friendly, have a car and driver’s license with current insurance and want to serve your community, please contact Amy Blue at the library, 847-395-0874 x9059 or ablue@apld.info. We do require a background check for volunteers serving in this capacity.



LIBRARY FRIENDS

Bookstore Assistance Needed

The Antioch Library Friends are looking for occasional volunteers to help move and sort books for their bookstore. If you love books and can lift boxes, please contact Amy Blue at ablue@apld.info. This would be a great opportunity for students needing service hours.



Think of the Antioch Library Friends

As you do your online holiday shopping this season, please remember the Antioch Library Friends. With every purchase you make through [Smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com), Amazon will make a donation to your selected charitable organization. How? Go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) from your computer or other device browser. On your first visit to Smile you will select who will receive the donation. Then just shop. Thousands of items are eligible for the Smile donation program and you can use it with your Amazon Prime account too. And remember, all proceeds taken in by the Antioch Library Friends helps the library.

Coming Soon!

Mobile Hotspots to Check Out!

Don’t have Internet access at home or need it on the go? Check out a mobile hotspot from the library. Service issued over Verizon’s network. Connect up to 10 devices at once including smartphones, laptops, tablets, etc., anything with Wifi capabilities. Devices will check out for 3 weeks at a time, and are renewable if no one is waiting for one.

SafeSitter Certification Class

9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Monday, January 15



SAFESITTER

SafeSitter® prepares students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they’re home alone, watching younger siblings, or baby-sitting. Students learn life-saving skills such as how to rescue someone who is choking, and helpful information like what to do if there is severe weather.

The one day of lessons is filled with fun activities and role-playing exercises. Students even get to use CPR manikins to practice choking rescue! A \$30 fee is required at the time of registration, and the sitter must be at least 11 years old on the day of the class. Please bring a sack lunch.

TEEN WORKSHOPS

Teen events are for ages 12-19 and require registration unless otherwise noted.
We encourage teens to register early. Minimum numbers are often required for programs to run.

DIY Gift Hot Cocoa Mix

Tuesday, December 12 at 4:30 p.m.

Here is an opportunity to make a special last-minute holiday gift: DIY Hot Cocoa Mix in a Mason Jar. We provide all supplies for this adorable gift, including hot cocoa ingredients, jars, and gift tags. Preregistration is required for this event and space is limited so sign up quickly!

Teen Writer's Group

**Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
December 21, January 18 and February 15**

Do you have a passion for the pen? Whether you are writing a novel, are a fanatic writer or a poet, this group is for you. This is your opportunity to meet with other writers, discuss ideas, get tips and share your work.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament

**Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
January 27**

Join us for an afternoon of dueling. Test your deck and meet new friends. Prizes for the top players and snacks for all! Go to: <http://www.yugioh-card.com/en/limited/index.html> to check your deck for Forbidden and Limited cards in Advanced Format. Open to ages 12 and up.

SAT Practice Test

Saturday, January 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Prepare for college and sign up for a free SAT practice test! Get the experience you need to get the best score possible. Bring a scientific calculator, water, and a healthy snack. All testing supplies, including pencils, will be provided. This service is being provided by the Huntington Learning Center. Open to all high school students. Registration is appreciated, however walk-ins are welcome.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

**Fridays from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
December 15 and February 16**

Join us for another Super Smash Bros. Tournament! We will be playing after hours so make sure you get in the doors by 5:00 p.m. This will be a double elimination tournament for players age 14 to 22. Players must register, but spectators are welcome. Prizes will be given to the top 3 players!

Magic The Gathering

**First Saturday of each month
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

December 2, January 6 and February 3

Do you enjoy Magic: the Gathering®? Join other planeswalkers for free open play. Bring your own deck and a friend or two. Or, just stop by and see what the game is all about. All skill levels are welcome. Open to ages 12 through adult.

ANIME EXPO

Saturday, January 20 at 4:30 p.m.

Attention anime and manga fans! It's an after hours event just for you, put on by the Anime Club. Come dressed as your favorite character to take part in the Cosplay contest. Or, just come as you are! There will be other activities as well as food of course. Come early, as the doors will close at 5:00 p.m. This event includes JV Anime Club and Anime Club so ages 11-20 are welcome. Space is limited so sign up early.

ANIME CLUB

Every Monday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If you love Anime and Manga, or are interested in finding out more about them, join us every Monday for Anime Club. Come and meet other fans while we watch anime or have an activity. And of course have snacks! This club is for students in high school to age 20.

JV ANIME

1st & 3rd Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

It's another year of school and another year of JV Anime! We have various activities, watch anime, discuss manga and of course have snacks! JV Anime is for any middle school student age 11 and older.

**December 5 and 19
January 16,
February 6 and 20**

CHESS & COOKIES

**Second Tuesday of each month
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Chess and Cookies is a place where you can get together with others to enjoy the classic and fun game of chess. If you don't know how to play, we can teach you! Or, if you have played for years, we have a spot for you, too. Come and join us for a great game of chess, and some cookies too!

Open to everyone ages 6 through adult.

**December 12
January 9 and February 13**



KIDS HAPPENINGS

Children's programs are for ages newborn -12 years unless otherwise noted.

Children must meet the age requirement on the day of activity.

Registration begins the first of each month and includes programs within the first week of the following month.

Registration is taken online at www.apld.info or by calling 847-395-0874 option 3

Newborn - 39 months

Baby Bounce

(Newborn -19 months with caregiver)

A 15 minute storytime that include's songs and short books followed by 30 minutes of play and socializing.

Mondays at 9:30 a.m.
December 18
January 8 and 22
February 5

Wiggles & Walkers

(Newborn - 35 months with caregiver)

An interactive wiggling, giggling good time with fun activities designed to promote early literacy and a love of books.

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
December 19
January 16 and 23
February 20

Sibling Storytime

(Newborn - 5 yrs. with caregiver)

An interactive storytime for families with two or more children ages newborn through five years. Older siblings will have a chance to bond with their younger sibling by sharing rhymes, songs, and stories.

Mondays at 10:00 a.m.
January 29
February 26

Tiny Tots

(Ages 15-36 months with caregiver)

This interactive storytime for tiny tots & their caregivers includes stories, songs, fingerplays, flannel boards and a simple craft.

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
December 12 - Holiday Theme
January 30
February 13

Toddler Time

(Ages 24-39 months with caregiver)

Time for fun! Listen to stories, play color and number recognition games, sing songs, enjoy fingerplays and flannel board activities followed by a painting craft.

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
January 4 and 25
February 1

Elephant and Piggy Birthday Party

(Ages 15-39 months with caregiver)

Join Elephant and Piggy in celebrating Mo Willems birthday! We will sing, dance, make a craft, and see a movie.

Monday at 10:00 a.m.
February 12

Newborn - 5 years

Walk-in Family Storytime

Although we welcome younger children, this storytime is designed for children ages two through five years old. It is a half hour of stories, songs and fun!

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
January 9
February 6
Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
February 27

Painter's Palette

(Ages 18 months - 5 with caregiver)

Love to paint? This is the program for you! Come sing songs, listen to stories and music, enjoy the parachute, reinforce color recognition, and create a painted craft.

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
December 14 & 21 - Holiday
January 11
February 8 and 22

Ages 3 - 12

Little Picassos Paint with Me

(Ages 2-6 yrs. with caregiver)

Do you love to paint as much as your child? This special program is one where the caregiver is invited and encouraged to have fun painting with their child. Be a mentor or just have fun together!

Monday at 10:00 a.m.
December 11

Paint with Me

(Session for ages 3-12 with caregiver)

Wednesday 3:30 p.m.
January 31

Preschool Story and Craft

(Ages 3-6 yrs. with caregiver)

Participants will listen to stories before creating a winter theme craft.

Mondays at 2:00 p.m.
December 4 - Snow Rabbit
January 8 - Hyena
Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.
December 19 - Snowflake

Preschool STEM

(Ages 3-7 with caregiver)

Children explore stations focusing on various STEM concepts. Stations are self-led and parent participation is required.

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
December 18
January 15
February 12

Family Craft

(Ages 3-12 years with caregiver)

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
December 9 - Christmas Theme
February 10 - Valentine Theme

Registration is required for all Antioch Public Library District programs, children through adult, unless otherwise noted.

For more information or to register contact APLD at 847-395-0874 or go online at www.apld.info

KIDS HAPPENINGS

Ages 5 - 12 years

Brushstrokes

Love to paint? Participants use paint and creativity to make a piece of art.

Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

February 28 - Birds

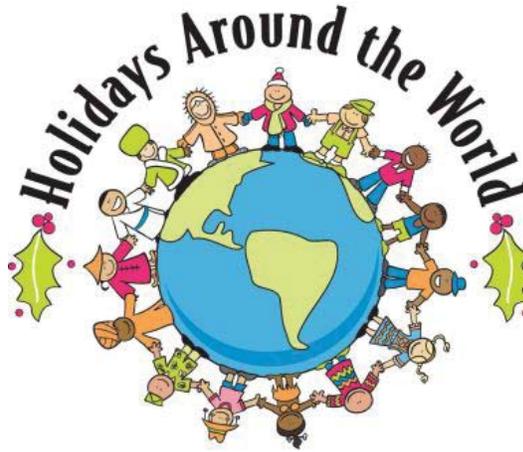
Twisted Tales

A storytime aimed at school-aged kids followed by an open ended craft.

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

January 8

February 5



**Monday
December 11**

7:00 p.m.

(Registration begins

December 1 at 9:00 a.m.)

Learn how children in other cultures celebrate some of the winter holidays. Act out "The First Christmas Tree" Story from Germany, come spin the Chanukah Dreidel, beat the drum in a Kwanzaa Ceremony, join our Mariachi

Band in Feliz Navidad, and parade under the Chinese Dragon.



Playaway

Launchpads

Now available for checkout!

Thanks to a generous donation from the Antioch Library Friends (ALF), the Children's Department is able to purchase these kid-friendly tablets. The Launchpad from Playaway is a durable tablet preloaded with content for kids of all ages. Since there's no content to download, access to Wi-Fi isn't necessary.

Launchpads are only available to adult Antioch cardholders who have signed an agreement form. Other restrictions apply. Please see a staff member for more information.

Bookcraft with Brent Allen

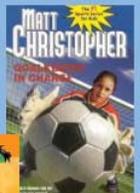
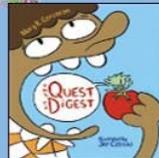
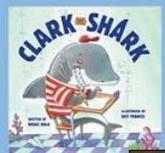
**Thursday
February 15
6:30 p.m.**

(Registration begins February 1 at 9:00 a.m.)

Enjoy an exciting, fun-filled program that combines magic, puppets and comedy. Funny guy Brent Allan incorporates games with lots of silly interaction in this show that's based on the popular designing and building game.



The stories you know and love come to life on Tumblebooks.



An online collection of animated, talking picture books or chapter books to read by yourself!

Registration is required for all show performances. All ages are welcome unless otherwise noted.

Programs, dates, and times subject to change. When registering for a performance please be sure to include everyone who will be attending, adults and infants need to be counted. Thank You!

ADULT HAPPENINGS

WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

Ceramics For You: Stenciled Glass Ornaments **Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

Pick the image you want and paint the colors to make your own personalized stenciled glass holiday ornament. Cost is \$13 per person due at time of registration. Preregistration is required.

Getting the Most from Your Retirement Money **Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m.**

Karen Chan will tackle personal finance from the retiree's perspective. We'll cover everything from rollover and required minimum distributions, to Roth conversions and qualified charitable distributions - which let you avoid paying tax on those distributions. Karen will also talk about what you can and can't do when you inherit an account, plus how to choose the right beneficiary for your own accounts.

The Science of Climate Change **Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m.**

The concept of climate change is a hot topic these days. Depending on which side you listen to, it either doesn't exist or the consequences will be "catastrophic." In this presentation designed for a science-interested audience, Michelle Nichols from the Adler Planetarium will put the politics to the back burner and focus on the scientific evidence: What does science say is happening? Where does the data come from? What might be in our future?

Duty, Honor, Country: **The Life of Dwight D. Eisenhower** **Saturday, February 24 at 2:00 p.m.**

From growing up in the small town of Abilene, Kansas, he became a soldier at West Point, a Five Star General, Columbia University President, and finally, our 34th President of the United States. He led nations to absolute victory on Normandy Beach and the eventual ending of World War II.

Historian, Jim Gibbons, will present the life of the man known as "Ike", a man of wisdom, courage, and vision. Through his legacy, we learn to guard against the ever-present dangers that our country faces today. Finally, you will see why the slogan, "You like Ike, I like Ike, everybody likes Ike," not only applied to the Republicans but to Democrats alike! Everyone respected Ike!

AARP Tax Aide

Volunteers from AARP Tax Aide will prepare and file electronically Illinois and Federal tax returns. To make an appointment, please call the Adult Reference Department at 847-395-0874 beginning January 2. Returns are prepared by appointment only; no walk-ins.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Guided Meditation **Mondays at 7:00 p.m.**

December 18 - January 15 and February 12

Please bring a mat or cushion to sit on for this guided meditation led by Jennifer Murrin.

Coloring for Grownups **Mondays at 7:00 p.m.** **January 22 and February 26**

Transform your mind and spirit with the new relaxation-coloring! Choose from beautifully detailed coloring pages and become totally absorbed in the joy of coloring. Colored pencils are provided or bring your own supplies, Registration is required.

Talking to Your Doctor **Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

Tips on taking an active role in your health care. Sponsored by Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Alliance (AAHAA).

MUSIC & CONCERTS

The Folk Music of Peter, Paul & Mary **& The Kingston Trio** **Sunday, January 28 at 2:00 p.m.**

Once upon a time folk music was the most popular form of music in America, especially before and leading up to the "British Invasion." The Kingston Trio literally invented buying stereo LP records and at one time had no less than three hit albums in the Top 10. Peter, Paul and Mary brought a style and flair that at the time captured a new mood of the nation. Both led the way in making American folk music, for a very special period of time, something that anyone could be part of.

Mardi Gras Cajun Music **Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 p.m.**

Join Dave Berger for this concert in Cajun music. Originating when French settlers were expelled from Nova Scotia in 1755 and carried their musical heritage in exile, this blend of medieval musical and lyrical themes joined with the influence of western swing produced a music that both carries a European tradition and an infectious dance beat.

Many adult programs and events have limited attendance numbers. Unless otherwise noted preregistration is suggested. Contact the Adult Reference desk at 847-395-0874 ext. 9063, go online to the library program calendar at www.apld.info or visit the library in person to sign up.

ADULT HAPPENINGS



THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Wonder Woman - December 7 at 6:00 p.m. - PG 13 141 minutes

Victoria and Abdul - February 1 at 6:30 p.m. - PG 13 111 minutes

DINNER AND A MOVIE

Guardians of the Galaxy II - December 28 at 6:00 p.m. - PG 13 136 minutes
Bring your dinner to this movie and the library will provide the dessert and coffee.



ADULT COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY

Basics of Microsoft Excel

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

December 6 - January 10 and February 21

In this class we will go over the basic functions of spreadsheets. After this class, you will know how to enter information, reorganize it, and make a financial tracking budget.

Excel Formulas and Functions

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

December 13 and January 24

Did you know you can use formulas to do math problems in Excel? This class shows you how to use different parts of Excel to make your budgets and invoices hassle free. If there is a math problem, Excel can do it, making your life easier and your record keeping a breeze.

Intro to Apple Mobile Devices

Saturdays, 9:15 to 10:45 a.m.

December 16 - January 6 and February 3

Do you have an iPhone, iPod, or iPad that you know can do amazing things, but just haven't figured out how to do them? This small class covers important functions, apps, and how to make your device work for you. (Bring Login and Password for iTunes/iCloud and backup email.)

Intro to Android Devices

Saturdays, 9:15 to 10:45 a.m.

January 20 and February 17

How do I know if I have an Android device? Generally, if it is not an iPhone, iPad, or Apple product, chances are it is an Android. We will go over important functions, apps, and how to make your device work for you. (Bring Login and Password for Facebook and backup email.)

Intro to PowerPoint

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

January 17 and February 28

Intro to PowerPoint: Learn the basics of PowerPoint presentation. In this class we will go over the basic layout of PowerPoint 2010 and create slides so you will know how to make a slideshow presentation for friends, family, or work.

Facebook for Mobile Devices

Wednesday, January 31 - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Is your primary access to Facebook your tablet or phone? Do you see friends and family doing so much on Facebook you wonder "How do they do that?" Then this class may be for you. Covered are the basic functions of Facebook for mobile devices, different functions available in the app, and how to move around in it. (Needed: Mobile device, Facebook Login and Password, Cell phone #, and email linked to Facebook account.)

Intro to Google

Wednesday, February 7 - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Did you know Google is more than just an email and search engine. In Google, you can create word documents and spreadsheets, as well as manage a calendar of events and store photos. Using the power of Cloud technology, Google has streamlined many everyday uses of technology into one easy to use place—your Google account. (Must Have Gmail email, bring Login and Password.)

Computer Coach

One-on-one instruction will help get you started with e-mail, word processing, or other computer skills covered in our current classes. Use the library's computer or bring a personal laptop or portable device. We have Wednesday and Thursday morning spots. Please check www.apld.info for specific dates and call the library to reserve a spot.

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BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

December 19

January 30

February 27

The public is welcome to attend.

LIBRARY CLOSURES

ALL DAY

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1

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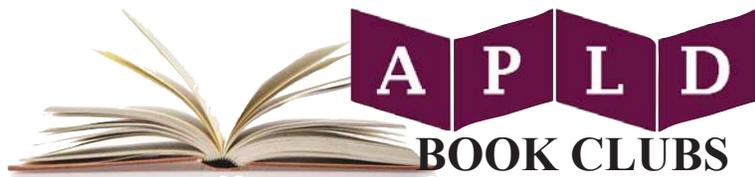


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Book Chat

7:00 p.m. - 2nd Monday of every month

Led by Amy Blue

December - No book club meeting this month

January 8 - *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand

February 12 - *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

Novel Pleasures

10:00 a.m. - 3rd Tuesday of every month

Led by Lenora Finley

December 19 - *Victoria* by Daisy Goodwin

January 16 - *Dollhouse* by Fiona Davis

February 20 - *Lady Cop Makes Trouble* by Amy Stewart

To reserve your book copy and take part in one of the adult book clubs, contact the Adult Reference Desk in person or by calling 847-395-0874 ext. 9063

Writer's Group

7:00 p.m. - 3rd Tuesday of every month

Meet with both beginning and advanced writers. Bring a work in progress to share, or join us to critique another's work. Feel free to bring a topic for discussion. If you e-mail your writing to Todd Williams at twilliams@apl.d.info by 5 p.m. the day of the group, he will make copies to distribute.

Next Meeting Dates: December 19 - January 16 - February 20



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