

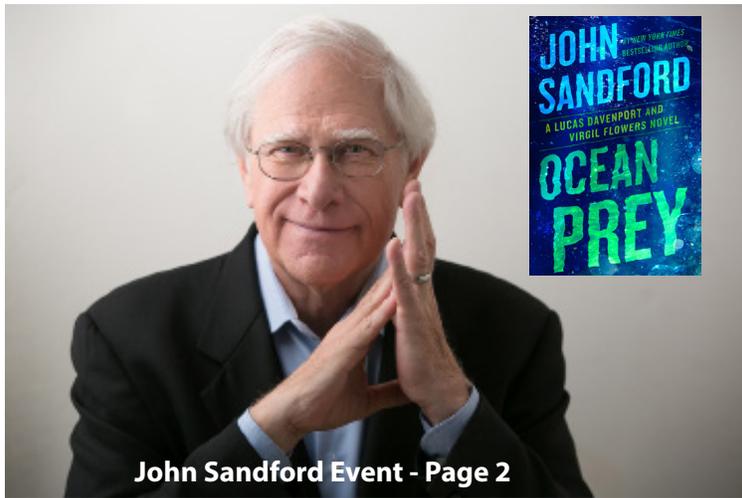
The Matteson Connection



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TAWK Chat Service

Do you need to know how to pick up your materials? Do you need to reset your SWAN pin or get some help finding a new book? Then give our new online answering service a whirl! TAWK, the new contact service, is a digital communication tool on the Library's website. Simply go to www.mapld.org and a popup will ask you how we can help. An employee will quickly respond to your question, and answer as thoroughly as possible. When necessary, you may be directed to contact the library via telephone for more information or help. The hours of operations are:

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday: 9:30 am - 5:30pm

Current Hours Of Operations:

Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.: 9AM - 5 PM

Tu.: 9 AM - 6 PM

Sat.: 10 AM - 5 PM

Sun.: Closed

Curbside Pickup

Once library staff has your requested items in hand, we will contact you through your preferred method (text, email, phone call) and schedule a time for you to come pick the items up. We will walk you through the process when we schedule the appointment. Once you arrive for your appointment, pull up to the make-shift stop sign by the front doors and staff will bring your items out to you. You may be asked to show either your library card or photo id in order to make sure that we are giving the materials to the right person.

MAPLD Roku

Streaming entertainment services are quickly taking over Americans' viewing habits. As cable costs continue to increase more people are switching to services like Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime to name just a few. However, if you are unsure and want to try out streaming come on over to the library! We have a variety of ROKU devices available that are all preloaded with Netflix and Disney+. Checkout all the great programming these services have to offer like *The Queen's Gambit*, *The Trial of the Chicago 7*, or *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* all on Netflix. Disney+ has great offerings also like the animated movies *Soul*, *Flora and Ulysses* and Disney's newest *Raya and the Last Dragon*. Don't have the Internet at home? No problem! Call the library and ask about our Hotspot availability also.

New YouTube Channel

If you haven't already, be sure to subscribe to us on YouTube! It is an easy way to see all the videos we have been creating for you! Find the channel here: <https://bit.ly/mapldyoutube1>. You can also find the channel link on the bottom of our website.



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Now Offering Virtual Programs and Events

Every week we create virtual programs for you to enjoy over Facebook, YouTube and/or Zoom. These programs range from storytimes to crafts to technology classes. Here is a list of our weekly programs over Facebook:

Adult Services

- 2nd Monday at 10 am:** Craft Therapy
- Tuesdays at 1 pm:** Maria's Tech Class
- 3rd Wed. at 1 pm:** Chef Mike Cooks
- 4th Sat. at 10 am:** Paint & Chill Video
- Monthly By Email:** Technology 101

Youth Services

- Mondays:** Boredom Busters
- Tuesdays at 10 am:** Born To Read
- Weds. at 10 am:** Get Ready To Read
- Weds. at 6 pm:** Empowered Youth
- 3rd Fridays at 4 pm:** Ms. Kalea Makes
- 4th Fridays at 11 am:** Teen Book Chat

We also have special programs that may or may not repeat and they can all be found on our event calendar on our website here: <http://bit.ly/mapldcalen>

If you have any questions about our events please give us a call at **708-748-4431** or email Adult Services

at asdept@mapld.org, Youth Services at kids2@mapld.org and Teens at teens2@mapld.org.

Electronics Recycling and Shredding Events

Electronics: May 8 - 9 AM - 12 PM

Shredding: May 29 - 9 AM - 12 PM

It is that time again! The shredding and electronics events will return this May. There is no limit for how much paper you bring for the shredding event. There is a \$20 charge to dispose of TVs. Donations are greatly appreciated!

John Sanford Virtual Author Visit

April 14, 7 pm

The Matteson Area Public Library has joined forces with other Illinois libraries to bring patrons a visit with #1 New York Times bestselling author John Sanford. His newest book, *Ocean Prey* will be released on April 13 and our patrons will have the opportunity to listen to, and ask John Sanford questions about writing, his long career, and his legendary characters Virgil Flowers and Lucas Davenport. The library has 200 seats available for this Zoom virtual meeting. Please call the library and ask for the Adult Services department to reserve your seat.

National Library Week "Welcome To Your Library"

April 4-10

National Library Week is the annual celebration of libraries, their staff, and what they stand for in our society. It's been a long and difficult year for everyone, but we hope the tide is turning, and we will be able to welcome you once again into your library. We are not there quite yet, but we did not want this opportunity to pass to show you that we appreciate your patience.

During this week the library will have curbside bags available filled with goodies. Two special bags will have a \$50.00 gift card, and a third bag will have an autographed book by Mary Monroe. Curbside bags will be available while supplies last. Please call the library for your pick up time.

Throwback Thursday Family Tree Search

For a virtual genealogy appointment through Zoom, contact Colleen Vander Hye, by email at asdept@mapld.org. Please give detailed information for your question and contact information and barcode number to setup an appointment.

In Other News...



Renovating for the Future

As regular library users are well aware, the chandeliers in the adult services wing have never provided adequate lighting for nighttime library users. Additionally, the library's computer network is long past due for updating, and the current layout of the computer lab does not allow for social distancing, which is unacceptable in a pandemic. For all these reasons we decided that with the library closed to the public, it's the right time to resolve these issues. When we reopen, everyone will find much improved lighting and Wi-Fi, a new area for computers, and seating spread throughout the adult services area.

The Changing World of Library Services

On behalf of the staff and Board of Trustees of the Library, we would like to thank the residents of the library district for their patience as we strive to create alternative ways of providing services and delivering programs.

The members of the staff who were called back to work last spring all agreed to the concept that if we can't keep the staff healthy, we can't keep the public safe. The previous year's staff has been reduced by 50% and 50% of those members work from home several days a week to limit the number of people in the building at one time.

Those working in the building provide a curbside service for the checkout requests along with snack boxes

provided by the Greater Chicago Food Depository, requested printouts, craft kits, and any other items we can provide in this manner. Individuals who need a notary, passport registration, photocopies, computer printouts, and faxing can arrange appointments to come into the lobby and be assisted by staff.

The staff that work from home on our digital library services and programming also man the phones, emails, and reference services in-house on a rotating basis.

The library will continue to provide the optimum amount of services allowed within the restrictions handed to us by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Snacks for Kids and Teens Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 2 - 4 pm

Free boxed snacks are available for youth and teens ages 18 and younger, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Call the library for more information. Snack boxes are provided through a partnership with the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Your City @ Home

This is a series of 9 virtual field trips over Zoom that is meant to give you a chance to explore all the Chicagoland area has to offer. Each Saturday in April and May you'll have the opportunity to virtually visit a different Chicago area museum, beginning with the penguins of Shedd Aquarium and ending with Snoopy and Apollo 10 at the Elmhurst History

Museum. This series is sponsored by multiple Illinois public libraries.

Shedd Aquarium

Saturday, April 3, 3-4 pm

It's time to meet the penguins.

DuSable Museum of African American History

Saturday, April 10, 1-2 pm

"The People Could Fly".

Garfield Park Conservatory

Saturday, April 17, 1-2 pm

A visit to Horticulture Hall, the beehives, and a behind-the-scenes peek at the propagation greenhouses.

National Museum of Mexican Art

Saturday, April 24, 2-3 pm

Explore the "Nuestras Historias" which showcases the dynamic and diverse stories of Mexican identity in North America.

Chicago Children's Museum

Saturday, May 1, 1-2 pm

Get an exclusive look at the Cloudbuster climbing exhibit, the Zoom Room and more.

Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center

Saturday, May 8, 2-3 pm

Take a docent-led tour of the Karkomi Holocaust Exhibition, a place for both those familiar with the Holocaust.

The Art Institute of Chicago

Saturday, May 15, 1-2 pm

Explore ways to connect with the Art Institute of Chicago and discover little-known stories that make ours one of the most renowned art museums in the world.

Field Museum

Saturday, May 22, 1-2 pm

Tour of the "Dino Range".

Elmhurst History Museum

Saturday, May 29, 2021 2-3 pm

The exhibition "To the Moon: Snoopy Soars with NASA" examines the history of Apollo 10 and the Peanuts characters' role in that flight and in the NASA Manned Flight Awareness safety program.

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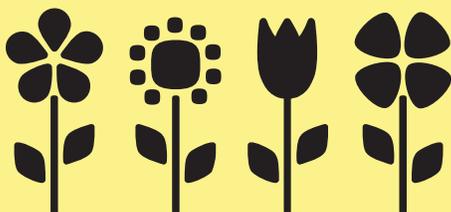
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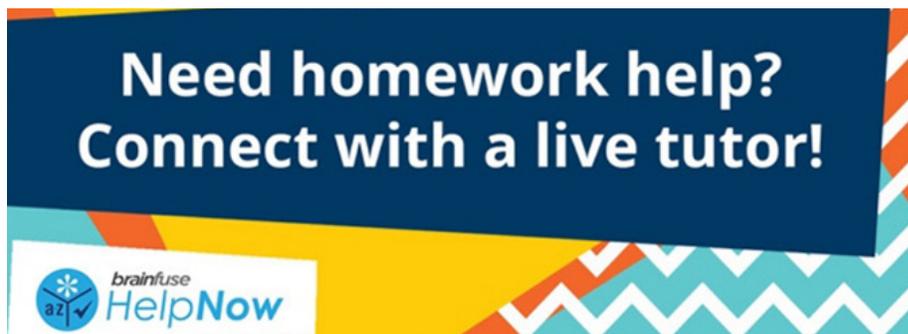
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