

The Matteson Connection



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Matteson Area Public Library District Newsletter

June-July 2021

Reading **COLORS** Your World

Reading Colors Your World Summer Reading Program June 4 - August 1

Yes! It is summer and we have a great summer program for you! The reverse kick off parade for all ages is Saturday, June 5. There will be tables setup with information and fun things to take home. For adults this summer we have a bingo sheet and a series of colorful programs for all interests. For our adult participants there will be weekly prizes, a fun prize for the first eight adults that finish their Bingo sheet, and a fantastic Grand Prize! For children and teens there will be storytimes, arts and crafts, gaming and more fun activities. Make sure to sign your children up for the summer reading program where they can have fun reading while earning prizes.

Bingo Card For Adults

Pickup starting June 7, turn in by August 1

Bingo cards will be available for Adult patrons to pick up and complete for this year's Summer program. Each card consists of 9 colorful squared blocks. There will be activities, and colors to use to fill your card, and you can always check the Library's Goodread account for book suggestions. Once patrons fill their card, and turn it into the library they will be entered into the drawing for the grand prize. The first 8 patrons to finish will win an art kit. This year's grand prize is a family membership to the Art Institute of Chicago. Find all of our Adult Summer Reading information on our website here: <http://bit.ly/AdultSRP-MAPLD>

Summer Kick-Off Reverse Parade

Saturday, June 5

9 - 11 AM

We're flipping the script on a traditional parade! Parade "viewers" will drive through the library's parking lot, moving past the parade "exhibitors" who will hand out fun treats for everyone in the vehicle. Supplies limited.

Youth's Summer Reading Program

June 5 to July 31

Age 0 (birth) to Grade 12

Join our summer reading program. You will read books you choose and do various activities to earn tickets for our awesome weekly raffle prizes. There will be a new prize each week for 3 different age groups. Prizes will include a Nintendo Switch, a 32 inch TV and more.

Kids and teens can also participate in virtual and live outdoor socially distanced events. Complete summer information can be found in the youth online newsletter here:

<http://bit.ly/ys-newsletter-2021-Jun-Aug> or the Summer Reading Website here: <http://bit.ly/YS-MAPLD-Summer>.

Congratulations On Your Retirement Kathy!

After 20 years Kathy Berggren the Matteson Area Public Library Director is retiring. Find the article on pages 6 - 7.

Congratulations to Milfred Moore, The Board Treasurer on his retirement!

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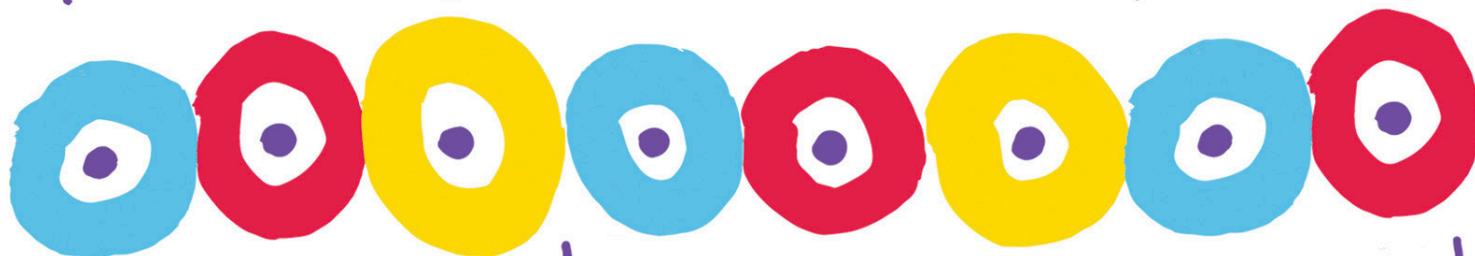
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Events with an R require registration. Kits placed on hold will be held for 1 week and if not picked up by then, they will be available for anyone to take home.

Adult In-Person

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Story Walk With Nature

**Saturdays,
June 12 & 26
July 10 & 24
9 - 10 AM**

Join us bimonthly to walk and talk. Come to learn or share what you've been reading, watching or listening to. We will meet at the front entrance of the library and walk the path around Oakwood park next door to the library. In between laps we will take a break to discuss staff recommendations and any other titles you want to recommend. Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Water will be provided. In case of rain we will walk the next scheduled day.

Tie Dye Fun (R)

**Saturday, June 26
11 AM - 12 PM (Noon)**

Meet up with us on the Library's patio area to color up one of our XL shirts or bring your own to the library to tie dye. Space is limited to 10, and we will provide the dye. While we will have live attendees we will simultaneously stream via Facebook Live.

Book Discussion (R)

**The Mothers, by Britt Bennett
Tuesday, June 22
6 - 7 PM**

Book discussion is back! This time we are reading *The Mothers*, by African American author Brit Bennett. The book follows Nadia, a young woman who left her Southern California hometown years ago after the suicide of her mother and is called back to attend to a family emergency. Join us on the library's courtyard patio area for a live book discussion. Books will be provided by the library for those that sign-up and can be picked up at the Summer Kick-off, or you can bring your own. Limited to 10. Please call to reserve your book starting June 7, 2021.

Sidewalk Chalk Drawing (R)

**Saturday, July 10
11 AM - 12 PM (Noon)**

Get creative and draw on the library's sidewalk with chalk (appropriate drawings, please). Chalk will be provided by the library, but you could bring your own, too! Limited to 20, and each attendee's name must be on the registration form.

Eye Spy Game

June 4 - 30

I spy with my little eye: a fun game for the summer reading program! Come in or print out the game from the library's website. Find all ten items, and return it to the library with your name and contact information. It's an easy way to get entered into both our weekly and final drawings!

Millennial Fun

**(Fun for Adults 18+) (R)
7 - 8:30 PM**

Zoom

Join us for a couple of virtual video games over Zoom. Must register to get the Zoom link. (Link will show on the event calendar the day of the event after you register.) Each game is limited to 20 players but spectators can watch from the audience. We will take turns if the game fills up.

Trivia Murder Party - Jackbox Party Pack 6

- June 10

Winners of the Trivia Murder Party could win an Amazon gift card.

Patently Stupid - Jackbox Party Pack 5 (R)

- July 12



and Virtual Events



9th Annual Multi-Library Geocaching Event

June 1 - August 2

Join us for the 9th Annual Multi-Library Geocaching Event! All library patrons are invited to use clues and geographic coordinates to find hidden "geocaches" at numerous participating area libraries. Due to Covid-19 we are going virtual this year! For each listed geocache you discover, you earn a chance to win a \$25 Gift Card.



**MULTI-LIBRARY
GEOCACHING
COMPETITION**

Your library card from a participating library must be in good standing to be eligible for the prize drawing. You will need a QR code reader app on your smartphone in order to complete the log and prize drawing form.

All ages welcome! Starting June 1st find all the official clues at multilibrarygeocache.weebly.com. The competition runs from Tuesday, June 1 until Monday, August 2nd.

Let the adventure begin! More information can also be found at www.facebook.com/MultiLibraryGeocaching

Color My World Music Puzzle June 14 - 19

Solve a crossword puzzle with songs or bands that have color in their name. Turn in your puzzles to the Adult Services Desk to be eligible for a chance to win a limited edition of Trey Anastasio's "Paper Wheels" Deluxe LP.

Colorful Summer Eyeshadow Palettes Unboxing Friday, July 23

1 - 2 PM

YouTube Live

Tired of that same old neutral, muted palette? Well, it is summertime, and we are going to help you perk up your eye look. Join us for a conversation and a demonstration on YouTube Live for some fun and frilly colorful new summer eye looks! Pop in, comment, and get entered into our summer drawings.

Craft Therapy Take Home Kits Mondays: 10 AM

On Facebook and YouTube

In Craft Therapy we will create crafts as an expressive therapy and use creative processes to improve physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Kits are limited to 10.

 **Tic Tac Toe Travel Game
Rock Bags**
- June 14

 **Diamond Painting Art**
- July 12

Fly The Rainbow Flag LGBTQ Trivia

June 7 - 25

Did you know that the original Rainbow flag that represents LGBTQ people was created by Gilbert Baker in 1978? Did you know that every group of people in the LGBTQ family has a flag of their own? During the month of June play trivia to see if you can figure out which flag belongs to which group of people. You will be able to play online or come in to get a printed sheet. You can play the game weekly and be eligible for a weekly prize starting June 7th.

How Well Do You Know Your Sports Team Colors, Past and Present?

All July

Test your knowledge of team colors of all sports. Come in or print out the quiz from the library's website. Answer all ten questions and return it to the library by the end of the month, and you'll be entered into the weekly and final drawings.

Life in Color Quiz

July 19 - 24

Watch this 3 part documentary series on Netflix that explores the role that color plays in the daily life of various species and fill out our online fun quiz on the show. Participants will be entered into that week's prize drawing and entered into our grand prize drawing.

Youth In-Person

Events with an R require registration.



In Person

Outdoor Storytime (R)

Thursdays, June 10 - July 29

9 AM or 10 AM

Recommended for Ages: 3-7

Join Ms. Susan and Mr. Joseph in the library courtyard as they read funny stories and sing silly songs. Feel free to bring a blanket to sit on. NOTE: If it rains, bummer, no storytime, but we'll see you next week.

Any Time Programs

June 5 - July 31

All Ages

Chester's Zoo, I Spy, and Lester Hunt
Come explore the outside of the library and play 3 different games. Meet a special animal from Chester's zoo. In I Spy, you'll see if you can find the special item. Hunt for Lester and his hidden message. Each Saturday these games will be brand new, so you can come back and play every week.

DIY Kits

June 7 - July 31

9 AM or 10 AM

Grades: K-12

Need something for your kids to do? Each week we will have a new, fun DIY activity kit available for every grade. Call 708-748-4431 to schedule a time to pick up your kit.

Passion Painters (R)

In-Person:

Thursdays, June 10 & July 8

Virtual:

Thursdays, June 24 & July 22

2 PM

Grades: 7-12

We will be doing acrylic pouring, spray painting, and more. Outdoor sessions will be held at the shelter in Oakwood Park, beverages provided. In virtual sessions Ms. Kalea will teach you how to paint using the take-home kit you will receive.

Virtual

Pre-School

Kindergarten Camp

Mondays, June 7 - July 26

9 AM

Kids entering Kindergarten in the upcoming school year.

Join Ms. Vicki each week in our virtual classroom to learn the skills needed to be successful in Kindergarten. Find the link to the classroom here:

<https://bit.ly/3hp9a80>

Betty Baby Art Class

Tuesdays, June 8- July 27

10 AM

Ages: 6 Months - 5 Years

Our hands-on activities will build a creative foundation and provide an age-appropriate outlet for learning and self-expression.

Astro-Babiez (R)

Saturdays, June 12- July 31

10 AM

Ages: 0-4

Using Zoom, music & movement little astronauts will go on a celestial journey through a stellar story time!

Elementary School

Dan Gogh's Magical Color Zoo

Monday, June 7

1 PM

Grades: K-5

Somebody stole the Primary Stones which give the Magical Color Zoo its color power! Join the adventure as we rescue each stone and discover three concepts of color: variety, harmony, and mood.



and Virtual Events



Elementary School Cont.

Checkers Library TV

Wednesdays, June 9 - July 28

10 AM

Grades: K-5

Jump into the world of animals and their habitats around the globe. Weekly half-hour episodes include an animal of the week, animal arts and crafts, interviews with animal experts, animal book reviews and recommendations, contests, and more. There will also be health tips by Dr. Dan, songs with Mrs. Hamilton, and many other features that will guarantee a great learning experience and tons of fun.

Mealtime Memories

Thursdays, 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26

1 PM

Grades: 4-6

6/14 - Movie Night Munchies: Learn to make fun, shareable finger foods for an at-home movie experience—with lots of kitchen tips and tricks too!

6/28- Taste the Rainbow: Taste a delicious rainbow with a savory vegetable-loaded snack and a sweet fruit topped treat.

7/12- Pizza Parlor: Learn to make and stretch homemade dough and turn it into a sweet and savory pizza!

7/26- Desserts in Disguise: Drooling over that bowl of pasta? Look closer! Our class will be creating sweet treats in disguise!

Space Kidetz (R)

Saturdays, June 12 - July 31

11 AM

Grades: K-3

Using Zoom, kids learn about a new place in outer space! Little astronauts will go on a celestial journey with music, movement, and special grammar and S.T.E.A.M. inspired space jams in a stellar story time!

Teens

Gaming with a Librarian (R)

Friday, June 18 & July 16

7 PM

Grades: 7-12

Join Ms. Kalea to play various multi-player games, such as Among Us, Minecraft, and Jackbox Party. We will be using Discord to talk amongst ourselves. Register and you will be emailed the Discord link.

Dan Gogh's Drawing Classes

Thursdays, 6/17, 7/15, 7/29

2 PM

Grades: 6-12

Drawing 101: Drawing Basics: You'll be taught how to think about what you are drawing and look for the basic shapes in a more complex object. You'll finish a drawing of a familiar object in this workshop aimed at beginners.

Drawing Manga: Learn the proportions that manga artists use to design their characters and get tips on drawing facial features.

Comic Book 101: Building the Body: Learn how to draw a superhero man and woman! See how you can pose the body in any super position such as jumping, running, or even flying.

Teen Book Chat

Fridays, June 25 & July 23

10 AM

Grades: 7-12

Ms. Julia will present some great books for teens in a short video each month. Videos can be found on the library's YouTube channel and a variety of other places.

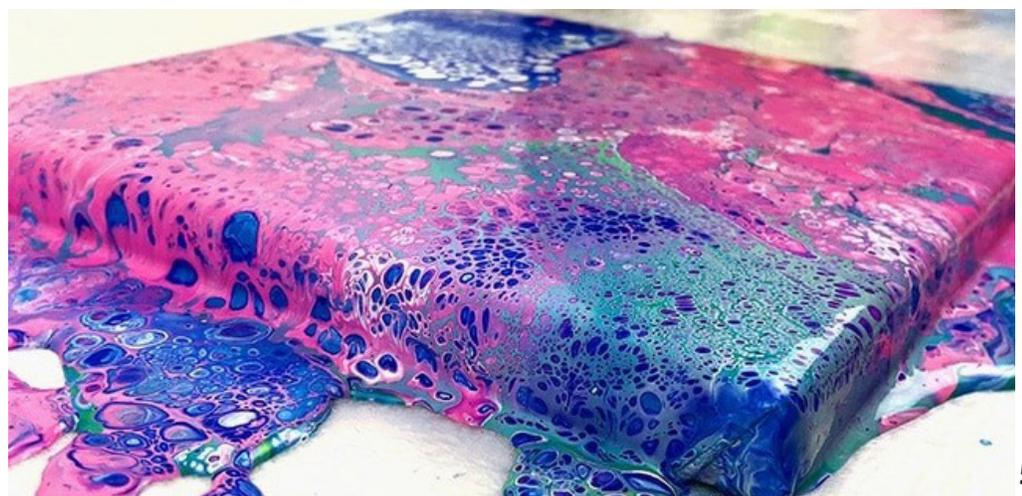
Video Volunteers (R)

Any Day and Time

Grades: 7-12

Make short videos about books the library has to check out. To get started, complete a form. More information can be found on the summer website:

<http://bit.ly/Vid-Volunteer-Sign-Up>.



In Other News



Letter From The Library Director

Joyce Willis was the library director when the original portion of what is now the Matteson Area Public Library District was constructed, and stayed longer at Matteson than any other place she worked. She commented once

that her career was long and varied, and both socially beneficial and personally gratifying.

I find myself reflecting on Joyce's words as I move forward with my own retirement, effective July 10, 2021. I, too, will have stayed here longer than any other place I've worked. In the last 20 years, I have been pushed and stretched to achieve things that, before I came here, I never would have thought possible.

The story of the earliest days was one of financial difficulties. It was a problem that took multiple paths to a solution—a 2003 tax increase, added support from our auditors, the tutoring of bank officers from previous director jobs, and a couple of accounting classes—but ultimately, we arrived at the destination of a sound financial footing.

With a financial plan and the means to support it in place, the hurdle of the next several years was to tackle various building deficiencies. Dozens of projects occurred over those two decades to make the library's facilities sound, including several that were obvious to the public (a new wing, new carpeting, a

mural in Youth Services, and the recently-completed lighting project in Adult Services). Working with contractors over that time has been extremely educational, with enough stories to fill a book.

Beyond finances and construction, my education was also expanded by being encouraged to become involved with legislative initiatives on behalf of public libraries. On behalf of MAPLD, I've met with State Representatives, State Senators, the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Speaker of the House, our Congresswoman, and staff members for other U.S. representatives and Senators. I've testified before legislative committees and a Governor's budget committee. My time as Matteson's Library Director also led to serving on several other committees such as the library system's Advisory Council and their merger transition team, the Illinois Library Association's legislative committee, HR Source's Advisory Council, and the opportunity to be a founding member of ATLAS – an organization dedicated to the continuing education of library employees. Here at home, I served on Matteson's 150th Anniversary Committee and spent several years on the Village's Taste of Matteson committees. Once I even was a model for the Rich Township Food Pantry's Fashion Show where I modeled a \$10,000 fur coat.

The library's growth in these years has been an experience. We've added a Notary Public service, passport registration, bins for recyclables, and electronics recycling and paper-shredding services. Besides a \$3.5-million-dollar addition to the building, the library has also purchased 12 acres along Interstate 57 (both of which were completed without requiring more tax dollars from the public). In 2016, the library converted from a Village Library to a District Library; in 2018, the library was able to annex eight (8) parcels of unincorporated Cook County within the boundaries of Matteson.

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And then ... COVID-19. All the hours spent working on class work and educational programming for all ages came to a temporary halt as the staff quickly shifted gears and went to work on multiple ways to electronically provide programs for children and adults. The Front Desk staff developed a method of providing curbside service, in order to continue to make our collection available to the community.

As the task of packing up and cleaning out my office continues, I'm finding myself buried in memories of all we have accomplished over the last 20 years. But while I am so proud of all the staff members, current and previous, for what they have accomplished, I also want to thank this community for giving me the opportunity to be your Library Director. It has truly been an amazing experience.

Kathy Berggren

Milfred Moore, Library Trustee Treasurer

The staff of the Matteson Area Public Library would like to thank Milfred Moore for his years of service as a library trustee. Mr. Moore was appointed to the library board in 2003. In his 18 years on the Board, he served as President of the Board for five (5) years, Treasurer for the last nine (9) years, and was the Open Meetings Act Officer since the position was created.

The remaining members of the Library Board will be interviewing candidates and hope to find a replacement by their June meeting. Information is on our website at www.mapld.org.

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