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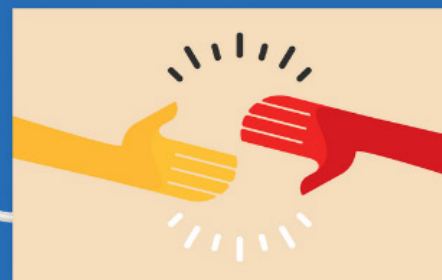


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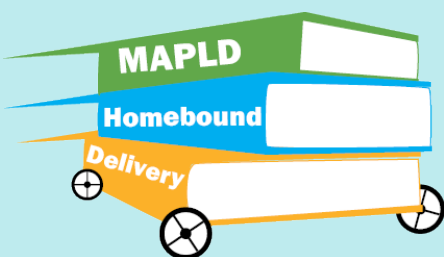
March - May 2022

Connect WITH YOUR LIBRARY



Free Trees! Sign up now thru March 18th

Sign up to receive a FREE TREE sponsored by Neighborhood Forest for kids to plant to beautify our neighborhoods, and put a significant dent in our carbon footprint! Trees will be available for pickup on or after April 22. Parents can register school age children by going to this link: <https://bit.ly/3BfhUA>. Check our website for pick-up date changes. HAPPY EARTH DAY!



Homebound Program

The library provides delivery services to patrons who live in the Village of Matteson and are homebound, either

temporarily due to illness or injury, or permanently due to disability, age or other transportation issues. If you are someone or know of someone who is homebound, then visit <https://bit.ly/mapldhbs> and fill out the Google form to sign up for the program.

National Library Week: Culver's Scoop

April 3 - 9

Celebrate National Library Week (NLW) by showing your library card at Culvers Matteson location to receive a FREE scoop of custard. One per person per day when showing their library card at time of purchase.

New eBook Graphic Novel Platform: Comics Plus

We have a new ebook service called Comics Plus which is specifically for comics and graphic novel readers! With Comics Plus, you have unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga from more than one hundred publishers. There are manga and graphic novels for all ages. There is also an app called Library Pass Comics Plus!

Every title is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, on your computer, tablet or phone—no holds or wait lists required. Check out Comics Plus on our website at <https://bit.ly/3c7k4vV> and make an account with your library card! Make sure to tell us at the Adult Services Desk how you feel about this new resource!

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Adult Events and Classes

Events with an R require registration.

Tai-Chi-Gong: 5 Natural Phases to Release Pain, Stress, and Trauma

Wednesdays, 3/9, 3/16, 4/13, 4/20, 5/11, 5/18

9:30 - 10:30 am

In-Person (Limited to 20)

This is a simple, fun and gentle movement program for adults and seniors. Brian Thompson, Founder BNEW4LIFE, LLC's natural Tai-Chi-Gong (meditation with movements) will coach you to relax, release worry, emotional, physical pain and stress. Class size is limited to the first 20 in the door! Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Yoga

Mondays, 3/7, 3/21, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23

6 - 7 pm

(Limited to 20)

Hybrid - In-Person & Zoom

Improve flexibility and enhance relaxation with an hour of yoga. Come enjoy this mind, body & spirit experience. Class size is limited to the first 20 in the door! Bring a mat or a towel and wear comfortable clothes. Join us onsite or online virtually over Zoom.

Line Dancing

Last two Tuesdays of the Month 3/22, 3/29, 4/19, 4/26, 5/24, 5/31

6 - 7 pm

In-Person (Limited to 20)

Step out and add a blast of FUN by attending our Line Dance classes! Come and learn the newest slides, hustles and steps with Soul Slider Cynthia Morse. Class size is limited to the first 20 in the door! Wear comfortable shoes.

Bid Whist

Wednesdays, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18

1 - 4 pm

In-Person (Limited to 20)

If you love a competitive and social activity then this is the event for you. Just walk in and enjoy yourself for a couple of hours a week.



Millennial Fun (For Ages 18+)

In-Person

Are you a 90s baby and looking for something fun to do? Check out what we have to offer! Limited to 20

♣ Wandvision Binge (R)

- Fridays, March 18 & 25

5:30 - 8:30 pm

♠ Spades Tournament (R)

- Thursday, April 21 (6 - 8 pm)

Must register by April 14

♥ Outing: Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness at Marcus Theater (R)

- Tuesday, May 10

**Time to be determined (check our event calendar for the time.)
Must register by May 1**

Virtual Trivia Night Fridays (R)

7 - 7:45 pm

Online - Zoom

Test your knowledge at our virtual trivia nights! You will need two devices to play (example: laptop and a smartphone). Please email Cassidy at csteinke@mapld.org to get the registration link.

♣ Gilmore Girls - March 4

♠ Black-ish - April 1

♥ The Office - May 6

Bridgerton High Tea (R)

Wednesday, April 27

11 am - 12 pm

Must register by April 20

In-Person (Limited to 20)

Whether you're mad for the books or the show, come experience an elegant tea and discuss your favorite fictional family with your fellow ladies and gents. Dressing up is not required, but encouraged.

Adult Goodreads Online Book Club (R)

Online (Goodreads.com)

We are hosting a no-pressure online book club. Every two months a new book will be chosen and discussion questions will be added. Answer the questions whenever it works best for you!

Please email Hope at

hstandifer@mapld.org to get the registration link. You also must have a [Goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com) account to participate.

📖 Love Lettering By Kate Clayborn

- March - April

📖 Big Summer By Jennifer Weiner

- May 1 - June 30

Morning Book Discussion

4th Monday a month, 10:15 am

In-Person (Limited to 20)

Books are available for checkout four weeks before the discussion date. Meet on the 4th Monday of the month.

📖 The Story of Arthur Trulov

by Elizabeth Berg

- March 28

📖 Brooklyn

by Colm Toibin

- April 25

📖 The Family Upstairs

by Lisa Jewell

- May 23

Murder by the Book Club

Wednesdays, 6 - 7 pm

In-Person (Limited to 10)

Join us for our newest book club! We will be reading and discussing thrilling mysteries. If you love suspenseful tales or a good whodunit then this is for you!

📖 Local Woman Missing

by Mary Kubica

- March 9

📖 Razorblade Tears

by S.A. Cosby

- April 13

📖 The Last Thing He Told Me

by Laura Dave

- May 11

Events with an (R) require registration.

Weavers Guild South (R)

Saturdays | 1 - 4 pm

In-Person (Limited to 7)

There will be a small materials fee.



Navajo Weaving Part 1

- March 19



Navajo Weaving Part 2

- April 16



Weaving Techniques Pillow

- May 21

April Poetry Canvas' Contest

March 16 - April 30

In honor of National Poetry month in April we are offering a *limited* grab and go poetry art piece! All you need to do is be one of the first 12 people to claim an art kit, create your masterpiece at home, and then bring it back to the Library by Friday, April 1. These canvases will be displayed by the Adult Services Desk during the entire month of April. Patrons will be able to vote for their favorite piece and the winner will win a prize!

Paint Party (R)

Saturdays

11 am - 12 pm

In-Person (Limited to 10)

Join us Saturday afternoons to paint along with a guided tutorial. We will be using paint brushes and other tools to create mixed media artwork. Space is limited so make sure to register.



Frog In The Rain

- March 12



Giraffe

- April 9



Butterflies and Bouquets

- May 14

Seed Swap and Adopt a Plant

Monday, May 16 | 6 - 7 pm

In-Person

Embrace the Spring time at this fun and easy gardening event! For the seed swap please bring unopened seed packets that you don't want/need and swap them out for new seeds at our event! We will also be offering a simple planting activity!

What Happens After the Paycheck Stops? A Retirement Income Primer

Tuesday, March 15

1 - 2 pm

Online - Zoom (Limited to 10)

This presentation will examine how to budget for retirement expenses, potential sources of retirement income and potential risks to retirement income such as Long Term Care and health care costs.

How Diet Affects Climate Change and What You Can Do to Help

Tuesday, March 22

6 - 7 pm

Online - Zoom (Limited to 10)

What people eat, how food is grown, and how many trees it destroys all have an impact on our health and on greenhouse gas emissions warming our planet. Learn about this relationship, and how diet and food waste are two of the most important things under your control you can do to help stop the Earth's warming.

Year of You (R)

Wednesdays, 7 - 8 pm

In-Person (Limited to 20)

Come learn from life coach for over 15 years Sharon Looney, the potential you have within to make this year the year of you! Interactive discussion to follow the presentation.



Pt.1 Do You See Yourself Living Your Vision?

- March 23



Pt.2 Your Words Are Like Seeds

- April 27

The Loving Story (R)

Tuesday, April 12

3 - 5 pm

In-Person (Limited to 20)

Join us for a presentation of the PBS documentary "The Loving Story". After the documentary we will have a discussion and light refreshments.

Crime Prevention Seminar

Monday, May 2 | 7 - 8 pm

In-Person

Joe Rosner the Self-Defense Teacher at Best Defense of Illinois will tell how to recognize and avoid dangerous situations and how to react to them if necessary.

Preparing for Retirement After CoronaVirus

Wednesday, April 6

6 - 7 pm

Online - Zoom (Limited to 10)

There are lots of things to consider before you decide to retire. With the introduction of a global pandemic, CoronaVirus, there is now even more uncertainty. Some of these new questions for those in Retirement or about to Retire are: Planning for income and how does where you live risk your quality of life?

Drop-In Device Advice

Wednesdays, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11

2:30 - 3:30 pm

In-Person

Have a quick "How Do I..." regarding your smartphone, laptop or tablet? We offer quick and helpful solutions to your technology woes.

Family Ties Genealogy Club (R)

Day: Thursdays, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12

1 - 2 pm

Night: Tuesdays, 3/22, 4/26, 5/24

7 - 8 pm

Hybrid - In-Person & Zoom

Join our virtual genealogy club where both novices and experts alike can come together and talk about different genealogy topics. Sign up on our website to get the Zoom link.

Genealogy 101: Learning How to Climb Your Family Tree (R)

1st Thursdays a month

3/3, 4/7, 5/5 | 10 - 11 am

Online - Zoom

This class offers a beginner-level overview of the genealogy resources available through the library. Lets explore the 1950 Census!

Youth Events and Classes

Events with an R require registration.



DIAL-A-STORY
708-564-4400

Dial-A-Story

All Ages

Want to hear a story? The Library's Dial-A-Story service offers several different stories to choose from each month. Call 708-564-4400, listen to the menu, and press the number that matches the story you'd like to hear.



Playgroup

Tuesdays, 3/1-5/31

9:00-11:00 AM

Ages: 0 - 5

(Kids must attend with an adult.)

In-Person

The library will be providing the gathering space and a variety of toys for families with little ones. Not a library directed group, but an informal playgroup for kids ages 0-5 and their grown-ups.

Simply Art (R)

Tuesdays

3/1, 3/15, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17

6:30 - 7:15 pm

Grades: 3rd - 5th

In-Person (Limited to 10)

Create watercolor and chalk pictures of nature.

Girl Power (R)

Mondays, 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Grades: 3rd - 6th

In-Person (Limited to 20)

Let Your Light Shine Bright! Girls will enjoy yummy snacks and partake in spirited self-esteem raising activities that allow girls to bond and empower each other.

Tutor Information Wanted

Are you a tutor for elementary through high school aged students in Rich Township? Go to bit.ly/tutor-info-form to fill out the Google form so your information can be added to our NEW database of tutors. Names and contact information of individuals in the database will be given to members of the public who call the library looking for a tutor.

Family Chess Night

Wednesdays, 3/2-5/25

6 - 8 pm

Grades: 1st - 12th

In-Person

Kids and adults, come learn how to play chess or challenge yourself against other experienced players.

Family STEAM Saturday (R)

Saturdays, 3/5-4/30

2 - 3 pm

Grades: Kindergarten-High School

In-Person (Limited to 5 families)

Can you and your family build a house strong enough to protect the Three Little Pigs from the Big Bad Hairdryer? Come each Saturday with your family to take on a variety of fun STEAM challenges just like this one.

Tweens & Teens

Events with an R require registration.



Girls With Dreams (R)

Saturdays,

3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 5/7, 5/21

11 am - 1 pm

Ages: 13-19 Years

In-Person (Limited to 20)

Girls Who Dream Become Women with Vision! In partnership with E.V.E Inc, mentors will work with girls on character building, self-esteem and independence. Girls will form friendships and empowerment. **Anyone interested in this program should contact Nikeda Webb at 708-748-4431.**

Intro to 3D Pens (R)

Tuesday 3/15, 3/29

4 - 5 pm

Grades: 6th - 12th

In-Person (Limited to 10)

Learn about what a 3D Pen is and how to turn a flat, 2D image into a 3D structure using the 3D pen.

Teen Volunteers (R)

Grades: 7th - 12th

How would you like to go to the biggest Anime Convention in the midwest? To start, all you have to do is sign up by April 1, 2022 to be a Teen Volunteer. The library is offering teens in grades 7-12 several different opportunities to earn hours volunteering. Those who complete a minimum of 20 volunteer hours by April 30, 2022 will be entered in a raffle for a limited number of tickets to go to the Anime Convention with Ms. Kalea.

For more information, go to www.mapld.org and click the "Youth" tab or email

Ms. Kalea at kphillips@mapld.org.

Teen Movie Night (R)

Thursday 3/10, 3/24, 4/7, 4/21

4 - 6 pm

Grades: 6th - 12th

In-Person (Limited to 20)

Join us as we enjoy watching all of Marvel's Avengers movies in chronological order.

One Brother To Another (R)

Tuesdays and Thursdays

4:30-6:30 pm

Ages: 10-19

In-Person

at Oakwood Community Center

Mentors in this program will provide positive programming for boys. The program provides educational and recreational experiences through positive peer mentoring, life skills development, and positive social interaction. Our hope is that participants will improve in their ability to make better decisions, inspire them to be strong, have a positive self-image, and gain confidence. **Anyone interested in this program should contact Nikeda Webb at 708-748-4431.**



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Library Hours:

Mon- Thu, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Fri & Sat, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sun, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Holiday Closings:

April 17

May 8 & 30

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Monday Of The Month

Tuesdays: (3/15, 4/12, 5/10) at 7:00 PM

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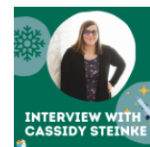
Library Blog

Interview With The Public Services Manager Cassidy Steinke

Posted January 28, 2022

We would like to welcome Cassidy Steinke to the Adult Services Department as the new Public Services Manager. Here is a quick interview to learn a bit about her! Cassidy's Introduction: Hi! I'm Cassidy and I'm so excited to be working here! I'm a lifelong lover of libraries and will forever be grateful for my mother [...]

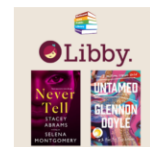
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Posted January 6, 2022

As people increasingly read and listen to books on their smartphone or tablet, they're discovering one of the best resources is their local public library. Matteson residents can access over 74,000 digital ebooks and audiobooks free from Matteson Library. With a library card, members of the community can borrow from the digital collection by downloading [...]



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