



The Matteson Connection



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Matteson Area Public Library District

Santa's Secret Shop Craft Fair

Saturday, December 10
10 am - 4 pm

The Library would like to invite your children to come to our Santa's Secret Shop Craft Fair! This is a craft fair for children to come and purchase Christmas gifts for their adult family members. To register your child to go shopping, go to bit.ly/mapldcalen. Along with the shopping, kids and their families can just drop in to hear stories like "How to Catch an Elf" read by Mrs. Claus, make their own homemade hot chocolate, decorate holiday-shaped cookies to eat, play games like Dreidel, build craft foam gingerbread houses, write letters to Santa Claus, and so much more!

Winterville Reading Program December 3 - January 28

Ages: 0-18

The Library is kicking off its Winter Reading Program on Saturday, Dec 3. This year children will explore the land of Winterville as they move along the path in their reading journey, getting to discover new locations and win some amazing prizes.

Adults will cozy up with a good book all snug and warm and possibly win a prize or two as well. Registration opens December 3rd. The program runs until January 28th. To register, go to bit.ly/mapldcalen or visit the library.



Help out those



Toy Donations

Donation Drives

Toy Drive

November 1- December 10

Donate new toys for children ages 0 - 12 and teens ages 13-18. Please bring donations of toys and/or gift cards to the library. The Matteson Rotary will be distributing the donations in time for Christmas.

Food and Winter Clothing Drive

November 1- January 15

Please donate "new (never used)" winter hats, socks, scarfs, mittens, gloves, coats and toiletries for men, women, teens and children for the South Suburban PADS and Rich Township Clothing Bank; in addition we are looking for non-perishable (and not expired) canned and dry goods for the Rich Township Food Pantry.

Local Author Fair

Are you a writer or know someone who is? We're looking for authors to participate in our first-ever Author Fair. Applications are available online or at the library.

Fun For 20s - 40s: Animal Crossing Christmas Party

Thursday, December 15

6 - 8 pm

Visit the Library's Island on Animal Crossing: New Horizon for games, giveaways and to make new friends! Each player should have a few in-game gifts wrapped and ready to give for the event. There will also be real life giveaways at the event! Space is limited, so sign up to save your spot.

More on our website!

Visit bit.ly/mapldcalen or scan the code to see all of our events and classes we are offering including computer classes, crafts, movies, games, story time, movement and more.



in need this year!



Every Library Needs Friends

Matteson Area Public Library District is looking for friends. By volunteering their time, members of the Friends group enable the library to offer services and materials that would otherwise not be covered by regular funding.

Friends are advocates for the Library. In addition to promoting community support and use of the library, members:

- ✱ Sponsors special events and provides program funding
- ✱ Raises funds for supplemental materials and equipment
- ✱ Supports literacy projects, funding and advocacy

Friends make the difference.

Become a friend today.

Wireless Printing

Don't forget that you can now send a print job directly from your laptop, phone, or tablet while in the library or even from home via the Wireless Printing button found at the top right of our website. You can upload your files and then come to the library to pay for them and pick them up from the Computer Lab.

Jobs are held for 24 hours and you'll pay when you come to get them. Prints cost 25¢ per side for letter (8 ½" by 11") and legal (8 ½" by 14") sizes and you can pay with cash or a credit card for both color and black and white.

After attaching your file, you will put in your user info and then hit the submit button. To print from a website email tbs-MAPLD-bw@eprintitservice.com for B&W Submissions and tbs-MAPLD-coloreprintitservice.com for Color Submissions. After that you will come to the Library's Public Services department, go to the kiosk at the Computer Lab desk, and put in your user information to pay for your prints.

Display Case

We depend on members of the community to help us fill our displaycase with a variety of interesting collections and artwork. Our display case is locked and free to use. A display can remain in the case for 1 month. Show us what you have!

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Library Hours:
Mon-Thu, 9 am - 9 pm
Fri & Sat, 9 am - 5 pm
Sun, 1 - 5 pm

Holiday Closings:
November 23 at 5 pm, 24 & 25
December 24, 25, 31
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The Matteson Area Public Library District is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any individual who plans to attend any program at the library and who requires special accommodations, or anyone who has questions regarding accessibility to the library is requested to phone the library at 708.748.4431 at least five working days prior to the scheduled event.

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Project Next Generation

Once again the library is a proud recipient of the Project Next Generation grant. This grant enables us to offer mentoring and S.T.E.A.M. programming to those in junior high and high school.

Secretary of State Jesse White awards Project Next Generation (PNG) grants to public libraries statewide. PNG is a mentoring program created by Secretary White and administered through Illinois public libraries. Using project-based learning, mentors expose students to various technologies while helping students to develop life skills such as effective communication, goal-setting, and conflict resolution.

This is the library's ninth year as a PNG recipient. Over the years, the library has received over \$300,000 in grant funds.

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