



Matteson Area Public Library District

Winter Edition

2nd Annual Winter Reading Kick-Off

Saturday

December 9th

1 - 4 PM

The Winter Reading Program runs December 1st - 31st! Join us by reading or listening to a book this winter for a chance to win some amazing prizes. To register, stop by the Youth or Public Services' desk. Don't wait too long to join in on the fun! Then join us for a day of winter fun to kick-off our Winter Reading program! You can hear stories read by Mrs. Claus, play reindeer games, write letters to Santa, decorate cookies, drink hot chocolate, and much more!



3rd Annual Gingerbread House Building Challenge

Dec 1st - Dec 22nd

All Ages

Pick up a foam Gingerbread House Kit from either Youth or Public Services. Put it together, decorate it, and return it to the library by December 22nd. Prizes will be awarded for best-decorated house. Winners will be announced on December 29th.



Toy Drive

Dec 1st - Dec 16th

Join the library and the Matteson Rotary as we collect gifts for children ages 0 - 12 and teens 13 -18 in need. Stop in with a new toy or gift card this month, they will be distributed in time for Christmas.



Food, Hats, Gloves and Scarf Drive

Dec 1st - Jan 13th

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



The Velveteen Rabbit- A Play

Saturday,

December 16th

6 - 7 PM

All Ages

Come see a sentimental play about what it means to love and what it means to be real.



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Youth



Rhyme Rock and Read Playgroup

Date: Mondays & Tuesdays
Not in session: Dec 6th & Jan 2nd

Time: 10 - 11 AM

Age: 0-3 with adult

Join us each Monday or Tuesday morning for fun activities that will start your child on the path to a lifelong love of reading.

Artistic Adventures

Date: Tuesdays

Time: 6 - 7 PM

Age: 3rd - 6th Grade

Kids will create a variety of mixed media art.

Dec 5th - Puzzle Picture Frame

Dec 12th - Winter Tree Art

Dec 19th - Friendship Bracelets

Dec 26th - Watercolor Fish

Brick Builders

Date: Wednesdays

Time: 6 - 7 PM

Age: K - 6th Grade

Tackle a different Lego

Challenge each month!

12/13 - Building Fast Cars

1/10 - Build Your Own Droid

2/21 - Fire-breathing Beasties



Daycare Storytime

Date: Thursdays

Time: 10 - 10:30 AM

Age: 3-5 years old

Daycare providers, bring your preschoolers out to listen to funny stories and sing and dance to silly songs. Space is limited so call the library to register your group.



Movies



Munchies

Thursdays 6 - 8 PM



December 7th

Willy Wonka



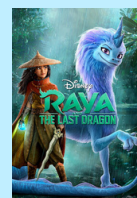
December 21st

Jingle Jangle



January 4th

Peter Pan and Wendy



January 25th

Raya and the Last Dragon



February 1st

Ralph Breaks the Internet



February 15th

Pokémon Detective Pikachu



Tweens & Teens



Teen Crochet 101

Date: Tuesdays

Dec 5th, Dec 19th, Dec 21st

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Age: 7th - 12th Grade

Want to crochet but don't know how? You're in luck! Come join Ms. Lisa as she teaches you how to crochet by making a beanie.

Super Hero Duel

Date: Wednesdays

Dec 13th, Jan 10th, Feb 14th

Time: 6-7 PM

Age: 6th - 8th Grade

Like comic books? Come debate who's the fastest, strongest, greatest! Each month we'll focus on two specific superheroes and decide who would win in a battle between them.

Chocolate Making 101

Date: Tuesday, Feb 13th

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Age: 7th - 12th Grade

Who says chocolate is only for Valentine's Day? Chocolate is for everyone every day! Learn how to make chocolate candy in this simple culinary class. You can make some for someone special or for yourself.



Afternoon Anime' Movie

Date: Tuesday, Jan 13th

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Age: 7th - 12th Grade

Brrr! It's cold outside! Stop in to watch an anime movie and eat ramen noodles, that's sure to warm you up!

National Pokémon Day

Date: Tuesday, Feb 27th

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Age: 7th - 12th Grade

It's National Pokémon Day! Bring your cards, games, and other Pokémon-themed regalia to enjoy this Pokémon-themed party!



Teen Volunteer

Dec 1st - Jan 14th

Teens! Need volunteer hours for school? Come donate canned food items for the Matteson Area Public Library District's Annual Food Drive!

- Drop items off at Youth Services
- Must be non perishable
- Must be in original packaging, not be opened, cracked, or torn.
- The expiration date must be after February 2024
- 10 approved items = 1 hour of volunteer time
- Max amount of volunteer time is 4 hours = 40 food items
- Donations end January 14, 2024

Adult



Cyber Sleuth Your Family Tree

Date: Tuesdays

Dec 19th, Jan 16th, Feb 20th

By Appointment Only

Digging into your roots? We can help you get started, or further your research. Make an appointment for a one on one session.

20's,30's,40's Board Game Night

Date: Friday, Dec 15th

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Like playing board games? How about card games? Come join us and meet others who enjoy the fun and excitement of games and possibly win a prize.

A Comprehensive Guide to Tires

Date: Tuesday, Dec 5th

Time: 6 - 7 PM

Spending \$700 or more on tires?

This class gives you an understanding of tires beyond rubber, round, and rolling. From maintenance to purchasing, this class will save you money long term.

Aspiring Writers Meet Up

Date: Thursdays, Dec 14th, Jan 18th, Feb 15th

Time: 4 - 6PM

Do you like to write? Be it poems, short story or novel, come to our writers meet-up. Meet other authors, give and receive constructive criticism of your work to help your writing reach the next level!

Computer 101

Zoom

Wednesday, Dec 6th

6 - 7:30 PM

Learn the basics of using Zoom.

Save That File

Friday, Dec 15th

10 - 11:30 AM

Learn how and where to save documents.

Email

Friday, Jan 19th

10 - 11:30 AM

Learn all you needed to know about writing and receiving emails.

Online Safety

Friday, Feb 16th

10 - 11:30 AM

Learn some practical tips on avoiding credit card and identity theft online by managing passwords, avoiding malware and viruses.

So You Want to Buy an Electric Car?

Date: Tuesday, Jan 23rd

Time: 6-7 PM

This virtual class is a roadmap to making an educated decision. We will do a deep dive into purchasing, buying, and maintaining an electric car.



Community & All Ages



Homeschool Co-op: Gameschooling

Date: Wednesdays

Dec 13th, Jan 10th, Jan 24th, Feb 24th, Feb 28th

Time: 11 - 1 PM

Gameschooling for kids and teens will begin with a short lesson to introduce a concept followed by a fun game. Bring a lunch and join us for a low-pressure get-together. To register, contact Arlene Olson at (708)704-1758

What's for Dinner? A Cookbook Club

Date: Monday

Dec 11th, Jan 8th, Feb 12th

Time: 6 - 7:30 PM

Select a recipe each month from the cookbook at the Youth Services desk. Prepare your dish and bring it to the meeting to share. For more information, contact Ms. Susan at (708)748-4431 ext.328

Mother - Daughter Self Love Session

Date: Thursday, Feb 29th

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Age: Moms and daughters (ages 10-18)

Join us for a mother-daughter bonding session! We'll explore self awareness and expression through crafts and journaling while enjoying some light refreshments.

Celebrating Black History At Matteson Area Public Library District

Second Annual Black History Month Reception & Gala

Date: Friday Feb 2nd, 2024

Time: 6-8:30 PM

Were back at it celebrating BHM 2024 with this year's theme, Using Your Voice. Come out for a night of musical and spoken word entertainment, an interactive art exhibit, hors d'oeuvre and much more! Attire is dressy casual.

Black Lives Matter: A Child's Vision Interactive Exhibit

Date: Feb 1st-29th

Time: Library Hours

Inspired by then, 9-year old Orland Park resident Nathan Epperson, after witnessing nationwide civil unrest following the murder of George Floyd, Black Lives Matter: A Child's Vision captures in-the-moment activism and dives into the personal histories of 9 protesters from the Orland Park Black Lives Matter and 8 Can't Wait protest. Peter Bosy's portraits invite you to connect with diverse stories written by Aisha Scott. Naomi Fortino Hill's street, captures emotions and spirit of the movement. Acrylic art is inspired by Black lives matter, by emerging artist, Ariane Radcliff, will be showcased.



Hidden Messages in Negro Spirituals on the Underground Railroad

Date: Friday, Feb 23rd

Time: 6:30 PM

Learn the connections of plantation songs, or Negro Spirituals with meanings and interpretations of lyrics of some songs used in regions of the South that signaled multiple signs and tips that aided enslaved fugitives to find freedom.

Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad

Date: Monday, Feb 12th

Time: 6:30 PM

See this presentation showing eighteen different quilt patterns in replica quilts from and listen as the presenter refers to a book her mother, Dr. Clarice Boswell, wrote about their family called Lizzie's Story: A Slave Family's Journey to Freedom.

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Library Hours :

Mon - Thurs 9 AM - 5 PM
Fri & Sat 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday 1 PM - 5 PM

Holiday Closings

Christmas Eve: December 24th
Christmas Day: December 25th
New Years Eve: December 31st
New Years Day: January 1st
Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Jan 15th



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Happy Holidays
from Matteson Public Library!

Renew your license plate sticker at the Library!



Skip the DMV and renew your license plate stickers at the library! Illinois residents can visit the info desk and leave with their new sticker the same day.

You will need your registration ID and PIN numbers, or your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), and your license plate number. A standard renewal sticker costs \$151 plus an additional \$9.50 processing fee. *If your vehicle needs to pass an emissions test, the Library will be unable to renew your license plate.

AARP Tax Prep

February 8th - April 13th
Thursdays & Fridays
By Appointment Only



The library has partnered again with AARP to offer tax assistance for the community. There is no charge for this service and the appointments will be Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30 am - 3 pm. You can make appointments at the Public Services desk in person or by phone (708) 748-4431 ext.203 beginning January 16th.