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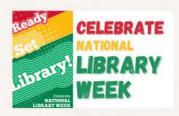


MATTESON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

MARCH - MAY 2024

CELEBRATING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

National Library Week 2024 will be celebrated Sunday, April 7th through Saturday, April 13th. Be sure to stop by for a free gift.



PAPER SHREDDING RECYCLING EVENT

Our onsite Paper Shredding Recycling Event has returned. The paper shredding event will be on Saturday, May 11th from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Monetary donations will be appreciated and accepted. The drive-up lines will be cut off at 12:20 PM to ensure that we can accommodate everyone.



NEIGHBORHOOD FOREST TREE GIVEAWAY

Free Tree Giveaway! We've partnered with the Neighborhood Forest organization to offer free trees to participants to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day. See page 2 to register for a free tree!



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our Library Board of Directors, led by our exceptional Library Director Nikeda Webb. We also extend our gratitude to all of our incredible and loyal patrons, including spoken word artist Fenyx Blue, curator of the community exhibit, Black Lives Matter: A Child's Vision Aisha Scott and accompanying artists, plus the talented musical performers. Your participation and support made our Second Annual Black History Reception a resounding success. Special appreciation also goes to the dedicated staff of the Matteson Area Public Library District for their hard work, inspiration, and unwavering commitment to fostering a celebration of culture, diversity, and knowledge within our community. Please see page 6 for pictures from the reception.



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Community & All Ages

THE BACHELOR: LIBRARY EDITION

SAVE THE DATE for the upcoming The Bachelor: Library Edition. If you're a female between the ages of 25 -35 years old, interested in meeting someone new, going on a fun outing and are willing to share your experience on our YouTube channel, please scan the QR code to fill out the form and submit by May 31st. Check our website for more information and updates.



FREE TREE GIVEAWAY

Date: Ends March 15th Free Tree Giveaway! We've partnered with the Neighborhood Forest organization to offer free trees to participants this year to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day. Register at the library during library hours, or scan the QR code to register for a free tree to plant this spring. Registration deadline March 15th, 2024. Registrants will be contacted in April 2024 to pick up trees.



PREPARING FOR THE ECLIPSE

Date: Saturday, March 16th Time: 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Join Nasa JPL/Solar System Ambassador Andrew Salata as he discusses safely observing the sun, what we can see on the sun and how eclipses happen. Then we will move outside to view the sun through a telescope.



LICENSE PLATE RENEWAL

Skip the DMV and renew your license plate stickers at the library! Illinois residents can visit the Circulation 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.



VOTER'S REGISTRATION NOW AT THE LIBRARY

Perhaps you've heard the news already, but there are Elections coming up! The Library is happy to announce that it is now a registrar site to help make sure that you are properly registered to vote or to help you check your status if you are unsure if you are already! Whether you are more comfortable with online registration or with filling out a paper application, trained staff here will assist you and make sure that you are ready to do your civic duty come election time. Just bring in two pieces of identification, with at least one of those having your current address (for a full list of acceptable identification, see our website at www.mapld.org).





AFRICAN AMERICAN BOOK CLUB

Date: Wednesdays

March 27th, April 24th, May 22nd

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Join us as we read and discuss African American literature each month. Books will include fiction and non-fiction. Stories might be about black lives, or stories might be written by black authors.

ASPIRING WRITERS MEET-UP

Date: Thursdays March 14th, April 18th **Time:** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Do you like to write? Be it a poem, short story, or a novel. join us for our Writers Meet-Up! You will meet other authors, and give and receive constructive criticism of your work to help your writing reach the next level! A publisher from Destined to Publish is joining us as a guest speaker. Come and learn about the publishing side of writing.

COMPUTERS 101

THE BASICS

Date: Wednesday, March 6th **Time:** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Come and learn about basic computer skills and operations.

SURFING THE WEB

Date: Wednesday, April 3rd Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Learn the basic skills needed to search the Internet.

EXCEL

Date: Friday, April 19th Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Learn the in's and out's of Microsoft Excel.

LET'S GET SOCIAL

Date: Wednesday, May 1st Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Dive into some of the more popular social media apps available and learn how to use them.

ZOOM

Date: Friday, May 17th
Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Join us to learn the basics of
using Zoom to video
conference for work or just to
call loved ones.

DIY LAWNCARE SERIES

SPRING PREPARATION

Date: Tuesday, March 12th **Time:** 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Learn about cleaning up the lawn, pruning, fertilization, overseeding, and sodding.

SPRING PLANTING

Date: Tuesday, March 19th Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Learn about bulbs, perennials, trees, and shrubs.

HARDSCAPE

Date: Tuesday, March 26th Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Find out about installing retaining walls, garden walls, and paver patios.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Date: Tuesday, April 2nd Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM It's all about the plan. Take action with everything that was learned so far.

CHOOSING A CONTRACTOR

Date: Tuesday, April 9th
Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Find out how to choose the right
contractor.

CLASSIC GAME DAY

Date: Sundays March 24th, April 28th,

May 19th

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Join us for a relaxing afternoon of games and socializing.

LIBRARY CINEMA

Date: Thursdays
Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



March 14th Black Adam



March 28th Morbius



April 11th Justice League



April 25th The Adam Project



May 9th The Meg



May 23rd The Meg 2

LOVE AND CARE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Date: Tuesdays

March 12th, April 9th, May 14th Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Join Catholic Charities to learn techniques, play games, and discuss ways to support yourself as you support those you care for. Refreshments will be served. Registration is

required.

MEMORY CAFÉ

Date: Tuesdays March 26th, April 16th,

May 21st

Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Join Catholic Charities as they
host a monthly Memory Café
for those who are experiencing
early-stage dementia, mild
memory loss or mild cognitive
impairment (MCI), and for
families, friends, or care partners.
A Memory Café is a place to
have fun, share experiences, and
stay socially connected.
Registration is required.

YAPPING YARNIES

Date: Thursdays
March 7th, 14th, 21st
April 4th, 11th, 18th
May 2nd, 9th, 16th
Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
March: Join us as we
experiment with making a
cardigan. Both crochet and knit
patterns are available. Bring
your own favorite yarn and
crochet hook or circular knitting
needles.

April: It's all about the coffee! We are making placemats, cozies, and coasters.

May: Can't find a great summer tote bag? Why not make one? This month we are crocheting a granny square tote bag.

Tweens & Teens

SNACK QUEST: TEENS EXPLORING SNACKS AROUND THE WORLD

Date: Saturdays

March 16th, April 13th,

May 11th

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Age Range: 6th - 12th Grade

Join us on a journey exploring unique snacks from various corners of the globe! At each gathering we'll delve into the flavors of a specific country, discover fascinating facts about its culture, and evaluate the snacks on a scale from fantastic to not-so-great. Registration is required.

TEEN VOLUNTEER FAIR

Date: April 27th

Times: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Age Range: 7th - 12th Grade

Need volunteer hours for school? Come to our Teen Volunteer Fair, where several non-profit organizations will be here for you to sign up to volunteer. Registration

is required.



Youth

RHYME, ROCK, AND READ STORYTIME

Date: Mondays March 5th - May 13th

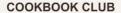
Tuesdays

March 5th - May 14th

Times: 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Age: 0 - 3 years w/ an adult

Joins us for a half hour of wiggles and giggles with your little one. (Encore presentation of Monday's program will

be held on Tuesdays.)



Date: Mondays March 11th, April 8th,

May 13th

Times: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Age: Adults Only

Join us for Cookbook Club! Each month participating adults will select a recipe from a cookbook located in the Youth Services Department, make that recipe at home, and bring the dish to the meeting to share with everyone. All participants will go home with a written copy of each recipe from the meeting. Join us each month for lots of

interesting new recipes for your family!

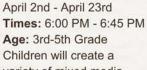


Date: Tuesdays
March 5th - March 26th
Times: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Age: 3rd-6th Grade
Junior Puppeteers will
design and build a puppet
and perform a show for
their folks. NOTE: Children
must attend ALL four
classes to participate.



LEGO MODELING CLUB

Date: Wednesdays
March 13th - March 27th
April 10th - April 24th
Times: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Age: 5th-9th Grade
Lamborghinis, Batcycles,
Star Wars starships, and
more! Come tackle the
challenge of building
a variety of LEGO
TECHNIC sets.



ARTISTIC ADVENTURES

Date: Tuesdays

variety of mixed media art from germ blow painting art with straws, 3D paper cone art, to galaxy chalk pastel art and so much

more!







Date: Thursdays

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Age: All ages

Bring the whole family out for popcorn and a movie!



March 7th Leo



March 21st Elemental



April 4th DC League of Super-Pets



April 18th The Secret Life of Pets 2

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2ND ANNUAL SANTAS SECRET SHOP CRAFT FAIR



Application Deadline April 6th

Crafters, we need you! Saturday, December 7th, from 1-4 PM, we will be hosting our 2nd Annual Santa's Secret Shop Craft Fair. This is a craft fair for children ages 5-12 to come and purchase handmade Christmas gifts for their adult family members. We're looking for people who can handmake items for men and women and are willing to sell them at a cost no higher than \$5.00. The fee to participate is \$25. If you are interested, please scan the QR code and complete the Interest Form by Saturday, April 6th. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Fulcher at 708-748-4431 ext. 328.





SECOND ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY RECEPTION PHOTOS











