



# 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](http://www.mapld.org)).





# Adult

## 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 LAWN CARE SERIES

### SPRING PREPARATION

**Date:** Tuesday, March 12th

**Time:** 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Learn about cleaning up the lawn, pruning, fertilization, over-seeding, 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.)



## COOKBOOK CLUB

**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!



## JUNIOR PUPPETEERS

**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

April 2nd - April 23rd

**Times:** 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

**Age:** 3rd-5th Grade

Children will create a 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!

## MOVIES 'N MUNCHIES



**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



## Matteson Area Public Library District

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### Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 9 PM  
Friday - Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM  
Sunday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Closed Sundays May 26th -  
September 1st

### Holiday Closings:

Sunday, March 31st  
Monday, May 27th



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## Matteson Area Public Library District Board of Trustees

Howard Hunigan, President  
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## Administration

Nikeda Webb, Library Director  
Thom Webb, Assistant Director

Meetings are 3rd Tuesday of the Month

The Matteson Area Public Library District is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities program and those who require special accommodations. 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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### 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 handmade 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

