



**SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!**



September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, highlighting the importance of having a library card for access to a wealth of services and items. Beyond books, libraries offer free digital movies, tools like carpet shampoos and ice cream makers, and a variety of resources that cater to diverse interests and needs. A library card not only grants access to knowledge and entertainment but also fosters community engagement and lifelong learning opportunities for all ages. Joining your local library this September opens doors to a world of possibilities right at your fingertips.

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**Don't Forget to Check out our Library of Things**



# COMMUNITY & ALL AGES

## LIT FEST

**DATE:** Friday, November 8th  
Saturday, November 9th

Discover the literary talents right here in our community at Lit Fest, our annual celebration of local authors. From novels to poetry and everything in between, this event showcases the diverse creativity flourishing in our neighborhood. For more details please check our website at [www.mapld.org](http://www.mapld.org).

# Lit Fest

Showcasing  
Local  
Authors



## PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

**DATE:** Saturday, September, 14th  
**TIME:** 8:30 AM - 11:50 AM  
Starting bright and early at 8:30 AM, we will host our highly anticipated paper shredding event at the Matteson Public Library. Safely dispose of sensitive documents and declutter your space while supporting our community initiatives with a small donation. Our team will be on hand to ensure your documents are securely shredded.

## BROADWAY IN CHICAGO AIN'T TO PROUD TO BEG

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 25th  
**TIME:** 4:30 PM departure, 7 PM show time.  
Join us for "The Life and Times of the Temptations" Broadway musical on September 25th at 7 PM. Orchestra section tickets are \$40 each. The bus departs from the library at 4:30 PM, arriving at the CIBC Theater in Chicago with time for dinner and sightseeing before the show. Dinner is not provided, but you can purchase food on your own. Space is limited (40 seats). Sign up today!

## ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

**DATE:** Saturday, October 12th  
**TIME:** 8:30 AM - 11:50 AM  
Starting at 8:30 AM. Let us help you declutter responsibly! Please note there is a \$25 fee for TVs with tubes. For more details, please call (708) 748-4431 ext. 203

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS SHOPPING TRIP

**DATE:** Saturday, November 30th  
**TIME:** 9 AM - 5 PM  
Come along for a festive day in downtown Chicago to see the holiday lights! Departing from the library at 9 AM and returning by 5 PM, the bus will drop off and pick up at Navy Pier. Enjoy shopping and lunch on your own. Bus fee is \$15, reservations required due to limited space (max 50 seats). Don't miss this holiday outing!



# COMMUNITY & ALL AGES

## DID YOU KNOW? DISCOVER ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY SERVICES AT YOUR LIBRARY

Our library is proud to offer essential community services to meet a range of needs. From providing notary services for legal documents to assisting with passport applications and even handling license plate sticker renewals, we strive to make everyday tasks easier and more accessible for our patrons. Whether you're looking to finalize important paperwork or renewing your vehicle registration, our knowledgeable staff is here to assist you efficiently and with a smile. Visit us to discover how our library goes beyond books to serve the diverse needs of our community.



## MEMBERS ONLY MINI GOLF EVENT

**DATE:** Saturday, September 28th

**TIME:** 6 - 8 PM

Present your Matteson library card to a librarian and receive a ticket to our exclusive Matteson Member Mini Golf event! Join us for a fun-filled evening with a mini-golf course winding through the library. Children four and younger don't require a ticket. See you on the course!



## MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

THURSDAYS 6 - 8 PM

**Bumblebee**  
September 5th



**Transformers: Rise of Beasts**  
September 12th



**Transformers: (2007)**  
September 19th



**Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen**  
September 26th



**Monsters Inc.**  
October 3rd



**Family Switch**  
October 10th



**Monster University**  
October 17th



**Divergent**  
October 24th



**Kung Fu Panda 4**  
November 7th



**Insurgent**  
November 14th



**Moana**  
November 21st



# FAMILY

## TRICK OR TREATING AT THE LIBRARY

**DATE:** Thursday, October 31st

**TIME:** 3 - 8 PM

Save the date for a Spooktacular event! Join us at the library for trick-or-treating, fun for the whole family in a safe and enjoyable environment.



## FRIDAY FUNDAYS

**DATE:** Fridays,

September 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

**TIME:** 3 - 4 PM

Kids ages 3-8 will have the opportunity to get creative with a variety of materials. Some days, they might be painting with watercolors; other days, they could be making play dough. The sky's the limit! Please note, space is limited.



## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

**DATE:** Wednesdays, November 6th, 13th, 20th

**TIME:** 6 - 7 PM

Family game night is a lively event where kids take on the challenge of playing board games to try to outsmart and outplay their parents. Snacks and refreshments are available to keep everyone energized, and the event promises to be a memorable time of bonding, fun, and a bit of friendly bragging rights for the victorious team.

## CHOPPED: FAMILY EDITION

**DATE:** Saturday, November 16th

**TIME:** 2 - 4 PM

This program is an exciting culinary competition where kids and their parents team up to showcase their baking talents. In this special edition of the popular cooking show, families are given a basket of mystery ingredients that they must use to create a delicious dessert. The challenge lies in the creativity and skill required to transform these ingredients into a winning dish. Families will compete against one another, with their desserts being judged on taste, presentation, and originality. Good luck!



## COUNTY LINE ORCHARD TRIP

**DATE:** Saturday, October 5th

**TIME:** 9 AM - 2 PM

The library is hosting a fantastic trip to the County Line Orchard in Hobart, Indiana this fall. Participate in apple or pumpkin picking and enjoy other attractions while on-site. Entrance fees and any other attractions must be paid for by attendees. Bus fee \$15. Reserve your spot. Space is limited.

# ADULTS

## BEAUTY AND THE BEAT: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS EVENT

**DATE:** Saturday, October 25th

**TIME:** 10 AM - 12:30 PM

Get ready for a fun and informative forum featuring Ericka Glorious Moore, speaker, author, and breast cancer survivor. Discover how to celebrate your wins, change your perspective, and utilize the power of positive pep talk to overcome any challenge in life! Rock your best pink outfit to show your support and enjoy a day filled with prizes, music, and an engaging panel discussion. Space is limited, register today.



## COMPUTERS 101

### Word

Wednesday,  
September 4th  
6 - 7:30 PM

Learn the in's and out's of Microsoft Word.

### Basics

Friday,  
September 20th  
10 - 11:30 AM

### Excel

Wednesday,  
October 2nd  
6 - 7:30 PM

### Surfing the Web

Friday,  
October 18  
10 - 11:30 AM

### Zoom

Wednesday,  
November 6th  
6 - 7:30 PM

### Lets Get Social

Friday,  
November 15th  
10 - 11:30 AM  
Dive into some of the more popular social media apps available and learn how to use them to stay in touch with friends and family.

## YAPPING YARNIES

**DATE:** Thursdays,

**TIME:** 6 - 8 PM

### Pillows

September 5th, 12th, 19th

### Hat, Scarves, & Gloves

October 3rd, 10th, 17th

### Amigurumi

November 7th, 14th, 21st

## CRAFTERNOON

**DATE:** Saturdays,

September 12th

October 10th

November 14th

**TIME:** 1 - 2 PM

Unleash your inner artist at Crafternoon! From knitting to paper crafting, bring your projects, share inspiration, and create beautiful handmade treasures together. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned crafter, join us for an afternoon of crafts!



## ULTIMATE BUCKET LIST OF ROAD TRIPS

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 18th

**TIME:** 6 - 7:30 PM

Author Melanie Holmes' book "100 Things to Do in Illinois Before You Die" helps answer the question, "How well do you know your region/state?" Register to learn about our region's "hot spots," entertainment, culture, history, and more, so you can create your own Illinois bucket list!



## ASPIRING WRITERS MEET-UP

**DATE:** Thursdays,

**TIME:** 4 - 6 PM

September 12th

October 10th

November 14th

Unlock your creativity at the Aspiring Writers Meet-Up! Join fellow wordsmiths in a supportive environment to share ideas, hone your craft, and embark on literary journeys together. Whether you're a seasoned author or just starting out, our group welcomes all storytellers eager to flourish in their writing pursuits.

## PUZZLE SWAP

**DATE:** Saturday,

September 14th

**TIME:** 11 - 12 PM

Give a puzzle, get a new puzzle in exchange at the Jigsaw Puzzle Swap. Drop off gently used puzzles beginning September 4th and receive a ticket for early entry to the swap. All puzzles need to have all the pieces and tape all four sides closed. Puzzles are to be dropped off at the Public Services Desk.

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS ONSHOT

**DATE:** Saturdays,

September 28th

October 26th

November 23rd

**TIME:** 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Attention adventurers! Dust off your dice and join us for our monthly one shot campaigns! Open to all no matter your experience level. Meet other like-minded individuals who love table top RPG's.

## CLASSIC TABLE TOP GAMING

**DATE:** Sundays,

September 29th

October 27th

November 24th

**TIME:** 2 - 4 PM

Do you like to play chess, checkers, backgammon, or dominos? Come join us for a relaxing time of tabletop games.

# TWEENS & TEENS

## UNIVERSAL YUMS! EMBARK ON A SNACK QUEST AROUND THE WORLD

**DATE:** Mondays,  
September 16th  
October 7th  
November 18th

**TIME:** 6 - 7 PM

**GRADE:** 4th - 6th

Tweens, this fall let's explore and taste the favorite snacks of children from around the world. Visit four different countries and discover the unique flavors and treats enjoyed by kids in each culture!

## TEEN SCARY MOVIE NIGHT

**DATE:** FRIDAY,  
October 18th

**TIME:** 6 - 8 PM

**GRADE:** 7th - 12th

Join us for a spine-chilling evening at our Teen Scary Movie Night! Grab your friends and get ready to be thrilled watching modern-day fright-fests that are sure to keep you on the edge of your seat.

## HOW MANY TYPES OF INGREDIENTS CAN FILL A TACO?

**DATE:** Wednesday,  
September 4th, 11th, 18, 25th

**TIME:** 4 - 5 PM

**GRADE:** 4th - 6th

Are you ready to explore the world of tacos? In this interactive tween program, participants will embark on a culinary journey to discover the incredible variety of ingredients that can be used to fill a taco.

## ADULTING 101: ESSENTIAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

**DATE:** Saturdays,  
September 14th  
October 12th  
November 2nd

**TIME:** 2 - 3 PM

**GRADE:** 7th - 12th

Parents, equip your teens with essential tools to thrive on their journey to adulthood. Adulting 101 will teach them how to communicate with others, manage their money, and identify stress while developing coping mechanisms.



## COMIC BOOK CREATIONS

**DATE:** Wednesdays,  
October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

**TIME:** 6 - 7 PM

**AGE:** 10 - 17 years old

Explore your creativity and bring your stories to life in our Comic Book Drawing class for Teens and Tweens. This fun and engaging course is designed for aspiring artists who are passionate about comics, graphic novels, and storytelling. Whether you're a beginner or looking to enhance your skills, this class will provide you with the tools and techniques to create your very own comic strip or graphic novel.

## 4TH ANNUAL TEEN VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT

**DATE:** Saturday,  
November 9th

**TIME:** 1 - 4 PM

**GRADE:** 7th - 12th

Show off your skills in Smash Ultimate or dominate the race with a blue shell in Mario Kart 8 in our 4th Annual Teen Video Game Tournament! Everything is free, and you can win prizes like a \$50 Uber Eats gift card! We'll also have free-play games like Uno and Pokemon trading! Open to ages 13-18 ONLY. To register, scan the QR Code.



## CREATE FOR A CAUSE: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS

**DATE:** September - November  
Create for a Cause (CFC) is a program where teens can pick up a kit at the library, complete it at home, and return it to the library to earn volunteer hours for school. For more information or to sign up your teenagers, scan the QR code.



## TEEN PROP WORKSHOP

**DATE:** Tuesdays,  
October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

**TIME:** 6 - 8 PM

**GRADE:** 7th - 12th

We are mastering the basics of prop-making! Come craft your own foam shortswords and daggers! Attendance is required for all sessions.



# YOUTH

## **RHYME, ROCK AND READ**

**DATE:** Tuesdays,  
September 10th, 17th, 24th  
October 1st, 8th, 15th,  
22nd, 29th  
November 5th, 12th, 19th  
**TIME:** 10 - 11 AM  
**AGE:** 12 - 36 months  
This engaging program features story time, music, movement, and fun!

## **STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY**

**DATE:** Thursdays,  
September 12th, 19th, 26th  
October 3rd, 10th, 17th,  
24th, 31st  
November 7th, 14th, 21st  
**TIME:** 10 - 10:30 AM  
**AGE:** 2 - 5 years old  
Parents, Grandparents, and Daycare providers, bring your preschoolers out to listen to funny stories and to sing and dance to silly songs. Space is limited, so call the library to register your group.



## **SATURDAY STEAM CHALLENGE**

**DATE:** Saturday,  
September 7th, 21st, 28th  
October 5th, 19th, 26th  
November 16th, 23rd  
**TIME:** 2 - 3 PM  
**GRADE:** Varies depending on program.  
In this program, kids can make oobleck, build towers out of marshmallows and dried spaghetti, learn how to program mini robots, and so much more.

## **BUILDING WITH CARDBOARD**

**DATE:** Wednesdays,  
September 4th, 11th, 18th,  
25th  
**TIME:** 6 - 7 PM  
**GRADE:** 3rd - 6th  
With special tools in hand, let's see what amazing creations we can make out of cardboard. Trucks? Forts? Rockets? The sky's the limit! Let's dive in and discover together!

## **JUNIOR PUPPETEERS**

**DATE:** Tuesdays,  
November 5th, 12th, 19th,  
**TIME:** 6:30 - 8:30 PM  
**GRADE:** 3rd - 6th  
In this workshop, students will design and build their own puppets and perform a show for their families.



## **YOGA FOR KIDS**

**DATE:** Tuesdays,  
September 3rd, 10th, 17th,  
24th  
**TIME:** 6 - 6:30 PM  
**AGE:** 3 - 8 years old  
These classes will include age-appropriate yoga and movement, including breathing, poses, games, stories, music, relaxation, meditation, and more. Please wear comfortable clothes.





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## UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!

**LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP**  
Month of September

**VOTERS REGISTRATION DAY**  
Tuesday, September 17th

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAT: BREAST  
CANCER AWARENESS EVENT**  
Saturday, October 25th

**TRICK OR TREATING AT THE LIBRARY**  
Thursday, October 31st

**A HAUNTING WE WILL GO HALLOWEEN  
SIGN DECORATING CONTEST**  
September 16th - October 31st

## LIT FEST

Friday, November 8th - Saturday, November 9th



For more information call 708.748.4431 or visit our website at MAPLD.org.

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Meetings are 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 7:00pm.

### Administration

Nikeda Webb, Library Director  
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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

### Library Closed

Monday, September 2nd  
Wednesday, November 27th at 5 PM  
Thursday, November 28th  
Friday, November 29th

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.