



Thank You! *For an Amazing Summer!*

What an incredible summer it's been! We're so grateful to everyone who joined us for a season full of joy, music, and community. From the exciting Summer Reading Kick-off to the lively Level Up Concert Series and the fun of MAPLD Fanfest, each event was unforgettable. Your participation truly made it special.

With gratitude,
All of us at
Matteson Area Public Library District

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Music at the Library

Date: September 20
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Dance into the night with DJ Rockin Reggie.

Illinois Library Presents

Check out the Virtual Events Happening this Fall!



September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

See Pg. 3 to learn more.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Building a Stronger Library *Together*

The Library has always been more than just a place for books—it's a space for everyone. As we look ahead, I'm excited to share a new chapter in our journey—one focused on expanding our reach, deepening our community connections, and enhancing your experience.

We're listening closely to you—our patrons, neighbors, and partners—as we grow with purpose. Our mission is to bridge gaps in access to information and resources, and to ensure the Library remains a welcoming, inclusive hub where all voices are valued and heard.

To better serve you, we're making thoughtful improvements to our spaces, services, and programming. From early literacy and job search support to technology access and vibrant cultural events, the Library is committed to supporting people of all ages and backgrounds. These changes are designed to expand how the Library is used—and increase the positive impact we have on our community.

As we move forward, you may notice occasional disruptions within the Library. We appreciate your patience and understanding during these upgrades, and we promise to keep you informed every step of the way.

Thank you for being part of our story. Together, we're building a stronger, more connected community—one story, one visit, one shared experience at a time.

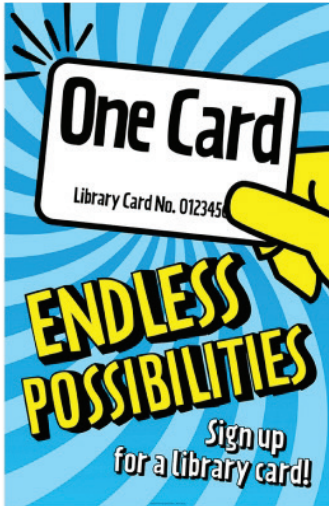
Warmly,
Nikeda Webb
Library Director



COMMUNITY/FAMILY



September is Library Card Sign-Up Month



This September, celebrate all the amazing things your card gives you access to—from eBooks and audiobooks to museum passes and unique items from our Library of Things, like digital drawing pads and ice cream makers. Whether you're a new or long-time cardholder, now's the perfect time to explore its benefits. Visit our website to see local businesses offering special discounts when you show your card!

Supporting your library supports your community.



Scan QR to learn More



COMMUNITY /FAMILY

Community Food Pantry: Take What You Need, Leave What You Can

Our little food pantry is an example of community kindness, stocked by our generous neighbors. It's a place where anyone can take what they need and give what they can, helping to ensure no one goes hungry.

The pantry during construction will be located inside the temporary entrance in youth and is stocked with shelf-stable items. Frozen goods are available by request with a pantry ticket at the circulation desk.

Special thanks to Marla, our Homebound Coordinator and Lisa, our Building Manager, for their tireless efforts coordinating our pantry.

Please note: While we regularly maintain our pantry, all items are donated by the community. If you notice anything that needs attention, please let us know. Thank you!



Scan the QR code to discover more events!



MOVIE NIGHT @the LIBRARY

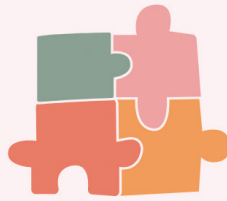
Thursdays 6 pm

 Bob Marley Sept 11th	 Dog Man Sept 18th	 Mission Impossible-Fallout Sept 25th	 Hotel Transylvania Oct 2nd		
 The Fire Inside Oct 9th	 Coco Oct 16th	 Top Gun: Maverick Oct 23rd	 Migration Nov 6th	 Red Notice Nov 13th	 Zootopia Nov 20th



Puzzle Swap

Saturday, November 1
11:00 am - 12:00 pm



Puzzle Swap is Back! Get ready for cozy winter nights with your new-to-you puzzles. Restock your puzzle shelf by donating your gently used puzzles between October 20-30.



REAL ESTATE SERIES:

CREDIT SMART

Date: Wednesday

September 10

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

As the final installment of our summer Real Estate series, this is your guide to understanding Credit with practical insights into the essential do's and don'ts.



Medicare 101: Lunch and Learn

Having trouble figuring out Medicare? Come by and get all your questions answered.

Session 1

Date: Saturday, September 6

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Session 2

Date: Tuesday, September 16

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm



Habitat for Humanity®

Tuesday, September 30

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Habitat for Humanity is here to assist people with their housing needs. Join us for this information session to learn more.

Murder Mystery PARTY

Can You Crack the Case?

Date: Saturday, October 25
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Scan the QR code to discover more events!



Wednesdays
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Excel Basics

Part 1

September 10

Learn the Ins and outs of Microsoft Excel

Part 2

October 8

Expand on Part 1's intro with deeper coverage of formulas and formatting.

Intermediate

November 12

For the experienced Excel user, it covers importing data, pivot tables, vlookup, and macros.



TWEEN/TEEN



Kids ages 9 and younger must attend programs with an adult.

TeenTober

Date: Tuesdays
Time: 6:00 - 8:00pm
Ages: 13 - 18

-  **SEW COOL TEEN SEWING**
DATE: OCTOBER 7
-  **CUPCAKE CREATORS**
DATE: OCTOBER 14
-  **3D PEN LAB**
DATE: OCTOBER 21
-  **TEEN COSPLAY: CEL SHADING**
DATE: OCTOBER 28



Teen Advisory Board



Date: Saturday,
October 11
November 8
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Ages: 13 - 18
Make a real impact and have your voice heard!

Teen Video Game Tournament

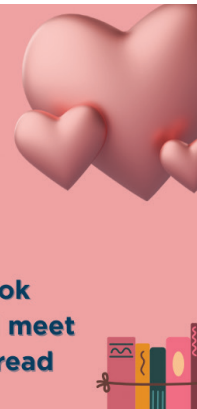


Date: Friday, November 14
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Ages: 13 - 18
Teens compete, win prizes, and enjoy music and snacks!

L.I.T (Love In Text) GIRLS BOOK CLUB

Date: Mondays
September 22 - November 10
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Ages: 10 - 12 years old


Join the L.I.T book club. Pick up the book "Zoe in Wonderland" at the library and meet us on Mondays to start a fun, inspiring read about dreams and self-love.



HOW TO PLAY CHESS

Curious about chess?
Join our fun and beginner-friendly class with Mr. Joseph.

Date: Wednesdays,
October 8
November 12
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Ages: 5 - 12 years old



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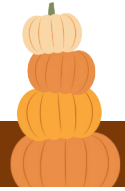
DATE: WEDNESDAYS
TIME: 6:00 - 7:00 PM
AGES: 9 - 12

TWEENS WILL LEARN HOW TO PROGRAM TINY ROBOTS THROUGH FUN HANDS-ON CHALLENGES.

- GET TO KNOW EVO AND BASIC TRAINING
DATE: OCTOBER 15
- BASIC TRAINING AND SPEED
DATE: OCTOBER 22
- BASIC TRAINING AND SPECIAL MOVES
DATE: OCTOBER 29
- TRAINING AND DIRECTIONS
DATE: NOVEMBER 5




YOUTH



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The Harvest Moon: A Play

Date: Thursday,
October 23
Time: 10:00 - 11:00 am
Age: 2 - 7 yrs old

Join Spark the Firefly and all her friends as they welcome a new season, and experience all the sights and sounds of Fall in Firefly Grove.



Disney ZOOTOPIA Movie Release Party

Date: Saturday, November 22
Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Ages: 3 - 9
Zootopia 2 is hitting theaters November 26th! Celebrate with us at our Movie release party with games activities and more!



Scan the QR code to discover more events!



Read to Me: A Program for Little Listeners

Date: September 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026

Ages: 1 - 4 years old
Read to Me is for kids ages 1-5 and their caregivers to share stories and build early literacy. Stop by Youth Services to pick up your first reading log and start the fun!

Dinosaur Egg Hunt

Date: November 1 - November 30
Roar with excitement during our month-long Dinosaur Egg Hunt! Kids of all ages can search for hidden dino eggs in the Youth Dept and win a prize. Don't miss the fun!

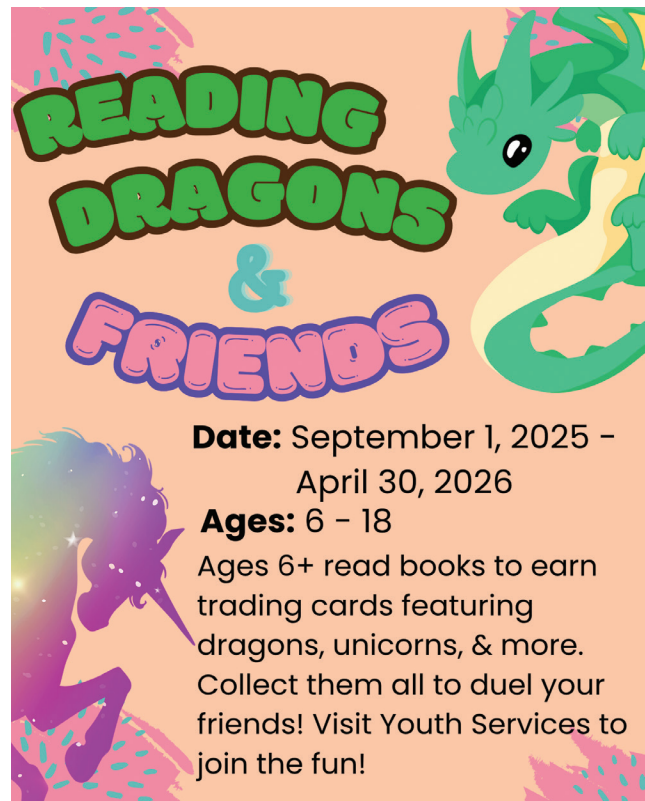
Dinovember

Date: November 1 - November 30
Stomp into Dinovember this November! Kids of all ages can visit the library to enjoy dino games, crafts, and prehistoric fun all month long.



READING DRAGONS & FRIENDS

Date: September 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026
Ages: 6 - 18
Ages 6+ read books to earn trading cards featuring dragons, unicorns, & more. Collect them all to duel your friends! Visit Youth Services to join the fun!





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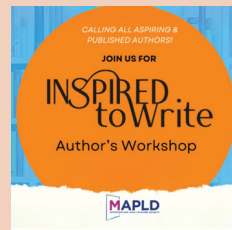
Paper Recycling Event

Date: Saturday, October 25

Time: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

We'll handle the shredding on-site, making it easy to protect your privacy while helping the planet.

Monetary donations are appreciated and help the library continue to offer valuable community programs like this one.



Inspired to Write: Lit Fest

Workshop: November 7 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Author Fair: November 8 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Start with our Author Workshop—learn craft, publishing, and marketing from seasoned authors. Then enjoy the Author Fair to meet local writers, explore genres, and get books signed.

Scan the QR Code to apply & visit Inspired to Write on Facebook.



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Meetings are 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

Administration

Nikeda Webb, Library Director
Thom Webb, Assistant Director

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 9 pm
Friday - Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday - 12 pm - 5 pm

Library Closed

Labor Day - September 1
Early Closing 5pm - November 26
Thanksgiving - November 27
After Thanksgiving - November 28

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 business-days prior to the scheduled event.