



Food, Toys, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, and Pet Supplies Donation Drive

Dates: December 1 - January 15

Please donate “new” (never used) winter hats, socks, scarfs, mittens, gloves, and toiletries for men, women, and children in need. Donations will go to the Rich Township Clothing Bank. In addition, we are looking for nonperishable (not expired) canned and dry goods for the Rich Township Food Pantry and the library’s free pantry. Toys will be accepted through December 19 for community children and teens. Pet supplies will be donated to the South Suburban Humane Society.

ILP Illinois Library Presents A Conversation with Author Johnathan Eig

Date: Tuesday, January 13
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

We’re bringing history to life with Jonathan Eig, author of King of Life. Check mapld.org for more details.



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Dungeons & Dragons

Dungeons & Dragons: One Shot

Date: Saturday, January 31

Time: 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Ages: 16+

Attention adventurers! Join us for our monthly one-shot campaigns and meet other like-minded individuals. Open to all no matter your experience level. Free snacks, drinks and dice provided.



Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Dates: Wednesday, December 3, 10, 17

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Ages: 13 - 18

Calling All Heroes and Spell Casters! Whether you're brand-new to Dungeons & Dragons or a seasoned adventurer, this weekly teen D&D class is your chance to join an epic quest filled with imagination, creativity, and teamwork.

Movie Night @ the Library

Thursdays

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Grab your snacks and get comfy for Movie Night @ the Library! From animated adventures to exciting stories, there's something for everyone. Snacks and water will be provided. Check below to see what's showing!



BOOK CLUBS

Monday Morning Book Discussion

Mondays | 10:15 - 11:30 am

The Penguin Lessons by Tom Michell

Date: December 22

James by Percival Everett

Date: January 26

Africana Book Club

Wednesdays | 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Holiday Party (No Book)

Date: December 17

The Book of Night Women by Marlon James

Date: January 28

L.I.T (Love In Text) Girls Book Club

Mondays | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Ages: 10 - 12

Curl Friends by Sharee Miller

Dates: December 1, 8, 15

Next Best Jr. Chef: Episode 1 - Lights, Camera Cook!

by Charise Mericle Harper

Dates: January 12, 26

Frozen



December 4

Coming 2 America



December 11

The Christmas Chronicles 2



December 18

Heads of State



January 8

Frozen 2



January 15

Twisters



January 22

Real Estate Series



Homebuying: the Entire Process From Start to Finish

Date: Wednesday, December 3

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

This homebuyer dedication seminar prepares you for the complicated process of buying a home.

Legacy Wealth & Real Estate Planning

Date: Wednesday, December 10

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Learn how to protect your assets, and ensure peace of mind with effective estate planning.

Credit Smart

Date: Tuesday, December 16

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Your journey to understanding your credit. Learn the do's and don'ts of credit.

Avoid Foreclosure

Date: Tuesday, December 23

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Get your questions and answers with no pressure or judgement.

Zumba

Date: Saturdays

December 6, January 3

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 am

Join us for Zumba with "Fitness Fun with Sheena" on the first Saturday of the month.



Regular Recurring Programs

Computers 101

Dates: Fridays

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 am

Basic Computer Literacy

December 19

Social Life on a Computer

January 16

One-On-Ones

Date: Monday

December 15

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Need tech help? Book a 45 minute appointment!

Meet Your Past:

Personalized Genealogy Sessions

For more details, email asdept@mapld.org with the word "genealogy" in the subject line.

Matteson Library Sessions

Held at the library

Dates: Mondays

December 1 - January 26

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Matteson Museum Sessions

Held at 813 School Ave

Dates: Tuesdays

December 16, January 20

Time: 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Bid Whist

Date: Wednesdays

Time: 1:00 - 4:30 pm

Join us for a fast paced card game!

Aspiring Writers Meet-up

Dates: Thursdays

December 11, January 8

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Join other writers, and share your passion for writing.

Yoga

Date: Mondays

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Improve flexibility with an hour of Yoga.

Line Dancing

Dates: Tuesdays

December 2, 9

January 6, 13

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Soul Slider Cynthia Morse is here to teach you the newest slides, hustles, and steps!

Yapping Yarnies

Social Crochet and Knitting

Dates: Thursdays

December 4, 11, 18

January 8, 15, 22

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Love and Care, Caregiver Support Group

Date: Tuesdays

December 9, January 13

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Memory Café

Date: Tuesdays

December 16, January 20

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm



storytime

Wiggles & Giggles Storytime

Date: Tuesdays

December 2 & 9

January 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 am

Ages: 12 months - 36 months

Shades of Fun: Black, White & Grey Storytimes

Date: Thursdays

Time: 10:00 - 10:30 am

Ages: 2 - 5

- December 4 | Black and White Animals
- December 11 | Grey Things in Nature

The Wonderful World of Shapes

Date: Thursdays

Time: 10:00 - 10:30 am

Ages: 2 - 5

- January 8 | Circle Time Fun
- January 15 | Building with Squares
- January 22 | Triangle Treasures
- January 29 | Odd & Oval Shapes



Youth Programs

Monday Makers

Date: Mondays

December 1, 8, 15

January 5, 12, 26

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Ages: 5 - 8

Join us for a variety of fun holiday crafts.



Friday FUNday

Date: Fridays

December 12, 19, 26

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Ages: 3 - 8

Get ready to get messy and make masterpieces! Space is limited, so save your spot!



Noon Year's Eve Party

Date: Tuesday, December 30

Time: 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Ages: 3 - 12 years old

Celebrate early at our Noon Year's Eve Party! Enjoy crafts, games, treats, music, and a countdown to noon.



Teen Programs



Teen WICKED Party

Date: Saturday, December 13

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Ages: 13 - 18

Join us for an unforgettable evening inspired by the world of "Wicked" - where Elphaba, Glinda, and the magic of Oz come to life!

Create for a Cause

Date: December 1, 2025 - January 31, 2026

Ages: 13 - 18

Need volunteer hours but swamped with school, work, and life? Create For A Cause kits are your easy, flexible solution! Complete fun, meaningful projects at home on your schedule. New kit each month, all for a great cause! Earn hours, make an impact.

Visit bit.ly/create-for-a-cause or scan the QR code today!



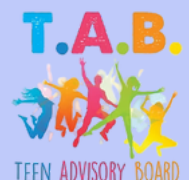
Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.)

Date: Saturday, January 10

Time: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Ages: 13 - 18

Want to make a real impact and have your voice heard? Join the Teen Advisory Board! Help shape library programs, plan fun events, share your ideas, and build leadership skills - all while earning volunteer hours!





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Create Something Amazing with Our 3D Printing Service!

Turn your ideas into reality at the Matteson Area Public Library! Submit your 3D model and we'll help bring your creation to life.

How to Submit: Email asdept@mapld.org with the subject line "3D PRINT REQUEST." Attach your .STL file (other formats cannot be accepted).

Be sure to include your name and preferred contact method (email or phone).

Details: Maximum print size: 9.84" x 8.3" x 8.6"
(250 x 210 x 220 mm)

Cost: \$0.10 per gram, paid before printing.

Limit: One print request per person per month.

After submission: Library staff will contact you to review print details like color, size, and print time.



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Library Hours

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

Library Closings

Staff In-service: December 5
 Christmas Eve: December 24
 Christmas Day: December 25
 New Years Eve: December 31
 New Years Day: January 1
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Jan 19



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Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the Month

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The Matteson Area Public Library District is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act 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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 or visit our website at www.MAPLD.org

**Happy Holidays from Matteson Area
 Public Library District!**

SAVE THE DATE

We're back in the building for our....
Black History Month Kick-off Reception 2026

Celebrate with us at our 4th annual Black History Month Kick-off Reception Friday, January 30, with culture, music, refreshments, and more. Check our website calendar to join us during February as we honor African American heritage and the Black Panther Party.

AARP Tax Prep
 February - April 15
 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.
Beginning January 19 You can make appointments at the Public Services desk in person or by phone (708) 748-4431 ext. 203