

Renovations are underway, and we're excited to announce that Phase 1 is almost complete!

We invite you to explore the library's new Marketplace area, featuring the collections you know and love—along with several exciting enhancements. These include a wider entryway for improved accessibility, a variety of comfortable seating areas, vibrant new paint, a new layout, and modern furniture.

Be sure to visit the updated Computer Lab, now equipped with new computers, privacy screens, and a convenient self-serve station for scanning and faxing.

Stay up to date on the renovation progress and all Library news at mapld.org. You can also receive updates by signing up for our e-blast on the website or by scanning the QR code.



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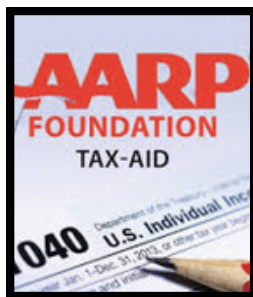
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National Pokémon Day!**
Friday, February 27
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AARP Tax Prep

February 5 - April 10
Thursdays & Fridays
By Appointment Only



The library has once again partnered with AARP to offer free tax assistance for the community. AARP membership is not required. Call the Public Services desk at 708-748-4431 ext 203 to schedule your appointment.



Celebrate National Pokemon Day

Friday
February 27
3 - 4 pm



Join us for National Pokémon Day! Get creative with Pokémon-themed crafts and play the Pokémon Trading Card Game—whether you're a seasoned player or a beginner, we'll have cards and guidance for everyone to enjoy. This event is perfect for fans of all ages to connect, create, and play in the Pokémon universe. See you there!

Wealth Wellness Workshops: Empowering Your Financial Future

1st Session: Saturday, March 28
10 - 11 am

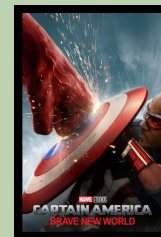
Attend our 8-session Financial Wellness Series to learn budgeting, credit, saving, investing, and real-world money skills for lifelong financial stability.



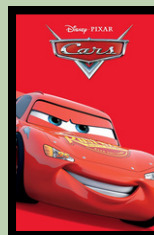
Movie Night @ the Library Thursdays 6 - 8 pm



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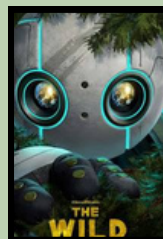
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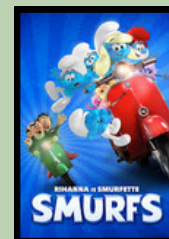
Cars
February 19



Hidden Figures
February 26



The Wild
Robot
March 5



Smurfs The
Lost Village
March 19

Illinois Libraries Presents:

Attend online or join us at the library for a lively discussion—refreshments provided.

Still Afraid of the Dark:

An Evening with R.L. Stine

Date: Tuesday, February 24

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Use this link to register:

<https://bit.ly/ILPStine>

Beyond the Page with Percival Everett

Date: Thursday, March 19

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Use this link to register:

<https://bit.ly/ILPPercivalEverett>

Intro to Blender

Date: Wednesday

February 11

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Learn the basics of Blender, a free 3D modeling and animation program. Includes one 3D print.



Mocktail Time

Date: Thursday

February 19

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Looking for a fun, alcohol-free way to spend time with friends and family? Join us at the library to mix up delicious mocktails made with fresh fruit, juices, and creative garnishes.

Regular Recurring Programs

Weaver's Guild

Dates: Saturdays

February 21

March 21

Time: 12:00 - 4:00 pm

One-On-Ones

Dates: Mondays

February 16

March 16

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

February 16, 23

March 16, 23

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Matteson Museum Sessions

Held at 813 School Ave

Dates: Tuesdays

February 17, March 17

Time: 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Zumba

Dates: Saturdays

February 7, March 7

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 am

Yoga

Dates: Mondays

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Aspiring Writers Meet-up

Dates: Thursdays

February 12, March 12

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Join other writers and share your passion for writing.

Monday Morning Book Club

Dates: Mondays

February 23, March 23

Time: 10:15 - 11:30 am

Africana Book Club

Dates: Wednesdays

February 25, March 25

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Line Dancing

Dates: Tuesdays

February 3, 10

March 3, 10

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Yapping Yarnies

Social Crochet and Knitting

Dates: Thursdays

February 5, 12, 19

March 5, 12, 19

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Love and Care, Caregiver Support Group

Dates: Tuesdays

February 10, March 10

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Memory Café

Dates: Tuesdays

February 17, March 17

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Bid Whist

Dates: Wednesdays

Time: 12:30 - 4:30 pm

T(w)een Programs

Anti - Valentine's Day Party

Date: Saturday,
February 14

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Ages: 13 - 18

Not into hearts and flowers?
You're not alone! Join us for a rebellious
twist on the usual Valentine's Day vibes at
our Teen Anti-Valentine's Day Party!



T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board)

Date: Saturday
March 14

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 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! Whether you're into books, art,
gaming, or activism, TAB is for you!

The Stitch Squad: Hand Sewing for Teens

Dates: Tuesdays
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Ages: 12 - 15

Get ready to stitch up something
extraordinary! In this hands-on workshop,
teens will learn the basics of hand sewing—
from threading a needle. No experience
needed—just bring your creativity. **Must
attend all five sessions.**

Shine Studio

Dates: Wednesdays
March 4, 11, 18, 25

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Ages: 10 - 14

Add some bling to your thing! Join our
Diamond Painting program and turn tiny
gems into seriously cool art you can show
off to your friends! It's relaxing, hands-on,
and a great break from screens!

**This Month's Project: Diamond Art
Stickers.**

Youth Programs

Monday Makers

Date: Mondays in February & March

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Ages: 5 - 8

Kick off the week with Monday Maker
s! Kids explore fun, hands-on crafts that
spark creativity—from colorful paper art
to seasonal projects. Perfect for little
artists who love to create!

L.I.T. (Love in Text) Girls' Book Club

"The Homework Machine"

Date: Mondays

March 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Ages: 10 - 12



Junior Puppeteer

Date: Tuesdays
March 10, 17, 24, 31

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Ages: 5 - 12

Learn How to Make a Gooney Bird Marionette

Kids will build a Gooney Bird puppet and
learn puppetry basics in this hands-on,
four-week series. Each session builds on
the last, leading to a final performance.

**Attendance at all four classes is required.
Register early—space is limited!**

Storytime

Wiggles & Giggles Storytime

Tuesdays in February & March

Time: 10:00 - 10:45 am

Ages: 12 months - 36 months

On the Move: Adventures with Cars, Trains, Buses, & Planes!

Thursdays in February

Time: 10:00 - 10:30 am

Ages: 2 - 5



Out of this World Stories

Thursdays in March

Time: 10:00 - 10:30 am

Ages: 2 - 5

Black History Scavenger Hunt

The entire month of February

Come learn about important events in history! Learn tidbits of Black History by participating in our month long scavenger hunt. Complete the challenge for a chance to win a prize! Stop by the Public Services Desk to learn more.

CELEBRATE
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Teen Video Game Party!

Saturday March 21

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Ages: 13 - 18

Level up your afternoon! Join our Teen Video Game Party for nonstop fun—race in Mario Kart 8 Deluxe for a shot at a \$50 Uber Eats gift card, dive into thrilling VR games, and feast on delicious food! Open to teens ages 13-18. Registration is required!

MARIOKART
DELUXE



Magic: The Gathering Club

Wednesday March 11

5:30 - 8:30 pm

Ages: 16+

Come play Magic: The Gathering at the library! We will play Commander or draft - bring your own Commander deck, or draft with (and keep) our cards. All experience levels are welcome. Cards have been graciously donated to us by MagiKids, a non-profit charity.

MAGIC
The Gathering



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Library Hours

Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 9 pm
 Fri & Sat: 9 am - 5 pm
 Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm

For a complete list of all programs, details and more, check www.mapld.org.

Stay up to date on all library news and more by signing up for our eblast newsletter.



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Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7pm.

Administration

Nikeda Webb, Library Director

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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Please register for programs by calling (708) 748- 4431 or visit our website at www.MAPLD.org



We would like to say farewell to our Assistant Director and Patron Services Manager Thomas Webb. We wish him the best of luck on all his future endeavors!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Holiday drives this past Holiday Season. Your donations went to local churches and schools, community mentoring groups, Rich Township Food Pantry and The South Suburban Humane Society. We appreciate your care.

