

# NEWSLETTER



Celebrate National Library Week at the Matteson Library, April 19–25, 2026! This year’s theme, **Find Your Joy**, is a reminder that this is your library—your place to explore new books, access free Wi-Fi, programs and many other resources. As we celebrate 150 years of the American Library Association, we’re honoring the vital role libraries play in the community. As a member of the community, the library belongs to you, and there is joy here waiting to be discovered. Check our website at [www.mapld.org](http://www.mapld.org) to see a lineup of giveaways, demos, museum tours and more during National Library Week.



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Celebrate the grand finale of National Library Week with the official ribbon-cutting of our renovated lobby!

- When: Saturday, April 25 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- Bonus: Tour the Matteson Historical Society Museum right next door (813 School Ave).



Paper Recycling



Electronic Recycling

## RECYCLING *Event*

Clear the Clutter!  
Recycle paper & electronics with us,  
just in time for spring!

**May 2, 2026 | 8:30 am - 11:30 am**

Shredding is on-site. For a complete list of recyclable items, visit our website at [www.mapld.org](http://www.mapld.org) or scan the QR code.



## Movie Night @ the Library

Thursdays  
6 - 8 pm



The Lion King  
April 2



The Legend of Tarzan  
April 9



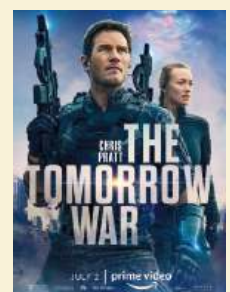
The Incredibles  
April 16



Heads of State  
April 23



Last Breath  
May 14



The Tomorrow War  
May 28



**SAVE THE DATE**

**MAPLD FANFEST** + **SUMMER READING KICK-OFF**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026**  
**2 PM - 7 PM**

BRING THIS PAGE TO THE EVENT TO RECEIVE A SMALL PRIZE!

Scan the QR code for more information or type the link:

[www.mapld.org/mapld-fanfest](http://www.mapld.org/mapld-fanfest)

The poster features two photographs: one of a person in a blue and white costume with a red wig, and another of two people sitting at a table. The background is a stylized illustration of a city skyline at night.



**FRIDAY GAME NIGHT**

Turn your night into nonstop fun with a game night full of laughter and friendly competition! Snacks provided.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

The poster features illustrations of various board games including a crossword puzzle, Uno cards, a blue game piece, and dominoes.

## Illinois Libraries Presents:

Attend online or join us at the library for a lively discussion. Refreshments will be provided.

### Conversations with Cristina Henriquez

**Date:** Thursday, April 16

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Use this link to register:

<https://bit.ly/ILPCristinaHenriquez>

### Babel-On with Rebecca F. Kuang

**Date:** Tuesday, May 19

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Use this link to register:

<https://bit.ly/ILPKuang>

### Magic: The Gathering Club

**Date:** Wednesdays

April 8 and May 6

**Time:** 5:30 - 8:30 pm

**Ages:** 16 +

Come play Magic: The Gathering at the library! We will play Commander or draft.

### Wealth Wellness Workshops: Empowering Your Financial Future

**Date:** Saturdays

April 25 - [Understanding Credit](#)

May 30 - [Saving and Investing](#)

**Time:** 10:00 - 11:00 am

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

### Zumba

**Dates:** Saturdays

April 4 and May 2

**Time:** 9:30 - 10:30 am

### Murder May(hem) Mystery

**Date:** Saturday

May 23

**Time:** 6:00 - 8:30 pm

A murder has occurred. Time to crack the case, and don't forget to register!

### Paint-n-Sip

**Date:** Saturday

April 11

**Time:** 10:00 - 11:30 am

Celebrate spring with paint and sips.

### Digitize and Archive Your Photos

**Date:** Wednesday

April 22

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:00 pm

## Regular Recurring Programs

### Love and Care, Caregiver Support Group

**Dates:** Tuesdays

April 1 and, May 12

**Time:** 2:00 - 3:00 pm

### Memory Café

**Dates:** Tuesdays

April 21 and May 19

**Time:** 2:00 - 3:00 pm

### Africana Book Club

**Dates:** Wednesdays

April 22 and May 20

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 pm

### Monday Morning Book Club

**Dates:** Mondays

April 27 and May 18

**Time:** 10:15 - 11:30 am

### Meet Your Past: Personalized Genealogy Sessions

For more details, email [asdept@mapld.org](mailto:asdept@mapld.org), with the word "genealogy" in the subject line.

### Matteson Library Sessions

Held at the library

**Dates:** Mondays

**Time:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm

### Matteson Museum Sessions

Held at 813 School Ave

**Dates:** Tuesdays

April 21 and May 19

**Time:** 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Scan the QR to see all events and programs.



FIND  
YOUR JOY!

## T(w)een Programs

### Teen Volunteer Fair

**Date:** Saturday

April 25

**Time:** 2:00 - 4:00 pm**Ages:** 13 - 18

Need Volunteer hours? Come meet non-profits, network, connect, and get involved!

### T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board)

**Date:** Saturday

April 18

**Time:** 2:00 - 4:00 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!

### Create For A Cause: Teen Volunteering

Opportunities

**Dates:** April 1 - April 30**Ages:** 13 - 18

Busy schedule? Earn volunteer hours from home with Create For A Cause kits! Do fun and flexible projects while making an impact, all on your own time. Scan the QR code to get started!



### Shine Studio: Diamond Art Stickers

**Dates:** Wednesdays in April**Time:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm**Ages:** 10 - 14

Looking for a new hobby? Come to our Diamond Painting program to try a different way of coloring by number!

## Youth Programs

### Monday Makers

**Date:** Mondays in April**Time:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm**Ages:** 3 - 8

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



### Story Garden: A Puppet Show

**Date:** Thursday

April 9

**Time:** 10:00 - 11:00 am**Ages:** 2 - 6

### Bright Star Touring Company:

**Alice in Wonderland****Date:** Thursday

April 23

**Time:** 10:00 - 11:00 am**Ages:** 2 - 6

### Mom-umental Crafts

**Date:** Monday

May 4

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm**Ages:** 3 - 9

Create something mom-umental with a fun, hands-on craft designed to show Mom just how much she's loved!



## Storytime

### Wiggles & Giggles Storytime

**Date:** Tuesdays in April**Time:** 10:00 - 10:45 am**Ages:** 12 months - 36 months

### Music Makers

**Date:** Thursdays in April

(no class April 9)

**Time:** 10:00 - 10:30 am**Ages:** 2 - 6

We will make instruments, sing songs, and share stories.





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**Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 9 pm  
Friday - Saturday 9 am - 5 pm  
Sunday - 1 pm - 5 pm  
(Closed Sundays after May 25)

**Library Closed**

Easter - April 5  
Staff Training - May 8  
Memorial Day - May 25



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Presents  
**GIRLS WITH DREAMS**

Elevate your future with the Matteson Library and E.V.E., Inc. This program empowers teen girls through mentorship, leadership building, and goal-setting.

- Goal: Turn dreams into action.
- Focus: Confidence and life skills.

Registration details coming soon!



**CUBICLES FOR SALE!**

Contact [lfasano2@mapld.org](mailto:lfasano2@mapld.org)

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Nikeda Webb

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

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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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