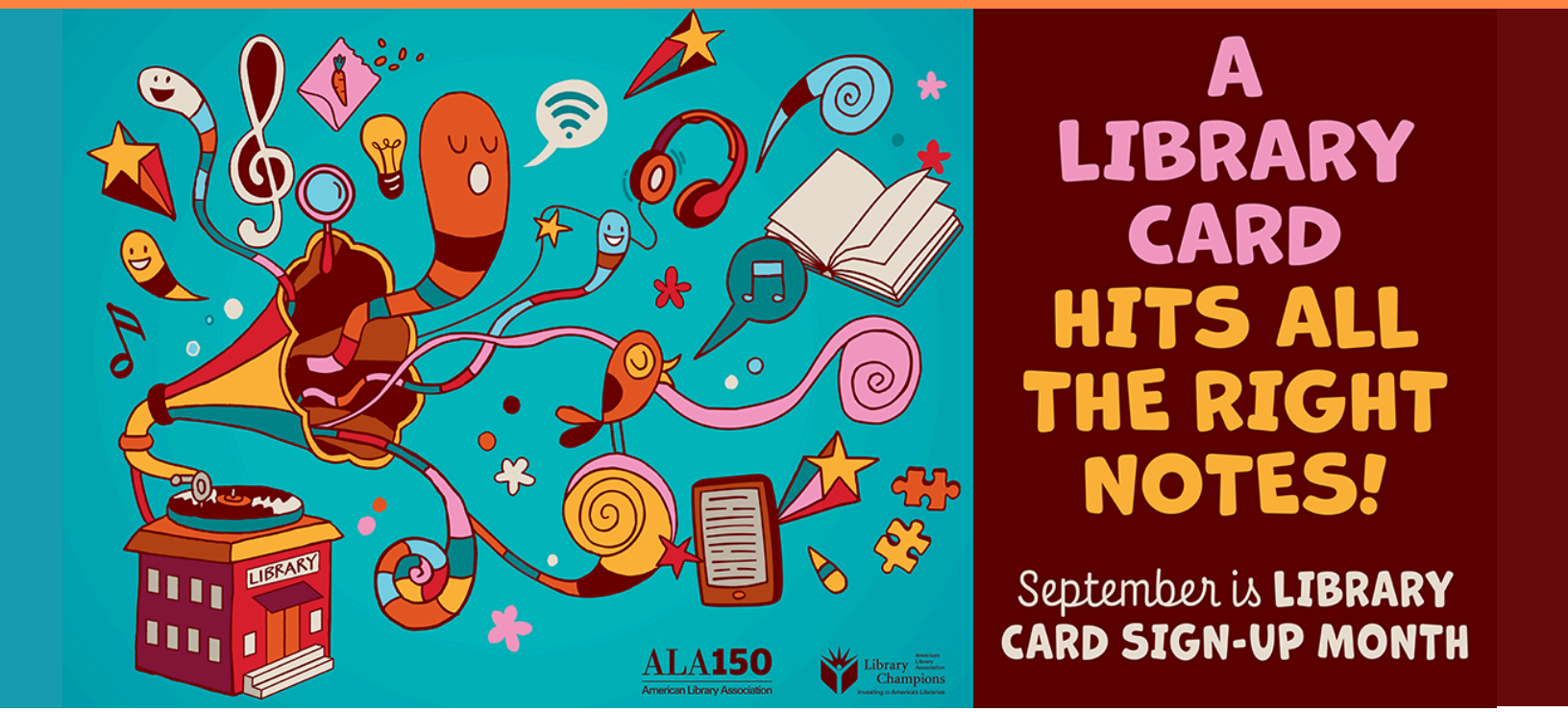
The Matteson Connection

Vol. 52 Matteson Area Public Library District Newsletter Sept - Oct 2026



Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up month this September for fun, prizes, and surprises all month long! Enter raffles to receive swag and giveaways. Make sure you check out our collection from books, games, Library of Things, the Digital Library, and so much more!

Whether you're getting your first library card or simply renewing your current card, you'll have a chance to receive a FREE giveaway while supplies last.

Stop in the library this September to:

- 📸 **Take home a FREE printed photo.**
- 🎁 **Be entered into our weekly prize raffles.**
- ✨ **Scan displayed musical notes and records to hear ambient sounds and music.**

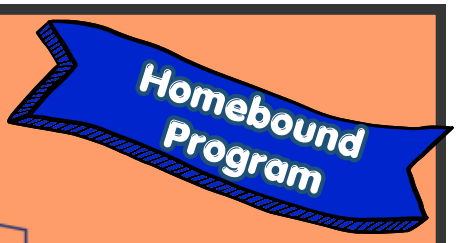
Matteson Residents who get a new or renewed ibrary card are also invited to an exclusive Members-Only Skate Party, Saturday, October 3, 2026! Space is limited. Get details when you renew your card.

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Community



September 15 - October 15 2026
Pop in, grab a brochure, and discover all the fun stuff happening across Chicagoland!



MAPLD
MATTESON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

The library offers delivery services to Matteson residents who are homebound due to age, illness, injury, or disability. If you or someone you know could benefit, sign up at bit.ly/mapldhbs.

Healthy Habits for Aging Well

Thursday, Sept 10 | 2:00 PM
All Ages

BrightStar Care

Join us as we discuss Healthy Habits for Aging Well. Snacks and light refreshments will be served! Participants will be entered into a free Self-Care / Wellness basket raffle. BrightStar Care offers in-home caregiving and skilled nursing / medical services for seniors, adults, and children in the community.

A Haunting We Will Go Halloween Sign Contest

All Ages



Get Ready for Halloween! Pick up a yard sign to decorate at the Adult Services Desk from Sept 14 – Oct 26 (limit 1 per family/business). Return your decorated sign by Oct 26 to be displayed in the courtyard. Voting takes place Oct 26 – 31! Visit our website for details.

Program Proposal Idea?



Have a program idea? Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/mapld-programproposal to complete the proposal form. Due to the high volume of inquiries, we will only reach out if your program is selected or if we need more information.

Paper Shredding Recycling Event

Saturday, Oct 3 | 8:00 -11:30 AM

Safely shred sensitive documents starting at 8:30 AM! Our team will securely dispose of your paperwork on-site. Enter the library parking lot from 207th St. Donations are appreciated to support our community initiatives.



S'mores Galore & So Much More!

Saturday, Oct 24 | 3:00 PM
All Ages

The Matteson Fire Department will be at the library for Fire Safety Awareness Month! Join us as we learn how to safely make tasty s'mores, enjoy crafts, stories, and take home fun free giveaways.



Trick or Treat @ the Library

Saturday, Oct 24 | 4:00 PM
All Ages

Trick-or-Treat at the Library! Wear your favorite costume and join the fun! Event runs until 7:00 PM or while supplies last.

See a full list of programs & events at mapld.org/events

To help us make the best use of our staff time and resources, programs with fewer than 5 registered participants will be canceled 7 days before the event. We encourage you to register early so we can keep these fun and engaging programs on the calendar!

Featured

STAFF UPDATES

We're excited to welcome Jalyn H. as our new Patron Services Manager and Cameron C. as Adult Services Outreach! We also bid a fond farewell to Greg H.



"Not everyone gets a job they genuinely enjoy, filled with people they are happy to see (both patrons and staff)...Thank you, and I wish everyone the best!" -Greg H.



"Lead with grace, serve with purpose, and leave every life you touch better than you found it." -Jalyn H.



"...Only make moves when your heart is in it .Live the phrase sky's the limit." -Cameron C.

Passports



Apply for your U.S. passport at the library! We make travel plans easier.

Passport Appointments: Call 708-748-4431
Checklist for Your Visit:

1. Completed Application (DS-11)
2. 2×2 Photo (No photo service at library)
3. Original Birth Certificate (with official seal) + Valid Photo ID
4. Check/Money Order to U.S. Dept. of State: $130 (Adults) / $100 (Minors)
5. Execution Fee to MAPLD (Cash, Card, Money Order): $35

Expedited processing available for an extra fee. of $60.

Notary Services



Need a document notarized? Our trained staff provides fast, convenient notary services by appointment for $1 per signature.
Call us at 708-748-4431 to schedule!
Please note:

- Do not sign your document beforehand—it must be signed in front of the notary.
- We cannot notarize mortgages, real estate transactions, or land titles.

MEETING ROOM RENTALS



Host your next meeting, class, or training in our comfortable meeting rooms. Affordable rates and great spaces.

COPY, FAX, & SCAN SERVICES



Need to scan, fax, or email a document? We've got you covered!

- Fax: $1 per page
- Scanning/email: Free!

LICENSE PLATE STICKER RENEWAL

Renew your Illinois License Plate sticker with ease!
Bring your renewal notice, license plate number, and VIN.
Fee: $160.50
Late Fee: $20



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Library Hours:
Mon - Thurs 9 AM - 9 PM
Fri & Sat 9 AM - 5 PM
Sun 1 PM - 5 PM

Sunday openings will resume
September 13th 1 PM - 5 PM

Holiday Closings:
Labor Day : September 7th

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Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM

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 1 week prior to the scheduled event.

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A Literary Experience

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Details coming soon to our website!