



Thank you for joining us in celebrating the 3rd Annual Black History Kick-Off!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our third Annual Black History Reception and Kick-off weekend, from January 31 to February 2! We were honored to explore the impact of fraternities and sororities on civil rights. On February 1, Donna Smith-Brumfield shared her insights on storytelling, followed by a Comedy Night with Marlon Mitchell, Leon Rogers, B Cole, and Stephon the Comedian. The weekend concluded with a powerful Gospel Explosion featuring performances by Robin Covington, the Rich Township High School Choir, Felicia Colman-Evans, and the Homewood Flossmoor High School Choir. A special thanks to the Matteson Rotary for sponsoring, and to the residents for celebrating Black culture and history with us!

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COMMUNITY & ALL AGES

AARP TAX-AIDE

DATE: March 6 - April 11, 2025
Thursdays 9 am - 4 pm
Fridays 9 am - 3 pm

Are you looking for help filing your taxes? AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is here to help. Call (708) 748-4431 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are only Thursdays and Fridays from Feb 6th to April 11th. Appointments are taken on a first come first serve basis. NO walk-in appointments.

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TAX-AIDE

Free tax assistance for those who need it most

MYSTIC ELITE DANCE FACTORY PRESENTS: DANCE FEVER

DATE: Saturday, March 1, 2025

TIME: 1 - 2 pm
Enjoy a dynamic recital performed by Mystic Elite Dance Factory - featuring a variety of styles, including hip hop, lyrical, pom, jazz, and majorette. Support our talented dancers as they showcase their passion, grace, and energy in this family-friendly event. Don't miss out on this inspiring celebration of movement!

RECYCLING EVENT

DATE: Saturday, April 26, 2025

TIME: 8:30 - 11:30 am
It's time for spring cleaning. Bring paper and electronic items you no longer want to the library to be recycled. See a complete list of acceptable recyclable items on our website at www.mapld.org. Enter from 207th Street. Monetary donations are appreciated.



MENTAL HEALTH WALK: STEP INTO WELLNESS EVENT

DATE: Saturday, May 3, 2025

TIME: 9 - 10 am
Step into wellness with us this May as we partner with the Matteson Rotary in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. Join us to walk, run, or bike, and gain mental clarity as we recognize Mental Health Awareness this May. We will meet at 9:00 am in the library's parking lot by the 207th St entrance and walk the Vollmer Grove path and back to the library (3.1 mi). We encourage all participants to wear green to represent mental health awareness. Water and snack bars will be provided.

THE PURSE PROJECT

DATE: Entire Month of May
Help us fill bags! Are you, your business, or organization able to donate quantities of items, such as toiletries and socks, for men and women?
To see a complete list of needed items, or for more details, please check out our website at www.mapld.org.

Swan has a new app, virtual library cards and more!
See our website for details at www.mapld.org



COMMUNITY & ALL AGES

COMMUNITY PANTRY

Our pantry is available year-round, offering a variety of items including refrigerated goods, non-perishables, and toiletries. We have two convenient locations: one outside in the courtyard and another inside the library entrance. "Leave what you can, take what you need" is the guiding principle of our pantry, encouraging a spirit of sharing and community support. Donations are always welcome throughout the year to help support those in need.

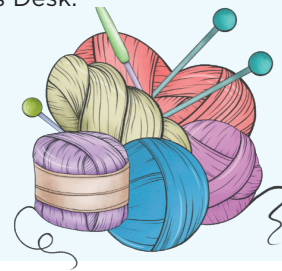


YARN SWAP

DATE: Saturday, May 3, 2025

TIME: 10:30 am - 12 pm

Got extra yarn collecting dust? Donate it between April 14th and 30th for a chance to swap for "new to you" yarn! Donors will receive an early entry ticket. Join us on May 3rd—doors open at 10:30 am for ticket holders and 11:00 am for the public. No donation required to participate. For questions, contact the Public Services Desk.



MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

THURSDAYS 6 - 8 PM

Luca

March 6th



Black Widow

March 13th



Despicable Me 4

March 20th



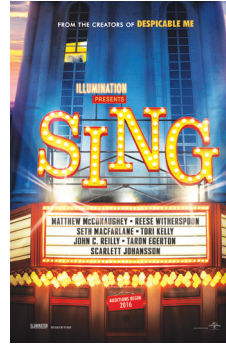
Shang-Chi

March 27th



Sing

April 3rd



Uncharted

April 10th



The Princess and the Frog

April 17th



Blacklight

April 24th



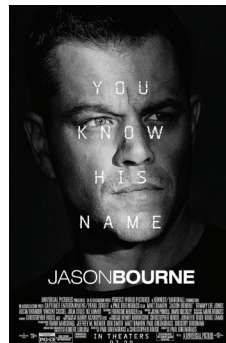
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May 8th



Jason Bourne

May 22nd



ADULTS



TECH ONE ON ONE

DATE: Mondays,
March 17, 2025
April 21, 2025
May 19, 2025

TIME: 10 am - 3 pm

Need tech help? Book a 45-minute appointment for assistance with your phone, tablet, or computer by calling (708) 748 - 4431 x 312. We're here to guide you through any tech challenges you may face!



ASPIRING WRITERS MEET - UP

DATE: Thursdays,
March 13, 2025
April 10, 2025
May 15, 2025

TIME: 4 - 6 PM

Do you like to write? Come meet other authors, give and receive constructive criticism of your work, and help bring it to the next level. If you can't meet us in person, join us on zoom. Scan the QR code for the link.



MINDFUL ART CLASSES

Date: Saturdays,
April 5, 2025
April 12, 2025
April 19, 2025
April 26, 2025
Time: 2:30 - 3:30 pm
Enjoy adult coloring and release stress.

AFRICAN AMERICAN BOOK CLUB

DATE: Wednesdays,
TIME: 6 - 7:30 pm
Take part as we read and discuss Black literature, by Black authors, telling Black stories. Copies of the book are located on the hold shelf near the circulation desk.

How the One Armed Sister Sweeps Her House by Cherie Jones
Date: March 26, 2025

The Girl with The Louding Voice by Abie Dare
Date: April 23, 2025

MONDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSISON

DATE: Mondays
TIME: 10:15 - 11:30 am
Copies of the book are located on the hold shelf near the Circulation Desk.

Long Island by Colm Toibin
Date: March 24, 2025

Tales of the City by Armistead Maupin
Date: April 28, 2025

The Family Chao by Lan Samantha Chang
Date: May 19, 2025

WEAVERS GUILD

DATE: Saturdays,
TIME: 12 - 4 pm
Join the Weavers Guild South as they create and teach a unique craft each month. Sometimes there will be a small materials fee. The Weavers Guild will host their monthly business meeting before beginning the project. The public is welcomed to attend.

Spring in Bloom
Date: March 15, 2025
Using a cardboard loom, participants will create a spring-inspired pouch.

Gingham Pattern Scarf
Date: April 19, 2025
Learn how to make a unique scarf using a basic yarn frame for weaving.

Beaded Jewelry
Date: May 17, 2025
Create a one of a kind beaded bracelet that is easy and fun to make.

YAPPING YARNIES

DATE: Thursdays,
TIME: 6 - 8 pm

Socks, Socks, and More Socks!

March 6, 2025
March 13, 2025
March 20, 2025
Knit or crochet cozy stylish socks!

A Tisket, a Tasket, Let's Make a Basket!

April 3, 2025
April 10, 2025
April 17, 2025
Create a stylish, functional basket with easy to follow instructions.

Granny Squares

May 1, 2025
May 8, 2025
May 15, 2025
Learn how to make a granny square, the basic building block for multiple projects.



ADULTS

LEVEL UP SILENT PARTY

DATE: Friday, May 23rd

TIME: 6 - 8 pm

Get ready to Level Up at our ultimate silent party! With non-stop beats, tasty snacks, and a vibe for everyone, it's the perfect way to dance and groove the night away. 16+ only, registration required, and a chance to win a Steam Gift Card in our raffle—winner must be present at drawing.



INSPIRED to Write

DATE: Saturday, April 5

TIME: 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Ready to take your book to the next level? Whether you're navigating the publishing world, building your author brand, or gearing up for an epic book launch, Inspired to Write has you covered! This interactive workshop features engaging panel discussions and expert-led sessions on editing, publishing options, marketing strategies, and launch secrets to set your book up for success.



COMPUTERS 101

Intro to Word

Friday,
March 21, 2025
10 - 11:30 am, 1 - 2:30 pm
Learn the in's and out's of Microsoft Word.

Intro to Excel

Friday,
April 18, 2025
10 - 11:30 am, 1 - 2:30 pm
Let's learn the in's and out's of Microsoft Excel.

Intro to Zoom

Friday,
May 16, 2025
10 - 11:30 am, 1 - 2:30 pm
Learn the basics of using Zoom.

COMPUTERS 102

Intermediate Excel

Wednesday,
April 9, 2025
7 - 8 pm
For experienced Excel users. Lets import data, pivot tables, VLOOKUP, and intro to macros.

Powerpoint

Wednesday,
May 7, 2025
7 - 8 pm
Learn how to navigate it, add animations, and make your presentation consistent.

Excel Part 2

Wednesday,
March 12, 2025
7 - 8 pm
We will cover formulas, formatting, and charts in greater depth.

3D PRINTED DESKTOP PLANTERS

Date: March 19, 2025
Time: 7 - 8 pm
Design a desktop planter in Tinkercad - a free, easy to learn 3D modeling tool. Participants get one free print from our 3D printer.

INTRO TO WORDPRESS

Date: April 16, 2025
Time: 7 - 8 pm
WordPress is a free platform for building websites. Learn how to navigate its options and set up your own website.

GETTING STARTED WITH ADVANCED PHOTO EDITING

Date: May 14, 2025
Time: 7 - 8 pm
Want to restore old photos, make composite images, or design your own flyers? Learn how to use GIMP - a free and powerful alternative to Photoshop.

GAME MASTERS SERIES

DATE: Sundays
TIME: 2 - 4 pm
Come and learn how to be a Game Master! The skills you'll learn will apply to more than Dungeons and Dragons. (Yes, there are other game systems out there.)

Campaigns, Modules, and More

Date: March 16, 2025

Running Combat in a Game

Date: April 13, 2025

Homebrew vs. Official vs. One-shots

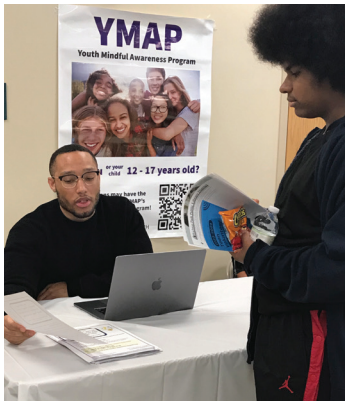
Date: May 18, 2025



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS ONE-SHOT

DATE: Saturdays,
March 29, 2025
April 26, 2025
May 31, 2025
TIME: 1:30 - 4:30 pm
Attention adventurers! Dust off your dice and join us for our monthly one-shot campaigns! Open to all no matter your experience level. Meet other like-minded individuals who love table top RPG's.

TWEENS & TEENS



CREATE FOR A CAUSE: TEEN VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

DATE: March 3 - April 27, 2025

TIME: All Day

GRADE: 7th - 12th

Balancing school, homework, after-school activities, and everything else can be tricky! That's why we've created Create For a Cause Kits - an easy, flexible way for teens to earn volunteer hours on their schedule. Complete a kit at home when you have free time, then return it to the library for volunteer credit. Each kit supports a good cause, with a new project each month. Ready to get started? Scan the QR code and join the cause.



TEEN VOLUNTEER FAIR

DATE: Saturday, March 15, 2025

TIME: 2 - 4 pm

GRADE: 7th - 12th

Need volunteer hours for school? Come to our Teen Volunteer Fair, where several non-profit organizations will be here for you to sign up to volunteer. No registration is required!

TEEN MURDER MYSTERY

DATE: Saturday, April 12, 2025

TIME: 2 - 4 pm

AGE: 7th - 12th

Calling all teen puzzle solvers and mystery enthusiasts! There's been a murder, and it's your job to find out whodunit. Do you have what it takes to crack the case? Be part of an interactive murder mystery event where every clue counts—and yes, there will be cake!



For nearly seven years, Kalea has been a guiding light for the teens in our community. As our Teen Librarian, Kalea has developed programs that not only capture the imagination of local teens but also make the library a welcoming space where they feel heard, supported, and engaged. Whether it's the thrilling Teen Murder Mystery event happening this April, the practical and informative Adulting 101 series, or the ever-popular Annual Video Game Tournament, Kalea knows how to create experiences that teens can enjoy. But Kalea's impact extends beyond just the programs she organizes. She is the heart and soul of the Teen Volunteer program. Additionally, Kalea takes the time to visit local high schools, ensuring that students are aware of the many opportunities available to them at the library, from volunteer work to fun events.



YOUTH

RHYME, ROCK AND READ

DATE: Tuesdays,
March 4 - April 22, 2025
TIME: 10 - 11 am
AGE: 12 - 36 months
Spark your toddler's imagination and energy with this fun-filled program featuring captivating stories, lively music, and playful movement.

STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY

DATE: Wednesdays,
March 5 - April 23, 2025
TIME: 10 - 10:30 am
AGE: 2 - 5 years old
Bring your toddlers and preschoolers to the library for a fun and engaging storytime with exciting books, songs, and activities to spark their imagination and foster a love of reading. Bond with your child, meet other families, and watch your little reader blossom. Sign up today and let the stories begin!

YOGA FOR KIDS

DATE: Tuesdays,
April 1 - April 22, 2025
TIME: 6 - 6:30 pm
AGES: 3 - 8 years old
Let your little ones stretch, breathe, and move in a fun and playful way! Our Yoga for Kids classes include age-appropriate poses, breathing exercises, stories, music, and games to keep kids engaged while promoting balance, flexibility, and mindfulness. Each session wraps up with a calming relaxation exercise to help children learn tools for managing stress and finding their inner peace. Join us for a fun and relaxing experience!

FRIDAY FUNDAY

DATE: Fridays,
March 7 - April 25, 2025
TIME: 3 - 4 pm
AGES: 3 - 8 years old
Get ready to unleash your creativity! In this hands-on art program, kids will explore a wide variety of fun and engaging projects. Each session brings something new, from painting with watercolors and crafting with natural materials to molding homemade playdough and creating whimsical collages. Whether they're making colorful masterpieces or experimenting with textures and shapes, kids will have the freedom to express themselves while building confidence and developing fine motor skills. With endless possibilities, every day is an artistic adventure!

JUNIOR PUPPETEERS

DATE: Tuesdays,
March 4 - March 25, 2025
TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 pm
GRADE: 3rd - 6th
Let your creativity take center stage! Kids will design and build their own unique puppets, and bring them to life in a fun, collaborative skit. From crafting characters to performing a mini-show, participants will learn the basics of puppetry while letting their imaginations shine. Participants must attend all four sessions to fully participate.



WACKY WEDNESDAYS

DATE: Wednesdays
March 5 - April 23, 2025
TIME: 6 - 7 pm
GRADES: K - 5th/Family
Don't miss out on a fun-filled family program! Kick-off with a lively Dr. Seuss party, enjoy a trivia game called Family Food Night, and play the exciting game "The Floor is Lava!" Then, get creative with a crafting adventure where parents and kids can design and build unique creations using popsicle sticks, craft foam, and everyday materials. This program is packed with hands-on fun and unforgettable memories. Let's get crafty!





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UPCOMING EVENT - SAVE THE DATE!



Date: July 12, 20205
Time: 12 - 6 pm
Ages: All Ages

MAPLD Fanfest is back! What is Fanfest? It's a festival to celebrate pop-culture fandoms! "Come Game with Us" on Saturday, July 12, 2025! Join us as we play games like Pokemon, win prizes such as a Nintendo Switch, solve puzzles in our Escape Room trucks, and more! This is a FREE, family-friendly event! Check our website at www.mapldfanfest.org for more information.



For more information call 708.748.4431 or visit our website at MAPLD.org.

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Meetings are 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 7:00pm.

Administration

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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 9 pm
Friday - Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Library Closed

Easter Sunday , April 4th
Memorial Day Monday, May 26th

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 working days prior to the scheduled event.