



THE LIBRARY IS GETTING A NEW LOOK!

The Matteson Area Public Library District (MAPLD) is making big plans for the future! The library board believes that the library of tomorrow will require different thinking, more technology, and updated spaces. The Board of Trustees have approved renovation plans. A significant redesign of the library will begin in late Spring of this year to provide a warmer, more welcoming environment for all of our patrons. You will be receiving more specific information when the renovation project begins. A building renovation is only one part of our strategic plan. You will begin seeing many other aspects of our new strategic plan in the near future. Feel free to request a copy of the plan from our Library Director, Nikeda Webb.



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Tis' the Season of Giving: Library Holiday Drives

Learn how you can help those in need this holiday season. Pg.2

COMMUNITY & ALL AGES

HOLIDAY FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE

December 1, 2024 - January 10, 2025

The MAPLD invites you to spread warmth this winter! We are collecting **new** winter hats, socks, scarves, mittens, gloves, and coats for men, women, and children to benefit South Suburban PADS and the Rich Township Clothing Bank. Additionally, we are sponsoring a food drive for the Rich Township Food Pantry. Please donate non-perishable, non-expired canned and dry goods.

TOY DRIVE

December 1st - December 14th, 2024

MAPLD and Matteson Rotary are hosting a toy drive! We are seeking **new**, unwrapped toys for children ages 0 - 12 and teens ages 13 - 18 for Christmas. Please bring your toy and gift card donations to the library by December 14th to ensure timely distribution.

Thank you for spreading holiday cheer!



WINTER READING KICK-OFF

DATE: Saturday,
December 7th
TIME: 1 - 4 PM

Get ready for a winter wonderland adventure! All aboard our Polar Express for a magical train ride. Buy unique gifts at Santa's Workshop! Enjoy festive games, cookie decorating, and cozy up as Mrs. Claus shares enchanting holiday stories.

WINTER READING PROGRAM

DATE: December 1st -
January 15th
AGES: All Ages

Join us by reading or listening to an audiobook this winter for a chance to win some amazing prizes. To register, stop by the Youth or Public Services desk. Don't wait too long to join in on the fun!

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

DATE: Thursdays
TIME: 6 - 8 PM
AGES: All Ages

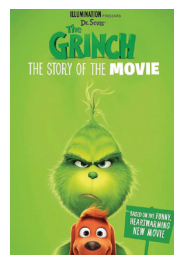
Bring the whole family out for popcorn and a movie! Kids 9 and younger must attend with an adult.



DECEMBER 5TH

SPECIAL PROGRAM: Put on your pajamas and join us at the library for a magical movie night featuring The Polar Express! Enjoy popcorn, candy, and a special surprise gift for every little guest.

The Grinch
December 19th



Wish
January 2nd



Inside Out 2
January 16th



Trolls 2
February 6th



The Garfield Movie
February 20th



CALLING ALL TEACHERS! SHARE YOUR TALENTS AT MATTESON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

DATES: December 2024 -
February 2025

Do you have a lesson plan that your students love? The Matteson Area Public Library District is looking for passionate educators who would like to share their talents with the children in our community. If you have a tried-and-true lesson plan that you'd love to teach again, we want to hear from you!

Join us in making learning fun and accessible for all. Whether it's a hands-on science experiment, an engaging storytime, or a creative art project, your expertise can make a difference. Interested? Contact Susan Fulcher, Youth Services Manager, at sfulcher@mapld.org today to bring your classroom experience to the library!

Black History Month

3RD ANNUAL RECEPTION AND KICK-OFF

Date: Friday, January 31, 2025

Time: 6 - 9 PM

Location: Holiday Inn Matteson
500 Holiday Plaza Dr.
Matteson, IL 60443

We will highlight nine historically Black fraternities and sororities that shaped a culture of change and resistance throughout the 20th century, including their pivotal roles in the Civil Rights Movement.

HIGH SCHOOL GOSPEL EXPLOSION

DATE: Sunday, February 2, 2025

TIME: 3 - 5 PM

LOCATION: Holiday Inn Matteson
500 Holiday Plaza Dr.
Matteson, IL 60443

Hear musical selections sang by local high school choirs.

COMEDY NIGHT

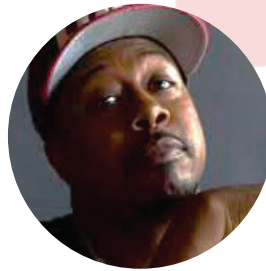
DATE: Saturday, February 1, 2025

TIME: 7 - 9 PM

LOCATION: Holiday Inn Matteson
500 Holiday Plaza Dr.
Matteson, IL 60443

Don't miss an entertaining evening of good, clean comedy that's sure to tickle your funny bone!

FEATURING



Leon Rogers of WGCI



Mo Good



Comedian Stephon

CALLING FOR SPONSORS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

As we prepare for our exciting Black History Month events, we're seeking sponsors to help us create an unforgettable celebration. Your support can make a real difference in honoring and uplifting our community's rich history and culture.

Interested in partnering with us? Visit our website for more details on how you can contribute and help us make this year's events a success!

Thank you for your support!



FRIDAY AFTER HOUR EVENTS

TIME: 6 - 8 PM

Join us for an evening of entertainment and light refreshments!

FEBRUARY 7: ART AND VERSE A NIGHT OF INSPIRATION

Experience the power of the spoken word and creativity as artists showcase their talents.

FEBRUARY 21: SOUL COLLECTIVE BAND

Join us for an unforgettable night of soulful music as we celebrate Black History!

FEBRUARY 28: MOTOWN NIGHT

Groove to the sounds of Motown with "Rhonda High Browne and the Pieces," celebrating the music that defined a generation.

FAMILY

SEEKING SPEAKERS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR BABYFEST 2025

Do you have experience teaching prenatal care, guiding new mothers on post-birth care, or leading baby-centric activities like baby yoga? Are you an organization that has resources for expecting and new parents? We seek passionate professionals to share their expertise and resources at our upcoming Babyfest. Help empower families with knowledge and skills to care for themselves and their babies through interactive and engaging sessions. We would love to hear from you if you are interested in making a positive impact!

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Jalyn Edwards at jedwards@mapld.org.



FRIDAY FUNDAYS

DATE: Fridays,
February 7th, 14th, 21st,
28th

TIME: 3 - 4 PM

AGES: 3 - 8

Kids will have the opportunity to get creative with a variety of materials. Some days, they might be painting with watercolors; other days, they could be making play dough. The sky's the limit! Please note, space is limited.

WINTER BREAK CRAFT PROJECTS

TIME: 3 - 4 PM

AGES: Family

MONDAYS

December 23rd,
December 30th

THURSDAYS

December 26th,
January 2nd

Looking for a creative way to spend winter break? We have a fun-filled, hands-on art program designed for kids of all ages and their parents.

BUILDING WITH CARDBOARD: FAMILY EDITION

DATE: Wednesdays,
January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
February 5th, 12th, 19th,
26th

TIME: 6 - 7 PM

AGES: Family

Grab your creativity and get ready to transform cardboard into incredible creations! Whether it's a truck, a fort, or a rocket, the possibilities are endless. We want the whole family to join us for an exciting adventure in imagination and crafting. Let's explore and create amazing things together!

STEM EXPLORERS CLUB

DATE: Mondays,
January 6th, 13th, 27th

TIME: 3- 4 PM

AGES: 3 - 8

Welcome to the STEM Explorers Club, where curiosity and creativity take center stage! This engaging STEM program is designed specifically for kids ages 3 - 8 and their parents to explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and math through hands-on activities and playful experimentation.

WINTER PLAYGROUP

DATE: Fridays,
December 13th, 20th, 27th
January 3rd, 10th, 17th,
24th, 31st

TIME: 3 - 4 PM

AGES: 1 - 6

Escape the winter chill and bring your little ones to our indoor playground at the library! Our warm and inviting space is for your kids to play, explore, and have fun, while parents can relax with a cup of coffee and browse our collection.



ADULTS

DAVID RUDOLF & THE BRITISH INVASION

DATE: Saturday, January 11th

TIME: 1 - 2:30 PM

Join us for an afternoon of music and fun with Dave Rudolf. He will perform some of your favorite hits from the Rolling Stones, The Kinks, The Who, and more! Register now and get entered for the drawing. One winner will get to take home Dave's latest CD and a mystery prize!



COMPUTERS 101

Date: Fridays

Time: 10 - 11:30 AM

12/20 - Save That File

Upload, download, save, what does that mean? Can't find that saved document? Then this is the class for you. We will learn what it means to download or upload something and how to save it where you can find it.

1/17 - Email

Join us to learn all you ever wanted to know about writing, sending, and receiving emails.

2/21 - Stay Private Online

Are you worried about the different types of information collected by internet companies and advertisers? This class will teach you what you need to know to keep yourself hidden online!



POWERPOINT

DATE: Tuesday, January 14th

TIME: 5 - 6:30 PM

Come and learn how to create an amazing PowerPoint presentation using text, pictures, videos, animation, and more!

CUT THE CORD

DATE: Saturdays, January 11th

TIME: 10 - 11 AM

Amazon, Apple, and Netflix offer just a few of the options available for people who are interested in cutting the cable cord. Find out all the best services as well as streaming devices like Roku and Apple TV.

WEAVERS GUILD

DATE: Saturdays, December 21st
January 18th
February 15th

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.

GUN SAFETY

DATE: Thursday, December 12th

TIME: 6 - 7:00 PM

The Matteson Police Department will be giving a seminar about gun safety. The library will be giving away free gun locks. There is a limited supply, so only patrons who register will be allowed to receive a gun lock.



SURVIVING A LAYOFF

DATE: Tuesday, January 21st

TIME: 5 - 6:30 PM

Being laid off is a jarring experience, and figuring out what to do next is hard. Theresa Banks will talk about everything you need to know from getting the news to getting a new job.

GAME MASTERS SERIES: SO, YOU WANT TO BE A GM

DATE: Sundays, January 12th
February 9th

TIME: 2 - 4 PM

Do you and your friends love tabletop games like Dungeons & Dragons or Pathfinder? Is your group missing a Game Master(GM) to run your game? Then it's time to become the GM! During these sessions, you will learn skills that can be applied to any Role Playing Game (RPG).



YAPPING YARNIES

DATE: Thursdays,

TIME: 6 - 8 PM

Shawls and Wraps

December 5th, 12th, 19th

Bags, Purses, Totes! Oh MY

January 2nd, 9th, 16th

Washcloths, Dish Towels, and More

February 6th, 13th, 20th

LOVE AND CARE, CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

DATE: Tuesdays, December 10th
January 14th

February 11th

TIME: 12 - 2 PM

Our monthly support group gives you the chance to talk with other family caregivers in similar situations, share experiences, and words of encouragement. The hosting organization, Pathlights, guides people along the path to aging in South & Southwest Suburban Cook County. To learn more about their programs or services call 708-361-0219 or visit www.pathlights.org.

TWEENS & TEENS

CALL FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

DATE: December 1st - February 28th
The library is hosting a Teen Volunteer Fair on Saturday, March 15th, and we're seeking nonprofit organizations to participate! To participate, please fill out the interest form at bit.ly/TVF_2025_signupform. Help shape the future by empowering teens to get involved.



TEEN VOLUNTEER FAIR

DATE: Saturday, March 15th
TIME: 2 - 4 PM

GRADES: 7th - 12th
Need teen 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. Registration is not required.

SNACKS & SUCCESS: TEEN STUDY SESSIONS

DATE: Tuesday, December 10th
Thursday, December 12th
TIME: 3:30 - 5:30 PM
GRADE: 7th - 12th
Grab your books and laptop, and join us at the library for a productive study session! Whether you're wrapping up last-minute projects, studying for exams, or polishing that 12-page essay, we've got the perfect space for you. Plus, we know you can't focus on an empty stomach, so we'll have snacks to keep you fueled and focused!

ADULTING 101: ESSENTIAL SKILLS WOKSHOP

DATE: Saturdays
January 11th
February 8th
TIME: 2 - 3 PM
GRADE: 7th - 12th
Help your teen discover essential life skills not often taught in school, such as critical thinking, money management, and the basics of saving and investing. These valuable skills will empower them to successfully navigate adulthood.



TEEN STEAM

DATE: Tuesday, February 4th
TIME: 6 - 7 PM
GRADE: 7th - 12th
Unleash your creativity in this hands-on 3D pen class, where you'll design and create your very own custom cookie cutter. Learn the basics of using a 3D pen and turning a drawing into a 3-dimensional structure.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS

DATE: December 1st - April 30th
Create for a Cause (CFC) is a program where teens can pick up a kit at the library, complete it at home, and return it to the library to earn volunteer hours for school. For more information or to sign up your teenagers visit bit.ly/create-for-a-cause.



TEEN SELF CARE: BATH BOMBS & SOAP

DATE: Tuesday, February 18th
TIME: 6 - 8 pm
GRADES: 7th - 12th
In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to create your own colorful and fragrant bath bombs and soap from scratch.

TEEN DUNGEONS & DRAGON ONE SHOT

DATE: Tuesday, February 25th
TIME: 6 - 8 PM
GRADE: 7th - 12th
Hey you! Want to explore a goblin cave, haggle with a cryptic shop owner, or battle the fierce dragon? Come join us on this one-shot Dungeons & Dragons campaign! Whether you're new to roleplay or an experienced player, all are welcome.

CHOCOLATE MAKING 101

DATE: Tuesday, February 11th
TIME: 6- 7 PM
GRADE: 7th - 12th
Who says chocolate is only for Valentine's Day? Chocolate is for everyone! Learn how to make chocolate candy in this simple culinary class. You can make some for a special someone or yourself. Space is limited.



YOUTH

TUTORS NEEDED

DATES: December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025

Are you a local tutor looking to reach more students? The library offers an excellent opportunity to advertise your services. Connect with our community by showcasing your tutoring business in a space where families and students regularly visit. Contact us today to learn more about how you can promote your services through the library!



NOON YEAR'S DAY PARTY

DATE: Monday, December 30th

TIME: 11 AM - 12 PM

AGES: 2 - 8

Ring in the New Year early at our Noon Year's Day party! We'll celebrate with festive activities, storytime, and a countdown to the "noon year" at noon, and a special surprise.

SNAPOLOGY

DATE: Mondays, February 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

TIME: 6 - 7 PM

GRADE: K - 2

Snapology's STEAM programs teach through building. Using Lego bricks, K'Nex, and technology, kids have fun while they learn.

STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

DATE: Thursdays, December - February (no class 12/26 or 1/02)

TIME: 10 - 10:30 AM

AGES: 2 - 5

Parents, grandparents, and home daycare providers bring your preschoolers out to listen to funny stories and sing and dance to silly songs. Space is limited, so call the library to register your group.

YOGA FOR KIDS

DATE: Tuesdays, December 3rd, 10th, 17th

TIME: 6 - 6:30 PM

AGE: 3 - 8 years old

These classes will include age-appropriate yoga and movement, including breathing, poses, games, stories, relaxation, meditation, and more.

BRICK BUILDERS

DATE: Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th, 18th

TIME: 6 - 7 PM

GRADES: 3rd - 6th

Team up to build some amazing LEGO models, from jets to tyrannosauruses to race cars.

SATURDAY STEAM CHALLENGE

DATE: Saturdays, January 18th, 25th, February 1st, 15th, 22nd

TIME: 2 - 3 PM

GRADE: K - 5th

Join us for a hands-on adventure where kids can dive into the world of science, engineering, and creativity! From making squishy oobleck to building towering structures with marshmallows and spaghetti, and even learning the basics of programming mini robots, this program is packed with exciting activities that inspire curiosity and fun. Plus, there's even more in store for curious minds!



RHYME, ROCK, AND READ

DATE: Tuesdays

December - February (no class 12/24, 12/31)

TIME: 10 - 11 AM

AGES: 12 - 36 months

This engaging program features storytime, music, movement, and fun!





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UPCOMING EVENT - SAVE THE DATE!



MAPLD Fanfest is back!
July 12, 2025! Be on the lookout
for more information as the date
approaches.



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Meetings are 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Administration

Nikeda Webb, Library Director
Thom Webb, Assistant Director

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 9 PM
Friday - Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday 1 PM - 5 PM

Library Closed

In-service, December 6th
Christmas Eve, December 24th
Christmas Day, December 25th
New Years Eve, December 31st
New Years Day, January 1st
Martin Luther King Day, January 20th

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.