

LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY



SUMMER READING

Date: June 1 - July 26, 2025

Age: All Ages

It's time to Level Up at Your Library with our Summer Reading Program, Teens, and adults are all welcome to join in the fun. Read books, log your progress, and earn awesome prizes along the way. Don't miss out on a summer full of reading, discovery, and fun—stop by the Youth Services Desk or the Public Services Desk to register and start your journey!

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF!

Date: Saturday, June 7, 2025

Time: 6-7:30 pm

Age: All Ages

Kick off the summer with us at our Summer Reading Kickoff Party! Enjoy a fun-filled day with exciting games, delicious treats, and live music. Rainbow Cone will be serving samples of its iconic ice cream, and Texas Roadhouse will be handing out its famous cinnamon sweet rolls. Bring your lawn chairs, soak in the live music performed by the band "The Grady Experience," and celebrate the start of an amazing summer of reading and adventure!

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**Don't Forget!
Registration is
Required for
All Programs**

MAPLD FANFEST!

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MAPLD FANFEST

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all programs listed.
JULY 12, 2025 12 - 6 PM

MAPLD FanFest is back! MAPLD is a dynamic fan and comic convention at the Matteson Area Public Library! Experience exciting educational programs, meet superheroes, and enter to win awesome prizes. This year's theme is games. Solve puzzles in our Escape Room, test your skills at our Video Game Tournament, and enjoy fun mini-games at our Maid Café. Whether you're into comics, books, movies, TV, or anime, there's something for everyone. Best of all, it's free!



ARTIST & VENDORS • GAMES • PANELS • FREE GIVEAWAYS
FOOD TRUCKS AND MORE!

Shooting Star Maid Café

Time: 12 - 1 pm

Ages: All Ages

Join us for our Video Game-Themed Maid Café! This family-friendly event brings your favorite video game worlds to life.

Enjoy delicious snacks and play fun games with the maids. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience where fandoms collide and everyone's a hero! Grab your controller and level up with us, the Shooting Star Maid Café!



Welcome to the World of ESports!

Time: 12 - 1 pm

Ages: All Ages

Get ready to dive into the world of Esports with Matteson's own Blaze Atwood!

Wondering what Esports is, how it works, or if it pays? Blaze will answer all your questions! Stop by, show your support, and explore the exciting world of Esports with us!

Battle for Justopolous: Escape Room Truck

Time: 12 - 2pm

Ages: All Ages

Attention all detectives and super sleuths! Put your skills to the test by solving puzzles and riddles to rescue Justopolous from the clutches of four super-villains!

Saving Oceanika Escape Room Truck

Time: 12 - 2pm

Ages: All Ages

Dive to the depths of the ocean and team up to discover Oceanika's treasure before the sea meets its doom!

How to Draw Batman and Spiderman with Matthew Waite

Time: 1 - 2 pm

Ages: All Ages

J Meet Matthew Waite, a 20-year comic artist for Marvel & DC, as he teaches you how to draw Batman & Spider-Man. All supplies provided!

Junior Dungeons & Dragons

Time: 11 am - 1 pm

Ages: 10 - 15

Attention adventurers! Dust off your dice and join us for a legendary story at FanFest! Adventurers between the ages of 10 and 15 are welcome to join no matter your experience level.

Adult Dungeons & Dragons

Time: 2 - 4 pm

Ages: 16+

Participants will learn the basics of how to play Dungeons & Dragons. They will also receive a free set of dice at the end.



MAPLD FANFEST

Jr. Mario Kart Tournament

Time: 2 - 4 pm

Ages: 10 - 15

Rev up for our Mario Kart 8 Tournament! Race through thrilling tracks, power-ups, and fierce competition for the chance to win the ultimate prize. Register now by scanning the QR code or visiting

[https://bit.ly/fanfest_MK8_2025!](https://bit.ly/fanfest_MK8_2025)



Anime Culinary Creations

Time: 2 - 3 pm

Ages: All Ages

Step into a world of flavor and fantasy with our culinary demonstration and tasting! Immerse yourself in the art of crafting Mango Sticky Rice straight from the beloved game Stardew Valley, and master the bold, fiery flavors of Spicy Stir-Fried Chicken, a dish straight out of your favorite Korean K-Dramas. Learn mouthwatering recipes, and have the chance to indulge in delicious samples. Spots are limited, so be sure to register today and secure your place in this unforgettable culinary adventure!

How to Play Magic: The Gathering Card Game

Time: 3 - 4 pm

Ages: 13+

Curious about Magic: The Gathering but not sure where to start? We've got you covered! Come learn how to play this exciting card game and battle it out with others. Decks are provided—and you get to keep the cards!

Pokemon Go Meet Up

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Ages: 13+

Join us for an exciting Pokémon Go meetup at the library! Learn how to conquer raids, battle like a pro, and capture gyms while connecting with fellow players, sharing tips, and making new friends!

How to Play: Pokemon The Card Game

Time: 1 - 2 pm

Ages: 10 - 15

You love the video game! You've seen the show! Now come learn how to play Pokemon the Card Game. Battle it out with your friends, trade cards, and learn how to customize your deck.

Boba Tea Tasting

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Ages: All Ages

Escape the scorching summer heat and recharge with a refreshing boba tea! Try various combinations as you sample different flavors. Get them while supplies last.

MAPLD Cosplay Contest

Time: 4:30 - 6 pm

Ages: All Ages

Show off your con spirit in the MAPLD Cosplay Contest! Whether you made your costume or bought it, all skill levels are welcome. Compete in four categories—Group, Kids, Teens, and Adults—for a chance to win a first place prize in your category! Don't miss out! To register, scan the QR code or type this link

https://bit.ly/fanfest_cosplay_contest_2025



Thank You To Our Sponsors



Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Time: 2 - 4 pm

Ages: 16 +

Join our Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament for a chance to prove your skills and claim the title of champion. Whether you're a seasoned player or just love the thrill of competition, this is the place to show off your moves and try to win the first place prize! To register, scan the QR code below, or type this link

https://bit.ly/fanfest_SSBU_2025



COMMUNITY

Exciting Changes Ahead!

We are excited to announce that this summer we'll be kicking off renovations at the library! We've heard your feedback, and we're committed to making improvements that will better serve you—such as a more accessible entryway to creating a vibrant marketplace and overall updates to make the library more comfortable and convenient. We are working hard to create a space you will love even more. We appreciate your patience as we work through the dust – we cannot wait to share the finished results with you!



Library Bus Trips Are Back!

Tina Turner: The Musical

Date: Friday,
June 6, 2025
Time: 7:30 pm
Departure: 5:30 pm
Return: Directly after
the conclusion of the
show.

Fee: \$ 60.00

Get ready to feel the power of rock 'n' roll! Join the library for an unforgettable trip to the Cadillac Palace Theatre in Chicago to see TINA – The Tina Turner Musical. This electrifying stage production tells the inspiring story of the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll, featuring her greatest hits and a powerful look at her incredible life and legacy. Transportation is included—don't miss your chance to sing along and be inspired!



Fair Oaks Farm

Date: Saturday
July 19, 2025
Time: 9am - 3 pm
Departure: From Library
Parking lot 9 am.
Leaving Farm at 3 pm.
Fee: \$15.00



Join us for a fun and educational outing as we visit a local dairy farm! Kids and families will get a behind-the-scenes look at how milk is made, meet the cows, and learn about life on the farm. It's a great opportunity to connect with nature, ask questions, and enjoy a hands-on experience. Space is limited, so be sure purchase your tickets from the Administrative office.

Level Up Summer Free Concert Series Saturdays, 6 - 8 pm

Bring your Blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in our courtyard.

The Grady Experience

Date: June 7, 2025
A multi-genre cover
band that blends the
best of Pop, Rock, and
R&B and beyond.



Beach Party with Dave Rudolf

Date: June 14, 2025
Tunes that bring the
beach party vibes.



Hugo Colin is Elvis

Date: June 28, 2025
A young Chicagoland
Elvis Tribute artist
performs Elvis's
greatest hits.



Boiling Point

Date: July 19, 2025
Soulful Blues classics
under the open sky.



Level Up House Party

Date: July 26, 2025
Our DJ will be spinning
the 1's and 2's. Fun for
all ages.



FAMILY

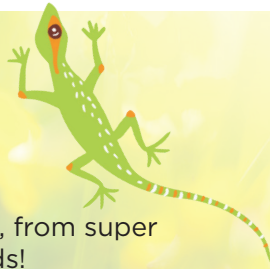
Kids ages 9 and younger must attend programs with and adult

DAVE DINASO'S TRAVELING WORLD OF REPTILES

Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025

Time: 2 - 3:15 pm

Come see a variety of cool reptiles, from super scaly snakes to lazy lounging lizards!



INDOOR MINI-GOLF EVENT: SPECIAL INVITE ONLY

Date: Saturday, August 2, 2025

Time: 6 - 7:30 pm

Kids, teens, and adults can earn a ticket to this exciting event by participating in the Summer Reading Program. Visit the library to learn how.



PLAYS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Winnie-the-Pooh

Date: Wednesday

June 11, 2025

Time: 10 - 11 am

Captain Cranky: A Puppet Show

Date: Wednesday

June 18, 2025

Time: 10 - 11 am

Little Red Riding Hood

Date: Wednesday

July 16, 2025

Time: 10 - 11 am

The Wizard of Oz

Date: Saturday

July 19, 2025

Time: 6 - 7 pm

Beetle Battle: Shisima

Date: Wednesday

June 18, 2025

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Level Up with new gaming skills by playing this overseas version of Tic-Tac-Toe!

SUMMER FAMILY STEM WEDNESDAYS

Family Stem

Date: June 11, 2025

June 18 2025

July 9-23, 2025

Time: 6 - 7 pm

Gather the whole family for an exciting day filled with hands-on experiments, creative crafts, and so much more.

Can You Escape The Library

Date: June 11, 2025

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's library.

Sing & Soar with Nanny Nikki

Date: June 25, 2025

July 9, 2025

Time: 10 - 11 am

Join Nanny Nikki for a fun-filled session of storytelling and singing!

PokeBites

Date: Thursday

June 12, 2025

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Learn how to make a fun, delicious, and colorful snack inspired by Pokemon!

JUNIOR DETECTIVES TUESDAYS

4 - 5 pm

The Case of the Dog Napper

June 10, 2025

The Case of the Missing Class Pet

July 22, 2025

Family Field Day

Date: Wednesday

July 23, 2025

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Take part in a fun family event with games, activities, and outdoor excitement for all ages!

Sonic and Friends Painting Class

Date: Thursday

July 24, 2025

Time: 4 - 5:30 pm

Do you like to paint? Are you a Sonic fan? Join us for a fun and creative program where you can bring your favorite Sonic the Hedgehog characters to life through art!

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY THURSDAYS

6 - 8 pm



Sonic The Hedgehog 3

June 5, 2025



Ralph Breaks the Internet

July 3, 2025



Super Mario Bros.

July 17, 2025

Bad Guys 2 Movie Release Party

Date: Saturday

July 26, 2025

Time: 2 - 3 pm

"Bad Guys 2" is coming to theaters on August 1, 2025. We're having a party to celebrate, with exciting games, activities, and prizes.

ADULT

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II

Date: June 6 - July 24, 2025

The 80th anniversary of WWII is approaching. Did you have an ancestor who served or lived through it? We would love to honor their legacy by displaying their story in our display case. Submit the picture and story of a WWII vet you know at the Public Services desk. Let us keep their sacrifices and stories alive!

COMPUTERS 102: ORGANIZING YOUR FILES

Date: Wednesday

July 9, 2025

Time: 7 - 8 pm

Do you need help keeping your digital files organized? Join us as we go through the how-to's and strategies for staying organized. (This program focuses on Windows computers.)

ADVANCED PHOTO EDITING PART 2

Date: Wednesday,

August 20, 2025

Time: 7 - 8 pm

Learn more about GIMP, a free alternative to Photoshop. Learn videos, animation, and more!

INTRO TO HTML & CSS

Date: Wednesday,

July, 23, 2025

Time: 7 - 8 pm

HTML (HyperText Markup Language) and CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) are the building blocks of every website. Come learn the basics of HTML and CSS.

3D PRINTING

Wednesdays

7 - 8 pm

Discover 3D printing, learn to design, and explore helpful resources.

Miniatures

June 4, 2025

Make your own gaming miniatures, get one free print!

Fandom Keychains

June 25, 2025

Create a Keychain in Tinkercad, get one free print!



CPR TRAINING

Date: Saturday

June 28, 2025

Time: 9 am - 1 pm

Join us and BAQE Consulting LLC to learn CPR. Learning CPR is for more than healthcare professionals. It could save the life of your loved one. See our website at www.mapld.org for registration details.

STRICTLY SELF DEFENSE

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join us for an evening of discussions about basic physical self-defense skills and techniques.

ADULT RECESS

Date: Saturday

June 21, 2025

Time: 2 - 4 pm

Adulting is tough! Take a break with Adult Recess—relive your favorite schoolyard games. Come out and play, unwind, and have fun like a kid again!

BAD ART NIGHT

Date: Thursdays

June 12, 2025

June 26, 2025

July 10, 2025

July 24, 2025

August 14, 2025

August 28, 2025

Time: 6 - 8 pm

Stop by and create using materials supplied by the library. Participants can create a bad masterpiece. Then, we will judge whose art is the worst. Winners take home a wonderful piece of art, bragging rights, and a prize.



Scan the QR code for more of our Adult programming

REAL ESTATE SERIES

Date: Tuesdays

Time: 7 - 8 pm

Join realtor Rodessa Joiner for her series of seminars on Real Estate.

Financial Fresh Start

June 17, 2025

Understanding

Today's Real Estate

Market

June 24, 2025

Homebuying: The Entire Process From

Start to Finish

July 15w, 2025

Legacy Wealth & Real Estate

August 19, 2025

Avoid Foreclosure

August 26, 2025

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INFORMATION SESSION

Date: Wednesday

June 11, 2025

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Habitat for Humanity might be able to help you with a new home. Join us for an informational session to learn more.

YOUTH

Kids ages 9 and younger must attend programs with an adult

CRAFT YOUR CHARACTER

Date: Tuesdays

Time: 6 - 7 pm

Ages: 9 - 13

Want to design, create, and edit your own videos and games? Participants must attend all six sessions.

Craft an Escape

June 10, 2025

Craft a Story

June 17, 2025

Craft an App

June 24, 2025

Craft Your Own Game

July 8, 2025

Craft Your Space

Exploration - Part 1

July 15, 2025

Craft Your Space

Exploration - Part 2

July 22, 2025

SUPER MARIO BROS. PUPPETS

Date: Wednesday

July 16, 2025

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Ages: 3 - 12

Come out with the whole family to make a paper puppet of the Super Mario Bros.!

SPANISH 101

Date: Mondays

July 7 - July 28, 2025

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Ages: 6 - 10

Learn basic Spanish.

BE A LEGO ZOOKEEPER

Date: Thursday

July 17, 2025

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Ages: 5 - 9

You'll be given a variety of animals of different shapes, sizes, and numbers, and your challenge is to figure out how to build an amazing Lego zoo to house them all.

COMIC BOOK CREATIONS

Date: Monday, July 7-

Thursday July 10, 2025

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Ages: 10 - 16

You'll learn how to draw superheroes just like you see in a comic book. Participants must be able to attend all four sessions.

CRANKIES

Date: Monday June 23 - Wednesday June 25, 2025

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Ages: 8 - 12

What's a Crankie?

Come find out as well as how to make one of your own! Participants must be able to attend all three sessions.

INDOOR SUMMER PLAYGROUP

Date: Tuesdays

June 10 - July 22, 2025

Time: 10 - 11 am

Ages: 12 - 36 months

Escape the heat and join us for an hour of wiggles, giggles, and open play.

BOOK HUNT

Date: Monday

June 9, 2025

Time: 6 - 7 pm

Ages: 3 - 12

BOOK BINGO

Date: Monday

June 23, 2025

Time: 6 - 7 pm

AGES: 3 - 12

FAMILY GAME DAY

Date: Monday

July 7, 2025

Time: 6 - 7 pm

Ages: 3 - 12

READING RELAYS

Date: Monday

July 14, 2025

Time: 6 - 7 pm

Ages: 3 - 12



CALMING PUZZLES

Date: Monday,

June 9, 2025

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Ages: 3 - 12

Come out with the whole family to complete a jigsaw puzzle of Pokemon, Super Mario Bros., or even Minecraft characters!



CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Date: Monday

June 16, 2025

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Ages: 3 - 12

Join us for an interactive experience where your choices shape the plot and guide the journey. Your decisions make all the difference. The story is in your hands!

STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

Date: Thursdays

June 12 - July 24, 2025

Time: 10 - 10:30 am

Ages: 2 - 5

Parents, Caregivers, and Daycares, bring your preschoolers to come listen to stories and songs.

BLUEY GAME DAY

Date: Thursday

June 26, 2025

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Ages: 3 - 12

Calling all Bluey fans! Be apart of the fun as we bring games from the beloved show to life!



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Check out books at Rainbow Cone!



Join Matteson Library staff at The Original Rainbow Cone at 19805 Crawford Ave, Flossmoor, IL 60422 this summer. We'll be signing up Matteson residents for library cards and checking out books between 6:30 and 7:30 pm on Thursdays starting May 29th. Stop by for a sweet treat and take home a great read!

Thank You to Trustee Andrea Williams!



The Board of Trustees would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to Andrea for her eight years of commitment to our library community. Her contributions have helped shape the library's growth and strengthened its role as a cornerstone of our community. We wish Andrea all the best in her future endeavors and look forward to seeing her around the library!

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Meetings are 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

Administration

- Nikeda Webb, Library Director
- Thom Webb, Assistant Director

Library Hours

- Monday - Thursday 9 am - 9 pm
- Friday - Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
- Sunday - Closed
(Sunday hours resume in September)

Library Closed

- Juneteenth - June 19, 2025
- Independence Day - July 4, 2025

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 business-days prior to the scheduled event.