



Matteson Public Library Newsletter

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Research Made Easy: New Gale Virtual Reference Library Aids Students and Adults

Search over 300 reference ebooks all at once with the *Gale Virtual Reference Library*, the Matteson Library's newest virtual reference tool. Created by reference book publisher, Gale, the *GVRL* facilitates research in a wide variety of topics: arts, biography, business, environment, government, health, history, humanities, law, literature, mathematics, medicine, multicultural studies, religion, science, and social issues. A search across brings results from numerous reference ebooks together quickly into one list. Searches can be limited by subject area or ebook title. Articles may be viewed online, printed, or emailed.

The *GVRL* is accessible on the Library's computers. Matteson residents can also access it from their computer via the Library's web site and logging in with a Matteson library card number.



Between a Rock and a Hard Place, or A Situation You Should Know About

With all the information available on the Internet, are libraries becoming obsolete as some have predicted? In fact, a 2006 American Library Association survey found that on the contrary, Americans' use of libraries is growing. A 2005 Pew Internet survey found that 44% of Americans use the Internet daily, and a 2006 Internet reports that public libraries are the many people to access Internet. The however, to upgrade "information telecommunications, and networked puts considerable strain on already budgets." At the same time other libraries still in demand, still must be paid for: books (print, audio, electronic formats); newspapers, magazines; programs, workshops; assistance from librarians and other staff.



Well-intentioned legislation can also put financial stress on public libraries. The Illinois minimum wage law is incrementally raising the minimum wage from \$5.50 in 2004 to \$8.25 in 2010. Libraries must comply but simultaneously are constrained by the tax cap. Relief from tax cap restrictions may be in sight, however, *if* HB 688 is passed by the state legislature, which would put some flexibility into the tax cap law.

Sources: www.ala.org/ala/ors.reports/2006KRCReport.pdf
www.pewinternet.org/pdfs/PIP_Major%20Moments_2006.pdf
www.ii.fsu.edu/plinternet/

Enchantment Finds a Home in Unusual Places

The captivating magic of stories is now being brought to children at local homeless shelters, due to the efforts of thirty-four volunteers and five area libraries participating in the Dream Tales grant project. Children at local PADS shelters can now enjoy the enchantment of stories read to them.

The Dream Tales grant project was spearheaded by the Grande Prairie Library, and joined by the Matteson, Crete, Park Forest, and Steger-South Chicago Heights libraries to reach out to children in homeless shelters. The libraries recruited volunteers, provided training sessions, and purchased materials with grant funds. Visits to the homeless shelters began on January 16 and will continue through April 27. Two of the shelters are in Matteson.

According to project director Susan Roberts of the Grande Prairie Library, the enthusiastic volunteers find the Dream Tales project very satisfying and worthwhile. The project may be continued this summer, and interested volunteers are invited to contact her at the Grande Prairie Library, 708-798-5563.

The Dream Tales grant is a Library Services and Technology grant awarded by the Illinois State Library from the Institute of Museum Services.



Moveable Gardens

Lift landscape design off the ground and onto decks, patios, terraces, and balconies with container gardens. Landscape designer and educator Kathleen Obirek will share her expertise in growing trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses, and evergreens in container gardens. Get all the "ins" on selecting plants and containers, fertilizers, hormone therapy, vitamins for plants, soilless mixers, additives and containers. **Saturday, April 14, 1—3 p.m.**



Can't Say Enough About Books

Book Discussion meets on the fourth Monday of the month, September to May, at 10:15 a.m. for a friendly discussion over coffee and cookies.

March 26 *The Tender Bar: A Memoir*, by J.R. Moehringer

April 23 *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, by Muriel Spark

May 29 (Tues.) *The Devil in the White City*, by Erik Larson

Ready-to-Go Audio

Have you tried our Playaway books yet? A Playaway book is a complete ready-to-go audio package consisting of an MP3 player containing a downloaded book, earphones, and batteries. Just check it out with your library card, and you're ready to listen.

Librarians, library board trustees, and other library supporters gather in Springfield each spring to rally and meet with legislators and the Secretary of State/ State Librarian Jesse White.

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APRIL 19, 2007

ADVOCATE FOR YOUR LIBRARY!

Let the Library Help You Recycle

And you'll be helping the Matteson Library. Pick up recycling envelopes at the Library, put your used ink jet cartridges and retired cell phones in the envelopes, seal the envelopes and drop them in the mail. It's as easy as that. The items go to AAA Environmental, Inc. to be recycled, and they pay the Library for each undamaged cartridge and cell phone received.

In Appreciation

Many thanks to Linda and Gary Gattis for contributing to the Louisiana Project and to Tiffney Smith for a recent donation to the Library.



To the Matteson Community:

If you're looking for an opportunity to use your talents and abilities in service to your community, the Friends of the Matteson Public Library are looking for you. Just as people benefit in many ways from having friends, so too does a library.

The goal of the Friends of the Library is to help the Library better serve the community by helping with book sales; providing funds for materials and services the Library could not otherwise afford; assisting with children's programs, co-sponsoring programs; and to engage in projects that benefit the Library. Join the Friends and help ensure that the Library remains a vital cultural treasure. Just as friendship has rewards, you'll find that volunteerism does also.

We cordially invite you to meet our group when we gather at the Library on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

The Friends of the Matteson Public Library Board

Vera Thigpen, President Daryl Miles, Vice-President
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Please fill out the form below and mail it to:

Friends of the Matteson Library
801 School Avenue
Matteson, IL 60443

I want to be a Friend of the Matteson Public Library. I enclose \$ _____, payable to the Friends of the Matteson Public Library.

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() Individual \$5.00 () Family \$8.00



Youth Services

Story Times

Right Start Stories

Tuesdays, 10:30—11:00 am
Birth to three-year olds, with caregivers

Pre-K Tale Time

Thursdays, 10:30—11:00 am
Ages 3—5, with caregivers
Pre-schools and daycares welcome.

Saturday Stories

April 14, May 12, 10:30—11:00 am.
Families with children of all ages.

Book Clubs

Bookworms (Grades K—2)

Saturday, March 24, 10:00-10:45 am.
Registration required.

Books, Books, Books! (Grades 3—5)

Saturday, March. 24, 2:00—3:00 pm.
Registration required.

Adult Books for Young Adults (Ages 14+)

Thursday, March 22, 7:00-8:00 pm.
Advanced readers can enjoy adult titles
entertaining & relevant to today's teens. Tell
about your favorites & learn about some new
ones.

Dance Dance Revolution

Thursdays through March 22; 4:00-5:00 pm
Music, fun, & exercise for all!

Southland Libraries DDR Tournament

Sponsored by Best Buy
Grades 5-12
Saturday, April 21, 1:00-3:00 pm
Championship Tournament @Matteson
Public Library
Registration not required; participants provide
their own transportation.

T.E.A.M.

Young Adult Advisory Board (Grades 6-12)
Saturdays, March 17, May 19, 2:00-4:00 pm

Build an Anime Character

Wednesday, March 28 4:00-5:00 pm, ages 10+
Don't miss the last session of our popular
class.

Dora & Diego

Saturday, March 17, 11:00 am –12:00 noon.
Ages 1-6, with caregivers.
Fun activities about the famous TV
characters Dora & Diego.

Spring Vacation Fun for All Ages

April 9—13, 2:00 pm
DDR: Mon, Wed, Fri; Crafts: Tues, Thurs.
Drop-in programs; no registration required.

Signing Smart

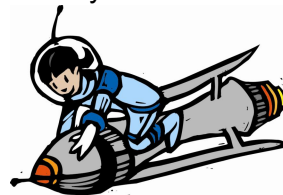
Saturday, March 31, 10:30-11:30 am
Ages birth to 18 months, with parents/
caregivers
Teach your baby a way to communicate
with you before he/she is able to speak.
(No siblings, please!)

We Love a Parade!

Monday, May 28, all ages
March with us in the Matteson Memorial
Day Parade. We'll be featuring our
Summer Reading Program theme,
Mission: Read! Phone Youth Services
Dept. @708-748-4431x13 for time & place
to meet.

Calling All Young Adults!

Be a Volunteer This Summer!
If you'll be entering 6th through 12th grade
next fall, we'd love to have you volunteer
for the **Summer Reading Program** in
June and July. There's lots of jobs, big and
small, for all different tastes. Information &
applications will be available beginning
May 1 in the Youth Services Department.



jr Calendar!

jr Reading Program,
kicks off June 9!!!



Calendar

Children/Young Adult/Teen

Right Start Stories

Tuesdays, 10:30—11 am.

Pre—K Tale Time

Thursdays, 10:30— 11 am.

Saturday Stories, 10:30—11 am.

3/10, 4/14, 5/12

Bookworms Book Club , 10—10:45 am., 3/24

Books, Books, Books!, 2—3 pm

3/24

Adult Books for Young Adults

7—8 pm, 3/22

T.E.A.M. (Young Adult Advisory Board) 3/17, 5/19; 2 pm

Dance Dance Revolution, 4—5 pm, Thursdays through 3/22

DDR Tournament Championship,4/21, 1—3 pm @Matteson Library

Build an Anime Character, 4—5 pm, 3/28

Dora & Diego 11—12 noon 3/17

Matteson Public Library Board of Trustees

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Meets: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00pm.

3/12, 4/9, 5/14

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May 13, May 28

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