

**SONGS WE CAN'T FORGET: MUSIC FOR SENIORS**

Tuesday, January 20, 2 - 3 pm  
So many of our favorite songs bring back cherished memories, from the happiness of childhood to the thrill of our first love. Tenor Fred Walker sings the songs we can't forget, & gives an historical sketch about the selections. He encourages audience participation & takes requests.

**HISTORIC ROUTE 66**

Friday, January 30, 2 - 3 pm  
"Get your kicks on Route 66" when Dave Clark tells the story of Route 66 with music & colorful slides. Take a 'virtual' tour down the "highway that's the best."



**WHITE ELEPHANT SALE WEAVERS GUILD SOUTH**

Saturday, February 21, 1 - 4 pm  
Members will sell fiber goodies, books, & more. Watch a video on felting.

**E-MAIL BASICS**

Thursday, February 26, 10 am - 2 pm  
John Hojak, Prairie State College Instructor, teaches you how to set up an email account, and send, receive, forward and reply to emails. Attachments, address books, & security will be covered. Limit: 15.



**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**HOLY GOAT PERCUSSION**

Sunday, February 1, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm  
Experience the pulsating excitement of traditional West African rhythms in this family program with percussionist Michael J. Taylor. Most exciting of all, you'll get a chance to try your own hand at drumming.



**EYEWITNESS ON AFRICA**

Part 1, Thursday, February 5, 7 - 8 pm  
Part 2, Thursday, February 12, 7 - 8 pm  
Part 3, Thursday, February 19, 7 - 8 pm  
World traveler Bill Helmuth takes you to Victoria Falls; to tribal villages, rural schools, & hospitals; to the island of Zanzibar. Meet people of ancient traditions who battle HIV & malaria. Gain insight into the consequences of colonialism.

**THE RISE OF INDEPENDENT AFRICAN NATIONS**

Sunday, February 8, 7 - 8 pm  
Experience the struggle of emerging independent nations in Africa as Dr. Will Barnett, North Central College, discusses how the Cold War rivalry between the United States & Russia affected nations such as Algeria, Kenya, Angola, Zaire, & Mozambique as well as Nelson Mandela's African National Congress.

Registration required for all programs. Phone 708-748-4431, ext. 26 to register.

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**EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION PREMIERS**

Do you love to read and to share your ideas with others? Then our new evening Book Discussion is for you. The first meeting is Tuesday, January 6, from 7 to 8 pm when we discuss *Memory Keeper's Daughter*, by Kim Edwards. Our discussion leader is Berdia Moffett. Copies of the book will be available at the Library's Circulation Desk. Registration required.

**HOW MUCH \$\$\$ DOES YOUR LIBRARY SAVE YOU?**

See for yourself how much money you save by a visit to your library by going to [www.nsls.info/roi](http://www.nsls.info/roi) and using the Return on Investment calculator. For example, 1 adult book, 2 audiobooks, 1 magazine, and 30 minutes of Internet access saved \$112, based on rounded averages of list and retail prices of a significant sampling of items in each category.

**MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION**

January 26: *Shaggy Muses: The Dogs Who Inspired Virginia Woolf, Emily Dickinson, Edith Wharton, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, & Emily Bronte*, by Maureen B. Adams

February 23: *Loving Frank*, by Nancy Horan  
Our morning Book Discussion meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 10:15 am for a friendly discussion over coffee and cookies. New members are always welcome. Copies of the books may be checked out at the Circulation Desk.

**MANY THANKS**

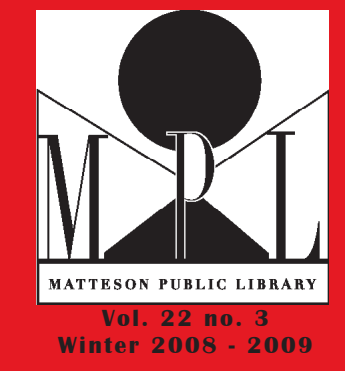
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**BOOK SALE!!!**  
1st Saturday of the Month 10 - 3  
Lower Level of the Library \$5 per bag



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Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 9 pm  
Friday - Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm  
Sunday, 1 - 5 pm



# Matteson Public Library Newsletter

**THE BIG READ IS COMING TO TOWN**

Broaden your horizons. Read, discuss, celebrate! The Matteson Public Library is joining the public libraries of Glenwood/Lynwood, Markham, Midlothian, Oak Forest (Acorn), and Oak Forest High School in the BIG READ to focus on Chinese American culture with special programs in the coming months. Matteson residents are welcome to attend activities at any of the participating libraries.



**THE BIG READ BEGINS** with a Book Fair at Orland Park's Barnes & Noble January 25. Then on January 29, dancers and musicians of the Chinese American Cultural Bridge Center perform at the Raday Lodge in Midlothian. For more information about programs at other libraries, contact the Acorn Public Library at 708-687-3700.

**MATTESON LIBRARY'S BIG READ MOON FESTIVAL CONCERT**

Wednesday, February 25, 7 pm  
Chinese musician Kerry Leung performs with Chinese instruments. Registration required.



**BIG READ BOOK DISCUSSION: THE JOY LUCK CLUB**

Saturday, February 28, 12:30 pm  
Join us to discuss Amy Tan's novel encompassing two generations in a blend of Chinese and American history. Copies of the book will be available for checkout in February.



**BIG READ FILM DISCUSSION: THE JOY LUCK CLUB**

Saturday, March 28, 1 pm  
Watch and discuss the movie version of Amy Tan's book.

**ASIAN COOKING CAMP**

Saturday, April 11, 1 pm  
Experience true Asian flavor as our instructors demonstrate great tips, traditional and authentic recipes, and provide delicious samples. Phone 708-748-4431 ext. 26 to register for these programs.



**MATTESON LIBRARY'S YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT LITTLE READ NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**

Welcome in the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Ox on Saturday, January 31 at 2 pm. Celebrate and learn about Chinese culture through stories, games, crafts, and food. All ages are welcome. Phone 708-748-4431 ext. 13 to register.

The BIG READ programs are made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to restore reading to the center of American culture.

**BEAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT BLUES**

Tuesday, February 17 7-8:30 pm  
Someone's going to get that job offer. Push past the impossible & make it happen for you. Shirley A. Moore represents the Dynamic Do's. Learn how to avoid errors & overcome obstacles when job searching. Phone 708-748-4431 ext. 26 to register.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

Matteson Public Library will be on the April 7 ballot as three Board of Trustees positions will be up for election. The terms are for six years. Trustees must be Matteson residents at least 18 years old. To be on the ballot interested persons must file a nominating petition containing at least 50 signatures between January 26 and February 5, 2009 at the Matteson Village Hall. Petitions may be obtained at the Village Hall.

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# Programs for Adults

## WINTER MO' BEAT BLUES

**& HOLIDAY COOKING IDEAS**  
 Saturday, December 6, 11-12:30 pm  
 Prepare the perfect dish for your holiday feast & become the star of your dinner table! U.S.A. Cooking Camp's professional chefs will demonstrate tasty recipes with samples to enjoy after the class.

## A REAL ROSIE THE RIVETER: THE LIFE OF LINNEA TAYLOR

Sunday, December 7, 2-3 pm  
 Actress Pamela Welcome portrays Linnea Taylor, who worked in a factory during World War II. Taylor's story offers a glimpse of what life was like for people of color during wartime.

## SENIOR HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, December 11, 10:30 am - 12 noon  
 Bring your singing voice & join in on your favorite holiday songs as a Homewood/Flossmoor Suzuki Strings duo perform holiday music. Then the Rich Township Senior Choir performs 'Dreamer's Holiday' music, a mixture of holiday songs & dreamer's melodies. Lunch concludes the program.

## UNCOMMON JOURNEY: AFRICAN AMERICAN ART OF THE 20TH CENTURY

Sunday, December 14, 2-3 pm  
 Art historian Jeff Mishur discusses African American artists such as Henry Ossawa Tanner, Aaron Douglass, Walter Ellison, Archibald Motley, Jr., Jacob Lawrence, Faith Ringgold, & others.

## RESUMES & INTERVIEWING

Tuesday, December 16, 7-8:30 pm  
 Learn how to create a resume & get tips on interviewing skills from Career Advisor Ramien Manson of Prairie State College.

Registration required for all programs. Phone 708-748-4431, ext. 26 for more information & to register.

## WINTER MO' BEAT BLUES

Thursday, December 18, 11 am-12 noon  
 Enjoy some upbeat blues music by Samuel Lozada, better known as Mo' Beat Blues, entertainer, singer, & harmonica player.

## REX NEWELL'S ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW

Saturday, December 20, 1-2:30 pm  
 Appraiser Rex Newell rolls into Matteson with his always popular program on trends in antiques. Attendees may bring one hand-held item for appraisal. Register now as there is a limit of 40 participants.

## INTRODUCTION TO INTERNET BASICS

Thursday, January 8, 10 am - 12 noon  
 John Hojek, Prairie State College instructor, will discuss equipment, connection options, Internet providers, security & protection. Then we'll navigate the Web & discuss search options.

## REDUCING THE COST OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION

Saturday, January 10, 2-3:30 pm  
 Brenda High, Scholarship Coach for Rich Township High School District 227, will provide tips & strategies for finding money for college.

## WRITING A BUSINESS PLAN & GETTING A LOAN

Wednesday, January 14, 6:30-8:30 pm  
 Center Point Small Business Development Center, Governors State University, presents a workshop on how to put together a winning business plan, how to apply for a business loan, & preparing for a bank visit. You'll get a business perspective as well as a banker's point of view.

## MUSICAL LEGEND JOURNEY, BY CHRIS COLLETTI

Wednesday, January 15, 1-2 pm  
 Singer, entertainer, & Chicago native Chris Colletti takes you on a journey back to a sweeter time, a simpler time when a song & its lyrics really meant something. Relive memories of such legends as Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Al Martino, Mel Torme, Buddy Greco, Vic Damone, & Tony Bennett.



# Find the Winning Strategy

## Lapsit

Tuesdays, @9:30 & 10:30 am  
 Birth - 36 months with adult care giver  
 Join us for this "first playgroup" experience featuring stories, songs, baby games, and bubbles. No registration required. School groups & daycares that would like to attend Lapsit are urged to contact us in advance so we can set up a special visit!



## Mad Scientists Club

1st grade & up  
 Wild & wacky science fun for elementary students. Registration required.

## Grow a Plant with a Stinky Shoe Box

Dec. 9, 4-5 pm OR Dec. 13, 10-11 am

## Magnetic Personalities

Jan. 10, 10-11 am  
 Feb. 14, 10-11 am

## Family Knits

Thursdays, beginning Jan 22 6:30-8 pm  
 Ages 9 & up, adults welcome  
 Start a family tradition by joining us for a weekly knitting workshop. A variety of knitting skills, from cables, colorwork, lacework, & knitting in the round, will be covered. We provide initial yarn. Bring 1 pair of size 8 straight knitting needles per participant & scissors. Beginners & experienced knitters welcome. Registration required.

## Manga Maniacs

6th grade & up  
 Wednesdays, beginning Jan 7, 4-5 pm  
 Graphic novel & Manga enthusiasts, come to discuss & draw with other readers & artists. No registration required.



Halloween visitors



## Get Ready to Read Club

Wednesdays, 7 pm & Thursdays, 10:30 am  
 3-6 year olds with adult caregiver  
 Features stories, songs, games, crafts, & other activities designed to support early literacy skills. No registration required. School groups & daycares that would like to attend Get Ready to Read Club are urged to contact us in advance to insure that we have enough space & materials to accommodate you!

## No School Today!!! Activities for Days Off

### Winter Break Craftel

December 22 - 30  
 Drop in & make a "Happy New Year" craft. No registration required.

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 19 (All Day)  
 Make a book or journal about Dr. King to take home. Make an "I have a Dream" craft to share your dreams & help us decorate the Youth Services Department. No registration required.

### All Ages Family Programs

Registration required for all kids & adults. Kids under 7 must be accompanied by a responsible person at least 12 years old.

### TEAM Library Puppet Show: Classic Winter Stories

Saturday, December 13, 2 pm  
 Our own teen advisory board puts on a puppet show for you. Make a puppet of your own.

### "Little READ"

Chinese New Year Celebration  
 Saturday, January 31, 2 pm

We join in the BIG READ (see p. 1) with our own LITTLE READ. Help us welcome in the Year of the Ox! Learn about Chinese culture through stories, games, crafts, & food.

### Valentine Party with Clifford the Big RED Dog

Saturday, February 14, 2 pm  
 Enjoy Valentine's Day stories, songs & crafts. Bring your camera & have your picture taken with Clifford the Big Red Dog.

## TEAM LIBRARY Young Adult Advisory Board

Grades 6 - 12, Saturdays, 2-4 pm, 12/6, 1/10, 2/7, 3/7  
 Volunteer at the Library, have fun with your friends, feed your body & your mind. Registration required.



## Family Chess Night

All Ages - Adults Welcome  
 Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm  
 Play chess with old & new friends of all ages. Here's a chance for beginners to learn & for others to improve their skills. No registration required.



## Winter Chess Tournaments

Grades 1-12, December 17-January 31  
 Play anytime in Youth Services in either of two divisions, grades 1-5 & grades 6-12. Prizes will be awarded to the three players with the best win averages in each division. We provide the boards & pieces, you provide the opponents. Adults are welcome to play but are not eligible to compete. Registration required.

## Illinois Student Choice Book Awards Monarch Award

K-3rd grade, 10-11 am, December 20, January 24  
 Meet to read a story from the 2009 Monarch Book Award Nominees & do fun activities related to the story. See the list of nominated books at [www.islma.org/monarch.htm](http://www.islma.org/monarch.htm). Registration required.

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