

Calendar of Events

December

- 1 Learn How to Interview Like a Pro 2 pm
- Get Ready to Read Club 7 pm
- Family Chess Night 7 pm
- 2 Get Ready to Read Club 10:30 am
- 4 CPR class 9:30 am
- 7 Lapsit 9:30 or 10:30 am
- 8 Family Chess Night 7 pm
- Get Ready to Read Club 7 pm
- 9 Get Ready to Read Club 10:30 am
- 10 Closed for staff in-service
- 11 Around the World 10:30 am
- Lil' Thangz Workshop 2 pm
- Guys Read Book Discussion 3 pm
- 14 Lapsit 9:30 or 10:30 am
- 13 Library Board meeting 7 pm
- Girl Power Book Discussion 7 pm
- 14 Senior holiday program 10:30 am
- 15 Family Chess Night 7 pm
- Winter Chess Tournament begins
- Get Ready to Read Club 7 pm
- 16 Get Ready to Read Club 10:30 am
- 18 Lego Club 1 pm
- 21 Lapsit 9:30 or 10:30 am
- 22 Internet Tools 11 am or 5 pm
- Family Chess Night 7 pm
- Get Ready to Read Club 7 pm
- 23 Get Ready to Read Club 10:30 am
- 24 - 25 Closed for holiday
- 28 Lapsit 9:30 or 10:30 am
- 29 Family Chess Night 7 pm
- Get Ready to Read Club 7 pm
- 30 Get Ready to Read Club 10:30 am
- 31 Closed for holiday

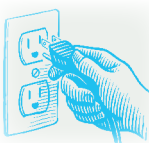
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- 4 Lapsit 9:30 or 10:30 am
- 5 Email Q & A 11 am or 5 pm
- Family Chess Night 7 pm
- Get Ready to Read Club 7 pm
- 6 Get Ready to Read Club 10:30 am
- 8 Around the World 10:30 am
- Mario Kart Tournament for Wii 1 pm
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- 12 Family Chess Night 7 pm
- Eat, Pray, Love with Chef Michael Niksic 7 pm
- Get Ready to Read Club 7 pm
- 13 Get Ready to Read Club 10:30 am
- 15 CPR class 9:30 am
- Weavers Guild South 1 pm
- Guys Read Book Discussion 3 pm
- 17 Black History Online
- Research Resources 4 pm
- 18 Lapsit 9:30 or 10:30 am
- 19 Internet Safety 11 am or 5 pm
- Family Chess Night 7 pm
- Get Ready to Read Club 7 pm
- 20 Get Ready to Read Club 10:30 am
- 22 Mother Goose & Friends 10:30 am
- Lego Club 1 pm

Save on Your Electric Bills: Use Your Library Card

How energy-efficient are your household appliances? Did you know some devices draw electricity even when they are shut off? Cut costs and find out which appliances are actually worth keeping plugged in with a Kill-a-Watt electricity usage monitor you can check out at your library.

Simply connect the electrical



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paper - place it in the PaperRetriever® Recycling bin at the south end of the library's parking lot (please, no cardboard, plastic, glass, metal, trash, or anything from the kitchen or bathroom)

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device that you want to check to the monitor to assess its energy efficiency. Calculate your electrical expenses by the day, week, month, or year. Monitor voltage, line frequency, and power factor to check the quality of your power.

Find out 'watts' killing you with one of these monitors donated by Commonwealth Edison. They may be checked out for two weeks with your library card.

ink cartridges - bring them into the library

GRC Wireless Recycling pays the library for each cell phone we send them. If we collect at least two tons of paper per month, PaperRetriever Recycling pays the Library from \$5 to \$20 per ton, depending on how much is collected in a month.

Have other items to recycle? Visit www.earth911.org to find a recycling center near you.

- 22 Reducing the Cost of a College Education 1 pm
- 24 Book Discussion 10:15 am
- Girl Power Book Discussion 7 pm
- 25 Lapsit 9:30 or 10:30 am
- Book Discussion 7 pm
- 26 Family Chess Night 7 pm
- Get Ready to Read Club 7 pm
- 27 Get Ready to Read Club 10:30 am
- 30 Winter Chess Tournament ends

February

- 1 Lapsit 9:30 or 10:30 am
- 2 Family Chess Night 7 pm
- Get Ready to Read Club 7 pm
- 3 Get Ready to Read Club 10:30 am
- 8 Lapsit 9:30 or 10:30 am
- Online Genealogy Resources 7 pm
- 9 Chocolate Overdose 6:30 pm
- Family Chess Night 7 pm
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BLACK HISTORY ONLINE RESEARCH RESOURCES

Matteson Library's Website has 24/7 Online Resources for Your Research Projects.



Biography in Context™ - Start your research on a specific person here. This Gale database of over 500,000 people throughout history up to the present has information from award-winning reference books plus screened articles, images & websites.



Proquest Historical Newspapers™ includes *Chicago Tribune* (1849-1987), *Chicago Defender* (1910-1975) & *Atlanta Daily World* (1931-2003). View, read & print articles on people & events reported at that time in history.



U.S. History in Context™ & **World History in Context™** from Gale both offer reference books, articles, images & vetted websites on historical topics.



Be sure to visit our website at www.mattesonpubliclibrary.org to use these as well as all of our other online resources we have for your information needs and reading interests.

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Click on '24/7 Resources,' then 'Information Resources.' Select from the list. When prompted, enter your Matteson Public Library card's barcode number.



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Matteson Public Library Newsletter

Illinois Funds Essential Library Services Through January 2011

Library Systems Planning Merger, Redesign of Services

In the last newsletter, we reported on the impact of the State's financial crisis on library systems, which provide key services to libraries. Illinois' failure to pay library systems what they have been allocated has threatened these key services. As explained last time, the two most essential services, which impact our patrons directly, are delivery for interlibrary loan and the online catalog.

The Metropolitan Library System (MLS), which serves the south and western suburban libraries and Chicago academic, school, and special libraries, received only 57% of its FY2010 funding and no funds for the current year. Library systems made deep cuts in services and staff in order to maintain delivery services and online catalogs through November.

On October 22, 2010, MLS received \$558,610.46 of the \$1 million-plus owed it by the state for FY2010, which allows delivery and SWAN online catalog support to continue through January 2011. The status of future payments is unknown at this time.

In this uncertainty, MLS must plan for two possible but opposite outcomes: continued funding or no

further funding. MLS Executive Director Su Bochenski stated in a November 1, 2010 post, that "While it is difficult to move forward without any certainty of a revenue stream, what we can promise is to continue the Delivery service and support to SWAN for as long as we possibly can, and if funding does cease, we will provide an orderly transition of services."

...Matteson Public Library will...do all we can to provide our patrons with the materials they require...the library in all probability will have to begin to assess a delivery fee for interlibrary loan items.

In September the MLS Board of Directors completed the conversion of the SWAN online catalog into a separate legal entity, thus protecting SWAN's physical and financial assets from state seizure. SWAN member libraries financially support SWAN.

Library systems, library trustees, and librarians are working to redesign regional library services in northern and central Illinois. MLS and four other systems have formed the Merger Design Team to build a foundation for establishing a more cost effective and sustainable new system out of a

merger of the five northern and central library systems.

Specifically, this group is working to develop a shared vision, mission, and values for the merged system; design a governance structure and plan of service, develop a facilities plan, assist in the selection of the Executive Director and staffing requirements, develop a 2012 operating budget for the new system, and develop a final merger proposal for submission to the State of Illinois.

While the state of library systems in Illinois is currently undefined, the Matteson Public Library will continue to do all we can to provide our patrons with the materials they require. This could be a financial burden for some as the library in all probability will have to begin to assess a delivery fee for interlibrary loan items. The one sure thing we can count on is that no matter what type of delivery system we ultimately end up with, at least the interlibrary loan option will continue.

Become a Library Trustee An Outstanding Community Service Opportunity

Service-minded Village residents are urged to consider candidacy for three Matteson Library Board of Trustees positions that will be on the April 2011 ballot to fill two full six-year terms and the remainder of one six-year term which expires in 2013.

The Board of Trustees establishes policies governing the library programs and usage; oversees the budget and financial administration; revises policies when needed to improve or expand services; formulates and reviews long range plans for future development and expansion of services when the needs of the library so indicate; and actively advocates for library support at both the local and state levels. The Board appoints the Library Director, who is responsible for administration of the Library.

The Board meets monthly on the second Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the library's Meeting Room.

To become a candidate, a registered voter residing in the Village of Matteson must circulate a nominating petition to obtain at least 25 signatures from incorporated Matteson legal voters. Filing for candidacy in the April 2011 election must be completed during the period from December 13 to December 20, 2010.

The State of Illinois Candidate's Guide 2011, pp. 34-35, has more information plus the required forms at the back of the *Guide*. Obtain the *Guide* online at: www.elections.il.gov/Downloads/ElectionInformation/PDF/2011Canguide.pdf.

Programs for Adults

Tutor.com's Learn How to Interview Like a Pro

Wednesday, December 1
2:00 - 3:30 pm

Career expert Barbara Safani will teach you how to ace your job interview and stand out from the crowd.

AHA Cpr/Aed Classes

Saturdays: 12/4, 1/15,
2/19 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Attend one of these sessions and receive an AHA CPR card valid for two years. Advance registration required. Fee: \$35. Pay cash at class, or with credit card in advance online at <http://chicagolandcprtraining.com>.

Lil' Thangz Miniature Creations

Saturday, December 11
2 - 4:30 pm

CoRiccio Baskin, Lil' Thangz miniatures creator, shares his amazing talent with us! Learn how to make your own miniature creations from ordinary household materials. His work has been featured in major Hollywood films.

Holiday Program For Seniors

Tuesday, December 14
10:30 am

Shirley Moore presents "Holiday Happiness." Enjoy lunch at noon, and then the Rich Township Senior Choir performs for us afterward.

Eat, Pray, Love: The Food Mercenary's Culinary Triple Play

Wednesday, January 12
7 - 8:30 pm

Chef Michael Niksic's recipes parallel the book made into a movie. 'Eat' is an Italian pasta and sauce. 'Pray' centers on Middle Eastern foods, and 'Love' features chocolate!

Weavers Guild South: Chain Maille

Saturday, January 15, 1 - 4 pm

Debbie Peach shows you the basics of weaving metal rings in a pattern to create a bracelet. Kit fee. White Elephant Sale today also.

Black History Online Research Resources at the Library

Monday, January 17, 4 pm

One of our own professional staff introduces you to Matteson Library's subscription online resources available to you for Black History research projects. Hands-on opportunities to try them included.

Reducing the Cost of a College Education

Saturday, January 22, 1-3 pm

Brenda High, Scholarship Coach for Rich Township High School District 227 and President of Career Fitness, LLC, provides tips and strategies for finding money for college.

Genealogy Online Resources

Tuesday, February 8, 7 pm

A Matteson Library staff member shows you the library's online genealogy research resources. Hands-on opportunities included.

The Food Mercenary: Chocolate Overdose

Wednesday, February 9, 6:30 pm

Chef Michael Niksic tells all about chocolate: imported, domestic, commercial, handmade, dark, semisweet, bittersweet, and more. Plus storage, handling, melting, uses, misuses. Expect fun, treats, beverages, prizes, recipes!

Golden Age of Radio

Wednesday, February 16, 10 - 11:30 am

Journey to the early 20th century when radio was the electronic window to the world. Steve Darnall of WDCB-FM's Radio's Golden Age presents old-time radio classics and music.

Weavers Guild South: A Weaver's Tour of Africa

Saturday, February 19, 1 - 4 pm

Sharon Quarcini takes you on a lecture tour of Africa's weaving cultures.

Mardi Gras Jambalaya

Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 pm

Michael Niksic demonstrates the finest jambalaya recipe you may ever encounter! Tasting and recipes for jambalaya, Cajun rice and black beans.

Wednesday Computer Classes

Selected Wednesdays. Classes are filled on the day of the class on a first come, first served basis, beginning 30 minutes before the start of class.

***Internet Tools** December 22 or February 23, 11 am or 5 pm

Use a search engine to find new web sites, access common online directories, and bookmark favorite web sites for future use.

Prerequisite: you must be confident using a mouse and keyboard.

***Email Q & A** January 5 or March 9, 11 am or 5 pm

Explore different aspects of the major email providers (AT&T, Yahoo, Google, etc.) Prerequisites: you must have a web-based email account & be confident in your mouse and keyboarding skills.

***Internet Safety** January 19 or March 23, 11 am or 5 pm

A presentation discussing various do's and don'ts when shopping, social networking, and browsing the Internet.

Book Discussions

No Registration Required.

✓ Mon Jan 24 10:15 am or Tues Jan 25 7 pm The Help. Kathryn Stockett.

✓ Mon Feb 28 10:15 am or Tues March 1 7 pm. Icy Sparks. Gwyn Hyman Rubio.

Lapsit

Birth to 36 months with caregiver
Tuesdays, 9:30
OR 10:30 am

Bring your baby for songs, finger plays, stories, & bubbles at this first "playgroup" experience!

*No registration required for families. Child care groups must register in advance.

Get Ready to Read Club

3 - 6 years old with caregiver
Wednesdays @ 7 pm OR
Thursdays @ 10:30 am

This fun program features stories, songs, games, crafts & other activities designed to help preschoolers get ready to learn to read!

*No registration required for families. Child care groups must register in advance.

Bookflix™

Help your child learn to read. Visit our website, www.mattesonpubliclibrary.org and click on this button to view and read books online. When prompted, enter your Matteson Library card barcode number. Library patrons from other communities may use Bookflix™ from a computer in the Youth Services Department.

The AWE-some Computer for Young Children

Open the door to a lifetime of learning with the AWE (Advanced Workstations in Education) computer for children 18 months to 7 years old. The preloaded AWE programs are designed to support learning in literacy, mathematics, science, and social studies.

To use the AWE computer, children must be accompanied by an adult. Sessions are 30 minutes and may be extended if no one is waiting. A library card is not required for use because there is no Internet access. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

Lego Club

1st grade and up
Saturdays: Dec 18, Jan 22, Feb 26
1 - 2 pm

Join us one Saturday a month for building challenges and free play, too. Registration is required and begins on the first of each month.

To register phone 708-748-4431 ext 202

Youth Services

Mother Goose & Friends

Toddlers through 1st grade
Saturday, January 22
10:30 am



Mother Goose herself will be here with stories, songs, and rhymes in this interactive program featuring creative dramatics and puppetry. Registration is required and begins on Monday, January 3rd!

Around the World



Kindergarten through 3rd grade
Saturdays: Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12
10:30 - 11:30 am

Grab your passport and travel the world through stories, songs, crafts, and more! Each month will be a surprise destination. Registration is required and begins on the first of each month.

Family Chess Night

Families with kids in 1st grade & up
Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm

Kids and adults can learn to play from our instructor, then practice with other fans of the game weekly. No registration required.

Winter Chess Tournament

December 15 - January 30

Come play in Youth Services any time. We provide boards and pieces, you provide opponents. Compete for prizes in a variety of divisions. Adult players welcome but only 18 and younger may compete. Registration required.



Girl Power Book Discussion

Girls in 4th - 6th grade
with a female caregiver

Girls and their moms or other female caregivers are invited to explore some terrific books with female main characters. Refreshments and fun activities may also be included when appropriate.

The books will be available at the Circulation Desk for check out. Registration is required and begins the first of each month.

Mon, 12/13, 7 pm: *The View From Saturday*, by E.L. Konigsburg

Mon, 1/24, 7 pm: *Boys are Dogs*, by Leslie Margolis

Mon, 2/28, 7 pm: *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, by Grace Lin

Guys Read Book Discussion

Boys in 4th - 6th grade
with a male caregiver

Boys and their dads or other male caregivers are invited to share books with action, sports, adventure, and humor. Snacks and fun activities may also be included.

The books will be available for check out at the Circulation Desk. Registration is required and begins the first of each month.

Sat, 12/11, 3 pm: *The Boys of San Joaquin*, by James D. Smith

Sat, 1/15, 3 pm: *Lawn Boy*, by Gary Paulsen

Sat, 2/19, 3 pm: *The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had*, by Kristin Levine

Just Press Play and Go

Listen to your favorite authors on the go with a Playaway®! The Youth Services Department has a growing collection of these preloaded digital audiobooks, classics and popular. Each Playaway® is ready to go with a preloaded book, battery, and earbuds so all you have to do is press "Play" and enjoy.



Stop by or go online at <http://swan.mls.lib.il.us/> and see what's available in

Playaway. The Adult Services Department has Playaways, too.

T. E. A. M. Library

6th - 12th grades
Members only

TEAM Library meets once a month and is the library's Young Adult Advisory Board. It provides opportunities for volunteering, personal growth, socializing, and just having fun. Stop in at Youth Services for more information and a membership application.



Mario Kart Tournament for Wii

2nd - 12th grade
Saturday, January 8, 1 pm

Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines! Compete in two divisions: 2nd through 5th grade or 6th through 12th grade for fantastic prizes!!!

Coming in January Story Tubes!!!

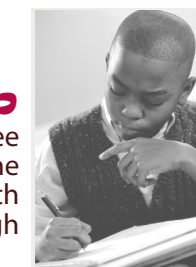
Story Tubes is an international contest in which kids make book trailers (like the previews you see before movies, only for books!) and compete for fabulous prizes! The library will be helping kids make, edit, post to YouTube, and submit short movies beginning in mid-January.

Watch for more details at the library or on our website at www.mattesonpubliclibrary.org after January 1st. Then tell us about your favorite book and be a star!

Free Online Live Homework Help

Schoolwork got you stumped? Free homework help is available live online 2 to 9 pm daily from Tutor.com™ with your Matteson Library card through our website!

Look for this button on our website at www.mattesonpubliclibrary.org.



Visit our website for more 24/7 online information resources to research your homework topics. It's all free with your Matteson Library card!

Stop by or phone 708-748-4431 to register.