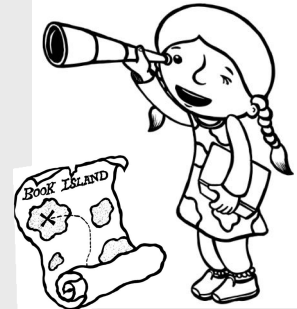


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The **Voyage to Book Island** begins **June 3** with registration for the 2006 Youth Services Summer Reading program. Get your reading log, read books, win prizes, join in activities and events, have fun!!! Those who complete the reading program will be eligible for tickets to our Pool Party on August 4 at the Park Forest Aqua Center.

Registration in the Youth Services Department is required for most activities and events and begins on the Monday of the week before the scheduled event.

Read for Prizes

June 3: Registration begins. Every four hours that you read, you receive a prize. Read twelve hours to complete the program and receive tickets to the Pool Party.

June 12: First day to turn in reading hours for prizes.

July 31: Last day to turn in reading hours for prizes.

August 4, 8-10 pm. Pool Party, Park Forest Aqua Center. Tickets required.

Story Times

Birth to Three Story Time

Tuesdays, June 20-July 25, 10:30-11 am, Birth to 36 months

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, June 22-July 27, 10:15-11:30 am, ages 3 to 6 years.

Registration NOT required.

Crafts

Tuesdays, 2-3 pm, Gr. 1-5. Registration required.

June 20: Hula Welcome Birds.

June 27: Super Size Fish.

July 11: Monkey Photo Frame.

July 18: Treasure Chest.

July 25: Pirate Hats & Eye Patches.

Special Craft Event!

Puppet Show & Craft.

Monday, July 10, 2-3 pm. All ages. Registration NOT required.

Young Adult Happenings

Read & Feed Middle School, Gr. 6-8

Wednesdays, June 21-July 26, Noon

Read & Feed High School, Gr. 9-12

Mondays, June 19-July 24, Noon

We provide dessert & a beverage; you bring a lunch and any Matteson Library-owned book that you have read. We'll talk & trade books over a relaxing lunch. Register once for all sessions although it is not necessary to attend all sessions to participate.

Whodunit; Mystery Theater Troupe, Gr. 6-12

Thursday, June 22, 6:30-7pm

Participate in a mystery event based on the TV show *Gilligan's Island*. Registration required.

Special Events!

June 3: Building a Book with Kevin Luthart. 2 pm.

All ages. The illustrator for the Summer Program's official artwork will talk about the making of a book. Registration NOT required.

June 19: Drop in for **Bingo.** 2-3 pm. Gr. 1-5.

June 21, July 5 & 12: Drop in for **Movie Time.** 2-4 pm. Gr. 1-5.

June 22 & 29, July 6: Drop in for **Card Club.** 2-3 pm. Ages 8 & up.

June 26: Baby Beach, 6:30-7:30 pm, Birth to 36 months.

Beachy fun, stories & activities for babies and parents. Weather permitting, we'll be outdoors & water play is included so bring appropriate gear. Registration required.

June 28: Cat Catalani, 2-3 pm, all ages. Join us for a fantastic presentation of stories & songs from this renowned artist. Registration required.

July 13, 20, 27: Dance Dance Revolution

tion, 2-3 pm, Gr. 1-5. Non-competitive play. Registration required.

July 17: Island Foods: Nutritious & Delicious, 2 pm, all ages. Learn about and taste some favorite island fruits. Registration required.

July 19: The Magic & Storytelling Fun of Dave Mayer, 1 pm, all ages. Registration required.

July 26: Dave DeNasio's World of Reptiles, 2 pm, all ages. See snakes & lizards, & other crawly critters up close. Registration required.

Island Bakery Contest, Gr. 6-12

Thursday, June 29, 7 pm

Bring a baked good for taste-test judging. Baked goods should be island-theme related. We'll sample the goodies after the judging. See program flyer for more details. Registration required.

Art Fest, Gr. 6-12

Thursday, July 6, 7-8 pm

Make some island-themed art. Registration required.

Dance Dance Revolution Pre-Tournament Play, Gr. 6-12

Thursday, July 13 & 20, 7-8 pm

Open play to practice and set your standing in the tournament brackets. Registration required.

Dance Dance Revolution Tournament, Gr. 6-12

Thursday, July 27, 6-8 pm. Bracketed tournament play.

Prizes. Registration required.





Summertime & the readin' is easy at the Matteson Public Library



Embark on the *Voyage to Book Island*

Discover a treasure trove of reading this summer by signing up for the Adult Summer Reading program beginning June 3. Participants will read five books to complete the program, receive a prize, and be eligible to enter a raffle for a grand prize. Books, in print or audio, must be selected according to a variety of categories and be checked out from the Matteson Library. The program concludes on July 31st.



What's New?

Eager to find out what the newest books are? Check out **BookNews**, a new feature on our Web site at www.matteson.lib.il.us. Click on the **BookNews** icon to see this monthly newsletter of new books, best-sellers, and award-winning books. A variety of categories can be viewed online or you can sign up to receive **BookNews** by email. To check on the availability of a book, click on the link to the online catalog. You can place a reserve online using your library card number



Also on our Web site is **Online Book Clubs**, which lets you sample new books by email. Click on this link and find eleven categories of new books to choose from. Enter your email address for each category of your choice. Each day you will receive a short reading from a book. At the end of the week you will have read two to three chapters of the book and can then opt to check out the book from the library and finish reading it.



How to Help Your Library

Financial donations to the Library help to purchase books and other materials and services that improve the lives of children and adults in your community. You may make a simple cash gift or you may direct your gift towards something specific. Your donation can honor a special person, memorialize a loved one, or can be given in your own name. Endowment funds, bequests, planned giving and living trusts are also means of donating.

Donations of all amounts are welcome and appreciated at the Matteson Library. Materials purchased with donations have a bookplate with the name of the donor. To give special recognition to those who donate \$1,000 or more the Library has recently installed an oak panel donor plaque titled the **Thousand Dollar Club**. The name of each donor is engraved on a brass plate.

Our thanks and appreciation go to the following for recent donations: Vera Davis; Carol Walters, and everyone who has contributed to the penny jar at the Circulation Desk.

You Have Mail

Provide us your email address & receive email notification that your requested items have arrived PLUS courtesy reminders 3 days before your items are due back to us.

Come to the **Southland Library Palooza**

Find entertainment for the whole family on July 12-14, 4 to 9 pm and July 15, 10 am to 9 pm at the Country Club Hills Theater, 4116 W. 183rd St. Storyteller Oba William King, Mark Nichols and the Puppet Place Theatre, Yo-yo Man Barry North, the Jesse White Tumblers, Radio Disney, and the BMX Bicycling Team are among the performers who will appear.

Cost of admission: your library card. If you don't have a library card, you can register and receive a "Palooza Pass" to all the great events.

The **Southland Library Palooza** is brought to you by the City of Country Club Hills and fifteen area public libraries, including Matteson Library.

Matteson Library Rated a Top Ten Hotspot

In a March 2, 2006 article the *Chicago Tribune* named its top ten Wi-Fi hotspots in the Chicago area. The article rates hotspots in terms of space, cost, and scene.

The Matteson Library is the only one on the list that offers the service absolutely free. The others (which are restaurants, bars, coffee houses, and a bookstore) charge a fee or require a purchase. Ours is the only south suburban location that made the *Tribune's* list and the only library on the entire list.

So come in out of the summer heat and cool off while you surf via our top-rated Wi-Fi.



E-Pay E-zier for You

Fines, fees, and donations to the Matteson Library can all be paid electronically now through **E-Pay**, a program of the Treasurer of the State of Illinois. American Express, MasterCard, and Discover cards may be used. A minimum \$1 convenience fee, which is not charged or collected by the Matteson Library, is added to the amount you pay.

Just click on the E-Pay link on the Library's Web site at www.matteson.lib.il.us or go directly to Illinois E-Pay at www.illinoisepay.com and type in "Matteson Public Library" and follow the directions. Allow two business days for your account to be updated.



How Much Do You Use Your Library?

Matteson Library's Annual Report for the fiscal year completed April 30, 2006 tells us that:

- ✓63% of Matteson residents held library cards;
- ✓163,918 people walked through our doors;
- ✓our customers had 86,877 books, audios, and videos to choose from and they checked out 143,775 items;
- ✓our readers had 185 subscriptions to magazines, newspapers, and other publications available;
- ✓we subscribed to 36 databases for your research;
- ✓24,360 people used computers to surf the Internet and use Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and others;
- ✓7,486 of you attended our programs;
- ✓our staff answered 14,859 reference questions.

Hours

Mon to Thurs, 10 - 9; Fri & Sat, 10-5

Sunday, 1 - 5 pm, Sept. to May

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LIBRARY CLOSED: May 28 & 29; July 3 & 4, August 4. Closed Sundays May 28 to September 3.
Re-open Sundays beginning Sept. 10