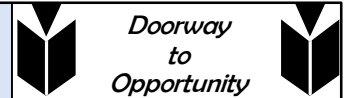




Matteson Public Library Newsletter



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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: A Special Presentation

Monday, January 21, 3:00—5:00 pm

Discover your purpose, be empowered, improve your quality of life. In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, bring family and friends to hear motivational speaker, trainer, coach, consultant Mack D. McGhee, CEO of Transforming Lives International. A Chicago Heights native and area resident, McGhee is dedicated to helping others improve their quality of life through motivation and inspiration. In working for several State of Illinois Child Welfare and Human Services agencies, he has had opportunities to serve in various capacities dedicated to the goal of empowering, encouraging, and motivating youth and adults to succeed no matter what their circumstance. He also reaches out to audiences with the written word, co-authoring a book, *From Mediocre to Magnificent: How to Make the Rest of the Best of Your Life*, with several other up-and-coming motivators. Save the date to hear his powerful message in this special event. *Registration required.*



Mack D. McGhee

Celebrate Black History Month

Martin Luther King, Jr. Historical Portrayal

Sunday, February 3, 2:00—4:00 pm

Acclaimed actor/living history performer/producer Rudy Barker performs “*The Dream Lives*,” a reenactment of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s most powerful speeches, including “*I Have a Dream*.” Barker’s portrayal gives his audience a “living history lesson” leading to the realization that Dr. King’s philosophy of nonviolence is still relevant to survival and growth in the 21st century. *Registration required.*

An Afternoon with Ella Clark

Sunday, February 10, 3:00—4:00 pm

Award-winning oral interpreter Ella Clark performs “When Your Child Walks into a Room, Do Your Eyes Light Up?,” dramatic prose and poetry readings that explore the sources of pain in the African American historical legacy, the belief system, and the family; the process of passing on the pain; and solutions for healing. *Registration required.*

For more information and to register for these special events, phone 708-748-4431, ext. 28.

Matteson Library Offers Free Online Computer Courses

Improve your computer knowledge and skills with an online course from LearningExpressLibrary, an online service offered by the Matteson Library. Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Outlook as well as Adobe Acrobat and Internet Explorer 5.0 are available at fundamental, intermediate, and advanced learning levels. Using a simulated environment, skills are reinforced through performance-based practices and testing.

Patrons may use the Library’s database computers to take the courses, or Matteson residents may access them with a home computer and logging in with their library card after setting up a LearningExpressLibrary account at the Matteson Library.

Other LearningExpressLibrary offerings include test practice for

SAT, ACT, ASVAB, GED, real estate, cosmetology, civil service, paramedic, police officer, and other exams.



- ◆ Marilyn Carlson
- ◆ DuWayne & Bonnie Carnes
- ◆ Eleanor Stege

All donations to the Library are very much appreciated.

Adult Services Programs

Phone 708-748-4431, ext. 28 for information & to register.

Enjoyment/Learning/Self-Improvement

Steve Cooper's Early TV & Pop Singers

Monday, Dec. 3, 10:00-11:30 am

A look at rare videos & films of the finest singers & big bands from the late 1940's, 50's, & 60's including Barbara Eden, Merv Griffin, the Ink Spots, Nat King Cole & a never before seen duet by Elvis Presley & Frank Sinatra.

Holiday Happiness for Seniors

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 9:00-12 noon

Holiday social activity for seniors, featuring memory-building games, entertainment, food & fun. Hosted by the University of Illinois Extension & the Matteson Public Library.

Using Your Digital Camera

Saturday, Dec. 15, 10:00-11:30 am

Get all of your questions answered about digital cameras. Glenn Carpenter, Moraine Valley Community College, covers the basics such as getting the pictures into the computer & using software to enhance your photos.

Organizing Your Home for the New Year

Thursday, Jan. 17, 7:00—8:30 pm

Become clutter-free with decision-making guidelines, useful tips, & good habits from Tiffani Grant, Professional Organizer & member of the National Association of Professional Organizers.

Soup for the Soul: Winter Cooking Ideas

Saturday, Jan. 26, 11:00 am—12:30 pm

An exciting, informative cooking demo by professional chefs. Taste samples afterward.

Limit 20. Sign up now.

EFT Introductory Workshop

Thursday, Jan. 31, 7:00—8:30 pm

Emotional Freedom Technique, a one-minute technique to eliminate stress & improve health, will be taught by certified EFT practitioners from South Suburban College.



Tax Help From H&R Block

Year-End Tax Strategies: Employee & Government Benefits

Saturday, Dec. 8, 10:00—11:30 am

Learn about investments that affect taxable income, best use of cafeteria plans, tax consequences of charitable deductions, moving expenses, gambling losses, & more.

General Tax Tips & Earned Income Credit

Thursday, Jan. 24, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

A discussion on Child Tax Credits, Savers Credit, Educational Credit, Earned Income Credit, & Advanced Earned Income Credit.

Preventative Tax Strategies

Saturday, Feb. 9, 10:00—11:30 am

Even a simple error on a return can delay a refund & may cause an overpayment. Learn how to avoid common tax filing mistakes.

Itemized Deductions

Saturday, Feb. 17, 10:00—11:30 am

You don't have to own a home to itemize deductions. Let H&R Block show you which expenses are deductible.

Book Discussion

Jan. 28 Marley & Me: Life & Love with the World's Worst Dog, by John Grogan

Feb. 25 The Whistling Season, by Ivan Doig

March 24 The Glass Castle: A Memoir, by Jeanette Walls.

Book Discussion meets at 10:15 am on the fourth Monday of the month. Discussion books are available at the Circulation Desk. New members welcome. No registration required.

Weavers Guild South

Woven Copper & Beaded Jewelry

Saturday, Jan. 19, 10:00—4 pm

Using copper sheets, birch bark, wire, hand-made papers, & peyote beading, students will bead & weave flat surfaces that will then be made into jewelry. Material fee: \$38. Workshop fee: \$40.

White Elephant Sale: Ribbon Scarf Workshop

Saturday, Feb. 16, 10:00—4 pm

Make a ribbon scarf with minimal equipment. The woven braided scarf can be made by anyone with elegant results. Material fee \$6.

Youth

Services

Winter Wonderland



Story Times

Right Start Stories

Tuesdays, 10:30—11 am
Ages birth—3 with a caregiver

No more than 3 children per adult, please.

Pre-K Tale Time

Thursdays, 10:30—11 am
Ages 3—6 with a caregiver
Daycares welcome.

Saturday Stories

Saturdays, 10—10:30 am
Ages 2—8 with a caregiver

No registration required for Story Times.

Holiday Treasure Craft

Saturday, Dec. 1, 11:00 am—12 noon, ages 10 & up. Registration required.

Decorate a Christmas tree box to hold your treasures or give as a gift.

Monarch Book Club for Younger Readers

Saturdays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9; 2:00—3 pm. Limit 20. Registration required.

Join the club, hear good stories, & do an activity each session. Vote for your favorite Monarch book in February. Help choose the best K-3 book for Illinois!

*Dec. 8. Fancy Nancy.

*Jan. 12. Bad Kitty.

*Feb. 9. Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen.



Family Yoga

Wednesdays, 7:00—8 pm, Jan. 16 & 23; Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27. Registration required.

Parents & children in K to Grade 6 with instructors from St. James Health & Wellness Center.

Family Chess Club

Wednesdays, 7:00—8 pm. All ages.

Come play with family & new friends. Take part in the **Chess Tournament**, an on-going tournament for all ages through December 19. Prizes & raffle! Details @ Youth Services Desk.



Spinning Yarns

Wednesdays, Dec. 5 & 19, 4:00—5:30 pm. All ages. Registration required.

Crochet class concludes in December. Knitting begins in January—watch for dates!

Anime Drawing

Last Class: Wednesday, Dec. 12, 4:00—5:30 pm, ages 10 & up. Registration required. Micaiah Mondy completes the popular drawing class teaching the basics of anime/manga with some new twists.

Yu-Gi-Oh Game Days

Dueling games on 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 11:00 am—12 noon, ages 8 & up. No registration required.

Bring your cards & mats. No trading.



Gaming Galaxy

Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 for grades 6 & under; 4:30-5:30 for grades 6 & up
Wii & PS2 with DDR, Karaoke, Guitar Hero, & more!

Media Masters:

Computer Classes for Grades 6—12

3rd Sat. of month, 2:00—4 pm. Attendance at one class is required to use the new media computer. Registration required.

Dec. 15. Flash Animation

Watch for more classes in January.

T.E.A.M. Library

Young Adult Advisory Board

1st Sat. of month, 2:00—4 pm, grades 6—12. Gaming, programs, volunteering, fun! Apply @ Youth Services Desk.



It's Happening @ Matteson Public Library!

Children/Tweens & Teens

Right Start Stories 10:30 am

Tuesdays

Pre-K Tale Time 10:30 am

Thursdays

Saturday Stories 10 am

Saturdays

Yu-Gi-Oh Games. 11 am, 2nd & 4th Saturdays

Monarch Book Club 2 pm

12/8, 1/12, 2/9

Holiday Treasure Craft 11 am 12/1

Anime Drawing 4 pm 12/12

Spinning Yarns 4 pm 12/5, 12/19

TEA/T Library 2 pm 2/1, 1/5, 2/2

Media Masters Computer Classes 2 pm 12/15

Adults

Steve Cooper's Early TV

Free delivery of library materials is available to homebound Matteson residents. A Matteson Library card is required. Contact

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