

MAPL LEAF

MORRIS AREA
PUBLIC LIBRARY
NOVEMBER 2021

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Our Polar Express Bus Trip

Join us as we take a quick trip to the North Pole. Saturday, December 11 we are hosting a trip to the Polar Express. Meeting at the library at 12:00p we will take a bus to Union Station in Chicago, where Santa and his helpers greet passengers. Once on board, our musical hosts will work their way through the train car to punch your golden ticket. Then we will enjoy hot chocolate and delicious cookies served by dancing chefs and read along with "The Polar Express", by Chris Van Allsburg. Each of us will be given our first gift of Christmas - a silver sleigh bell.

That is not all, during the trip, characters on each car lead passengers in caroling and onboard entertainment just like in the book and film! It is an amazing opportunity to start the Holiday season with friends, family and song.

We have reserved the *Silver Bell* train car. The cost covers the price of the ticket and bus ride to and from Union Station. Per person is just \$90.00 for the entire afternoon of magic and music.

Please note that face coverings are required to be worn by everyone aged two and older while on the train and in indoor public spaces. Face coverings must be worn for the entirety of the train ride except when guests are actively eating or drinking.

WE WILL BE
CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24
CLOSING AT 2PM
THURSDAY, NOV. 25
CLOSED



**KEEP
CALM
AND
KEEP
COVERED**

**FOR ALL VISITORS
OVER THE AGE OF 2**

THANK YOU FOR
KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE!

CURBSIDE
is still available for everyone

Chicago Union Station
THE POLAR EXPRESS
Train Ride

BUS TRIP - CHICAGO
Saturday, December 11th
12 pm - Bus Departs | 3:20 pm - Show
(Family)

TO REGISTER
Call 815.942.6880 or stop in at the front desk

COST
\$90/person Includes: ticket and bus

The Magic Returns!

SECOND ANNUAL
Holiday
COOK BOOK

WE WANT YOUR FAVORITE

Recipes

by November 15th

Please bring in your favorite recipe(s)
and will make a quick copy for free!

Cookbooks go on sale November 22nd

Funds raised will be donated to Grundy County Heroes & Helpers, Inc. - www.gchlinc.org

NEW SERVICES

LIBRARY of THINGS

A collection of non-traditional library items that patrons can check out.

INCLUDING:

- Thematic Cake Pans
Friendly Witch, Ghost, Boo!, Santa, Bells, Train, & more!
- Line Laser
- Binoculars
- A Mini Projector
- Air Quality Detector
- Glass Cutting Tool
- Globe
- Many Puzzles
- Giant Timber Game

COMING SOON:

- Drone
- Go Pro & Accessories
- Games



DIE CUT CENTER

Our self service die cutting machine will give everyone the power to create cutouts at their leisure for various projects such as:

- christmas cards
- valentines
- scrapbooking
- bulletin boards
- decorations

and other papercrafts!

USE YOUR IMAGINATION!

Wondering

what we've been doing on the *south side* of the library?

Our Beautiful New Little Free Library

We're adding some new features we hope you will check out! One major addition is our new Little Free Library, which was built, installed and stained by the Grundy Woodworkers. We are working hard to ensure you always have access to library services. The top shelf is for adult and teen books, while the bottom shelf is easily accessible for children's books.



Installed 10/22/21



Stained and Finished 10/26/21



Native Plants and Pollinators

Additionally, our garden is going through some changes. It is currently covered by cardboard held down by cement, which was kindly donated by Schenberg Construction. This is where we will revitalize the garden with native plants and pollinators. Keep watching this space to see what pops up through the hard work and creativity of Lindy Kowsky, Ginny Bellamy and Conservation Foundation. After the plants are in, we will have a detailed map that illustrates the beautiful new plant life growing in our garden.



Check back in the Spring to see the new plants all native to our area!



VISIT WITH SANTA
 Saturday, November 27th | 9 am - 2 pm | Auditorium
(For Family)

SANTA is coming to the Morris Area Public library to meet the children and hear their holiday wishes!

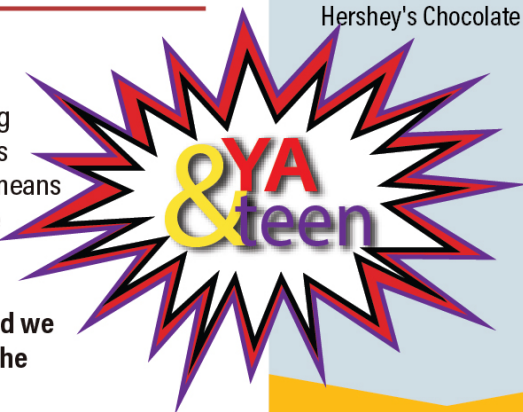
That is right, before Santa heads out on his whirlwind, reindeer powered, gift-giving trip around the world, he will be visiting with the children and families in Illinois, here at the Library. Join us for crafts, games, and top it off by having your picture taken with Santa. Space is limited so we ask everyone to register in advance, and masks will be required on all visitors over the age of two.

Make sure you reserve your spot to meet Santa, make fun crafts and start off the Christmas season with laughter and joy.

YA & TEEN

The next time you visit our TEEN area please check the stickering on our items. Our hard working staff have been updating the labels for clarity. When you see a **TEEN** sticker on the spine of a book it means that item was created for teens in **grades 6-8**. And when you see a **YA**, or Young Adult sticker it means those items are geared for people in **grades 9-12**.

Everything we do is designed to make items easy to find, and we hope that this update helps everyone looking for anything in the TEEN area.



FEATURED STAFF MEMBER



STARLA PATRON SERVICES

I have been working at MAPL for 2 years as a children's services assistant. I host our kids science program, Lab Ratz, each month. Programming is my favorite part of my job, because I love seeing the kids have fun at the library.

I am currently a student at the University of St. Francis. I am majoring in Secondary History Education.

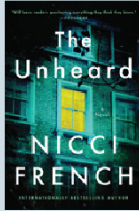
In my free time, I like to spend time with my family.

Currently Reading:
Love and Luck
 by Jenna Evans Welch.

Favorite Holiday:
 Christmas

Favorite Treat:
 Hershey's Chocolate Bars

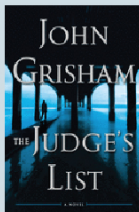
NEW BOOKS



The Unheard
by Nicci French



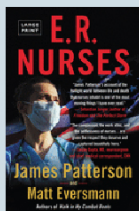
Going There
by Katie Couric



The Judge's List
by John Grisham



The Dying Citizen
by Victor Davis Hanson



E. R. Nurses
by James Patterson &
Matt Eversmann

Mark your

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Calendars!

PROGRAMS

Dec. 2.....Super Smash Tourney
Dec. 4.....Bookworm Bundle Pick-up
Dec. 4.....Lab Ratz - Winter/Ice
Dec. 7.....Where in the World Are We? Japan!
Dec. 9Senior White Elephant
Dec. 11.....The Polar Express Bus Trip
Dec. 16.....Anime Club
Dec. 18.....Family Christmas Movie
Dec. 24.....Closing at 2 pm
Dec. 25.....CLOSED

*Programs and dates
may be subject to change*

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Resa's Reviews & Recipes
Second Tuesday of every
month @ 6 p.m.

Family Storytime & Craft
Wednesdays @ 10 a.m.

Nightly Night Storytime
Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten
Come in to register. Every 100 books
read get a free book!

Homebound Delivery
Wednesdays @ 3 - 5 p.m.

Readers Meets Book
We can help you find new books,
movies, tv shows, or music.

NEW TO MAPL



CHECK OUT OUR DATABASES

Ancestry.com

Search a wide variety of records including: U.S. Census, U.S. Marriage and Death Records, U.K. Census Collection, Civil War Service Records, and Immigration Records. *In-library use only.*

Chilton Library Auto Repair

Get access to car service and repair information. Chilton Library includes maintenance and specification tables, step by step service and repair procedures, a labor estimating tool, diagrams, photos, and illustrations to help you with your car repair needs.

Consumer Reports

Consumer reports provides unbiased product testing, ratings, reviews, journalism, and more. Check out their articles online.

Heritage Quest Ancestry

Search Census records, family and local history books, genealogy & local history articles, and Revolutionary War records. You may search this database from home if you have a Morris Area Public Library card in good standing.

kanopy

Stream thousands of films for free, thanks to the generous support of your public library.

Novelist Plus

Find new books to read with Novelist. You can search using many different criteria like style, mood, subject, other books or authors you've enjoyed, and more. Or you can browse read-alike-lists for suggestions.

Novelist K-8

Find new books to read with Novelist for kids K-8. Get suggestions by telling us what characters you like, or what other books you have enjoyed.



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NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Monday, November 1 - 4:30 pm

Where in the world are we? MEXICO - Explore Major Sites, sing songs, sugar skull craft & snack - **REGISTRATION** Begins October 18

Tuesday, November 2 - 10:30 am

Smart Device Basics -English - Learn the basics of using your smartphone or pad - **REGISTRATION** Begins October 19

Wednesday, November 3 - 10 am

Storytime & Craft - Listen to a story and do a craft about donuts - **REGISTRATION** Begins October 20

Thursday, November 4 - 5:00 pm

Ghosts & Ghosts Investigation - Investigation of sound/Cups & String, Make Them Sing! - **REGISTRATION** Begins October 21

Thursday, November 4 - 6:30 pm

Nightly Night Storytime - Listen to a calming story to relax before bedtime - **REGISTRATION** Begins October 21

Saturday, November 6 - 9 am - 5 pm

Bookworm Bundle Pick-up - Register online and receive 2-5 books tailored to the child & some goodies each month

Saturday, November 6 - 10:30 am

Conceptos básicos sobre dispositivos inteligentes - Español - Aprenda los conceptos básicos sobre el uso de su teléfono inteligente o tableta
EL REGISTRO comienza el 23 de Octubre

Tuesday, November 9 - 6 pm

Resa's Reviews & Recipes - VANILLA Pure & Simple - Learn how to make your own fresh vanilla - facebook.com/MAPLD

Wednesday, November 10 - 10 am

Storytime & Craft - Listen to a story and do a craft about acorns - **REGISTRATION** Begins October 27

Thursday, November 11 - 5:00 pm

Navigating Medicare Plans & Options - Learn the basics of using your smartphone or pad - **REGISTRATION** Begins October 28

Thursday, November 11 - 6:30 pm

Nightly Night Storytime - Listen to a calming story to relax before bedtime - **REGISTRATION** Begins October 28

Saturday, November 13 - 9 am - 11:30 am

Senior Health Fair - Saratoga School - Come and visit us at the health fair - Learn about all our adult activities we offer

Saturday, November 13 - 10:30 am

Sensory Storytime - Read books aloud while children are able to use sensory fidgets from the sensory room. Story may be interactive. After the story's, children will participate in a sensory experience like sensory tub, sensory bags, sensory bottles, etc. This storytime is geared toward children with sensory processing disorders. - **REGISTRATION** Begins October 30

Saturday, November 13 - 2 pm

Lab Ratz - Special Edition RECYCLING - Will read *One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of Gambia* by Miranda Paul. We will recycle plastic bags and make bracelets or baskets. "America Recycles Day" is on Nov. 15 - **REGISTRATION** Begins October 30

Monday, November 15- 4:30 pm

Apple Taste Test - 6 Different Types of Apples - Learn the lifecycle of an apple, do an apple craft, play an apple song on boom whackers!
- **REGISTRATION** Begins November 1

Tuesday, November 16 - 6 pm

FAFSA Line by Line - Students will be able to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and receive personalized assistance. Individuals should bring income and asset information with them or, if applicable, have an FSA ID to retrieve their tax and income information. Anyone attending in person should also bring a laptop if they have one. - **REGISTRATION** Begins November 2

Wednesday, November 17 - 10 am

Storytime & Craft - Listen to a story and do a craft about fall - **REGISTRATION** Begins November 3

Thursday, November 18 - 5 pm

Anime Club - Vote on what to watch, snack, make new friends, reconnect with old friends... - **REGISTRATION** Begins November 4

Thursday, November 18 - 6:30 pm

Nightly Night Storytime - Listen to a calming story to relax before bedtime - **REGISTRATION** Begins November 4

Saturday, November 20 - 2 pm

Lab Ratz - BEES - Learn all about the importance of bees and do two activities...noise maker and pollination simulation
- **REGISTRATION** Begins November 6

Tuesday, November 23 - 6 pm

THANKS Wood Art - Learn some basic pyrography with this thankful little wall art! - **REGISTRATION** Begins November 9

Wednesday, November 17 - 10 am

Storytime & Craft - Listen to a story and do a craft about Thanksgiving - **REGISTRATION** Begins November 10

Saturday, November 27 - 9 am - 2 pm (30 minute sessions)

A Visit with Santa - Take a picture with Santa, make a cute holiday craft, and more! Donate a pair of new socks for a chance to win a prize. (Socks will be donated to We Care) - **REGISTRATION** Begins November 4

CALL TO TO REGISTER: (815) 942-6880 FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: morrislibrary.com

Children (PreK - Birth to 4 years) **Youth** (Grades K - 5th - Ages 5-10) **Tween** (Grades 6th-8th - Ages 11-13) **Teen** (Grades 9th-12th - Ages 14-19) **Adult (18+)** **Family/All Ages**

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PLEASE NOTE:

Registration
SUGGESTED
for Programs

PROGRAM CODING:

Children

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PHONE

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WEBSITE

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HOURS

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Sun: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 14 | 15 Apple Taste Test 4:30 pm | 16 FAFSA Line by Line 6 - 7:15 pm (ages 17+) | 17 Storytime & Craft 10 am | 18 Anime Club 5 pm Nightly Night Storytime 6:30 pm | 19 | 20 Lab Ratz 2 pm |
| 21 | 22 | 23 "Thanks" Wood Art 6 pm | 24 Storytime & Craft 10 am  In Observance of Thanksgiving CLOSING @ 2PM | 25  Happy Thanksgiving CLOSED | 26 | 27 A Visit with SANTA! 9 am - 2 pm  |
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