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MORRIS AREA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

APRIL 2023

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**Join us Friday, May 19 on a bus trip to the
Fireside Dinner Theater in Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin
where we will enjoy the antics of
Grumpy Old Men; The Musical.**

Based on the film starring Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon, this stage adaptation captures the lovable crotchety characters through twinkling humor, great songs, and the affectionate depiction of a small town that feels like home to everyone.

Enjoy a comfortable ride, a delicious lunch, and a heartwarming show for \$125 per person. We will be leaving the library at 9:30am.

Payment required at time of registration.



**As a special bonus, when you purchase a ticket with us you will
receive a fresh rose to be picked up on Mother's Day!**

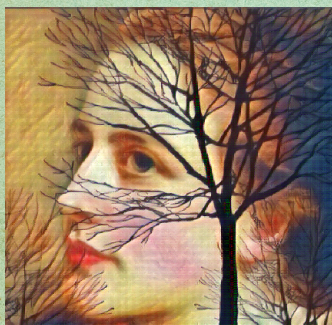


Library **CLOSED**

**April 8 -
Close at 4pm**

**April 9th -
Spring Closure**

Step back in time with the...



Brontë Sisters

Teens and adults are invited to
learn more about the
Brontë Sisters & Jane Austen
on Saturday, April 15 at 1 PM.

Enjoy tea and scones while two local college professors
present the lives of these impressive women. We thank the
Catherine Hatcher Memorial Foundation for funding this program.

Registration required.



**Stay tuned for
exciting library
announcements
coming soon...**



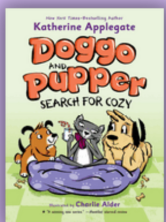
NEW CHILDRENS BOOKS



School Trip
By Jerry Craft



**The World and
Everything in It**
By Kevin Henkes



**Doggo and Pupper
Search for Cozy**
By Katherine Applegate

VOLUNTEER Spot

We are looking for volunteers to help with gardening and decorating our windows. Apply online or inquire at the desk.

NEW TO SEE

Brand New Bottle Fill Station!

We are constantly working to support the community. This is why we are so excited to introduce **our new Bottle Fill Station.**



In our front lobby, we removed the old, slow, outdated drinking fountain and have replaced it with **a high-tech cooled, filtered drinking fountain WITH a bottle fill station.**

So next time you are downtown, come in, get a drink and check out all of the other exciting improvements we have made in the library!

SPICE OF THE MONTH

Each month we have a new spice for you to explore. During the third week of the month, stop by the library to pick up your SPICE OF THE MONTH KIT. Each kit includes a sample of the spice with recipes and information sheets. Registration is not required. Kits available while supplies last.

April is Old Bay Seasoning
Kits will be available for pick up starting April 17th.
(One kit per adult patron)

In Our Youth Department

Introducing...

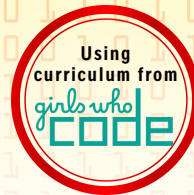
Kids who <CODE/>

Join us this summer for a set of coding classes aimed at spotlighting the bravery, resilience, creativity, and purpose of computer scientists and empowering our children to embark on their own coding projects which will be completed during the programs.

Grades 3-5: June 12 and 26, and July 10 and 24

Grades 6-12: June 8 and 22, and July 13 and 27

All classes are scheduled for 2:30-3:30pm



Call or stop by the desk to secure a space for your child today!

MARCH IN TEENS

HEY GAMERS...

Did you know we have Switch, PS4, and XBox games to borrow?

We even have games for retro systems like the Wii.



SOON YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CHECK OUT A WII, SWITCH, XBOX 360, OR AN OCULUS CONSOLE FROM OUR LIBRARY OF THINGS!

...(with parent permission, of course).

FEATURED STAFF MEMBER



TAMMY
Tech Services

Hi Morris Friends!
My name is Tammy.
I am the Cataloger here.
I have worked at this location for almost 9 years, and in our library system for 16 years. I have always enjoyed reading, and getting to purchase and process books for our patrons. It is a great privilege and so fun! We have modernized and added new programs and new items for all ages. We absolutely love seeing you and welcome all feedback and requests.

I am a proud citizen of Morris. My family owns a horse barn and business on the south side of the river.

Looking forward to a great spring and hope to see you all!

NEW BOOKS



Coronation Year
By Jennifer Robson



A Fever in the Heartland
By Timothy Egan



Windswept Way
By Irene Hannon



CONSTRUCTION ZONE

Join us on April 4th
at 6pm for our
Ad Hoc Construction
Committee Meeting.
All Morris patrons
are welcome
to participate.

Mark your

UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendars!

Programs and dates may be subject to change.

PROGRAMS

ALL MONTH	One on One with Tech Guru	5/9... A	Lemon Tray Craft	5/18... 60+	Wits Workout
BY APPT	Senior Tech Basics	5/9... All	Homebound Deliveries	5/18... All	Chess and Checkers Club
	Conceptos Básicos de Tecnología	5/9... A	Resa's Recipe & Reviews	5/18... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime
		5/10... P/K	Storytime	5/19... A	Bus Trip - Grumpy Old Men
5/1... P/K	Read Between the Lions	5/10... P/K	Craft - Cow	5/20... All	Social Storytime
5/1... All	Calling All Crafters	5/10... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime	5/20... All	Paint a Chair Craft
5/2... All	Walking Program	5/11... 60+	Wits Workout	5/22... Y	Paper Bag Scrapbook Craft
5/2... All	W.E. Bingo	5/11... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime	5/23... A	Walking Program
5/2... All	Homebound Deliveries	5/11... T	Teen Craft Flex Cubes	5/23... A	You Decide... Movie Day- 50's Sci-Fi
5/3... P/K	Storytime	5/13... Y	Lab Ratz	5/23... All	Homebound Deliveries
5/3... P/K	Craft - Color Wheel	5/15... A	MAPL Book Club - The Black Cake	5/24... P/K	Storytime
5/4... 60+	Wits Workout		by Charmaine Wilkerson	5/24... P/K	Craft Birds Nest
5/4... All	Chess and Checkers Club	5/16... A	Walking Program	5/24... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime
5/4... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime	5/16... All	Chat & Craft	5/25... 60+	Wits Workout
5/4... A	Evening Book Club - The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry	5/16... All	Homebound Deliveries	5/25... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime
	by Gabrielle Zevin	5/17... P/K	Storytime	5/25... T	Advisory Board
5/6... All	Zoom Author Talk - Jarrett J. Krosoczka	5/17... P/K	Craft - Dinosaur	5/30... A	Walking Program
5/8... All	I-Cash Presentation	5/17... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime	5/31... P/K	Storytime
5/8... Y	Create a Pan Flute Craft	5/17... All	Unusual & Medicinal Herbs with Mercy Lautanen-Raleigh	5/31... P/K	Craft Summer Sun
5/9... A	Walking Program	5/17... A	Zoom Author Talk - Jonathan Van Ness and Kristi Yamaguchi	5/31... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime

Key: 60+ (Ages 60 and over), A (Adult Ages 18+), T (Teen/Tween Ages 11-19), Y (Youth Ages 5-10), P/K (Birth to 4 yrs), All (All Ages, O (Offsite))



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to learn more

Discover with the Library Road Trip!



Morris Area Public Library will once again be participating in the Library Road Trip. This event goes from Saturday, March 25-April 30.

Before you trek out, pick up a library passport at the front desk to record all your visits. After visiting at least one library, bring your passport back to the library and you will get raffle tickets to enter to win our library's grand prize: a Family Season Pass to the Morris City Pool, and fun summer gear!

**More stamps
is more tickets!**
1-5 stamps - 1 ticket
6-10 stamps - 2 tickets
11-15 stamps - 3 tickets
16-17 stamps - 4 tickets

Get inspiration - and free gifts - from all 17 libraries!

While supplies last.

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Registration
SUGGESTED
for Programs

PROGRAM CODING:

Children
(PreK - Birth to 4 years)

Youth
(Grades K - 5th - Ages 5-10)

Teen/Tween
(Grades 6th-12th - Ages 11-18)

Adult (18+)

Family (All Ages)

Seniors
(Ages 60+)

Offsite
(See program for ages)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>AS YOU READ BOOKS THIS WINTER...</p> <p>2023 WINTER READING PROGRAM COLLECT DRAGON CARDS</p> <p>FEBRUARY 1ST THROUGH MAY 25TH For More Info Or To Register Call 815-942-6880 Or Stop At The Desk</p>						1
2	3 Family Movie "The Strange World" 10am-12pm Calling All Crafters 12-4pm	4 Walking Program 10-11am White Elephant Bingo 1-2pm Homebound Pickup & Delivery 1-4pm Ad Hoc Construction Committee Meeting 6pm ZOOM Author Talk Danny Trejo 7-8pm	5 Storytime 10-10:30am "W" Craft 10:45-11:15am Nightly Night Storytime - 5-7pm	6 Wits Workout - Interactive Puzzles & Games - 10-11am Chess & Checkers Club 3:30-5pm Nightly Night Storytime - 5-7pm Evening Book Club - The Midnight Library by Matt Haig - 6-7pm	7	8 Comedy of Errors Teen Bus Trip 10:30am-6:30pm LIBRARY CLOSED AT 4PM
9 LIBRARY CLOSED ALL DAY	10 Where in the World Are We? Argentina 3:45-4:45pm Board Meeting 6pm	11 Walking Program 10-11am What's Turning Up In Your Garden 1-2pm & 6-7pm Homebound Pickup & Delivery 1-4pm Resa's Reviews & Recipes facebook/MAPLD @6pm	12 Storytime 10-10:30am Epilepsy Awareness Craft 10:45-11:15am SNAP Assistance Program 1-4pm Nightly Night Storytime - 5-7pm	13 Wits Workout - Interactive Puzzles & Games - 10-11am Oil Pastel Sunset 6-7pm Nightly Night Storytime - 5-7pm	14 Catholic Charities Paint a Bunny 1-3pm	15 Bronte Sisters & Jane Austen Presentation for Adults & Teens 1-2:30pm
16	17 Spice of the Month Old Bay Seasoning MAPL Book Club - 3-4:30pm "The Lost Apothecary" by Sarah Penner	18 Walking Program 10-11am Decorate a Scarf Craft 1-2pm & 6-7pm Chat & Craft 2:30-4pm Homebound Pickup & Delivery 1-4pm	19 Storytime 10-10:30am "V" Craft 10:45-11:15am Nightly Night Storytime - 5-7pm	20 Chess & Checkers Club 3:30-5pm Nightly Night Storytime - 5-7pm	21	22 Read Between the Lions By Appt 9-11am
23	24 Kentucky Derby Craft Pool Noodle Horse 3:45-4:45pm Epilepsy 101 6-7pm	25 Walking Program 10-11am You Decide Movie Day Jules Verne 11am-2pm Homebound Pickup & Delivery 1-4pm ZOOM Author Talk Will Shortz 7-8pm	26 Storytime 10-10:30am "Z" Craft 10:45-11:15am Nightly Night Storytime - 5-7pm	27 TAB Advisory Board 6-7pm Nightly Night Storytime - 5-7pm	28	29 Read Between the Lions By Appt 9-11am
30	<p>ALL MONTH PROGRAMS - BY APPOINTMENT One on One with Tech Guru Senior Tech Basics Conceptos Básicos de Tecnología</p>					

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ALL MONTH BY APPOINTMENT

One on One with Tech Guru – Schedule a time to answer your tech questions with our onsite tech expert. No question is too small. Call for more details.

Senior Tech Basics – Learn the basics of operating and getting the most out of your computer. The three classes will be by appt. Please call and register. Our program presenter will call you back and set up a date and time.

Conceptos Básicos de Tecnología – Aprenda los conceptos básicos para operar y aprovechar al máximo las tas. Las tres clases serán solo por cita. Por favor llame para registrarse. Nuestro presentador le llamara para organizar el día y tiempo.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

10-12pm – Family Movie "Strange World" –

Looking for something to do with the kids over spring break? Try our family movie and popcorn event!

12-4pm – Calling All Crafters – Bring your supplies & join other crafters for a social afternoon. Coffee and coffee cake will be provided. Share, learn and grow your crafting skills with others.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

10-11am – Walking Program – Spend an hour walking and talking among friends. Use the library to get healthier. What a great way to start the day!

1-2pm – White Elephant Bingo – BINGO! Bring a wrapped white elephant gift to be given away as a prize and play to win.

1-4pm – Homebound Pickup & Delivery – Free homebound delivery and pickup services of library material to residents of the Morris Area Public Library District who are unable to come to the library.

6pm – Ad Hoc Construction Committee Meeting – Join us as we envision the future of our library through the expansion & addition of welcoming community space.

7-8pm – ZOOM Author Talk – Danny Trejo – We are excited to welcome Actor/Author/Restaurateur Danny Trejo, who has developed a prolific career in the entertainment industry with a hard-earned and atypical road to success. From years of imprisonment to helping troubled youth battle addiction, to acting, producing and now restaurant ventures, Trejo's name, face, and achievements are well recognized in Hollywood and beyond.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

10-10:30am – Storytime – Letter "W" Themed

10:45am – Craft – Join us for the alphabet "W" craft

5-7pm – Nighty Night Storytime – Drop in and our library staff will be happy to read you a story.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

10-11am – Catholic Charities – Wits Workout –

Join the Wits Workout group where you'll engage in all kinds of interactive puzzles and games and learn what you can do in your daily life to keep your brain healthy.

3:30-5pm – Chess & Checkers Club – Spend time honing skills and meeting other chess & checkers fans!

5-7pm – Nighty Night Storytime – Drop in and our library staff will be happy to read you a story.

6-7pm – Evening Book Club – The Midnight Library by Matt Haig – This book is set in a library that shows all of the possible lives one could have lived through different choices. This will be held at Clayton's Tap in Morris.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

10:30-6:30pm – Teen Bus Trip – Teens will go on a bus trip to the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre to see The Comedy of Errors.

4pm – LIBRARY CLOSURES EARLY

SUNDAY APRIL 9

LIBRARY CLOSED ALL DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 10

3:45-4:45pm – Where in the World Are We? – Argentina

– Learn about Argentina, its culture and its art. Try some Argentinian candy (Pico Dulce lollipops, Candies of dulce de leche artesanales.) Craft will be hand prints similar to the Cueva de las Manos, Rio Pinturas.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

10-11am – Walking Program – See April 4 for details.

1 & 6pm – What's Turning Up in Your Garden? – Plant delicious turnips in grow bags for deck growing.

1-4pm – Homebound Pickup & Delivery –

See April 4 for details.

6pm – Resa's Reviews & Recipes – Puffed Ham and Cheese with Honeyed Mustard is a warm favorite!

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

10-10:30am – Storytime – Epilepsy Awareness and Acceptance themed, and led by Guest Speaker Erika Flack.

10:45-11:15am – Craft – Join us for an

Epilepsy Awareness craft.

1-4pm – SNAP Assistance Program – Join us to learn about the Snap Assistance Program and Northern Illinois Food Banks. Let's keep everyone fed.

5-7pm – Nighty Night Storytime – Drop in and our library staff will be happy to read you a story.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

10-11am – Catholic Charities – Wits Workout –

See April 6 for details.

5-7pm – Nighty Night Storytime – Drop in and our library staff will be happy to read you a story.

6-7pm – Oil Pastel Lake Scene at Sunset – Create a fun colorful sunset sky lake scene in oil pastels.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

1-3pm – Catholic Charities – Paint an Adorable Bunny –

Join us for coffee and spring paint project!

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

1-2:30pm – Bronte Sisters – Join us to learn about the rich world of the Bronte Sisters and Jane Austen. We will have treats of scones and tea to accompany it.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

Drop In – Spice of the Month – Old Bay Seasoning – Stop in and pick up your spice of the month kit. Includes information, a sample of the spice, and 2 recipes to try!

3-4:30pm – MAPL Book Club – The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner. This is a novel of secrets, vengeance and the remarkable ways women can save each other despite the barrier of time.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

10-11am – Walking Program – See April 4 for details.

1pm & 6pm – Decorate a Scarf Craft – Enjoy coloring a scarf to take home.

1-4pm – Homebound Pickup & Delivery –

See April 4 for details.

2:30-4pm – Chat & Craft – This is a time to socialize and do a fun activity. It might be art, Lego, or a craft.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

10-10:30am – Storytime – Letter "Y" Themed

10:45am – Craft – Join us for the alphabet "Y" craft

5-7pm – Nighty Night Storytime – Drop in and our library staff will be happy to read you a story.

THURSDAY APRIL 20

3:30-5pm – Chess & Checkers Club – Spend time honing skills & meeting other chess & checkers fans!

5-7pm – Nighty Night Storytime – Drop in and our library staff will be happy to read you a story.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

By Appointment from 9-11am – Read Between the Lions – Help your child strengthen their fine motor skill of eye tracking. This has possible benefits in many areas of life from sports to academics. Come in and have their eye tracking abilities tested.

MONDAY, APRIL 24

3:45-4:45pm – Kentucky Derby Craft – Pool Noodle Craft – Learn about the Kentucky Derby and head to the raced with your own fun pool noodle horse.

6-7pm – Epilepsy 101 – Join us for a discussion on epilepsy. This will be presented by Erika Fleck from the Epilepsy Advocacy Network.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

10-11am – Walking Program – See April 4 for details.

11am-2pm – You Decide... Movie Day – Jules Verne – Brendan Fraser or Dwayne Johnson? No craft this week but the first 10 people who register will get a Jules Verne Postcard. Pizza, popcorn, and beverages will be provided.

1-4pm – Homebound Pickup & Delivery –

See April 4 for details.

7-8pm – ZOOM Author Talk – Will Shortz

What's an enigmatologist? It's Will Shortz, the world's only academically accredited puzzle master. We can't wait to share more about this event which will include a special, interactive surprise for our patrons and attendees.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

10-10:30am – Storytime – Letter "Z" Themed

10:45am – Craft – Join us for the alphabet "Z" craft

5-7pm – Nighty Night Storytime – Drop in and our library staff will be happy to read you a story.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

5-7pm – Nighty Night Storytime – Drop in and our library staff will be happy to read you a story.

6-7pm – Advisory Board – Hang out with friends, eat pizza and earn volunteer hours by designing the teen/tween program at the library.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

By Appointment from 9-11am – Read Between the Lions – See April 22 for details.

PROGRAM CODING:

Children (PreK - Birth to 4 years)

Youth (Grades K - 5th - Ages 5-10)

Teen/Tween (Grades 6th-12th - Ages 11-18)

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