

# MAPL LEAF



MORRIS AREA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

DECEMBER  
2023 &  
JANUARY 2024

## LIBRARY COMMEMORATIVE BRICK CAMPAIGN

Are you searching for that perfect holiday, birthday or anniversary gift for a family member or friend?

Or maybe you want to remember a special someone with an unusual and meaningful gift?

**Morris Area Public Library  
Commemorative Brick Campaign is offering a  
creative unique gift giving opportunity.**

This gift is a wonderful way to provide a lasting legacy for a friend or loved one. Your donation allows a gift of a custom inscribed brick which will be placed along Liberty Street for all to enjoy. It will reflect the commitment of our wonderful community.

**4" x 8" - \$50.00 per brick**  
**8" x 8" - \$100.00 per brick**  
**12" x 12" - \$150.00 per brick**  
**Monograms - \$6**  
**Keepsake tile - \$15.00 per tile**

**Our commemorative bricks  
make a wonderful gift any time of year.**

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## Library **CLOSED**

**DEC 24 & 25**  
Closed All Day  
for Holidays

**DEC 31**  
Closed at 2pm

**JAN 1**  
Closed All Day

**JAN 15**  
Closed All Day for  
Staff Learning



## SPECULATING OUR AI FUTURE ZOOM AUTHOR PANEL

Join Bestselling science fiction authors Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells as they discuss the promise, perils, and possible impacts that AI will have on our future and writing.

Visit us, or give us  
a call to register!

HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS &  
HAPPY NEW  
YEAR

FROM US AT THE  
MORRIS AREA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY!

BRIGHTEN THE WINTER WITH ITEMS FROM:

MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

# LIBRARY OF THINGS



**XBOX 360 TYPE S CONSOLE SET**



**14.9" PORTABLE DVD PLAYER WITH REMOTE**



**NINTENDO WII CONSOLE**

## VOLUNTEER

### Spot

Volunteers are an essential part of keeping our library functioning all year long.

There are exciting opportunities available for all commitment levels, so visit [morrislibrary.com/volunteer](http://morrislibrary.com/volunteer) or come on into the library today to apply & get started!

Love new books? Check the website to see...

# NEW TO SEE

**Fostering mental health wellness through access to materials is a priority for our library.**



With the generous support of the Sandford and Abel Trusts and the Community Foundation of Grundy County, we have new resources to provide mental health tools and information for people of all ages. Many standalone items such as books, CDs, video games, DVDs, and more are now in our general collection.



In addition, we have carefully curated kits to help with difficult transitional times such as loss of a loved one, welcoming a new sibling, and more. Available in our Library of Things, these kits contain books and tangible items to help make these life moments easier for all.



**ASK A STAFF MEMBER WHERE TO FIND THESE NEW ITEMS!**



# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

## Footprint means steps in the right direction!

Great news - the Morris Area Public Library Ad Hoc Construction committee and our Board of Trustees have made a final selection for the footprint of our new addition.

Everyone on the team shared their ideas and considerations for the future of our library and community. The resulting decision is a wonderful collaboration of thought and purpose. Over the next two years we will be making more decisions on the inside of the addition, the garden area and upgrades to our existing building.

**We invite everyone to attend the Ad Hoc Construction meetings on the First Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in the library basement.**

# In Our Youth Department

**It may be freezing outside,  
but there's plenty for children to do inside the library!**



We have a variety of programs for kids of all ages from Drop-in Lego building to Storytimes, Lab Ratz and more.

While you're here, check out our board games, Launchpads, Tonies, video games, and puzzles to help ease the winter boredom.



Of course, we always have plenty of books to take home, but be sure to also check the red table for our current passive activity, look around to find the hidden Seek and Find images, and play with the toys by the seating area.

**The library is the perfect place  
to be this winter!**

## DECEMBER & JANUARY IN TEENS

### Christmas Trivia

Thursday, Dec 14 · 6-7pm  
Hot Chocolate & Cookies Provided!

### Multimedia Beach Craft

Jan 11th - 6-7pm

Float away on images of warmer weather

### SEEK & FIND IS BACK...

Ferret out  
the 5 shapes of  
the week and  
pick a prize  
...if you dare.



MAKE SURE YOUR  
NEW YEAR'S  
RESOLUTIONS STICK  
WITH THE  
**LIBRARY'S  
WALKING  
CLUB!**



Walking Club  
meets every  
Tuesday  
morning from  
9-10am.

During the winter  
months, we will  
be meeting at  
Menards in  
Morris, so don't  
worry about the  
weather.

Use the library  
to get healthier  
and spend an  
hour walking  
and talking  
among  
friends!



### CONSTRUCTION ZONE

Our planned  
expansion is exceeding  
expectations! Learn more  
& share thoughts at our  
monthly meetings on the  
1st Tuesday of the month  
Please feel free to send  
any questions or  
comments to  
Library Director  
Resa Mai at  
[рмаi@morrislibrary.com](mailto:рмаi@morrislibrary.com).

Mark your

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

Calendars!

## FEBRUARY

### PROGRAMS

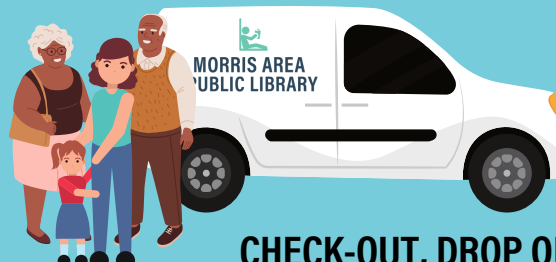
PROGRAMS AND DATES  
MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

BY APPT	One on One with Tech Guru	2/7... P/K	Storytime	2/19... A	Movie Monday: Barbie
	Senior Tech Basics	2/7... P/K	Kid's Craft	2/19... A	Afternoon Book Club
	Conceptos Básicos de Tecnología	2/7... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime	2/20... 0	Walking Program
	Read Between the Lions	2/8... P/K	Afternoon Storytime	2/20... 0	Homebound Services
		2/8... T	Teen Craft	2/20... 60+	Catholic Charities
2/1... P/K	Afternoon Storytime	2/8... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime	2/21... P/K	Storytime
2/1... All	All Age Game Club	2/9... 60+	Catholic Charities	2/21... P/K	Kid's Craft
2/1... A	Evening Book Club	2/12... Y	K-5 Craft	2/21... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime
2/1... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime	2/12... A	Board Meeting	2/22... P/K	Afternoon Storytime
2/2... 60+	Catholic Charities	2/13... 0	Walking Program	2/22... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime
2/3... All	Sensory Storytime	2/13... 0	Homebound Services	2/22... T	TAB: Teen Advisory Board
2/5... A	Calling All Crafters	2/13... 60+	Catholic Charities	2/23... 60+	Catholic Charities
2/5... Y	Lego Builders	2/13... A	Adult Craft	2/24... All	Family Movie
2/6... 0	Walking Program	2/13... A	Resa's Recipes & Reviews	2/26... Y	K-5 Craft
2/6... 0	Homebound Services	2/14... P/K	Storytime	2/27... 0	Walking Program
2/6... 60+	Catholic Charities	2/14... P/K	Kid's Craft	2/27... 0	Homebound Services
2/6... A	White Elephant Bingo	2/14... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime	2/27... 60+	Catholic Charities
2/6... A	Ad Hoc Construction Committee Meeting	2/15... P/K	Afternoon Storytime	2/28... P/K	Storytime
2/6... A	Zoom Author Talk Jerry Craft	2/15... All	All Ages Game Club	2/28... P/K	Kid's Craft
		2/15... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime	2/28... P/K	Nighty Night Storytime
		2/16... 60+	Catholic Charities	2/29... P/K	Afternoon Storytime
		2/17... Y	Lab Ratz	2/29... 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)

# HOMEBOUND *services*

Aren't able to make it to the library? Let us bring materials to you!  
Delivery service for all ages available every week.



**AVAILABLE TUESDAYS  
FROM 10:30-11:30AM**

Register at front desk  
or by calling us at  
(815) 942-6880.



**CHECK-OUT, DROP OFF & PICK UP AVAILABLE.**

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Morris, Illinois 60450  
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PROGRAMS BY APPOINTMENT:  
PROGRAMAS SOLO POR CITA:

- One on One with a Tech Guru
- Senior Tech Basics
- Conceptos Básicos de Tecnología
- Read Between the Lions

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**COLOR 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><i>Bring a world-class performance to your living room!</i></p> <p>Visit us, our website or give us a call or to register!</p> <p><b>STREAM THE ROYAL BALLET'S THE NUTCRACKER ALL DAY ON DECEMBER 16TH &amp; 17TH.</b></p>						<p>1</p> <p>Adopt-A-Senior Names Delivered to Local Locations ALL DAY</p> <p>Senior Nutrition Bingocize 10:00-11:30am</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Sensory Storytime 10:30-10:50am</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Calling All Crafters 12-4pm</p> <p>Drop In Lego Projects 4:30-6pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Walking Program - 9-10am</p> <p>Senior Nutrition Bingocize 10:00-11:30am</p> <p>Homebound Services 10:30-11:30am</p> <p>White Elephant Bingo - 1-2pm</p> <p>Ad Hoc Construction Committee Meeting - 6pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Storytime- 10-10:30am</p> <p>Craft- 10:45-11:15am</p> <p>Evening Drop-in</p> <p>Nightly Night Storytime</p> <p>ZOOM Author Talk</p> <p>Lori Gottlieb - 7-8pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Afternoon Storytime 1:00-1:30pm</p> <p>All Age Game Club 3:30-5:00pm</p> <p>Evening Book Club - 6-7pm</p> <p>"One Day in December" by Josie Silver</p> <p>Evening Drop-in</p> <p>Nightly Night Storytime</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Senior Nutrition Bingocize 10:00-11:30am</p>	<p>9</p>	
<p>10</p> <p>DINNER THEATRE BUS TRIP "How the Barn Stole Christmas" - 10am-5pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>K-5 Diamond Painting Christmas Ornament 4:30-5:15pm</p> <p>Board Meeting - 6:30pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Walking Program - 9-10am</p> <p>Senior Nutrition Bingocize 10:00-11:30am</p> <p>Homebound Services 10:30-11:30am</p> <p>Holiday Crackers Craft 1pm &amp; 6pm</p> <p>Resa's Reviews &amp; Recipes facebook/MAPLD @6pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Last Day to Drop Off Adopt-A-Senior Gifts ALL DAY</p> <p>Storytime- 10-10:30am</p> <p>Craft- 10:45-11:15am</p> <p>Evening Drop-in</p> <p>Nightly Night Storytime</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Volunteers Deliver Adopt-A-Senior Gifts Time TBD</p> <p>Afternoon Storytime 1:00-1:30pm</p> <p>Christmas Trivia - 6-7pm</p> <p>Evening Drop-in</p> <p>Nightly Night Storytime</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Senior Nutrition Bingocize 10:00-11:30am</p>	<p>16</p> <p>STOMP Teen Bus Trip 11am-5pm</p> <p>Lab Ratz Flying Reindeer 1:30-2:15pm</p> <p>Stream the Royal Ballet's Nutcracker Anytime All Day</p>	
<p>17</p> <p>Stream the Royal Ballet's Nutcracker Anytime All Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Movie Monday "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" 11am-2pm</p> <p>MAPL Book Club - 3-5pm</p> <p>Movie Showing: "Book Club; The Next Chapter"</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Walking Program 9-10am</p> <p>Senior Nutrition Bingocize 10:00-11:30am</p> <p>Homebound Services 10:30-11:30am</p> <p>Holiday Storytime 6:00-6:45pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Storytime- 10-10:30am</p> <p>Craft- 10:45-11:15am</p> <p>Evening Drop-in</p> <p>Nightly Night Storytime</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Afternoon Storytime 1:00-1:30pm</p> <p>All Age Game Club 3:30-5:00pm</p> <p>Evening Drop-in</p> <p>Nightly Night Storytime</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Senior Nutrition Bingocize 10:00-11:30am</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Family Movie - "Lightyear" 10:30am-12:30pm</p>	
<p>24</p> <p>LIBRARY CLOSED ALL DAY</p>	<p>25</p> <p>LIBRARY CLOSED ALL DAY</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Walking Program 9-10am</p> <p>Senior Nutrition Bingocize 10:00-11:30am</p> <p>Homebound Services 10:30-11:30am</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Storytime- 10-10:30am</p> <p>Craft- 10:45-11:15am</p> <p>Evening Drop-in</p> <p>Nightly Night Storytime</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Afternoon Storytime 1:00-1:30pm</p> <p>Evening Drop-in</p> <p>Nightly Night Storytime</p> <p>TAB -Teen Advisory Board 6-7pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Senior Nutrition Bingocize 10:00-11:30am</p>	<p>30</p>	
<p>31</p> <p>LIBRARY CLOSING AT 2PM</p>	<p>AS YOU READ THIS YEAR... COLLECT DRAGONS &amp; FRIENDS</p> <p>OCTOBER 1, 2023 - MAY 25, 2024</p> <p>VISIT US TO REGISTER!</p> <p>ALL WINTER PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES!</p>						

Programs, dates and times may be subject to change.

# DECEMBER 2023

## 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.

**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. Call to register!

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

**ALL DAY – Adopt a Senior Names Distributed to Pick Up Locations** – An annual favorite in partnership with the Community Foundation of Grundy County. From Dec 1–13, select the name of a senior and provide them with a holiday gift. Names are available to select at the Morris Area Public Library, Three Rivers Library Minooka branch, and the Mazon BP gas station. Please drop off wrapped gifts Morris Area Public Library, Three Rivers Library Minooka branch or the Community Foundation of Grundy County building.  
**10-11:30am – Senior Nutrition BINGOCIZE** – Who knew learning about nutrition and exercising could be so fun? Sponsored by Catholic Charities.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

**10:30-10:50am – Sensory Storytime** – Join us for a quieter & shorter storytime.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

**4:30-6:00pm – Drop-In Lego Projects** –

Welcome brick builders! Stretch your creative thinking skills as you work on fun challenges and projects. LEGO® bricks are provided at each session. Please leave your own bricks at home.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

**9-10am – Walking Program** – Spend an hour walking and talking among friends. Use the library to get healthier. What a great way to start the day! Call for walking location.

**10-11:30am – Senior Nutrition BINGOCIZE** –

See December 1 for details.

**10:30-11:30am – Homebound Services** – 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. Service available to all ages!

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

**6pm – Ad Hoc Construction Committee Meeting**

Join us as we envision the future of our library through the expansion & addition of welcoming community space.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

**10-10:30am – Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story.

**10:45-11:15am – Craft** – Complete a themed craft with us!

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

**7-8pm – ZOOM Author Talk – Surviving the Holidays with Lori Gottlieb** – Join us via Zoom for a discussion with New York Times bestselling author & psychotherapist Lori Gottlieb for a thought-provoking conversation about mental health in anticipation of the winter holiday season.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

**1-1:30pm – Afternoon Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story. This will be a repeat of the story from Wednesday.

**3:30-5pm – All Ages Game Club** – Meet up with friends to play games! We offer chess, checkers, backgammon, Uno, mancala, and more. Don't worry – we still have Chess!

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

**6-7pm – Evening Book Club – “One Day in December”**

by Josie Silver – Get swept away by this holiday romance. Follow Laurie & Jack across ten years of magic moments and roads not taken. Let this uplifting love story launch your holiday spirit!

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

**10-11:30am – Senior Nutrition BINGOCIZE** – See December 1 for details.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

**10am-5pm – Dinner Theatre Bus Trip; How the Barn Stole Christmas** – Join us for an all-inclusive bus trip to the Conklin Barn III to see “How the Barn Stole Christmas.” Transportation, meal and ticket are all included in the \$95 per person price. For patrons 18+, and payment and signed waiver must be received for complete registration. Seats are going fast so sign up today!

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

**4:30-5:15pm – Diamond Painting Christmas Ornament** – Sparkle up your tree with an easy-to-make ornament.

**6:30pm – Board Meeting** – Monthly meeting of Library Trustees and public to review library activity.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

**9-10am – Walking Program** – See December 5 for details.

**10-11:30am – Senior Nutrition BINGOCIZE** –

See December 1 for details.

**10:30-11:30am – Homebound Services** – See December 5 for details.

**1 & 6pm – Holiday Crackers Craft** – Create festive holiday crackers as gifts or decorations for your table.

**6pm – Resa's Reviews & Recipes** – Scalloped Pineapple. facebook.com/MAPLD

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

**ALL DAY – Last Day to Drop Off Gifts for Adopt a Senior** – Today is the last day to drop off wrapped gifts for your selected senior to either the Morris Area Public Library, the Three Rivers Library Minooka branch, or the Community Foundation of Grundy County building. Please check respective websites for building hours.

**10-10:30am – Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story.

**10:45-11:15am – Craft** – Complete a themed craft with us!

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

**TIME TBD – Volunteers Begin Delivering Adopt a Senior Gifts** –

Volunteers will deliver wrapped gifts to the selected senior. If you are interested in signing up to volunteer, please go to [https://www.volunteergrundy.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=866597](https://www.volunteergrundy.com/need/detail/?need_id=866597).

**1-1:30pm – Afternoon Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story. This will be a repeat of the story from Wednesday.

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

**6-7pm – Christmas Trivia** – Test your holiday knowledge while enjoying cookies and hot chocolate!

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

**10-11:30am – Senior Nutrition BINGOCIZE** –

See December 1 for details.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

**ALL DAY – Stream the Royal Ballet's Nutcracker** – Get in the spirit of the season with a recorded performance of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker performed by the UK's internationally renowned Royal Ballet. Registration links available on our website.

**11am-5pm – STOMP Teen Bus Trip** – An all-inclusive chaperoned bus trip for teens ages 14-19. Each registration includes lunch at transportation to and from Chicago, lunch at Merichka's, and a ticket to see the inventive dance theater performance of STOMP.

**1:30-2:15pm – Lab Ratz – Flying Reindeer** – See how far we can make our paper reindeers fly by testing different variables.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

**ALL DAY – Stream the Royal Ballet's Nutcracker** –

See December 16 for details.

## COLOR 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)

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

**11am-2pm – Movie Monday – Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny** – Join us for a movie and popcorn! Daredevil archaeologist Indiana Jones races against time to retrieve a legendary dial that can change the course of history.

**3-5pm – MAPL Book Club; Movie Showing – Book Club; The Next Chapter** – Join us for a movie showing before the holidays! In this delightful film, four best friends are reunited for an international getaway after two long years of Zoom calls.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

**9-10am – Walking Program** – See December 5 for details.

**10-11:30am – Senior Nutrition BINGOCIZE** –

See December 1 for details.

**10:30-11:30am – Homebound Services** –

See December 5 for details.

**6-6:45pm – Holiday Storytime** – Enjoy holiday cheer with Christmas stories and songs.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

**10-10:30am – Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story.

**10:45-11:15am – Craft** – Complete a themed craft with us!

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

**1-1:30pm – Afternoon Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story. This will be a repeat of the story from Wednesday.

**3:30-5pm – All Ages Game Club** – See December 7 for details.

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

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

**10-11:30am – Senior Nutrition BINGOCIZE** –

See December 1 for details.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

**10:30am-12:30pm – Family Movie – Lightyear** – To Infinity and Beyond at the Morris Area Public Library! Join us for an interstellar animated adventure about the importance of never giving up.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

**LIBRARY CLOSED ALL DAY**

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

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## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

**9-10am – Walking Program** – See December 5 for details.

**10-11:30am – Senior Nutrition BINGOCIZE** –

See December 1 for details.

**10:30-11:30am – Homebound Services** – See December 5 for details.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

**10-10:30am – Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story.

**10:45-11:15am – Craft** – Complete a themed craft with us!

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

**1-1:30pm – Afternoon Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story. This will be a repeat of the story from Wednesday.

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

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

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

**10-11:30am – Senior Nutrition BINGOCIZE** –

See December 1 for details.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

**LIBRARY CLOSED AT 2PM**

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**Family (All Ages)**

**Seniors**  
(Ages 60+)

**Offsite**  
(See program for ages)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <b>LIBRARY CLOSED ALL DAY</b>	2 Walking Program 9-10am Homebound Services 10:30-11:30am White Elephant Bingo 1-2pm Ad Hoc Construction Committee Meeting - 6pm	3 Storytime- 10-10:30am Craft- 10:45-11:15am  Evening Drop-in Nighty Night Storytime	4 Afternoon Storytime 1:00-1:30pm All Age Game Club 3:30-5:00pm Evening Book Club - 6-7pm "In the Midst of Winter" by Isabel Allende Evening Drop-in Nighty Night Storytime	5	6  Sensory Storytime 10:30-10:50am
7	8 Calling All Crafters 12-4pm K-5 Monet Water Lillies 4:30-5:15pm  Board Meeting - 6:30pm	9 Walking Program 9-10am Homebound Services 10:30-11:30am Matchbox Craft 1pm & 6pm Resa's Reviews & Recipes facebook/MAPLD @6pm	10 Storytime- 10-10:30am Craft- 10:45-11:15am  Evening Drop-in Nighty Night Storytime	11 Afternoon Storytime 1:00-1:30pm Multimedia Beach Scene Craft - 6-7pm Evening Drop-in Nighty Night Storytime ZOOM Author Panel: Speculating Our AI Future 7-8pm	12	13
14	15 <b>LIBRARY CLOSED ALL DAY STAFF LEARNING</b>	16 Walking Program 9-10am Homebound Services 10:30-11:30am Catholic Charities Tai Ji Quan - 10:30-11:30am	17 Storytime- 10-10:30am Craft- 10:45-11:15am  Evening Drop-in Nighty Night Storytime	18 Afternoon Storytime 1:00-1:30pm All Age Game Club 3:30-5:00pm Evening Drop-in Nighty Night Storytime	19 Catholic Charities Tai Ji Quan - 10:30-11:30am	20 Lab Ratz Color Changing Slime 1:30-2:15pm
21	22 K-5 Magic with Magnets Craft 4:30-5:15pm  MAPL Book Club - 3-4pm "Lab Girl" by Hope Jahren	23 Walking Program 9-10am Homebound Services 10:30-11:30am Catholic Charities Tai Ji Quan - 10:30-11:30am Care Facility Info Session & Painting Activity - 1-3pm	24 Storytime- 10-10:30am Craft- 10:45-11:15am  Evening Drop-in Nighty Night Storytime	25 Afternoon Storytime 1:00-1:30pm TAB - Teen Advisory Board 6-7pm Evening Drop-in Nighty Night Storytime	26 Catholic Charities Tai Ji Quan - 10:30-11:30am	27 Family Movie "Chronicles of Narnia" 10am-12pm
28	29	30 Walking Program 9-10am Homebound Services 10:30-11:30am Catholic Charities Tai Ji Quan - 10:30-11:30am	31 Storytime- 10-10:30am Craft- 10:45-11:15am  Evening Drop-in Nighty Night Storytime	<b>Judgement-Free Tech Assistance</b> No question too small. Seriously. Ask about our Tech Guru & Tech Basics Programs! 		<b>STEP THROUGH THE WARDROBE ...</b>  <b>FREE Family Movie</b> Sat, 1/27 10am-12pm Popcorn & Drinks provided!

Programs, dates and times may be subject to change.

# JANUARY 2024

## 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.

**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. Call to register!

## MONDAY, JANUARY 1 LIBRARY CLOSED ALL DAY

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

**9-10am – Walking Program** – Spend an hour walking and talking among friends. Use the library to get healthier. What a great way to start the day! Call for walking location.

**10:30-11:30am – Homebound Services** – 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. Service available to all ages!

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

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

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

**10-10:30am – Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story.

**10:45-11:15am – Craft** – Complete a themed craft with us!

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

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

**1-1:30pm – Afternoon Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story. This will be a repeat of the story from Wednesday.

**3:30-5pm – All Ages Game Club** – Meet up with friends to play games! We offer chess, checkers, backgammon, Uno, mancala, and more. Don't worry – we still have Chess!

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

**6-7pm – Evening Book Club – "In the Midst of Winter" by Isabel Allende** – An unexpected traffic accident in the middle of a dark NYC brings together three people by happenstance, and the results are moving and surprising!

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

**10:30-10:50am – Sensory Storytime** – Join us for a quieter & shorter storytime.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 8

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

**4:30-5:15pm – Monet Water Lilies Craft** – Learn a bit about Monet and create your own watercolor painting of the lilies.

**6:30pm – Board Meeting** – Monthly meeting of Library Trustees and public to review library activity.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

**9-10am – Walking Program** – See January 2 for details.

**10:30-11:30am – Homebound Services** – See January 2 for details.

**1 & 6pm – Matchbox Craft** – Create this fun matchbox vanity for a doll house or small trinkets.

**6pm – Resa's Reviews & Recipes** – Teriyaki Chicken. facebook.com/MAPLD

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

**10-10:30am – Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story.

**10:45-11:15am – Craft** – Complete a themed craft with us!

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

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

**1-1:30pm – Afternoon Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story. This will be a repeat of the story from Wednesday.

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

**6-7pm – Multimedia Beach Scene Craft** – Dream of warmer weather and put together an original beach scene with textures and materials of your choice.

**7-8pm – ZOOM Author Panel; Speculating Our AI Future** – Join bestselling sci-fi authors Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu and Martha Wells to discuss the promise, perils, and possible impacts that AI will have on our future, as well as AI in contemporary and future science fiction writing.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 15

LIBRARY CLOSED ALL DAY FOR STAFF LEARNING

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

**9-10am – Walking Program** – See January 2 for details.

**10:30-11:30am – Catholic Charities – Tai Ji Quan** – Formally known as Tai Chi, this program is designed to help seniors move better and improve balance.

**10:30-11:30am – Homebound Services** – See January 2 for details.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

**10-10:30am – Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story.

**10:45-11:15am – Craft** – Complete a themed craft with us!

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

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

**1-1:30pm – Afternoon Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story.

This will be a repeat of the story from Wednesday.

**3:30-5pm – All Ages Game Club** – See January 4 for details.

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

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

**10:30-11:30am – Catholic Charities – Tai Ji Quan** – See January 16 for details.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

**1:30-2:15pm – Lab Ratz – Color Changing Slime** – Create mesmerizing color changing slime! Sponsored by LyondellBasell.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 22

**3-4pm – MAPL Book Club – "Lab Girl" by Hope Jahren** – A geobiologist takes us through how her childhood, relationships, and discoveries have shaped her understanding of plants and the world.

**4:30-5:15pm – Magic with Magnets Craft** – Experience the magic of magnets in action. Sponsored by LyondellBasell.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

**9-10am – Walking Program** – See January 2 for details.

**10:30-11:30am – Catholic Charities – Tai Ji Quan** – See January 16 for details.

**10:30-11:30am – Homebound Services** – See January 2 for details.

**1-3pm – Care Facility Info Session & Painting Activity** – Learn more about the local care facility options while painting a lovely winter scene.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

**10-10:30am – Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story.

**10:45-11:15am – Craft** – Complete a themed craft with us!

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

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

**1-1:30pm – Afternoon Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story. This will be a repeat of the story from Wednesday.

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

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

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

**10-11:30am – Catholic Charities – Tai Ji Quan** – See January 16 for details.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

**10:30am-12:30pm – Family Movie – Chronicles of Narnia** – Step through the wardrobe into the magical land of Narnia with our four main characters. Enjoy provided popcorn and beverages during this all-ages favorite.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

**9-10am – Walking Program** – See January 2 for details.

**10:30-11:30am – Catholic Charities – Tai Ji Quan** – See January 16 for details.

**10:30-11:30am – Homebound Services** – See January 2 for details.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

**10-10:30am – Storytime** – Join us for a weekly story.

**10:45-11:15am – Craft** – Complete a themed craft with us!

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

## COLOR 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)



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