

MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
NEWSLETTER

CULTIVATE CURIOSITY, ENLIGHTEN THE MIND, STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY

Join us for our first

Bus Trip
of the year!



February/March 2024

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HOURS

Monday-Thursday	9am-8pm
Friday & Saturday	9am-5pm
Sunday	12pm-5pm

Special Hours

- Saturday, March 30 Closing at 4pm
- Sunday, March 31 Closed



We are booking our first bus trip of 2024, to Rock Island IL, to see **“Church Basement Ladies”** at the Circa '21 dinner playhouse. Along with the delicious food, we will see a Heavenly Musical Comedy set in the basement of a small town local church. Leaving from our library we will take a charter bus directly to the front door of the theater. Join your friends and neighbors on **Wednesday, April 10, 2024** as we tap to the music and laugh at the humor. Tickets may sell out, so call soon.

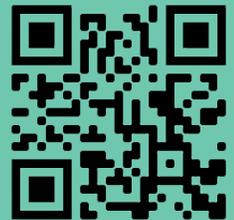
We would hate for you to miss out on the fun, call and reserve your seat now.

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For more information

SCAN
ME!



Get ready for

Animals Around the World

featuring **LIVE** animals!



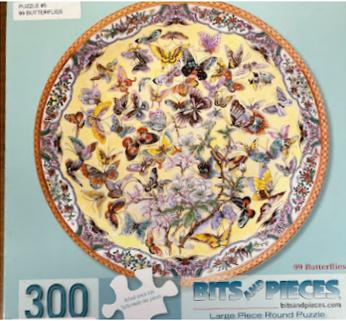
Saturday, March 9, at 2:00 Sharon Peterson from Incredible Bats will be here with a variety of animals including a parrot, fennec fox, hedgehog, and a sloth! You may even be able to pet some of these animals. Space is limited, so register today!



Sponsored by:



Looking for something to do at home during the winter?



Ranging in size from 300 to 1000 pieces, our jigsaw puzzle collection is a perfect indoor activity for beginning and expert puzzlers alike!

Come check out our selection of puzzles today!



NEW TO SEE

New Tools Arrive at Morris Area Public Library



Library Director Resa Mai with Adam Glerup from Whitmore Ace Hardware, who generously donated several tools for the community to check out from the library.

Thanks to a generous donation, our Library of Things collection continues to grow and evolve to better serve our community. **Whitmore Ace Hardware** recently provided us with a wide variety of tools. The new additions include screwdrivers and mallets, as well as more obscure tools such as a 100 ft. tape measure and a stud finder. They are added to our collection for Morris patrons to check out.



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Morris Area Public Library continues to create the future

Working with Studio GC, as our architect we are dedicated to creating an addition and interior improvements that support and reflect the needs of our patrons. We are continually gathering information from the Morris area that will be reflected in the final construction.

Our community is encouraged and welcome to attend any of our Ad Hoc Construction meetings. Each meeting gathers to discuss the many options we are considering. Our meetings are the **first Tuesday of each month at 6:00p** in the library basement.

If you can not make a meeting call, email or stop by, we want to hear you!

STUDIO | GC



Enjoy gardening?

Spring is just around the corner and we need volunteers for a spring garden clean up.

Applications can be found on our website or at the main desk.

Children & Youth

Check out our Early Chapter Books!

You may have noticed that our children's chapter books look a bit different.

We have a newly designated section of early chapter books to make finding the right book even easier.

Early chapter books serve as the bridge between leveled readers and regular chapter books. These books are typically around 100 pages, have illustrations, as well as use less complex word choice and structure. Within this new section, you'll find popular series including *Magic Tree House* and *Owl Diaries*. Early chapter books are the ideal transition as children become more confident readers.



Check out the Early Chapter Books the next time you're here!



Tween & Teen

Earn Community Service Hours while hanging out at the library with friends

The **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)** is a service opportunity for tweens/teens in grades 6–12. Join us for pizza and have an impact on designing the teen/tween programs we offer. We also help with various projects around the Library. One community service hour is awarded per meeting.

Mark your calendars!
We meet on the 4th Thursday of every month

SEEK & FIND TEEN EDITION

Can you find all 5 shapes for the week? Write down the correct colors, turn in your slip, and pick a sticker.

February: Hearts

March: Cats



Community Spotlight

Are you a part of a local organization?

The library offers several way for your organization to promote their cause and fundraising endeavors. We have a

- community bulletin board where you can post about your upcoming events,
- a public resource table for your informational flyers,
- meeting space for your open meetings,
- and opportunities to be featured in our community spotlight section of our newsletter and website.

Stop by the library or email social@morrislibrary.com to discuss how we can partner with you. All information must be approved before posting.

Need Technical Assistance?



Call to make an appointment for some one on one help

One on One with Tech Guru

Schedule a time to get answers to your tech questions with our onsite tech expert. No question is too small.

Senior Tech Basics

Learn the basics of operating and getting the most out of your computer in three one-on-one lessons.

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.



ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

Illinois Libraries Present provides premier online events

Tuesday, February 6 at 7pm *A Conversation with Jerry Craft: From Mama's Boyz to New Kid and Beyond*

Tuesday, February 20 at 7pm *Romance and Regency with Bridgerton's Julia Quinn*

Wednesday, March 20 at 7pm *Ruth E. Carter: Interweaving Tradition and Imagination Through Costume Design*

TO REGISTER: www.morrislibrary.com/author-talks
(Please choose Morris Area Public Library from the menu bar under How did you hear about this event?)



Third Mondays of the Month
11am-2pm

February 19 - *Barbie*

Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans.

March 18 - *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3*

Following the death of the family patriarch, the Portokalos family decides to embark on a grand odyssey to his homeland in Greece for a no-holds-barred family reunion.

Not able to make it to the library?

Let us bring materials to you

HOMEBOUND services



Check-out, Drop off & Pick up available every Tuesday.
Call the library to set up a visit.

Consumer Drug Take-Back Program Envelopes Now Available at the library

Inmar Intelligence's Consumer Drug Take-Back program offers Morris residents the ability to safely dispose of unwanted, unused, or expired medication. Proper disposal saves lives and protects the environment.

Flushing unused medicines or pouring them down a sink can contaminate our water supply. Leaving unused medications in our homes can lead to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse. A way to help combat the problems of drug misuse while protecting our ecosystem, the library now has envelopes available for patrons to safely dispose of their medications.

These mail-back envelopes are anonymous and convenient, allowing consumers to send their medications for disposal from home. Simply place unwanted medications in the free envelopes and drop them in the mail!



Envelopes are located on the Public Resource table inside the library.

Save the Date



SOLAR ECLIPSE

Saturday, April 6 1-3PM

NASA Solar Ambassador Danielle Diamond will be talking to us about the upcoming Solar Eclipse. There will be STEM activities and free solar eclipse glasses to take home. Open to all ages.