

# MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

CULTIVATE CURIOSITY, ENLIGHTEN THE MIND, STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY

Welcome  
TO MORRIS

## GET TO KNOW YOUR LIBRARY

If you ask us, libraries are magical places. Beyond checking out books, we have a wide range of services you might not even be aware come with your library card. We call these **Patron Perks!** Over the next few months we will be highlighting various perks throughout our library, on our website and social media. **We encourage you to take advantage of all YOUR library has to offer.**

**Don't have a library card? No problem!**  
*Stop by the front desk for information on how you can get yours today!*

## PATRON PERKS

Did you know with your library card you can receive admission or a special discount at participating area cultural destinations including the Brookfield Zoo and Illinois Railway Museum? Talk to any staff member for more information!

April/May 2024

### CONTACT

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Phone: 815-942-6880  
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### HOURS

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

### Special Hours

◦ Monday, May 27      Closed



**For more information**



## SUMMER ADVENTURE PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS FRIDAY, MAY 24

The library is your resource for all things summer adventure. Follow your heart, dreams and hobbies. This is the time to explore and grow. All ages can register for the Summer Adventure Program and have a chance to win prizes.

ADVENTURE BEGINS AT THE



**MORRIS AREA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**



## Our Seed Library is now open!



Are you a seasoned gardener ready to experiment with different seed varieties than you typically grow? Or a novice gardener wanting to try growing flowers and vegetables without financial concern should some seeds fail to germinate? Then the Morris Area Public Library is here to help!

Visit our Seed Library located in our Library of Things. Choose up to five (5) seed packets and fill out our seed sign out sheet with the packets you choose.

The Seed Library is open to all Morris residents. Seed packets are free, and available on a first-come, first-served basis.



## NEW TO SEE

# More efficient, patron friendly use of space

*Our children's area has a new arrangement to give our young patrons more space.*

In an ongoing effort to create library spaces that **cultivate curiosity**, we have made some changes to our children's area. Wanting to engage our young patron's developing and curious minds, we have added space where kids able to work or play.

Previously our chapter book shelves were lined up in rows. By rotating one shelf, we now have room for two tables! These leaf tables are the perfect space for children to explore our STEAM kits, sample some books before check out, or sit and play with a few toys.



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Anyone who has ever renovated a kitchen or built a house knows, construction planning takes time. **Our library expansion is getting closer to some final decisions.** We are not ready to break ground but we make progress every day. We invite you to come hear the latest updates on the Board of Trustees plans where our director, Resa Mai, will give you an overview of our latest proposed space. We are always looking for input from the Morris community. Our Community Conversations take place the first Tuesday of every month at 6PM at the library.

## Help Wake Up our Perennial Garden

We are looking for Adult volunteers with strong backs and a deep appreciation of our native plants to help get our garden going this season

Contact the library to schedule your time, as much or as little, it is all up to you.

Morris Area Public Library  
**Volunteer Spot**



# Children & Youth

## Fun and Engaging Decodable Books

*Simple books that are written for the beginning reader*

Is your child having trouble sounding out words when reading? The library has a variety of decodable texts that break down the different letter sounds for children to practice. Whether your child is just beginning their reading journey or is older and finds reading frustrating, these books help kids to unlock the secrets of words by knowing the sounds each group of letters and vowels can make. With this phonetic knowledge, reading becomes much easier.



*We're happy to help you find the right decodable books whenever you visit!*

## Tween & Teen

### Get creative at the library

Looking for somewhere to go with your friends? Why not make plans to meet at the library.

We will have a Community String Art project intended for our Tween/Teen patrons beginning in April. Each month we will have a new shape on an easel ready for you to be a part of the design. This ongoing project will be available during regular library hours. Make sure to sign the Guest Artist Book!

**String Art dates back to the 19th century. It helps relieve stress and improve your mood. It also stimulates the mind and allows people to spend time with friends and family.**



All Ages  
*Event*



*DELVE INTO THE BASICS OF SEVERE WEATHER*

**Saturday, June 15 1PM**

Come and explore the fundamentals of extreme weather with us. Discover the world of storm chasing, delve into local climatology, learn about previous tornado occurrences, gain knowledge of severe weather safety and preparedness, and participate in a Q&A session.

**This program will fill up fast  
Register early!**

## Printing Services at the Library



### Pricing

#### Black and White:

8.5X11 \$0.10  
8.5x14 \$0.15  
11x17 \$0.20

#### Color:

8.5X11 \$0.25  
8.5x14 \$0.30  
11x17 \$0.40

You can print emails, documents, photos, boarding passes, and more. Print directly from a library computer or use your smartphone, tablet, home computer, or laptop to send a mobile print request.

Find more information on our website or scan the QR code to upload your document



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## SUMMER 2024 MOVIES IN THE PARK at GOOLD PARK



June 21



July 19



August 16



September 20

## UPCOMING MONDAY MATINEES

Third Mondays of the Month  
11am-2pm

April 15 - *Wonka*

This fantasy musical film follows the story of Willy Wonka, the famous but eccentric chocolatier based on the character from Roald Dahl's novel.

May 20 - *A Haunting in Venice*

Set in eerie, post-World War II Venice on All Hallows' Eve. A terrifying mystery featuring the return of the celebrated sleuth, Hercule Poirot.

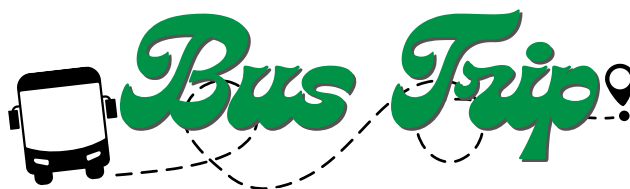
## Not able to make it to the library?

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.



Duly Health &  
Care Field  
Joliet, IL



JOIN US FOR SOME  
FOOD, FUN, FRESH AIR,  
AND BASEBALL!

SUNDAY JUNE 23

BUS LEAVES AT 11:30AM



**Cost: \$24**

Trip includes bus, pre-game tour of stadium,  
food voucher, and ticket for game

ONE LUCKY ATTENDEE  
WILL GET TO THROW  
OUT THE FIRST PITCH!

REGISTER BY CALLING  
815-942-6880  
OR STOP BY THE DESK

**THIS EVENT IS  
FOR EVERYONE**

KIDS UNDER 18 MUST BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Payment and signed waiver must be received for complete registration.

In the event a participant withdraws from a trip, the participant shall receive a refund only if a replacement is found and the replacement pays the full bus trip fee.

## PATRON PERKS AT THE MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

## DIE CUT MACHINE

COME IN AND USE  
OUR MACHINES TO  
HELP DECORATE  
FOR PARTIES,  
CREATE  
SCRAPBOOK PAGES  
AND ENHANCE AT  
HOME LEARNING

Bring your own paper  
and explore all the  
shapes we have  
available! More details  
on our website

Provided for our  
patrons 16+