

# MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM GUIDE

## DECEMBER 2024



### Children's Weekly Storytimes and Craft

PreK, Birth to 4 years

**Wednesdays | 10-10:30am**

*Morning Storytime*

**Wednesdays | 10:45-11:15am**

*Preschool Craft Time*

**Thursdays | 10:30-11am**

*Lapsit Storytime*

Designed specifically for infants and toddlers alongside their caregivers

**Thursdays | 1-1:30pm**

*Afternoon Storytime*



### Sensory Sensitive Programming

We welcome all ages and abilities, with a focus on neurodivergent children ages 10 and under.

**Saturday, December 7 | 10:30-10:50am**

*Sensory Sensitive Storytime*

A shorter, quieter storytime

**Friday, December 13 | 3:30-4pm**

*Sensory Sensitive Activities*

From tactile experiences to visual exploration, enjoy a new sensory activity with your caregiver.



### Tween/Teen Programming

Grades 6-12, Ages 11-18

**Thursday, December 5 | 6-7pm**

*Fold, Twist, Create*

Learn how to make an easy origami figure or balloon animal, then get a chance to create it yourself.

**Thursday, December 12 | 6-7pm**

*Craft Night Out: Zentangle*

Create an awesome craft project, hang out with friends, and unleash your artistic side.

**Thursday, December 19 | 6-7pm**

*Book Launch Party -  
The Swifts*

During the launch, we'll read the first few chapters aloud together, and then bring the story alive with an activity.



### Youth Programming

Grades K-5, Ages 5-10

**Tuesday, December 3 | 4:30-5:30pm**

*LEGO® Builders*

We provide the bricks, and you provide the ideas—build anything you can dream up and tell any story you can imagine.

**Monday, December 9 | 4:30-5:30pm**

*Crafternoon - Holiday Cookie*

Frost, decorate, and celebrate the holidays

**Tuesday, December 10 | 4:30-5:30pm**

*Crafternoon - Diamond Art*

Join the Diamond Art craze while making a cute ornament for your holiday tree

**Tuesday, December 17 | 4-4:30pm**

*Early Chapter Book Launch -*

*The Puppy Place: Goldie*

After reading the first few chapters aloud together, we'll work on a fun activity tied to the story.

**Saturday, December 21 | 1:30-2pm**

*LabRatz - Toothbrush Robot*

Get an introduction in robotics while learning more about the mechanics and circuits to make them run.



### Community Programming

All Ages

**Wednesdays and Thursdays | 5-7pm**

*Nighty Night Storytime*

**Tuesday, December 10 | 6pm**

*Resa's Reviews and Recipes -  
Dulce De Leche Whipped Cream*

**Wednesday, December 11 | 3:30-5pm**

*Board Game Community*



### Senior Programming

Ages 60+

**Tuesday, December 3 | 10am-12pm**

*Creativity Connections*

Create a rustic whitewashed panel. Must register by November 22, 2024. Presented by Catholic Charities.

**Tuesdays and Fridays, October 22 -  
January 14 | 1:30 - 3:00 pm**

**BINGOCIZE®**

Presented by Catholic Charities.



### Adult Programming

Ages 18+

**Monday, December 2 | 12-4pm**

*Calling All Crafters*

**Monday, December 2 | 4:30-7:30pm**

*A Gathering of*

*Magic: The Gathering*

**Thursday, December 5 | 6-7pm**

*Books on Tap -*

*The Last Christmas in Paris*

Meets at Clayton's Tap

**Monday, December 9 | 11am-2pm**

*Monday Matinee -*

*The Fall Guy*

**Sunday, December 15 | 10am-5:30pm**

*Library Bus Trip - Conklin Barn III*

*A Christmas Tradition*

**Monday, December 16**

Two Sessions Available:

12:30PM – 2PM or 5:30PM – 7PM

*Adult Craft - Holiday Centerpiece*

**Monday, December 16 | 3-4pm**

*Afternoon Book Club -*

*Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder*



### Special Interest Programming

**Thursday, December 5 | 4-6pm**

*Financial Aid Application*

*Completion Night*

Professionals will be available to help attendees complete the:

2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and

2024-2025 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (RISE Act)

**Wednesday, December 11 | 10:15-10:45am**

*Developmental Screenings*

FREE, drop in event for children Birth to 3 years. Sponsored by Jumpstart

**Monday, December 16 | 10-11am**

*Homeschool Meet Up*

Fantastic opportunity for homeschoolers of all ages to connect, share experiences, and build a supportive community.

For more information and a full list of events, visit our website!



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**Registration suggested for all programs. Call or stop by the front desk.**

-  **Children**  
PreK, Birth to 4 years
-  **Youth**  
Grade K-5, Ages 5-10
-  **Tween/Teen**  
Grade 6-12, Ages 11-18
-  **Everyone**  
All Ages
-  **Adult**  
Ages 18+
-  **Seniors**  
Ages 60+
-  **Special Interest**

*Programs, dates and times may be subject to change.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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29	30	31 HomeBound Services 10:30-11:30AM CLOSING AT 2PM FOR HOLIDAY	 <p><b>Coming in January!</b> Join the <b>READbellion</b> An adult book club for the young and lit</p>			