

# MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

CULTIVATE CURIOSITY, ENLIGHTEN THE MIND, STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY

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## HOURS

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

## SPECIAL HOURS

Sunday, April 20, 2025	Closed
Monday, May 26, 2025	Closed

Join us on **Saturday, May 3, 2025** for

## FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Comic books and graphic novels are more than just superheroes—they cover every genre and can help improve reading comprehension, vocabulary, and visual literacy. Stop by to pick up a free comic book *while supplies last!*

**But the fun doesn't stop there!** Come in and bring your creativity to life. Use one of our comic book templates to create your own story, or relax with a coloring page featuring your favorite characters.

Then, at 1:30 PM, settle in for a special movie showing of ***The Empire Strikes Back!*** To make the experience even more exciting, we'll have a craft station after the movie, where you can create your own lightsaber. **Registration is required for the craft to ensure we have enough supplies.**

Comics are limited—be sure to stop by early! May the Force (and free comics) be with you!



For more information

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ME!



## LEVEL UP



Challenges • Prizes • Events and More

## Morris Area Public Library 2025 Summer Adventure Program

Get ready to embark on an unforgettable journey—your 2025 Morris Area Public Library's Summer Adventure Program! Whether you're exploring new worlds through books, diving into exciting activities, or joining us for special events, **this summer is all about leveling up your learning and fun!**

Registration opens **Tuesday, May 27, 2025!**

When you sign up, you'll gain access to **engaging programs, hands-on activities, and library resources** designed to help you learn and grow. Stop by the library to check out what's in store and pick up everything you need to Level Up your summer.

Your adventure starts here—are you ready?



## WHY BUY • WHEN YOU CAN • BORROW

### Sprucing up your space?



The Library of Things now has Color Snap Fan Decks from Sherwin-Williams, Behr, and Benjamin Moore available for checkout! These decks make it easy to find the perfect paint color for your next home improvement project.



Borrow one today  
and bring your  
vision to life!

## NEW(ish) TO SEE

### Grow, Share, and Thrive: The Seed Library is Back!

Ready to get your hands dirty and grow something beautiful? Our **Seed Library** is back for spring, offering free seeds for vegetables, herbs, flowers, and fruits—perfect for gardeners of all skill levels!

Stop by to browse our collection and pick up to five seed packets to start your garden. Availability changes throughout the season, and seeds are first come, first served. No need to return seeds, but if you save some from your harvest, we'd love to add them back to the library for others to enjoy.

This initiative supports our mission to cultivate curiosity, enlighten the mind, and strengthen our community by promoting sustainability, nutrition, and a love of gardening. Visit the Seed Library today and watch your garden—and our community—grow!



*Our Seed Library features a rotating selection of seeds, giving you new options to grow fresh vegetables, herbs, and flowers throughout the season.*

## LAST CALL FOR DRAGON CARDS

The **Reading Dragons & Friends program** is wrapping up for the season on Sunday, May 25, 2025—don't miss your chance to claim your dragon cards! Be sure to turn in your reading logs before the deadline to receive all the cards you've earned.

The program will take a break over the summer and return in September 2025 with brand-new dragons to collect! Thank you for being part of the adventure—we can't wait to see you and your collections in the fall!



### Our **Native Plants Garden** could use your green thumb!

We're looking for volunteers to assist with weeding and watering starting this spring and continuing through the fall. Sign up to lend a hand and help us keep the garden beautiful. Volunteers can sign up to work at their convenience during regular library hours.

*Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just looking to make a difference, we'd love to have you join us!*  
**Call the library for more information on becoming a volunteer.**




# Children & Youth

## Explore, Experiment, and Discover with LabRatz!

Join us the **third Saturday of every month** at 1PM as we dive into the worlds of Physics, Biology, and Chemistry through exciting, hands-on STEM activities. From cracking secret codes and creating slime to making simple bots and studying flowers, there's always something new to explore.

The fun doesn't stop there—each month brings a thrilling new experiment! This summer, we're taking it to the next level with an exploration of flying machines and fossils. Get ready for discovery, creativity, and plenty of surprises.

This program is proudly supported by  LYB LyondellBasell



**Registration Required -  
Space is Limited!**  
Sign up in advance to  
guarantee your spot.



## Tween & Teen

## Unlock the Fun at The Variety Vault!



Step into **The Variety Vault**—a night of excitement, games, and surprises just for tweens and teens! On the first Thursday of every month from 5-6PM, we crack open our vault of fun for an unforgettable evening.

- **Master the Art of Balloon Animals** – Twist, shape, and create your own balloon creatures.
- **Game On!** – Play card games, board games, and even test your luck with our mystery Lego box.
- **Hang Out & Have Fun** – Bring your friends or meet new ones while exploring a variety of activities.

Whether you're here to compete, create, or just chill, there's something for everyone at The Variety Vault.

## Community *Event*

*Looking for a fun way to  
spend an afternoon?*

Unplug, connect, and enjoy an afternoon of gaming with fellow enthusiasts. Our **Board Game Community** meets twice a month for friendly competition, connection, and discovery.



**When:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
3:30-5:00 PM

Whether you're a casual player or a strategy master, there's a place for you in the game! *All ages welcome.*





**Need home improvement help?**

Check out **HOME IMPROVEMENT SOURCE** in EBSCO.

With access to over 130 reference books, you'll find inspiration and step-by-step instructions for electrical work, green design, plumbing, gardening, and more! Great ideas for refreshing your home sweet home!



**Explora**  
an EBSCOhost Experience

Thanks to the Illinois State Library and the Illinois Secretary of State, this and other reliable e-resources are available for free to all Illinois libraries.

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## BUSINESS CENTER

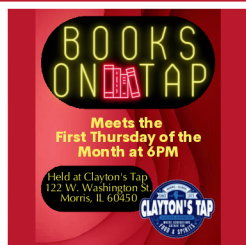
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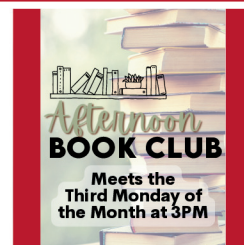
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April  
**The Secret Book of Flora Lea**  
May  
**The Great Divide**



April  
**The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy**  
May  
**The Book of Form and Emptiness**



April  
**The Berry Pickers**  
May  
**The Paris Apartment**



**Second Mondays of the Month**  
11am-2pm

**April 14, 2025 - Airplane (1980)**

A traumatized ex-flyer boards a plane hoping to win back his flight attendant girlfriend. Meanwhile, the pilots get food poisoning, and someone has to land the jet.

**May 12, 2025 - North by Northwest (1959)**

While leaving New York's Plaza Hotel, an innocent man has the misfortune of standing just as the name "George Kaplan" is paged--starting a lethal case of mistaken identity and a nonstop game of cat and mouse.

## 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.



## Learn about the ANGELIC side of DEVEILED EGGS

Join us LIVE at the library on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, at 6 PM for a live demonstration celebrating spring with **Deveiled Eggs**! Learn how to create these delicious bites with fresh flavors, discover time-saving shortcuts, and explore creative



substitutions. Plus, we'll share tips for making picnic-perfect deviled eggs on the go.

**Don't miss this egg-citing event!**