

MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

CULTIVATE CURIOSITY, ENLIGHTEN THE MIND, STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY

SUMMER 2025

MUSIC IN THE PARK

at GOOLD PARK

**GET READY TO SING-ALONG, DANCE,
AND CELEBRATE SUMMER!**

**A MAGICAL
SURPRISE AWAITS
THE FIRST 100
ATTENDEES!**

Mark your calendars for one of the most magical nights of the summer! On **Friday, August 15**, join us at Goold Park for our annual outdoor community celebration. This year we're turning the park into a high-energy, family-friendly party with a **live Sing-Along DJ show**.

The Sing-Along will include all your favorite classic cartoon hits and animated

movie soundtracks. Our interactive DJ will get the crowd singing and dancing, and lead us right into a special *Frozen Sing-Along* movie screening under the stars.

Whether you come for the sing-along, the movie, or the community spirit, this is an event you won't want to miss.

**CLASSIC CARTOON
SING-ALONG**

Made possible by the Bowker-Ostrem-Meadows Grant through the
Community Foundation of Grundy County

June/July/August 2025

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HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm

Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday 12pm-5pm

SPECIAL HOURS

Friday, July 4, 2025

Closed



For more information



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MOVIES IN THE PARK

at GOOLD PARK



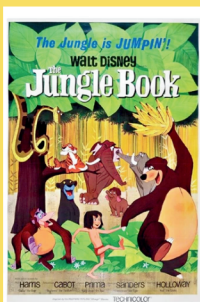
Movies in the Park is back for another summer of **FREE** outdoor movie fun, and we're teaming up with the City of Morris to bring you a fantastic lineup!

Every month from June through September at Goold Park, each movie night features a family-friendly film selected to delight audiences of all ages. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and snacks, and come early to grab a great viewing spot.

ALL MOVIES BEGIN AT DUSK



June 27



July 18



August 15



September 12

WHY BUY

• WHEN YOU CAN •

BORROW

Summer Projects Start Here

Got a summer to-do list that's growing faster than your tomato plants?



Whether you're tackling a DIY project or making a few small home repairs, we have your back - and your tools!

We offer a growing collection of tools you can borrow to tackle projects without the cost of buying new equipment.



From drills and screwdriver sets to sanders, soldering kits, and levels, our tools are perfect for weekend warriors or first-time fixers.

NEW TO SEE

Work Comfortably with Our New In-Library Chromebooks

Need to type a document or check your email but prefer not to sit at our row of desktop computers? Now you can work where you feel most comfortable! Our library now offers Chromebooks for in-library use, allowing you to take your work to a cozy chair, a quiet study room, or a spacious table where you can spread out your materials.



Our Chromebooks feature a long battery life, crisp 16-inch screen, and fast performance, ensuring a smooth and efficient experience.

Whether you're working on a

project, catching up on emails, or researching, we provide the flexibility and convenience you need—all within the library.

This addition aligns with our mission to cultivate curiosity, enlighten the mind, and strengthen our community by providing resources that support productivity, learning, and connection. Stop by the front desk to check out a Chromebook today and make the most of your time at the library!



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

It's officially begun!

Groundbreaking Ceremony - May 12, 2025



Members of the Library Board of Trustees joined Director Resa Mai to commemorate the beginning of a new era for the library.

Our groundbreaking ceremony marked the beginning of a project that will add a 106 capacity meeting room with lots of natural light and improved access for all patrons to the library, furthering our mission to **cultivate curiosity, enlighten the mind, and strengthen the community.** Head to our website and follow us on social media for updates throughout the construction process.

The expansion is made possible through a generous endowment from Richard M. Coulthard

Children & Youth

Summer Storytime in the PARK

Make the most of summer at our weekly outdoor storytime fun at Chapin Park!

Join us every Wednesday at 10 AM (weather permitting) for stories, dancing, bubbles, and popsicles. Perfect for kids of all ages.

After storytime, stay and play with friends or register for our Summer Craft time at the library at 11AM. It's a great way to enjoy the sunshine, connect with others, and share the joy of reading.

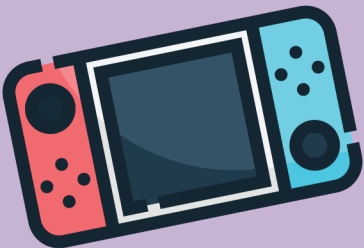


Tween & Teen

Get ready for the ultimate video game party!

Hey gamers! Are you ready to LEVEL UP your summer? Join us for our epic Video Game & Pizza Parties like no other!

Choose your adventure from FIVE amazing gaming stations: Switch, Wii, Xbox 360, Mini PC, and a Playstation One. Each station will have a selection of games to enjoy.



**Thursday, June 19 &
Thursday, July 17
1:30-3:30PM**

Bring your A-game and your appetite. It's going to be an unforgettable afternoon of gaming, laughs, and, of course, pizza!

Therapeutic Chair Tai Chi for Seniors

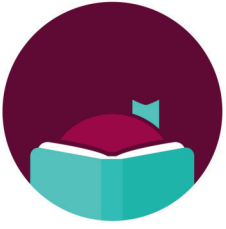


Stay active and centered with this class designed especially for adults 60 and over sponsored by Catholic Charities.

This gentle, seated practice promotes balance, mobility, and flexibility while also offering moments of mindfulness to support mental wellness.

**Tuesdays 10-11AM
August 5- September 23
Register Today!**

**Level Up your
Summer Reading
with**



Libby.

Borrow e-books, audiobooks, and magazines to read on your phone or tablet using the Libby app by OverDrive.

You can even send and read your borrowed e-books to your Kindle e-reader!

It's free and easy to get started. Grab your library card, head to our website and click on the Libby icon to start exploring.



**EVERYBODY
ALL AGES**

To register: www.morrislibrary.com/tickets



Cost: \$15

Trip includes Bus and ticket for the Art Institute of Chicago

**THE ART
INSTITUTE OF
CHICAGO**

**FRIDAY
JUNE 6**

**BUS LEAVES
AT 9AM**

**LINCOLN
PARK ZOO**

**FRIDAY
JULY 18**

**BUS LEAVES
AT 7AM**



**WILD
ADVENTURES
AWAIT**

Cost: \$15

Trip includes Bus and tickets to Lincoln Park Zoo

**PATRON PERKS AT THE
MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

DISC CLEANING & REPAIR SERVICE

**WE OFFER SERVICES
FOR A VARIETY OF**

**DISC FORMATS,
INCLUDING:**

- DVDS (SINGLE OR DOUBLE-SIDED)
- CDS (DATA OR MUSIC)
- BLU-RAY
- VIDEO GAME DISCS (WII, PS2, XBOX, PS3, PC GAMES)

\$1 per disc

Not all damage can be repaired. See our website for more information

Catch THE Hatch



**Experience the wonder of nature with
our live animal life cycle exhibit!**



Our Children's Department will be home to some special guests this summer. Watch as eggs hatch into adorable baby chicks and caterpillars undergo metamorphosis to become vibrant butterflies.

This special exhibit offers a rare, up-close look at two fascinating transformations, perfect for curious minds of all ages.

Stop in regularly to observe the changes as they happen and learn more about the science behind these natural processes.