

MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

CULTIVATE CURIOSITY, ENLIGHTEN THE MIND, STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY



Winter Wonderland

The magic of the library!

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Join on **Saturday, November 29, 2025** at Morris Home for the Holidays celebration.

October/November 2025

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HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm

Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday 12pm-5pm

SPECIAL HOURS

Wednesday, November 26, 2025	Open 9AM-2PM
Thursday, November 27, 2025	Closed

Registration Details: This year, Winter Wonderland time slots are available every 10 minutes from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Early registration is encouraged as spots fill quickly. Families can register by visiting the library or calling 815-942-6880. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the season with cozy memories, craft fun, and a touch of winter magic at your community library!



For more information

SCAN ME!



LOTERÍA Game Night

A traditional Mexican game similar to Bingo

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025
6-7PM**

Join us for an evening of fun and culture with Lotería, the traditional Mexican game similar to Bingo, but with a colorful twist! Instead of numbers, Lotería uses beautifully illustrated cards featuring objects, animals, and people, each bursting with color and tradition.

Every round is fast-paced, full of suspense, and guaranteed to bring laughter and friendly competition. Don't miss this chance to experience a beloved game that has brought families and communities together for generations!

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local craft stores and online.)

NEW TO SEE



READING DRAGONS & FRIENDS



Returns October 1!

Get ready! Our popular Reading Dragons & Friends program is back starting October 1. This year, you'll find 24 brand-new cards to collect!

For every 100 minutes you read, you'll earn a random card featuring dragons, unicorns, griffins, and other magical creatures. Keep reading to grow your collection, trade with friends, and even play games like Flame, Water, Forest or Dragon Duel. Registration is easy, just stop by the front desk on your next visit.

This program is open to all ages so grab your tracker, start reading, and see which creatures you discover!



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Every week brings exciting progress on our library's new addition, and we love sharing the journey with you! Watching the old buildings come down was just the beginning, we even captured video highlights you can revisit on our website and Facebook page.

Now, thanks to Narvick Brothers and their hardworking team, those big holes have transformed into strong foundations and walls rising up before our eyes.

Want a front-row seat to the action? Stop by and peek through our windows to see the changes for yourself, and be sure to **follow us on Facebook and visit www.morrislibrary.com for updates, photos, and behind-the-scenes moments** as we build the future of your library!



Volunteers needed for two event this fall!

- **Thursday, Oct. 30 | 4:00-8:00 PM:** Help serve hot dogs at our *Lights On After-School* event (during downtown trick-or-treating).
- **Saturday, Nov. 29 | 9:00-12:00 or 12:30-3:30:** Help out at our annual *Winter Wonderland* event with checking in patrons and passing out goodie bags.

Great for teens or adults. Stop in for more information!

Children & Youth

Shelf Discovery: NEW Display area for special collections!

Our Children's Department has a fresh new look! With brand-new shelves, we've added a special section just for our Wonderbook Chapter Books, Launchpads, Audiobooks and more.

From interactive read-along books to audio stories and engaging learning tools, there are so many ways for kids to explore stories and develop a love of reading. These resources help boost focus, comprehension, and confidence while making reading fun for every child.

Stop by, explore the shelves, and let your child discover the joy of reading in a whole new way!



Tween & Teen

LIBRARY AFTER DARK Tween/Teen Takeover

Get ready for an epic night at the library like you've never experienced before! Join us for a special after-hours event packed with fun, friends, and activities designed just for tweens and teens.

Get ready for a night of tasty snacks, spooky-fun games, and creative crafts. All topped off with a spooktacular movie!

It's after hours, it's just for tweens and teens, and it's going to be a blast. Don't miss it!



**Friday, October 24, 2025
4:30-9PM**

SILVER SCREEN REWIND

Love old Hollywood? Join us for our new adult program **Silver Screen Rewind** and experience the magic of the movies all over again! On the first Tuesday of every month at 11AM, we're rolling out a beloved classic from Hollywood's golden years. Think timeless dramas, laugh-out-loud comedies, and sweeping romances.

Bring a light lunch or snack to enjoy while you watch. We'll provide the fresh-popped popcorn!

Don't miss this chance to relax, reminisce, and enjoy great films with fellow movie lovers.

**October 7: *Singin' in the Rain*
November 4: *African Queen***

Spooktacular Happenings at the Library in October

HAUNTED TRUTHS
INSIDE A PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION

WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 1 @ 6PM



Presented by:
The Illinois Paranormalists

POETRY IN THE GRAVEYARD

An afternoon of verse and reflection
among the headstones

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
2-3PM



We will meet in front of the red brick vault on the the east end of the cemetery

Community Afterschool Showcase

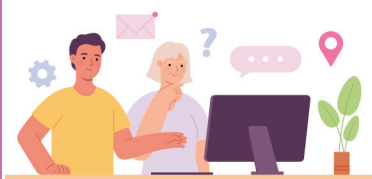


FREE HOTDOGS!
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

Stop by and check out afterschool options in the Morris Area

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30
5:00-7:00PM
DURING DOWNTOWN MORRIS
TRICK OR TREAT

Need Help? Tech Basics for Seniors



Three one on one sessions designed around your tech needs

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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

UPCOMING MONDAY MATINEES

Second Mondays of the Month
11am-2pm

October 13 - Clue (1985)

The whodunit board game comes to life as guests are invited to a swanky mansion to learn who is blackmailing them.

November 10 - Captain America: Brave New World (2025)

After meeting with newly elected U.S. President, Sam finds himself in the middle of an international incident. He must discover the reason behind a nefarious global plot before the true mastermind has the entire world seeing red.



MEMORY CAFE
A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE PLACE
Tuesday, October 16
1-2PM

The Memory Café is a warm, welcoming space where individuals living with memory loss and their caregivers can relax, share time together, and connect with others who understand. Each gathering features activities designed to be enjoyed as a pair, with caregivers accompanying their loved ones. (A formal diagnosis of dementia is not required.)

Book Clubs and Launches

Our book clubs have some fantastic titles coming up!

Check out the list below, grab a copy from the front desk, and join the discussion.

Early Chapter Book Launch (Ages 5-10)

October 21: Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver's *Detective Duck: The Case of the Strange Splash*

November 18: Marty McKnight's *Jim Nasium is a Football Fumbler*

Tween/Teen Book Launch (Ages 11-18)

October 16: Rick Riordan's *Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief*

November 20: Suzanne Collins's *Gregor the Overlander*

Books on Tap (Adults 18+)

October 2: *The Stars are Fire* By Anita Shreve

November 6: *Absolution: A Novel* By Alice McDermott

The READbellion (Adults 18+)

October 14: *Slewfoot* by Brom

November 11: *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries* by Heather Fawcett

Afternoon Book Club (Adults 18+)

October 20: *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* By Jesse Q. Sutanto

November 17: *I Have Some Questions for You* By Rebecca Makkai

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Bus Trip!



PLAID TIDINGS
A Special Holiday Edition of
Forever Plaid

Sunday, December 7
Cost: \$95

Kick off the holiday season with music, laughter, and harmony! Join us on our festive bus trip to see *Plaid Tidings*, a joyful holiday revue that ties together the best of Forever Plaid with a big Christmas bow.

This heartwarming performance is sure to have you smiling, singing, and ready for the season.

Seats are limited, so be sure to register soon and celebrate the holidays with us in perfect harmony!

Trip includes Dinner, Bus, Show, Lively Company, and Gratuity!