Take a Library Road Trip This Spring!

February – March 2026

Hit the road and discover what local libraries have to offer! This spring, we are partnering with other Illinois libraries across the region to invite you on a special *Library Road Trip* adventure.

From **March 28 through April 30,** all patrons are encouraged to explore participating libraries and experience the unique programs, services, and spaces each one provides to its community. Every library has something different to offer so you never know what you might discover!

To get started, **pick up a Library Road Trip passport at the front desk** and start traveling. Collect a stamp at each library you visit, including your Morris Area Public Library. Make a plan, choose your route, and enjoy discovering libraries throughout the region. Best of all, this event is **free and open to all ages.**

For every new library you visit, you'll receive a stamp and a small souvenir (while supplies last). As you collect stamps, you'll earn raffle tickets toward a **Library Road Trip gift basket**. Morris Area Public Library's gift basket includes **one Family Season Pass to the Morris City Pool**, plus pool toys and accessories courtesy of the City of Morris.

While we'd love for you to visit all 19 participating libraries, any number of stops count. When you're ready to end your journey, simply turn in your completed passport at the front desk. Raffle tickets are awarded based on the number of stamps collected:

- **1–5 stamps** = 1 ticket
- **6–10 stamps** = 2 tickets
- **11–15 stamps** = 3 tickets
- **16–18 stamps** = 4 tickets
- **19 stamps** = 5 tickets

You can find participating libraries on our website. Before visiting each location, remember to check their library website for more information, including hours and any special programs that might be of interest.

Where will your library road trip take you?

For more information

SCAN ME!

Neighborhood Forest
giving trees to children

FREE TREES for Kids

more information **ON OUR WEBSITE**

REGISTER NOW THROUGH MARCH 15

NEW TO SEE

A Brighter, More Energy Efficient Library is on the Way!

Exciting updates are coming to the library as part of our expansion project! One of the first improvements you'll notice is our new lighting system. The upgraded lights are energy-efficient, helping the library reduce its energy use while providing a much brighter and more welcoming space for reading, studying, and events.

The new lighting will enhance every corner of the library, making it easier to read, work, and explore our collection. Stop in so you can see firsthand how our library is becoming a brighter, more comfortable place for the community.

Thank you for your patience as we start our next chapter

Phase two of the library expansion will include ceiling work on the south side of the building and will allow us to open the new community space with programming areas and study rooms. During this phase, the collection will be moved to the north side, and the business center will be relocated behind the front desk. Our staff is always here to help you find what you're looking for during these changes.

Children & Youth

Sensory Sensitive Programming

"Everyone is different, and that's what makes everyone special."
Winnie-the-Pooh (A. A. Milne)

Our Sensory Sensitive Programs celebrate every child's unique way of experiencing and learning. These programs balance thoughtful sensory modifications with engaging, enriching activities creating a welcoming space where every child can participate comfortably and confidently.

We understand that children thrive in different environments, and our programs provide a quieter, more structured setting that fosters creativity, social skills, and critical thinking.

Join us for these inclusive and enriching programs designed to support every child's learning journey.

First Saturdays | 11:00–11:30 AM
Sensory Sensitive Storytime
A shorter, quieter storytime

Second Fridays | 3:45–4:15 PM
Sensory Sensitive Activities
Children and their caregivers explore hands-on sensory experiences using sensory bins and interactive materials.
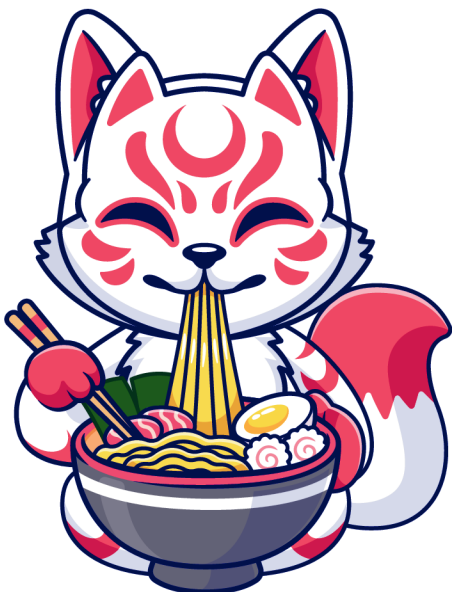
Third Sundays | 1:00–3:00 PM
Sensory Sensitive Movie Time
Movies are shorter in length, lights remain on, and sound is turned down. Fidget toys are available.

Tween & Teen

ANIME WATCH PARTY

Enjoy ramen. Watch anime. Hang out.

Calling all anime fans! Join us for our new Tween/Teen Anime Watch Party, a fun and relaxed way to enjoy anime with friends at the library. At each watch party, we'll screen two episodes from an anime series.

The Anime Watch Party meets on the first Thursday of every month from 5-6 PM. We'll provide ramen noodles and bottled water to enjoy during the show, and participants can relax, watch, and connect with fellow anime fans in a welcoming library space.

ART UNPLUGGED

Looking for a creative break?

Step away from the screen and create something real with a hands-on art project each month. Meet us on the fourth Thursday from 6:15–7:15 PM to unplug, be creative, and connect in a relaxed, social setting.

Designed for young adults 18-30 to network and have fun

Need Technical Assistance?

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH OUR TECH GURU

GET PERSONALIZED, ONE-ON-ONE HELP WITH YOUR DEVICE, EMAIL, OR INTERNET QUESTIONS.

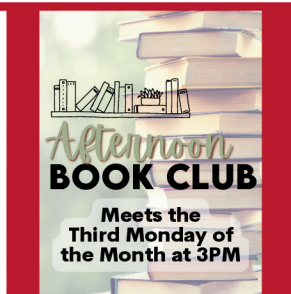Schedule an appointment by calling 815-942-6880 x118 or stop by the desk

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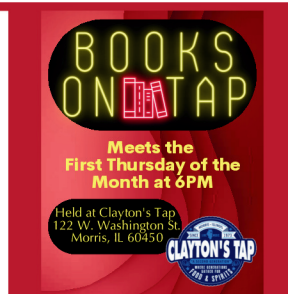MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

MUSEUM PASSES

WE OFFER TWO CHICAGOLAND MUSEUM PASS PROGRAMS, THE *MUSEUM ADVENTURE PASS* AND *EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS*

Pass benefits vary by organization. All passes are good for one week from issue date.

Available to patrons in good standing

Afternoon BOOK CLUB
Meets the Third Monday of the Month at 3PM

February
How to Solve Your Own Murder
March
Someone Else's Shoes

BOOKS ON TAP
Meets the First Thursday of the Month at 6PM
Held at Clayton's Tap 122 W. Washington St. Morris, IL 60450

February
The Other Einstein
March
Water for Elephants

The READbellion
An adult book club for the young and lit
Meets the Second Tuesday of the Month at 6PM

February
Shadow and Bone
March
The Unmaking of June Farrow

HORROR MOVIE NIGHT

THIRD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 5:30PM

February 17
The Black Phone (2022)

March 17
Final Destination: Bloodlines (2025)

WHERE THE LIGHTS GO OUT AND THE SCREAMS BEGIN
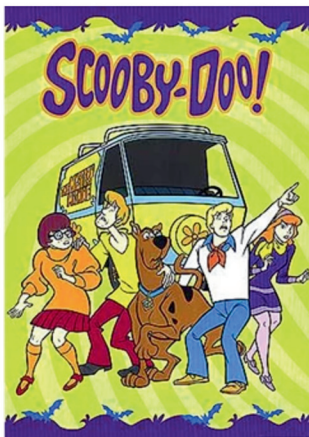

Not able to make it to the library?
Let us bring materials to you

HOMEBOUND services
MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Check-out, Drop off & Pick up available every Tuesday.
Call the library to set up a visit.

ZOINKS!
FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

SCOOBY-DOO!

Free Comic Book to all attendees while supplies last

Join us on **Saturday, May 2** for **Free Comic Book Day**! This year we're celebrating with a **Scooby-Doo mystery** you won't want to miss!

Bring the whole family and snap photos with the **Mystery Machine** from 12-2PM, which will be parked outside the library, and get ready as **Scooby-Doo himself will be here** to say hello! Inside, enjoy **Scooby-Doo episodes playing throughout the day**, plus fun crafts inspired by everyone's favorite mystery-solving gang.

Whether you're a longtime Scooby fan or discovering him for the first time, **Free Comic Book Day** is the perfect chance to celebrate comics, creativity, and classic cartoons. Costumes are welcome, curiosity is encouraged, and fun is guaranteed!

Don't miss this mystery-filled day at the library. Ruh-roh, it's going to be awesome!