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Live at the Library: Jazz Performance with Guitarist Sam Burns *Celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month with smooth sounds and rich stories*

Morris, IL - April 15, 2026 - The Morris Area Public Library invites the community to celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month with a special *Live at the Library* performance on **Saturday, April 25 from 1:00–2:00 PM**. This free program will feature a live jazz performance by guitarist and composer Sam Burns, sponsored by the Music Performance Trust Fund.

Sam Burns is known for his thoughtful, story-driven approach to music. His work emphasizes melody, pacing, and emotional depth, creating performances that unfold like a journey rather than a series of songs. Drawing from classic jazz standards as well as original compositions, this program will also include brief stories and insights into the artists and history behind the music.

Burns' performances are designed to invite listeners into a focused and immersive experience, where composition and improvisation blend seamlessly. Audiences can expect an engaging afternoon of live music that highlights both the rich traditions and evolving nature of jazz.

“Our goal is to create meaningful experiences for our community, and live music is a wonderful way to do that,” said Pam Burton, the library’s Head of Programming. “Music has a unique way of speaking to the soul, reminding us of meaningful moments in our lives, and bringing a sense of joy and shared experience to our community.”

This program is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

For more information about this *Live at the Library* program and other events at the Morris Area Public Library, please visit our website at www.morrislibrary.com or contact us at 815-942-6880.

About Morris Area Public Library: The Morris Area Public Library's mission is to provide materials, programming, and space to cultivate curiosity, enlighten the mind, and strengthen the community. We strive to offer diverse and enriching experiences for all members of our community.

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