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Teen Bus Trip to “Romeo and Juliet” at the Illinois Shakespeare Festival Scheduled for July 17

Morris, IL - June 1, 2026 - The Morris Area Public Library is excited to announce a special teen bus trip on Friday, July 17, 2026 to attend a performance of *Romeo and Juliet* at the Illinois Shakespeare Festival. This evening experience offers teens the opportunity to enjoy professional live theater, a catered box dinner, and a fun night out with friends.

The trip is generously sponsored by the Sanford Teen Endowment through the Community Foundation of Grundy County, allowing teens to attend for only \$10. The cost includes transportation, admission to the performance, and a box dinner.

The bus will depart from the library at 5:30 PM and is expected to return at approximately 11:30 PM.

Established in 1978, the Illinois Shakespeare Festival is a professional repertory company that produces mainstage productions, family-friendly performances, and a wide range of community programming each summer. The Festival welcomes more than 10,000 patrons each season and is recognized for bringing professional artistry, educational opportunities, and community engagement to audiences across Illinois.

This year’s teen trip features *Romeo and Juliet*, directed by María Amenábar Farias. The production brings Shakespeare’s timeless tragedy to life, following two “star-crossed lovers” in Verona whose forbidden romance reignites a longstanding family feud. The performance captures themes of passion, conflict, and fate in an unforgettable outdoor theater setting.

The library is grateful for the continued support of the Sanford Teen Endowment and the Community Foundation of Grundy County, which makes opportunities like this possible for local teens.

Teens are encouraged to register early for this limited-space trip and enjoy an exciting summer evening of theater, food, and friendship. Tickets can be reserved on the library’s website: www.morrislibrary.com/tickets

For more information about our teen bus trip 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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