

MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
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**★ Adult Programming**  
Ages 18+

**Monday, July 6 | 12-4PM**  
*Calling All Crafters*

**Mondays, July 6 & 20 | 4:30-7:30PM**  
*A Gathering of Magic: The Gathering*

**Tuesday, July 7 | 11AM-2PM**  
*Silver Screen Rewind - 1776 (1972)*

**Thursday, July 9 | 6-7PM**  
*Books on Tap - The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride*  
Meets at Clayton's Tap

**Sunday, July 12 | 2-3PM**  
*True Crime Think Tank I-70 Serial Killer*

**Monday, July 13 | 11AM-2PM**  
*Monday Matinee - Song Sung Blue (2025)*

**Tuesday, July 14 | 6-7PM**  
*The READbellion - The Knight and the Moth by Rachel Gillig*

**Wednesday, July 15 | 5:30-7PM**  
*From Prairie Plant to Prairie Critters*

**Thursday, July 16 | 10AM-1PM**  
*Yarn Crafts and More*

**Thursday, July 16 & 30 | 6:15-7:15PM**  
*The Nexus*

**Monday, July 20**  
Two Sessions Available:  
12:30PM – 2PM or  
5:30PM – 7PM  
*Adult Craft - Infused and Inspired*

**Monday, July 20 | 3-4PM**  
*Afternoon Book Club - Knife Skills for Beginners by Murrin Orlando*

**Tuesday, July 21 | 5:30-7:30PM**  
*Horror Movie Night - Send Help (2026)*

**Thursday, July 23 | 6:15-7:15PM**  
*Art Unplugged - Koi Creations*

**Monday, July 27**  
Two Sessions Available:  
12:30PM – 2PM or  
5:30PM – 7PM  
*Adult Craft - Dandelion Dreams*

**Monday, July 27 | 3-4PM**  
*Photo Club*

**Tuesday, July 28 12:30-1:30PM**  
*White Elephant BINGO*

**Tween/Teen Programming**  
Grades 6-12, Ages 11-18

**Thursday, July 9 | 5-6PM**  
*Craft Night Out - Splat Happens*

**Monday, July 13 | 2:30-4:30PM**  
*Video Game Party*

**Thursday, July 16 & 30 | 5-6PM**  
*The Variety Vault*

**Thursday, July 23 | 5-6PM**  
*Craft Night Out - Pond Vibes*

**Children's Weekly Storytimes and Craft**  
PreK, Birth to 4 years  
No Storytimes July 1-4

**Wednesdays | 10-10:30AM**  
*Storytime at Chapin Park*

**Wednesdays | 11-11:30AM**  
*Preschool Craft Time*

**Thursdays | 10:30-11AM**  
*Baby Bounce & Books*

**Thursdays | 1:30-2PM**  
*Afternoon Storytime*

**Community Programming**  
All Ages

**Wednesdays and Thursdays | 5-7PM**  
*Nighty Night Storytime*

**Thursdays | 6-7PM**  
*S'mores in the Garden*

**Monday, July 6 | 10-10:30AM**  
*High Five to Summer*

**Tuesdays | 11AM-12PM**  
*Homebound Services*

**Tuesday, July 7 | 2-4PM**  
*Games Galore*

**Tuesdays | 5:30-6PM**  
*Evening Storytime*

**Wednesdays | 1:30-3:30PM**  
*Midweek Movie -*  
July 8 - *Detective Pikachu (2019)*  
July 15 - *Charlotte's Web (2006)*  
July 22 - *Ramona and Beezus (2010)*  
July 29 - *The Iron Giant (1999)*

**Saturday, July 11 | 1:30-3:30PM**  
*Movie Time - Superman (2025)*

**Saturday, July 11 | 2:30-4:30PM**  
*Outdoor Craft*

**Tuesday, July 14 | 10AM-2PM**  
*ICash Event*

**Tuesday, July 14 | 2:30-4PM**  
*Submarines Down the Illinois River*

**Friday, July 17 | 7AM**  
*Bus Trip - Field Museum*

**Saturday, July 18 | 12-2PM**  
*Bluey Party*

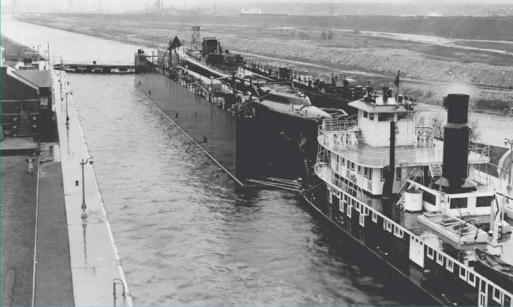
**Thursday, July 23 | 11:15-11:45AM**  
*High Five to Summer*

**Friday, July 24 | starts at dusk**  
*Movies in the Park - Back to the Future (1985)*

**Saturday, July 25 | 1-2PM**  
*Louis Armstrong: The Hot Fives and Hot Sevens*

**Tuesday, July 28 | 6-7PM**  
*Family Bingo*

**Submarines Down the Illinois River**  
with Joe Tokarz



**TUESDAY JULY 14**  
2:30-4 PM

**Youth Programming**  
Grades K-5, Ages 5-10

**Tuesday, July 7 | 4:30-6PM**  
*LEGO® Builders*

**Tuesday, July 14 | 4:30-5:30PM**  
*Crafternoon - Who's Ready to Paint?*

**Tuesday, July 21 | 10-11:30AM**  
*Summer Craft Time - Wild Lines*

**Tuesday, July 21 | 4:30-5:15PM**  
*The Clubhouse*

**Tuesday, July 28 | 4:30-5:30PM**  
*Crafternoon - Seas the Day*

**Senior Programming**  
Ages 60+

**Wednesdays | 1-2PM**  
*BINGOcize®*  
Presented by Catholic Charities.

**Fridays, July 10, 17, 24, & 31 | 1:30-3:30PM**  
*Tai Ji Quan*  
Presented by Catholic Charities.

**Friday, July 24 | 10AM-12PM**  
*Creativity Connections - Graphite Florals*  
Presented by Catholic Charities.

**Sensory Sensitive Programming**

We welcome all ages and abilities, with a focus on neurodivergent children ages 10 and under.

**Friday, July 10 | 3:45-4:15PM**  
*Sensory Sensitive Activities*

**Saturday, July 11 | 11-11:30AM**  
*Sensory Sensitive Storytime*

**Sunday, July 19 | 1-3PM**  
*Sensory Sensitive Movie Time TinkerBell and the Legend of the Neverbeast (2014)*

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SUMMER 2026

**MOVIES IN THE PARK**

at GOULD PARK

**FRIDAY, JULY 24**

MOVIE STARTS AT DUSK



**Special Interest Programming**

**Wednesday, July 8 | 11:30AM-12PM**  
*Developmental Screenings FREE, drop in event for children Birth to 3 years.*  
Presented by Jumpstart

**Tuesday, July 21 | 10-11:30AM**  
*Library Service Squad*  
A dedicated group of volunteers and their caregivers. Facilitated by Illinois Valley Industries.

**Monday, July 20 | 10-11AM**  
*Summer Meet Up*

**The Sound of Early Jazz: Louis Armstrong in Chicago**



**SATURDAY JULY 25**  
1-2PM

Louis Armstrong: The Hot Fives and Hot Sevens  
Presenter: Dr. John Cooper



Illinois Humanities

Illinois Humanities is supported in part by the Illinois General Assembly (through the Illinois Arts Council Agency), as well as by contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations

For more information and a full list of events, visit our website!

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**2026 SUMMER ADVENTURE PROGRAM**

604 Liberty Street  
Morris, Illinois 60450  
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www.morrislibrary.com

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 BINGOcize© 1-2PM Nighty Night Storytime 5-7PM	2 Nighty Night Storytime 5-7PM S'mores in the Garden 6-7PM	3	4  <b>4TH OF July</b>
5	6 High Five to Summer 10-10:30AM Calling All Crafters 12-4PM A Gathering of Magic: The Gathering 4:30-7:30PM	7 Silver Screen Rewind 11AM-2PM HomeBound Services 11AM-12PM Games Galore 2-4PM Lego© Builders 4:30-6PM Evening Storytime 5:30-6PM	8 Storytime at Chapin Park 10-10:30AM Preschool Craft Time 11-11:30AM FREE Developmental Screenings 11:30AM-12PM BINGOcize© 1-2PM Midweek Movie 1:30-3:30PM Nighty Night Storytime 5-7PM	9 Baby Bounce & Books 10:30-11AM Afternoon Storytime 1:30-2PM Nighty Night Storytime 5-7PM Craft Night Out 5-6PM S'mores in the Garden 6-7PM Books on Tap 6-7PM	10 Tai Ji Quan 1:30-3:30PM Sensory Sensitive Activities 3:45-4:15PM	11 Sensory Sensitive Storytime 11-11:30AM Movie Time 1:30-3:30PM Outdoor Craft 2:30-4:30PM
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PreK, Birth to 4 years
-  **Youth**  
Grade K-5, Ages 5-10
-  **Tween/Teen**  
Grade 6-12, Ages 11-18
-  **Everyone**  
All Ages
-  **Adult**  
Ages 18+
-  **Seniors**  
Ages 60+
-  **Special Interest**

Programs, dates and times subject to change.