

## Press Release

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### **Morris Area Public Library Celebrates Children's Day with Community Storytime and Family Activities**

**Morris, IL - July 22, 2026** - Families are invited to celebrate the joy, creativity, and importance of childhood during **Children's Day at the Morris Area Public Library on Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 10AM-12PM**. This special event recognizes children and encourages families to celebrate who they are today while inspiring them to dream about who they want to become.

Observed around the world, **Children's Day** is a time to honor the vital role children play in our community while raising awareness of every child's right to learn, play, grow, and thrive in a safe and supportive environment.

The celebration will begin at 10AM with a special **Storytime in the Park at Chapin Park** featuring a guest read from the Morris Fire & Ambulance District. A Morris firefighter will read *Fire Chief Fran* by Linda Ashman, while library staff will lead favorite storytime songs, movement activities, and interactive fun.

After storytime, families will parade together from Chapin Park to the Morris Area Public Library, where children can enjoy crafts, sidewalk chalk art, and additional activities celebrating imagination, self-expression, and community.

"Children's Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate everything that makes kids unique," said **Megan Murray, Head of Youth Services at the Morris Area Public Library**. "We want every child who joins us to feel seen, valued, and inspired. By partnering with one of our local firefighters for storytime and bringing families together through books, creativity, and play, we're creating meaningful memories while reminding children that their voices, dreams, and imaginations matter."

Children's Day is **free and open to the public**. Families are encouraged to explore the library's newly renovated Youth Services Department during the celebration where they can discover inviting new spaces created to inspire learning, imagination, and play.

For more information about Children's Day and other events at the Morris Area Public Library, please visit our website at [www.morrislibrary.com](http://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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