

MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
PROGRAMGUIDE
OCTOBER 2026



Winnie the Pooh

URNS 100

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14
10AM-1PM

- ★ Special Storytime
- ★ Birthday Craft
- ★ Movie Watchalong
- ★ Birthday Treats



Community Programming

All Ages

Tuesdays | 11AM-12PM

Homebound Services

Tuesdays | 5:30-6PM

Evening Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays | 5-7PM

Nightly Night Storytime

Saturday, October 3 | 10AM-1PM

Halloween Costume Exchange

Stop by the library to browse the donated costumes and choose something new-to-you for Halloween!

Saturday, October 3 | 11-11:30AM

Sensory Friendly Storytime and Craft

We'll enjoy gentle stories followed by a simple, sensory-friendly craft.

Saturday, October 3 | 1:30-3:30PM

Movie Time -

The Addams Family (2019)

Monday, October 12 | 2:30-3:30PM

The Life of a Monarch Butterfly

Join local monarch butterfly enthusiast Giuliana Meister, a 17-year-old monarch butterfly raiser, for an engaging, all-ages presentation about the fascinating life cycle of the monarch butterfly. Stay afterward to make a fun monarch-themed craft!

Wednesday, October 14 | 10AM-1PM

Winnie the Pooh Birthday Party

Come celebrate 100 years of friendship, adventure, and the Hundred Acre Wood! Join us for an extended storytime filled with stories, crafts, a classic movie, and plenty of Pooh-inspired fun.

Friday, October 16 | 5-6PM

Poetry in the Graveyard

Meet us at Evergreen Cemetery for an evening of reflection and verse. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and an open heart as we share words that connect us across generations.

Saturday, October 17 | 10AM-4PM

Art Exposition

A rare exhibit from a personal collection on display during Liberty Arts Festival. Stop in and see pieces from Rembrandt • Degas • Durer • Kandinsky • Hollar • Dali • Chagall • Picasso • Scultori • Chapron

Sunday, October 18 | 1-3PM

Sensory Friendly Cinema -

The Fox and the Hound (1981)

Tuesday, October 27 | 6-7PM

Family Bingo

Tuesday, October 27 | 7PM

The History of Funerals

From long-standing traditions to modern-day practices, funerals have changed in many ways throughout history. Presented by Grundy County Coroner John Callahan.

**Held offsite at the Grundy County History Museum:
510 W. Illinois Avenue Morris, IL 60450**

*Sponsored in partnership with the Grundy County
History Museum & Morris Area Public Library*

Thursday, October 29 | 5-7PM

Lights On Afterschool Community Showcase

Stop by during the Downtown Tick or Treat event for a free hot dog and check out the tables hosted by a variety of local organizations. This event is made possible by a grant from the **Community Foundation of Grundy County**.



Children's Programming

PreK, Birth to 4 years

Tuesdays | 9:30-11:30AM

Homeschool Learning Lab

Welcoming group of homeschooling families with young children.
Registration is required. Presented by Learners & Growers

Wednesdays | 10-10:30AM

Children's Storytime

Wednesdays | 10:45-11:15AM

Preschool Craft Time

Extend the fun of Storytime with a simple, hands-on craft.
Registration is recommended.

Thursdays | 10:30-11AM

Baby Bounce & Books

Thursdays | 1:30-2PM

Afternoon Storytime

HALLOWEEN COSTUME EXCHANGE



**SWAP,
DON'T
SHOP!**

**DONATIONS
WELCOME
SEPTEMBER 15-
OCTOBER 2**

FIND A "NEW"
HALLOWEEN LOOK
AT THE LIBRARY
OCTOBER 3 FROM
10AM-1PM

Youth Programming

Grades K-5, Ages 5-10

Tuesday, October 6 | 4:30-5:30PM

LEGO® Builders

Tuesday, October 13 | 4:30-5:30PM

Art Adventures - Mexican Folk Art

Hands-on art and creative exploration class.
Registration recommended.

Tuesday, October 20 | 4:30-5:15PM

The Clubhouse

Choose your own adventure every time

Saturday, October 17 | 1-1:30PM

LabRatz - Boo Bubbles

Experience science in action. This program is made possible by a generous grant from LyondellBasell.

Tuesday, October 27 | 4:30-5:30PM

Art Adventures - Mason Jar Luminaries

Hands-on art and creative exploration class.
Registration recommended.

Thursday October 1

Baby Bounce & Books

10:30-11AM

Afternoon Storytime

1:30-2PM

Anime Watch Party

5-6PM

Nighty Night Storytime

5-7PM

Ukulele Meetup

5:30-7:30PM

Books on Tap

6-7PM

Proud Readers

6:15-7:15PM

Friday October 2

Saturday October 3

*Halloween Costume
Exchange*

10AM-1PM

*Sensory Friendly Storytime
and Craft*

11-11:30AM

Movie Time

1:30-3:30PM



Special Interest Programming

**Saturdays, October 10-
November 21 | 10AM-12PM**

Early Adopters

Technology Program

Structured and interactive environment to explore technology, coding, and digital literacy skills for students in grades 3-5. Students who successfully complete the six-week session will receive a free laptop. Registration is required. Sponsored by LyondellBasell.

**Sunday
October 4**

**Monday
October 5**

Calling All Crafters
12-4PM

Photo Club
3-4PM

A Gathering of Magic: The
Gathering
4:30-7:30PM

**Tuesday
October 6**

Homeschool Learning Lab
9:30-11:30AM

HomeBound Services
11AM-12PM

Silver Screen Rewind
11AM-1:15PM

The Mahong Society
2-4PM

Lego© Builders
4:30-5:30PM

Evening Storytime
5:30-6PM

**Wednesday
October 7**

Children's Storytime
10-10:30AM

Preschool Craft Time
10:45-11:15AM

BINGOsize©
1-2PM

Nighty Night Storytime
5-7PM

Medicare 101
6-7:30PM

**Thursday
October 8**

Baby Bounce & Books
10:30-11AM

Afternoon Storytime
1:30-2PM

Craft Night Out
5-6PM

Nighty Night Storytime
5-7PM

Ukulele Meetup
5:30-7:30PM

Art Unplugged
6:15-7:15PM

Let us help you put
the pieces together

**Medicare
101**



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
6PM**

Presented by:
Jeff Remlinger

**Friday
October 9**

Sensory Friendly Playtime
3:45-4:15PM

**Saturday
October 10**

Early Technology Adopters
10AM-12PM

IL Humanities Road
Scholar Presentation
10AM-12PM

Sew Simple
1-3PM

NOW YOU SEE THEM, NOW YOU DON'T:
Native Americans in Media



**No One Ever Sees Indians:
Native Americans in Media**

Presenter: Ernest M. Whiteman III



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
10AM - 12PM**



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

Sunday October 11

True Crime Think Tank
2-3PM

Monday October 12

Monday Matinee
11AM-2PM

Monarch Presentation
2:30-3:30PM

MAPL Board of Trustees
Meeting
6:30-8PM

Tuesday October 13

Homeschool Learning Lab
9:30-11:30AM

HomeBound Services
11AM-12PM

Art Adventures
4:30-5:30PM

Evening Storytime
5:30-6PM

The READbellion
6-7PM

Wednesday October 14

FREE Developmental
Screening
10:45-11:15AM

Winnie the Pooh
Birthday Party
10-1PM

BINGOcize©
1-2PM

Nighty Night Storytime
5-7PM

Thursday October 15

Yarn Crafts & More
10AM-1PM

Baby Bounce & Books
10:30-11AM

Afternoon Storytime
1:30-2PM

The Variety Vault
5-6PM

Nighty Night Storytime
5-7PM

Ukulele Meetup
5:30-7:30PM

The Nexus
6:15-7:15PM

Friday October 16

Poetry in the Graveyard
5-6PM

Saturday October 17

Early Technology Adopters
10AM-12PM

Art Exposition
10AM-4PM

Creator's Village @ Liberty
Street Arts Festival
9:30AM-3PM

LabRatz
1-1:30PM

Senior Programming Ages 60+

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

Friday, October 30 |
1:30PM-3:30PM
Tai Ji Quan
Presented by Catholic Charities.



Tween/Teen Programming

Grades 6-12, Ages 11-18

Thursday, October 1 | 5-6PM
Anime Watch Party
Grab a bowl of ramen and settle in for an evening of anime!
Registration recommended.

Thursday, October 1 |
6:15-7:15PM
*Proud Readers -
Heartstoppers*

Thursday, October 8 | 5-6PM
*Craft Night Out -
Woodlawn Creatures*

Thursday, October 15 | 5-6PM
The Variety Vault
Choose from a variety of activities

Thursday, October 22 | 5-6PM
T.A.G. You're It!
Earn community service hours while hanging out with friends

Friday, October 23 | 4:30-9PM
Library After Dark
Get ready for a spooky night of fun at the library with pumpkin carving, laser tag, video games, and more.
Registration is required.

New Tween/Teen Program Alert!

Saturday, October 24 | 1-3PM
*Sew What? -
Witches Hat*
Learn to sew. Make something awesome. Registration is required.



**sew
what?**
Create your own
witch's hat from
repurposed
quilt fabric



Special Interest Programming

Friday, October 9 | 3:45-4:15PM

Sensory Friendly Playtime

Relaxed, hands-on playtime designed to be welcoming and sensory-friendly for children of all abilities. Registration is recommended to help keep the program comfortable and sensory-friendly for everyone.

**Wednesday, October 14
10:45-11:15AM**

FREE Developmental Screenings

Ensure your little one is on track with a free developmental screening for children ages 0-3 years. Screening are administered by Jump Start.

**Tuesday, October 20
10:30AM-12PM**

Memory Cafe

Friendly, welcoming place where people living with memory loss and their caregivers can relax, connect with others, and enjoy activities together. Presented by Catholic Charities.

**Sunday
October 18**

**Sensory Friendly Cinema
1-3PM**

**Monday
October 19**

**Adult Craft
12:30-2PM**

**Afternoon Book Club
3-4PM**

**A Gathering of
Magic: The Gathering
4:30-7:30PM**

**Adult Craft
5:30-7PM**

**Tuesday
October 20**

**Homeschool Learning Lab
9:30-11:30AM**

**Library Service Squad
10-11:30AM**

**Memory Cafe
10:30AM-12PM**

**HomeBound Services
11AM-12PM**

**The Mahjong Society
2-4PM**

**The Clubhouse
4:30-5:15PM**

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

**Horror Movie Night
5:30-7:30PM**

**Wednesday
October 21**

**Children's Storytime
10-10:30AM**

**Preschool Craft Time
10:45-11:15AM**

**BINGO Cize©
1-2PM**

**Nighty Night Storytime
5-7PM**

**Thursday
October 22**

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

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

**T.A.G.
5-6PM**

**Nighty Night Storytime
5-7PM**

**Ukulele Meetup
5:30-7:30PM**

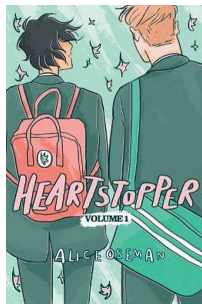
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October 23**

**Library After Dark
4:30-9PM**

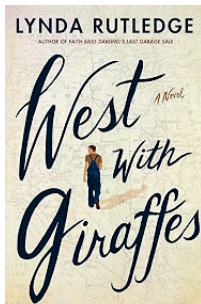
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October 24**

**Early Technology Adopters
10AM-12PM**

**Sew What?
1-3PM**



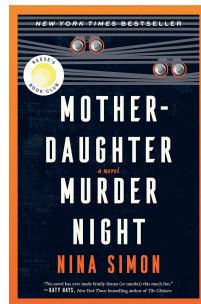
October 1



October 1



October 13



October 19

**Sunday
October 25**

**Monday
October 26**

White Elephant BINGO
12:30-1:30PM

Photo Club
3-4PM

**Tuesday
October 27**

Homeschool Learning Lab
9:30-11:30AM

HomeBound Services
11AM-12PM

Art Adventures
4:30-5:30PM

Evening Storytime
5:30-6PM

Family Bingo
6-7PM

The History of Funerals
7PM

Held at the

Grundy County History Museum

**Wednesday
October 28**

Children's Storytime
10-10:30AM

Preschool Craft Time
10:45-11:15AM

BINGOcize©
1-2PM

Nighty Night Storytime
5-7PM

**Thursday
October 22**

Baby Bounce & Books
10:30-11AM

Afternoon Storytime
1:30-2PM

Nighty Night Storytime
5-7PM

Lights On Afterschool
Community Showcase
5-7PM

Ukulele Meetup
5:30-7:30PM

Tai Ji Quan
Moving for Better Balance

Build
balance
and
confidence



**FRIDAYS
OCTOBER 30 -
JUNE 4**

1:30-3PM

**Friday
October 30**

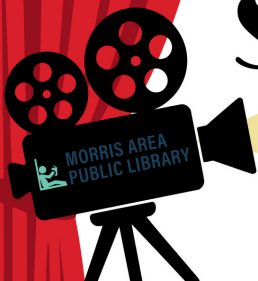
Tai Ji Quan
1:30-3PM

**Saturday
October 31**

Early Technology Adopters
10AM-12PM

**See You at the
Movies!**

THIS MONTH'S MOVIE LINEUP



October 3 October 6 October 12 October 14 October 18 October 20



Adult Programming

Ages 18+

Thursdays | 5:30-7:30PM

Ukulele Meetup

Join fellow ukulele enthusiasts for an evening of strumming. All levels of playing ability welcome.

Thursday, October 1 | 6-7PM

Books on Tap -

West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

Meets at Clayton's Tap

Monday, October 5 | 12-4PM

Calling All Crafters

BONUS MEETING

Monday, October 5 | 3-4PM

Photo Club

Mondays, October 5 & 19 | 4:30-7:30PM

A Gathering of

Magic: The Gathering

Tuesday, October 6 | 11AM-2PM

Silver Screen Rewind -

Young Frankenstein

Tuesdays, October 6 & 20 | 2-4PM

The Mahjong Society

Wednesday, October 7 | 6-7:30PM

Medicare 101

Informative session designed to help you better understand how Medicare works and what you need to know to navigate Medicare eligibility.

Thursday, October 8 | 6:15-7:15PM

Art Unplugged - Into the Wild

Designed for young adults 18-30

Saturday, October 10 | 10AM-12PM

IL Humanities Road Scholar Presentation -

No One Ever Sees Indians:

Native Americans in Media

Saturday, October 10 | 1-3PM

Sew Simple - Witch's Hat

Discover the joy of sewing

Sunday, October 11 | 2-3PM

True Crime Think Tank -

Speed Freak Killers

Monday, October 12 | 11AM-2PM

Monday Matinee -

Project Hail Mary

Tuesday, October 13 | 6-7PM

The READbellion -

The Ravenboys by Maggie Stiefvater

Thursday, October 15 | 10AM-1PM

Yarn Crafts & More

Thursday, October 15 | 6:15-7:15PM

The Nexus

Designed for young adults 18-30

Monday, October 19

Two Sessions Available:

12:30PM – 2PM or 5:30PM – 7PM

Adult Craft - Fall Garlands

Monday, October 19 | 3-4PM

Afternoon Book Club -

**Mother Daughter Murder Night
by Nina Simon**

Tuesday, October 20 | 5:30-7:30PM

Horror Movie Night -

Trick 'r Treat (2008)

Monday, October 26 | 12:30-1:30PM

White Elephant BINGO

Monday, October 28 | 3-4PM

Photo Club

TRUE CRIME THINK TANK

EXPLORING CASES WITH CURIOSITY, CARE, AND CONVERSATION

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 11
2-3PM**

**THIS MONTH'S CASE:
SPEED FREAK KILLERS**



ART

exposition

*a rare exhibit from a
personal collection*

MASTERS OF PRINT

Rembrandt • Degas • Durer
• Kandinsky • Hollar • Dali
• Chagall • Picaso •
Scultori • Chapron

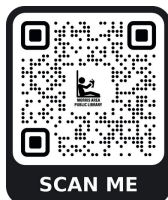


OCTOBER 17
2026

SATURDAY
10AM-4PM

EVERYONE
ALL AGES

PUBLIC DISPLAY DURING LIBERTY ARTS FESTIVAL



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Cultivate Curiosity, Enlighten the Mind, Strengthen the Community