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LIBRARY



Summer Reading Program for All Ages

Read to Me

Birth to Kindergarten

Children 5 and under who are not yet reading on their own can design their own program this summer with our interactive game cards that help parents build early literacy skills in their child and practice the building blocks of reading (writing, singing, reading, playing). Complete a game card to earn a ticket for the Pool Party.

School Age

Entering grades first through sixth

Children who are reading on their own will complete their own log sheet to earn prizes when they meet their reading goal. Children may either read 5 books from the Children's area (Fiction & Nonfiction) or 10 books from the Preschool and Early Readers Area to earn a ticket for the Pool Party. Reading more than this goal will earn them additional prizes.

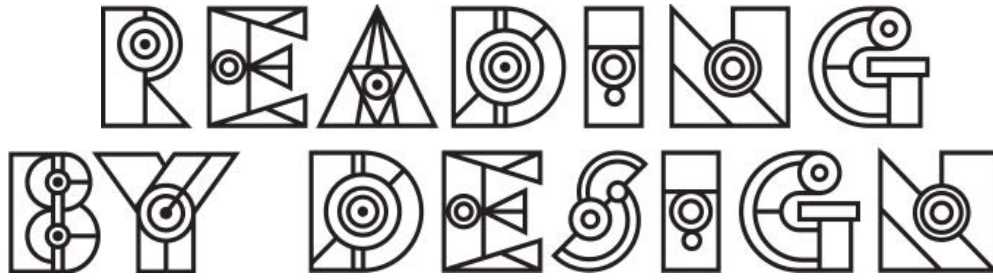
Teens

Entering grades seven through twelve

Design your own program this summer by picking up a Bingo card at the Information Desk. Each completed bingo will earn you an entry into the weekly drawing. You'll get a prize when you sign up and after your first bingo you'll receive a ticket to the Pool Party.

Adults

Simply fill out a ticket for each book, magazine, e-book, or audiobook you read. Return the tickets to the Information Desk to be entered into a weekly prize drawing. All tickets will also roll over into the grand prize drawing. This year earn extra tickets and design your own program by completing our challenge bookmarks. Each bookmark has three reading challenges and once you complete all three you will receive an extra entry into the prize drawing.



Family Challenge Program

Up your game by participating in the Family Challenge. To participate simply complete the bingo squares as a family. For each bingo you complete you'll earn an entry into the Family Summer Reading Challenge Drawing. The Family Challenge Drawing will take place at the Pool Party on August 8*. The winning family will receive a family membership of their choice to the Peoria Zoo, Peoria Playhouse, or Peoria Riverfront Museum.

** Need not be present to win*

Summer Reading Celebration

June 3 from 9 am to 5 pm

Design a day of fun at the Library! Practice for the Chalk Challenge on June 24 and decorate the library's sidewalk. Visit the Kona Ice Truck from 2 to 3 pm. Have your face painted, take home a balloon animal, make bubbles, build a tower, create a fort and do the limbo.

Summer Reading Pool Party

August 8 from 7 to 8:30 pm, Morton Pool at Idlewood Park

Redeem your ticket and have fun celebrating your reading success with your friends! Take a jump off the diving board or whiz down the slide. Younger children will enjoy the splash pad.

Donation Creation at Eli's Coffee Shop in June



Visit the Morton location of Eli's Coffee Shop in the month of June and purchase their donation creation. The drink will be a Salted Caramel Cupcake Latte. Each purchase results in \$1 being donated to the library's summer reading fund.

Programs for Babies and Toddlers birth to 5 years old

Toddler Time

Every Friday at 9:30 & 10:30 am

Join us every Friday at either 9:30 or 10:30 am for our Toddler Time Program.

Sign & Sing

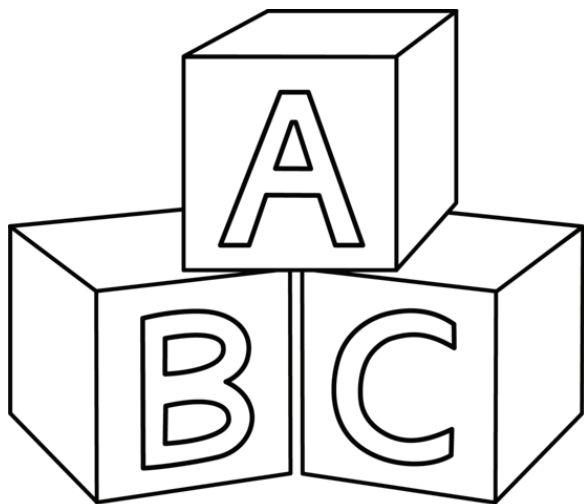
First and third Monday at 9:15 am

Join Communication Junction for rhymes, stories, bubbles and to learn basic American Sign Language.

Science Storytime

Wednesday, June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26 at 10:30 am

Preschool Science Storytime is designed for ages 3-5 to help with Kindergarten readiness. With a focus on math, colors, and simple science, parents (or caregivers) will actively participate with their child in this fun program.



Register by visiting mortonlibrary.org, clicking the Events Calendar and finding the program you're interested in or call 263-2200.

Tinker Tots

June 8, July 18 from 10 am to noon

Join us from 10 to noon for this drop-in sensory art program for toddlers ages 2-4. Each month we'll put out materials in a variety of textures for parents and children to create their own art project.

Baby Bounce

Second and fourth Tuesday at 9:30 am

This special story time is for babies 0-18 months old. Enjoy simple rhymes and songs to share together.

Rhythm & Rhyme

Every Thursday in July at 10:30 am

Children ages 3-5 will enjoy stories, songs, finger-plays, and instruments. This program helps children to meet new friends and gain independence. Registration requested.

Programs for Grades 1-3

Paws to Read

Tuesday, June 13 from 3-4 pm
Come read to the therapy dogs. Registration requested.

Art Quest

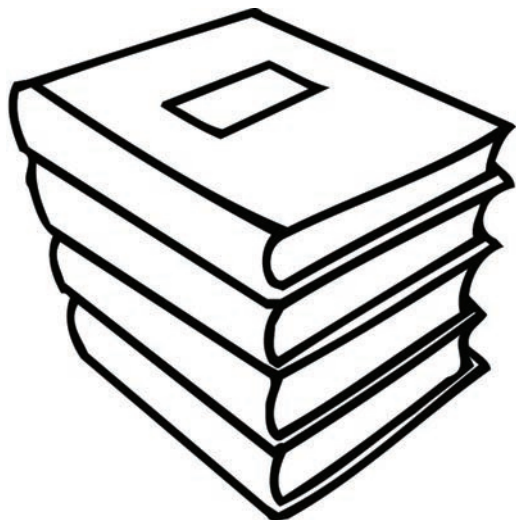
Thursday, June 15 and Tuesday, July 18
from 4-5 pm
Come learn about famous artists and their techniques. Each class features a different medium such as paint, watercolor, or chalk pastel to create a project based on the artist we're studying. Registration requested.

Shopkins Trading Party

Saturday, June 17 at 10:30 am
Come trade your Shopkins characters.

Science Storytime

Wednesday June 7 & 21, July 5 & 19 from
10:30-11 am
Science Storytime will incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical concepts for children entering kindergarten through second grade. Concepts will be presented through books, games, songs, and hands on activities. Parents (or caregivers) will actively participate with their child in this fun program. Grades K-2.



Programs for Grades 4-6

Lego Club

First and third Monday from 3-4 pm
Children will share their building skills in a small group setting. A sample project is provided; however, participants are encouraged to use their own creativity.

Techno Time

Wednesday, June 7 and 21 from 3:30-4:45 pm
Kids are invited to learn a different tech tool with the Morton Public Library's Tech guy, Kevin. Registration requested.

Drawing Class

Tuesday, June 20 from 3:30-4:30 pm
This entertaining and informative hands-on workshop will walk students through drawing basics up to the more advanced concepts of expressive drawing. In addition to group instruction, this program provides one-on-one instruction and Q&A time with a working professional artist. Registration requested.

Art Quest

Thursday, June 29 and Monday, July 24
from 4-5 pm
Come learn about famous artists and their techniques. Each class features a different medium such as paint, watercolor, or chalk pastel to create a project based on the artist we're studying. Registration requested.

GEMS (*Girls Exploring Math and Science*)

Monday, May 15 @ 4:30 pm, Tuesday, June 6 @
3:30 pm and Tuesday, July 11 @ 3:30 pm
Presented by AAUW each month. Girls in grades 4-7 explore math and science topics. Registration required.

Topics: May - Engineering, June - Robotics,
July - Microscope Mysteries

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Brown Bag It

Join us every Friday in June & July for a free, family friendly show beginning at 12:30 pm. Come early, save your spot, and enjoy lunch under the trees in Hannah's Reading Garden. Check the library's Facebook page for weather updates.

Clothespin Puppets: The Picture Book Show

Friday, June 9 at 12:30 pm

The Picture Book Show brings to life some of the latest and greatest in children's literature.

Enjoy a fast-paced mix of stories, puppets, and audience participation lovingly adapted from contemporary children's picture books.

Ventriloquist Chris McBrien: Read, Design, Succeed

Friday, June 16 at 12:30 pm

Amazing Science Experiments! Jaw Dropping Math Stunts! Cool Historical Magic Not Seen In 100 Years! Hysterically Funny Ventriloquist Puppets! Everyone will enjoy this show that demonstrates how to design your success through reading at the library.

The Rope Warrior

Friday, June 23 at 12:30 pm

Guinness World Record Holder David Fisher has jumped his way into books and TV Shows and now he jumps into Morton. Don't miss watching his incredible jump rope tricks and stunts and hearing David's inspiring story.

Magician Jonathan May

Friday, June 30 at 12:30 pm

Enjoy family friendly magic and comedy during this entertaining show. Come prepared to be wowed and enjoy some magical moments as a family.

Ronald McDonald

Friday, July 7 at 12:30 pm

Come meet the most famous clown around and enjoy his interactive magic show. Fun for the whole family.

Juggling Jeff

Friday, July 14 at 12:30 pm

Don't miss this one man show that features juggling, comedy, jump rope, a unicycle and lots of audience interaction!

Brent Allan: BOOKCRAFT

Friday, July 21 at 12:30 pm

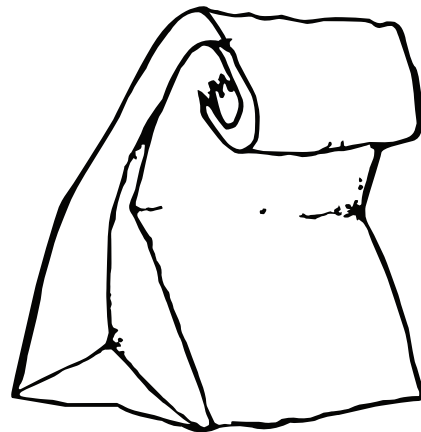
Enjoy an exciting and fun-filled program of magic, puppets and laughter. Funny guy Brent Allan will incorporate games and more in his twist on the hottest children's game, which is all about design and building.

Fire Truck Visit

Friday, July 28 at 12:30 pm

Come climb into a fire truck and an ambulance and learn a little about fire safety and what it is like to be a firefighter. Don't forget your camera!

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Family Fun



Super Hero Day - Super Hero Academy

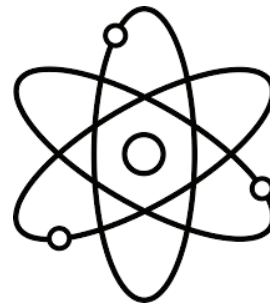
Saturday, June 10 from 10 am - 2 pm

Participate in Downtown Morton's Annual Super Hero Day. Children can visit the library to take part in our Super Hero Academy. Teens can participate in a fun photo challenge and enter to win a prize.

Family Science Show

Thursday, June 22 from 6-6:45 pm

Join us for this fun and educational program aimed at children of all ages to become engaged in the world of science through demonstrations and experiments. This is a fun, interactive program that will astonish the audience.



Nature's Architects

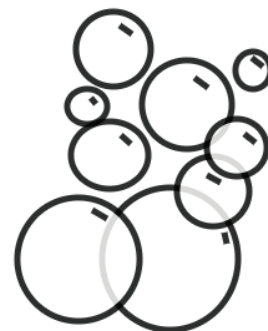
Wednesday, June 28 from 3-4 pm

Come encounter animals that are master builders! A Forest Park Nature Center Naturalist will let you see and touch amazing structures and objects created by native Illinois animals, participate in a Hawk's Nest building challenge and come face to face with at least one natural architect (a live animal!)

Family Show: Bubble Wonders

Thursday, July 20 from 6-7 pm

Enjoy watching amazing bubble tricks including the bubble caterpillar, bubble volcano, the dancing bubble and more. Rekindle the sense of wonder in your life and see how persistence and a positive attitude can help make your dreams come true.





Teens

“Peculiar” Photo Contest

Have you read the book *Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children*? Here’s your chance to design your own “peculiar” photo. Have someone take a picture of you, then use any photo editing software to make yourself into a “peculiar” character. Don’t have photo editing software at home? No problem! Make an appointment to use our Digital Media Lab where you can use Photoshop.

Entry forms will be available May 26. Pick one up anytime.

Photos must be in by July 29.

Winner receives a prize.

Teen Book Club

June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24 from 3-4 pm

Come discuss any books you’ve been reading lately, get some recommendations and take home a free book. Drinks and snacks will be provided!

Color by Design

June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25 from 2-3 pm

Use markers or colored pencils to fill in intricate coloring pages while enjoying snacks and music. All supplies and snacks will be provided. Registration requested. (For students going into grades 5th – 8th)

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

Thursday, June 15 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Stop in any time between 10:30 and 12:30 to design handmade cards. We will provide the art supplies, you make one card (or more!) that will brighten a child’s day, and we will send them!

Teen Crafternoon: Duct Tape

Thursday, June 22 from 2-3 pm

Get creative with duct tape! Using different styles you will design your own bookmarks and wallets. Registration requested.

Design Your Own Dessert

Thursday, July 6 from 2-3 pm

Using various candies, snack cakes and frosting you will design your own unique dessert. Prizes will be awarded for Most Appetizing, Most Creative, Best Presentation, etc. Registration requested.

Teen Trivia

Friday, July 21 from 4-6 pm

Bring a friend, eat pizza, and show off your trivia knowledge. Teams will compete against each other for a prize. Registration requested.

Teen Crafternoon: Recycled Book Art

Thursday, July 27 from 2-3 pm

We will use old books to create something new. Books and supplies will be provided. Registration requested.

Teen Pizza Party

Friday, August 4 from 6:30-8 pm

Come enjoy one final party before school starts! Hang out with friends, eat pizza and listen to book talks. Pizza, drinks and dessert will be provided.

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Adults

Install Linux: The Free Option

Saturday, June 17 from 1-2:30 pm

Learn how to install the open and free alternative to Windows and Mac OSX -- its a lot easier than you think. Optional: Bring your laptop and a USB drive to follow along.

Beach Book Buzz

Tuesday, June 27 from 6:30-8 pm

Our Director is back from Book Expo and is ready to share the hot titles for summer and fall. Get in the know, add to your reading list, and have a chance at taking home a free book.

The Future of TV

Saturday, July 8 from 1-2:30 pm

The future of TV isn't cable or satellite, it's online streaming. Learn how to make the most out of Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime.

Monday Maker Meet Ups

Join us on Mondays at 6:30 pm to unleash your creativity, sense of discovery and adventurous nature. Each week we'll have a different thing for making, ranging from our casual lego lounge to our class on cupcake decorating.

Lego Lounge

June 5, July 3

Legos aren't just for kids! Come join us for an evening of creating. Go low tech with our regular Lego kits or go high tech and delve into robotics with Lego Mindstorm. Practice for Derby Night by perfecting your car design.

Operating System Tryout Night

June 12

Curious about Linux? Want to know more about Mac OS? Still figuring out Windows 10? Learn about the pros and cons of each system and then try them during our live demo.

Lego Lounge Derby Night

June 19

Let's get competitive with our Derby Night. Who can create the fastest car? Come build and join us for the race. Or just come for the race at 7:45 pm.

Take the Cake by Design

June 26

Come learn some fun and simple techniques for cake decorating! Supplies will be provided, but registration is required!

Make it Fiber

July 10

Learn about felting and other ways to use fiber.

Tech Play

July 17

You've heard about these high-tech toys -- now come and see them in action. From Raspberry Pi, to Ozobots, and MaKey MaKey to other gadgets, we'll demo them all and give attendees a chance to experiment with them.

Raspberry Pi Projects

July 24

Get an overview of the various things you can make using raspberry pi and then bring some supplies and create something.

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Adults

#summerbydesign - Instagram Class

Thursday, June 1 @ 5:30pm

Learn how to document your summer in photos using Instagram, one of the most popular online photo-sharing services. We'll cover how to take Instagram photos with your phone, add cool filters, and share them with other Instagram users. *Bring your smart phone or tablet. Registration requested. Ages 13+

One Stop Audiobook Shop

Saturday, June 10 @ 3:30pm

With your Morton Library card you have access to 3 different sources of audiobook entertainment! Come learn how to use them so that you have plenty of audiobooks for all your summer adventures! *You are encouraged to bring a device in order to follow along. Registration required.

The 24 Hour Library

Saturday, July 8 @ 2:00pm

Did you know there are multiple library resources you can access, even when the library is closed? Come learn about some of these resources so you're never stuck without a book, a movie, or homework help past library hours ever again! *You are encouraged to bring a laptop or device to follow along. Registration Required. Ages: 16+

Have a Blast with Podcasts!

Monday, July 31 @ 4:00pm

Heard of podcasts, but never gave them a try? If you like audiobooks or radio shows, you're sure to like podcasts. We'll talk about what they are, how to access them, and share some favorites to get you started! *You are encouraged to bring a device to follow along. Registration requested.

GROOVE IN THE GARDEN

Fridays @ 6:30 pm
Hannah's Reading Garden
July 7, 14, 21, 28

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Morton Showcase

Friday, July 7 @ 6:30 pm

Enjoy a variety of local talent including singing, guitar playing and more.

Sidetracked

Friday, July 14 @ 6:30 pm

Listen to this Peoria band that plays an eclectic mix of jazz, pop, and soul.

By the Book

Friday, July 21 @ 6:30 pm

Enjoy uplifting music from this group of area musicians.

Brazilionaires

Friday, July 28 @ 6:30 pm

The Brazilionaires sound is an infectious blend of richly textured sambas & bossa novas, each track built with hypnotic Latin grooves. The band has been described as being a unique fusion of jazz, Brazilian samba, and retro lounge. Fronted by vocalist Dove Benoit and guitarist Rico Johnson, the band is backed by a stellar cast of musicians which include horns, bass, drums, and percussion.

All concerts begin at 6:30 in Hannah's Reading Garden. Bring your lawn chairs.

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