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LIBRARY HOURS

Mon-Thur 9a-9p
Fri 9a-6p
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Sept. 4 & 16
Nov. 23 & 24
Dec. 23, 25, 30
Jan. 1

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All library programs are free and open to the public. Programs are held at the Library, unless otherwise noted.

The mission of the Morton Public Library is to actively connect people to books, resources and technology; and provide opportunities for learning, collaboration and enjoyment.

SHOW YOUR LIBRARY CARD FOR DISCOUNTS AROUND TOWN

September is National Library Card Sign up Month and in order to promote the value of the library card and reward our library card holders the Library has partnered with 11 Morton businesses for a “show your card” promotion. Between September 1-30, show your card at participating businesses to receive a discount. For extra incentive, pick up a punch card at the Library and visit at least three businesses, then return the card to the Library to enter a drawing for a prize!

The Cotton Top: a purchase of \$20 or more receives a free Morton Pumpkin Tee

Eli’s Coffee Shop: Buy one single pastry, get one of equal or lesser value 50% off. Not valid with any other offers. Morton location only.

Great American Popcorn Company: receive 10% off a minimum of \$10 purchase

Hacienda Fuentes: receive \$5 off an order of \$25 or more, not including alcohol

Lulu’s on Main: 10% off purchase

Morton Firehouse Pizza: 20% off any pizza

Morton Leaves ‘N Beans: 10% off a lunch entrée

Morton Papa Murphy’s Pizza: \$4 off a family size pizza

Schooners: 20% off total bill, excludes banquets and alcohol

So Chic Boutique: 10% off entire boutique purchase

Plank Pilates Studio: 10% off a 10 pack class – must purchase at studio



THE 24 HOUR LIBRARY - MPL IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE

I need something to read, watch, or listen to...



- eBooks, audiobooks, comics, music, movies & TV
- Use on a desktop or download the free app
- No holds or waiting



- eBooks & audiobooks
- Download the free app (kindle options available)
- Easy to use tags to organize your books



- eBooks & audiobooks
- Use on a desktop or download the free app
- Great selection of titles



- Animated books for kids, including puzzles & games
- Use on a desktop or download the free app
- Access through mortonlibrary.org on the “Books & eBooks” tab

YOUTH SERVICES NEWS

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Research shows that children who listen to 1000 books before kindergarten are better equipped to succeed in school. Sign up for this program and you'll earn a prize for every 100 books read. Plus a fun prize when you finish!

THANKS TO OUR SUMMER READING SUPPORTERS

Thank you to the following businesses who donated prizes and coupons to our summer reading program: Chick-fil-A, Culver's, Firehouse Pizza, Fondulac Park District, Granite City, Great American Popcorn Company, Great Harvest Bread Company, McDonald's, Monical's Pizza, Papa Murphy's Pizza, and Texas Roadhouse.

All of the Friday Brown Bag It programs were provided through a grant from the Bernice L. Oberlander/Lynne R. Walters Summer Reading Endowment Fund.

Also thank you to the Morton Park District for hosting our Summer Reading Pool Party and partnering with us on the summer program book.

PROGRAMS FOR BIRTH TO 5 YEARS OLD

BABY BOUNCE for 0-18 months

For babies 0-18 months old. Held every other Tuesday at 9:30 am on Sept. 5 & 19, Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 14 & 28 and Dec. 12

TODDLER TIME for ages 18 months to 4 years

Join us on Fridays to sing, dance and hear a story at 9:30 am or 10:30 am

SIGN AND SING for ages 18 months to 4 years

Molly from Communication Junction visits at 10:15 am on the first and third Mondays for rhymes, stories, bubbles and basic American Sign Language.

TINKER TOTS for ages 2-4 years

Join us Sept. 7 & 21, Oct. 17, Nov. 8, and Dec. 7 from 10 am to Noon for this drop in art program for ages 2-4. Use our materials to create art!

EARLY EXPLORERS for ages 3-5 years

Wednesdays from Sept. 20 to Oct. 25, from 10:30am-11:00am Children ages 3 to 5 will discover the wonders of nature through stories, play, and crafts during this six week program. *Registration required*

THANKSGIVING STORYTIME for ages 3-5 years

Monday, Nov. 13 from 10-10:30 am Preschoolers will enjoy stories, finger plays, & songs.

ART QUEST for ages 3-5 years

Thursday, Nov. 16 from 10-10:30 am Sponge paint a paper turkey for Thanksgiving. *Registration required*

SCIENCE STORYTIME for ages 3-5 years

Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 10:30-11:00 am Children ages 3-5 hear stories and learn science or math concepts.

A CHRISTMAS STORYTIME & CRAFT for ages 3-5 years

Wednesday, Dec. 6 and Wednesday, Dec. 20 from 10-10:30 am Children ages 3 to 5 and their caregiver will enjoy Christmas stories, finger plays, and a craft. *Registration required*

SIGN AND SING HOLIDAY STORYTIME for ages 0-5 years

Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10-10:30 am A special sign and sing focusing on holiday signs, stories and songs.

PROGRAMS FOR GRADES K-3

CREATIVE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS for grades K-3

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 3:30-4:15 pm Children will enjoy painting and creating Christmas Ornaments for gifts. *Registration required*

PAWS TO READ for grades 2-3

Saturday, Dec. 16 from 11 am to Noon Paws to Read helps children ages 7 and up develop their literacy skills by reading to specially trained therapy dogs. *Registration required*

LEGO CLUB for grades K-3

Children share their building skills. First and third Mondays at 3:15 pm.

PROGRAMS FOR GRADES 4-6

ART QUEST for grades 4-6 Thursday, Sept. 28 from 3:45-4:45 pm
Create art using the techniques of a famous artist. *Registration required*

KIDS & CAKE for grades 4-6 Saturday, Oct. 14 at 10:30 am
Kids will learn basic cake decorating techniques and practice with icing, cupcakes and sprinkles. *Registration required*

GREEN SCREEN FOR TWEENS for grades 4-6
Monday, Nov. 13 from 3:30-5 pm
Come and experiment with our green screen! Use iPads to take cool photos or make short movie clips. Make sure you're not wearing green unless you want to disappear into the background! *Registration required*

CREATIVE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS for grades 4-6
Monday, Dec. 11 from 3:30-4:30 pm
Children will enjoy painting and creating Christmas Ornaments for gifts. *Registration required*

CHAPTER CHATTERS for grades 4-6
This Book Club for grades 4-6 meets monthly on the third Thursday from 3:30-4:30 pm for discussion and activities. Snacks and drinks are provided.
Oct. 19: **Tuck Everlasting** by Natalie Babbitt – The Tuck family has a big secret. When a girl name Winnie Foster stumbles upon it, they must convince her of how important it is to tell no one what she has learned.
Nov. 16: **Counting by 7s** by Holly Goldberg Sloan – Willow doesn't fit in. When tragedy strikes, she finds friendship with those who help.
Dec. 21: **Number the Stars** by Lois Lowery – Annemarie lives in Denmark during World War II and bravely decides to help her best friend hide from the Nazis.

GEMS (Girls Exploring Math and Science) for grades 4-7
Presented by AAUW each month, girls in grades 4-7 explore math and science topics. Held on Sept. 19 from 4-5:30pm, Oct. 17 from 4:30-6pm, Nov. 28 from 4-5:30pm and Dec. 19 from 4-5:30 pm. *Registration required*

COLOR BY DESIGN for grades 5-8
2nd Thursdays beginning in October from 3-4 pm
Use markers or colored pencils to fill in intricate coloring pages while enjoying snacks and conversation. All supplies and snacks provided. *Registration required. Grades 5-8*

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

GAME DAY TOURNAMENT for grades 7-12
Saturday, Nov. 4 from 12-2:30 pm
Do you enjoy games and competition? Enter our Game Day Tournament. Play in each round for a chance to win prizes. Lunch and snacks will be provided. *Registration required*

FINALS STUDY NIGHT for grades 9-12
Wednesday, Dec. 20 from 3-9 pm
Need a place to study for finals? Come in any time after school on Wednesday December 20. We'll have the quiet space you need as well as drinks and snacks to keep you going. The room will be open from 3-9pm – stay as long as you want. For high school students.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

RETURN TO HOGWARTS: A HARRY POTTER EVENT
Friday, Sept. 1 from 3-5:30 pm
Be sorted by the Sorting Hat, create your own wand and snitch, send an Owl Post, and play a game of Quidditch.

PIRATE TREASURE HUNT
Week of Sept. 18-22
Celebrate Talk Like a Pirate Day and visit the library for a treasure hunt. Pick up your treasure map at the Check out Desk!

NATIVE AMERICAN POWWOW
Monday, Oct. 9 from 5:30-6:15
Families can enjoy Native American drumming and dancing.

COSTUME EXCHANGE
Friday, Oct. 13 10am-2 pm
Saturday, Oct. 14 10 am-Noon
Need a Halloween Costume? Shop our Costume Exchange. Drop off your costume between Sept. 19-Oct. 12 and receive a ticket. No ticket? Bring a can food donation for a costume.

NOT SO SCARY STORIES
Friday, Oct. 27 from 4-5 pm
Start out Trick or Treat Main Street by listening to stories in Hannah's Reading Garden.

PIGEONS OF WWII
Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 4 pm
Learn about how these brave birds helped send messages.

SANTA & MRS. CLAUS VISIT THE LIBRARY
Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10:30-11:30 am
Children are invited to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

LIBRARY SERVICES

VISIT THE BOOK NOOK

Open during regular library hours, the Book Nook is located right next to the Checkout Desk. Great used books and movies are available for purchase.

NOTARY SERVICE

Morton Public Library provides free notary public service to the community. A notary public is almost always available when the library is open. Notary service is not guaranteed, however; please call in advance to confirm the availability of a notary public.

FAX SERVICE

Patrons can send and receive faxes at the Morton Public Library. Faxing service is \$1 per page, not counting the cover sheet. Please ask at the Checkout Desk about this service.

HOMEBOUND DELIVERY SERVICE

Patrons who are home bound, either temporarily or permanently, may apply to receive library books via home delivery as part of a new service.

ART SHOW

Visit the Library Sept. 11-16 for the annual art and photography show.

TECH PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

WINDOWS 10

Friday, Sept. 22 from 4-5:30 pm

Learn tips and tricks for controlling and using Microsoft's most recent operating system, how to customize it, what everybody means when they say it spies on you, how to mitigate that, and other options if that makes you uncomfortable. *Registration Required*

APPY HOUR: LEARNING APPS FOR PARENTS

Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm

If you have a child that uses a tablet for school or play, we have ideas for you! Learn about kid-friendly apps and tools that promote creativity and critical thinking whether they're working on homework or just having fun! Ideal for parents of children ages 5-12, but could be useful for any parent whose children use devices.

MEET LIBBY

Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 6-7 pm

Overdrive has released a new and improved app for borrowing eBooks and audiobooks! Learn how to search for titles, borrow items, and make the most of Libby's most useful features. Patrons who are new to using eBooks are welcome to attend along with those who already use the existing Overdrive app. Bring your device to follow along!

ANDROID OS

Friday, Oct. 13 from 4-5:30 pm

Android, the operating system that runs more internet connected devices than any other on earth. This class goes over what Android is, where it came from, and how to use it in your day to day life. *Registration Required*

STREAMING SERVICES

Friday, Oct. 20 from 4-5:30 pm

You've heard of the services that have cable companies running in terror, now let's take a closer look at them. Find out what they do, how they differ, and how much they cost. *Registration Required*

HOME NETWORKING 101

Thursday, Oct. 26 from 4-5:30 pm

This class will show how to help shape traffic to better optimize networks, give the right devices priority, and keep devices secured. *Registration Required*

CHROMEBOOKS AND THEIR TOOLS

Friday, Nov. 3 from 4-5:30 pm

Chromebooks in their short time of existence have taken the education market, and about 1% of the world wide desktop market from Microsoft. What makes these small, low powered, cheap laptops so desirable? Let's find out what could be the most secure computers ever built for the home user. *Registration Required*

APPY HOUR: SOCIAL MEDIA FAQ

Thursday, Dec. 14 drop in from 10:30am-Noon

Have questions about social media? Now is the time to drop by and ask! We'll be here to answer your questions about Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, Pinterest, etc. You are welcome to bring your device.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

“SKY’S THE LIMIT” DRONE PROGRAM

Saturday, Sept. 30 at 2 pm

Get your drone questions answered! Learn about getting started, purchasing decisions, following federal, local, and state regulations, and photography. If weather permits we'll have a flying demonstration.

GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEW WITH DAVE KINDRED

Thursday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 pm

Hall of fame sportswriter Dave Kindred reminisces about Morton Girls basketball state championships and looks ahead to the coming season.

BASIC HOME BOOK REPAIR

Thursday, Oct. 19 at 6:30 pm

Do you have books that mean more to you than the cost to replace them? The library's "book doctor" and her assistant will show you how to make simple book repairs at home. Bring a book that could use some TLC. *Registration required.*

PRESERVING FAMILY MEMORIES

Monday, Oct. 30 at 6:30 pm

Learn about some ways the library can help you preserve your family photos, videos, and other memories. We'll take a tour of the library's resources and talk about how to store your digital memories so they last.

KEN ZURSKI PRESENTS PEORIA STORIES

Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 pm

Through photos, descriptions and excerpts from his book, "Peoria Stories: Tales from the Illinois Heartland," Zurski profiles many famous and influential figures and their ties to Peoria and Central Illinois history including Theodore Roosevelt and Charles Lindbergh. Zurski will also introduce his current project and forthcoming book, "Unremembered" of people and events that were "famous once, now mostly forgotten"

LETTERING FOR BEGINNERS

Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10 am or 1 pm

Learn the basics of calligraphy and lettering for all your future notes, invites, crafts, and more! Supplies will be provided. *Registration required.*

HOLIDAY BOOK GIVING

Saturday, Dec. 2 at 10 am

Be the first to receive a copy of the library's holiday book gift giving guide and hear recommendations for titles to purchase as gifts. Books coming out in January and late spring will also be previewed and books will be given away!

THAT'S A WRAP

Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 pm

Never feel very confident about wrapping Christmas gifts? Or tired of wrapping the same way every year? We've got some creative and easy tips to help make things brighter and more festive under your tree!

ADULT BOOK GROUPS

Y NOT? BOOK CLUB

1st Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Do you secretly enjoy reading YA as much as adult books? Join this book club for fun, relaxed discussions as we read our way through today's best YA fiction. Pick up your copy of the book at the library's Checkout Desk.
September 5: "Noggin'" by John Corey Whaley

October 3: "The Sun is Also a Star" by Nicola Yoon

November 7: "Six of Crows" by Leigh Bardugo
No Meeting in December

BOOKS & BITES

3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Join us for a new book group that will meet at a different local restaurant each month! We'll discuss our monthly read (and have other bookish conversation) while enjoying local eats! Pick up your copy of the book at the library's Checkout Desk.

September 19 @ Seasons Gastropub: "Station Eleven" by Emily St. John Mandel

October 17 @ Eli's Coffee Shop: "My Name is Lucy Barton" by Elizabeth Strout

November 21 @ Schooners: "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance

December 19 @ Kemp 208: "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi



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MORTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SUPPORTS LIBRARY PROJECTS

Since 2003, the Morton Community Foundation has provided \$29,819 in grants to support the Library. These grants have provided for digitization of old yearbooks, the creation of our digital media lab, display shelving, furniture and other items to enhance the library. Our biggest gift from the Morton Community Foundation was the Drive Up Book Drop, which was installed in 2008.

The Morton Community Foundation was formed as a "Community Trust" or "Savings Account" created by Morton people for Morton people for the benefit of generations to come. Donations to the Morton Community Foundation offer financial benefits and tax incentives. When donors give to a fund, their principal gift will never be spent. Instead, it is invested and the proceeds from the investments are used to benefit their favorite organizations or fields of interest.

There are two funds at the Morton Community Foundation which support the Morton Public Library. The first is the Morton Public Library Endowment Fund which grants money to the library for special projects each spring. The second is the Bernice L. Oberlander/Lynne R. Walters Summer Reading Endowment Fund which provides the funding for all of our Friday Brown Bag It performers during our annual Summer Reading Program.

There are also donors who hold Donor Advised Funds, who have made grants to the library to support our programs and services. Using a Donor Advised Fund, donors can recommend recipients of the charitable grants from their funds and we are grateful they decide to support the library. In 2016, we were able to start our popular "Sign and Sing Storytime" by Communication Junction from a grant recommended by Phil & Barb Kuhl from the Kuhl Family Charitable Fund, a component Donor Advised Fund of the Morton Community Foundation. Funding from other Donor Advised Funds helped continue Sign and Sing Storytime in 2017. We are grateful to the James A. and Marcia R. Rinkenberger Charitable Fund and the Something for Others Fund for supporting our library. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to one of the library's funds in honor of a loved one's birthday, anniversary, retirement or in memory of someone.

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