

Calendar of Events

For the Milwaukee Public Library • May-August, 2019



JOIN THE
SUPER READER
SQUAD THIS SUMMER!



HAVE FUN ALL SUMMER AT YOUR MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY!

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A Message From the City Librarian and Mayor



Imagination starts here

Let's make Milwaukee a City of Readers!

Learning to read is a step-by-step process for children, and becoming a reader takes practice. When children don't read during the summer, learning loss can occur, setting them back several steps on their reading journey and impacting their confidence as they begin a new school year. To help combat learning loss, The Milwaukee Public Library's Super Reader Squad program aims to make reading fun and a priority, asking children to read what they love, to read every day, and to visit the library. Want to join us in this important mission? Let's work together as a community to encourage a habit of reading all summer long!

Starting on May 20th, children can register for the Super Reader Squad at any Milwaukee Public Library or at www.superreadersquad.org. Here are some other things you can do to help us build a community of readers:

1. **Read!** Set aside time for reading. Reading with children is the most important thing we can do to help them become strong readers. Be a reading role model, and let the children in your life see you reading. Remember to talk about what you like to read and why.
2. **Promote!** Tell others about the Super Reader Squad. We would love your help spreading the summer reading message far and wide.

3. **Check in!** Ask children about the books they are reading and help them track their progress toward Super Reader Squad goals. Ask kids how they're doing with their summer reading and offer encouragement when needed. A friendly, supportive adult checking in might be just the extra push a kid needs to stay an active member of the Super Reader Squad. Thank you for being a Super Reader Squad supporter!



Program Registration Information

Programs that require registration will note that in the description. There are three ways to register:

- 1) By phone — call 286-3011 | 2) In person — see any librarian, or | 3) Online at mpl.org. Use the Events, Programs and Classes Calendar under RESOURCES to search for your class or program and fill out the registration information.

Photography at Milwaukee Public Library Programs

For program promotion purposes, from time to time photographs may be taken of participants. If you do not wish to have your child's photo taken, please notify the photographer and/or librarian.

Teacher in the Library

Teachers are available after school at selected libraries to assist students in grades 1-8 and their parents with homework help, academic support and encouragement. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

The last day for Teacher in the Library is Thursday, May 30, 2019

Teacher in the Library will resume on Monday, September 9, 2019

Teachers will help students:

- focus
- use appropriate learning strategies
- find the best resources for completing their homework assignments
- find books appropriate for their reading level

Teachers will help parents:

- learn ways to help their children at home with school assignments
- by answering questions they have regarding their child's homework

Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays, 3:30-6 pm; Thursdays, 3:30-5 pm

Washington Park

Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays, 3:30-6:30 pm; Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 pm

Mill Road

Mitchell Street (bilingual/Spanish)

Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays, 4-6:30 pm; Thursdays, 4-5:30 pm

Atkinson

Capitol

M.L. King

Bay View

Center Street

Villard Square



Atkinson
Bay View
Capitol
Center Street
Mitchell Street (*bilingual Spanish teacher available*)
Martin Luther King
Mill Road
Villard Square
Washington Park



Join the Super Reader Squad this Summer!

Meet Alpha, Dewey, Blink, Fan and Turner. They are all members of the Super Reader Squad and they cannot wait for you to join them. All you have to do is read this summer!

Sign up at your favorite Milwaukee Public Library or online at www.superreadersquad.org **beginning Monday, May 20.**

Receive a yard sign or window cling to let the city know that you are a proud member of the Super Reader Squad!

Track the minutes that you read or are read to in your Super Reader Squad folder or online. As you read this summer, earn food coupons, free admission to fun places around town, and a free book for your home library.

Come to the library each week for special events and classes featuring magicians, live animals, Mad Science, and more! See you at the library!

Thanks to our generous Super Reader Squad Sponsors!

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Anon Charitable Trust
Gustav and Gladys Kindt Foundation
Gene and Ruth Posner Foundation, Inc.



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Betty Brinn Children's Museum
Bounce Milwaukee
Cousins Subs
Festival City Symphony
First Stage Children's Theater

Milwaukee Ballet
Milwaukee Brewers
Milwaukee County Parks
Milwaukee County Zoo
Milwaukee Public Museum

Pettit National Ice Center
Pizza Hut
Schlitz Audubon Nature Center
Wisconsin State Fair



Free Weekly Summer Entertainment for Kids

Atkinson

Mondays, 2 pm

Jun 24 Illusionist Ardan James
Jul 1 Amani's World
Jul 8 Sky Stories
Jul 15 Fire and Ice
Jul 22 Miss Kim's Amazing Animals
Jul 29 Mind, Body & Soul Urban Line Dancers

Bay View

Mondays, 2 pm

Jun 24 Reach for the Moon
Jul 1 Beaks & Talons
Jul 8 Miss Kim's Amazing Animals
Jul 15 Jeremy Bryan
Jul 22 Illusionist Ardan James
Jul 29 Sky Stories

Capitol

Mondays, 12:30 pm & repeated at 1:45 pm

Jun 24 Jeremy Bryan
Jul 1 Miss Kim's Amazing Animals
Jul 8 R.E.T.C.
Jul 15 Illusionist Ardan James
Jul 22 Fire and Ice
Jul 29 Fox & Branch

Center Street

Wednesdays, 2 pm

Jun 26 Jeremy Bryan
Jul 3 Miss Kim's Amazing Animals
Jul 10 Sky Stories
Jul 17 Fire and Ice
Jul 24 Magician Rick Allen
Jul 31 Mind, Body & Soul Urban Line Dancers

Central

Thursdays, 2 pm

Jun 27 Reach for the Moon
Jul 4 Closed for holiday
Jul 11 Sky Stories
Jul 18 Illusionist Ardan James
Jul 25 Book Jacket Bingo
Aug 1 Reptiles & Amphibians

East

Tuesdays, 2 pm

Jun 25 Fire and Ice
Jul 2 Owls: Designed for Darkness
Jul 9 Sky Stories
Jul 16 Jeremy Bryan
Jul 23 Miss Kim's Amazing Animals
Jul 30 Illusionist Ardan James

Martin Luther King

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Wednesdays, 2 pm

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Jul 24 R.E.T.C.
Jul 31 Magician Rick Allen

Tippecanoe

Wednesdays, 2 pm

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Summer Entertainment Descriptions

Amani's World

Have fun while learning through music and storytelling with Amani's World Children's Education Program.

Beaks & Talons

Which bird is fastest? Which has silent flight? Meet live raptors and take an interactive look at falcons, hawks and owls.

Book Jacket Bingo

Play bingo adapted for young children based on contemporary children's literature.

Fire and Ice with Mad Science

See impressive science experiments that include foggy dry ice storms and giant floating beach balls. Taste a "burp" potion and be amazed by sizzling, shivering scissors, and special bubbly showers.

Fox & Branch

Kick up your heels to the fiddlin' good music of Fox and Branch!

Harry Potter and the Scavenger Hunt

You'll need the wit of Ravenclaw, the bravery of Gryffindor, the determination of Hufflepuff and the cunning of Slytherin to solve the riddles and complete the tasks of the Harry Potter Scavenger Hunt! Muggles and wizards alike can test their knowledge of the series and work together to unravel the clues. Wands and robes are encouraged!

Illusionist Ardan James

Be prepared to be amazed – and laugh – at this hilarious magic show with award-winning magician and illusionist Ardan James.

Jeremy Bryan of The Figureheads

Be inspired by the beats, rhymes, and stories that encourage lifelong learning, making good decisions, and discovering your own voice.

Kidsplay Space Show

Laugh out loud as Kidsplay goes to Space! Join us for a comedy show about the stars and planets we see at night.

Latin Drumming with Julio Pabon

Enjoy the Latin rhythms of drummer extraordinaire, De La Buena's Julio Pabon, also director of Samba da Vida, and participate in a hands-on drumming workshop with drums provided, or bring your own!

Magician Rick Allen – Beyond Belief

You'll gasp with amazement as Magician Rick makes things magically appear and suspend in air!

Mind, Body & Soul Urban Line Dancers

So you think you can dance? Sure you can! Mind, Body & Soul Dancers provide step-by-step instructions to urban line dances like the Wobble, the Cha Cha Slide and the Cupid Shuffle. Bring the family, get fit and have fun!

Miss Kim's Amazing Animals

Miss Kim encourages you to interact with live animals from small mammals to reptiles.

Owls: Designed for Darkness

Learn about these seldom-seen, silent-winged hunters! Schlitz Audubon's feathered raptors will model their special night hunting adaptations and some basic owl behaviors providing insights into their natural history.

R.E.T.C. (Reptile Education through Contact)

Experience the beauty and wonder of the reptile world through expert information and get a chance to feel for yourself. All animals are tame and have been ambassadors for more than two years.

Reach for the Moon with Mad Science

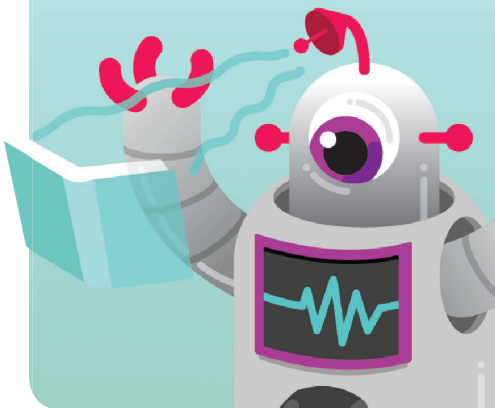
Prove the wonders of space as Mad Science takes you on a voyage of discovery. Travel 239,800 miles above earth as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of landing on the Moon

Reptiles & Amphibians

Join Schlitz Audubon and experience a hands-on introduction to the snakes, turtles, lizards, frogs and salamanders of Wisconsin.

Sky Stories with Wehr Nature Center

"Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are!" Have you ever looked at the night sky and wondered about what all those sparkling lights are? Throughout history people have looked to the sky and imagined pictures in star patterns, giving them names to try and explain their meaning. Act out a few of history's sky stories, learn the why and how about our moon and its phases, discover what your weight is on other planets, and create your own constellation.



For Families

Play and Learn

Join us for imaginative play for families with young children. Each program is designed as a fun family outing that incorporates the development of early literacy skills through play. Learn how important talking, singing, reading and having fun together is to the growth of your child. Bring your imagination!

Flower Shop

Practice helping out at the florist's shop. Help customers, arrange flowers, run the cash register, and write up orders.

Zablocki

Tuesday, May 14, 6-7 pm

Dinosaur Dig

Learn about dinosaurs and paleontologists through stories and play. Pretend to be a paleontologist at a dig site, see how long a real brachiosaurus was, make your own fossil, and more!

Central

Saturday, Jun 1, 10:30-11:30 am

Veterinary Clinic

Pretend to be a veterinarian by checking temperatures, updating shots, and performing necessary treatment for our animal friends.

East

Wednesday, Jun 19, 5-6 pm

Ice Cream Parlor

Join us as we work at the ice cream parlor. Put on your apron, roll up your sleeves and grab a scoop! Take turns working the cash register, taking orders and cleaning up the shop as we explore one of summer's favorite spots.

Martin Luther King

Thursday, Jun 27, 10-11 am

Grocery Store

Welcome to our grocery store! Make a grocery list, help customers, run the cash register, and go shopping!

East

Wednesday, Jul 17, 5-6 pm

Construction Site

Pack up the tools and get ready to plan and build with blocks at the construction site.

Martin Luther King

Thursday, Jul 25, 10-11 am

Doctor's Office

Our make-believe friends are feeling a bit under the weather. Time to visit the doctor! Pretend you are the doctor and check your patients, make a diagnosis, give needed immunizations, and help them feel "all better." Bring your own doll if you wish.

Capitol

Wednesday, Aug 7, 5-6 pm

Camping

Go on a pretend nature hike, sing camp songs, and roast marshmallows. Then we'll pitch a tent and settle in for some camp stories.

Zablocki

Tuesday, Aug 13, 6-7 pm

Down on the Farm

Let's all work the farm together, because "many hands make light work." We'll pretend to plant, care for, and harvest our produce, then sell our wares to our customers!

Central

Saturday, Aug 24, 10:30-11:30 am



For Families/Para Familias

Juega y aprende

Acompáñenos para disfrutar de juegos imaginarios para familias con niños pequeños. Cada programa está diseñado para ser un escape familiar y divertido que incorpora el desarrollo de las destrezas de alfabetización temprana a través del juego. Aprenda la importancia de hablar, cantar, leer y divertirse juntos para el crecimiento de su hijo. ¡Traiga la imaginación! Es un programa gratuito y no se requiere inscripción previa. Un adulto debe acompañar a los niños al programa.

Programa Juega y aprende por la mañana.

La obra de construcción

Recoge las herramientas y prepara los planos para la construcción porque vamos a construir con bloques en nuestra obra de construcción.

Mitchell Street

viernes 3 de mayo, 10:30-11:30 am

La pizzeria

Ponte el delantal y prepárate para trabajar en la pizzería. Túrnate preparando las pizzas, tomando las órdenes de los clientes y entregando la comida a los clientes hambrientos.

Mitchell Street

viernes 7 de junio, 10:30-11:30 am

El supermercado

¡Bienvenido al supermercado! Ayuda a los clientes, opera la caja registradora y haz compras. ¡Ven a formar parte de nuestro equipo!

Mitchell Street

viernes 12 de julio, 10:30-11:30 am

La heladería

¡Acompáñanos a la heladería! Ponte el delantal, arremángate la camisa y agarra la cuchara para helado. Túrnate operando la caja registradora, tomando las órdenes de los clientes y limpiando la heladería mientras exploramos uno de los lugares favoritos del verano.

Mitchell Street

viernes 2 de agosto,
10:30-11:30 am

Programa Juega y aprende por la tarde.

La panadería

¡Acompáñanos a la panadería! Ponte el delantal, arremángate la camisa y precalienta el horno. Túrnate jugando al cocinero, al mesero y al cliente en la panadería.

Zablocki

miércoles 15 de mayo, 6-7 pm

La excavación de dinosaurios

¡Aprende sobre los dinosaurios y los paleontólogos a través de los libros y juega a ser un paleontólogo en un sitio de excavación!

Zablocki

miércoles 19 de junio, 6-7 pm

Ir a acampar

Imagínate ir de excursión a la naturaleza, cantar canciones de campamento y “asar” malvaviscos en una fogata. Luego, armamos las tiendas de campaña y compartimos historias de campamento.

Zablocki

miércoles 17 de julio, 6-7 pm

El consultorio médico

Nuestros amigos imaginarios están un poco enfermos. ¡Es hora de visitar al médico! Juega a ser un médico y examina a los pacientes, haz un diagnóstico, administra las vacunas y ayúdales a sentirse mejor. Si deseas, lleva tu propia muñeca al consultorio médico.

Zablocki

miércoles 21 de agosto, 6-7 pm



For Families

Games with Community Leaders

Scrabble or Chutes and Ladders anyone? Play board and card games with local professionals!

Center Street

Saturday, May 4, 1:30-3 pm

Puzzles, Board Games, and More

A night of fun for the whole family with puzzles for all ages. Try out some new games or play a classic. Try your hand at simple origami. Snacks will be provided.

Zablocki

Monday, Jun 17, Tuesday, Jul 2, Monday, Aug 19,
6:15-7:15 pm

Family Drive-In Movie

Children and families will create their own “car” out of a box, enjoy popcorn, and a “drive-in” children’s movie!

Atkinson

Monday, Jun 24, Jul 22, Aug 12, 4-5:30 pm

Puzzles and Popcorn

Come alone or bring a friend, grab a puzzle and a snack.

Bay View

Friday, Jun 28, 3-4 pm

Marshmallow Bingo

Try your hand at Marshmallow Bingo! Grab a bingo card and use marshmallows as your bingo markers.

Bay View

Tuesday, Jul 9, 3-4 pm

Candy From Around the World

Taste candies from all over the world and vote on your favorite!

Center Street

Tuesday, Jul 16, 2-3 pm

Wacky Wheels Roller Skating Jam

Come to our roller skating party at the Mitchell Street Branch. The MPS Recreation Wacky Wheels Skate Van will be in our parking lot providing the roller skates and the jams. Bring your own skates or use the skates provided. *Participating children need to have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian. Waivers will be available in advance at the Mitchell Street branch and on the day of the event.*

Mitchell Street

Thursday, Jul 18, 12-3 pm

Juggler Steve Girman

Watch Steve Girman mix juggling, music and storytelling into a captivating performance.

Zablocki

Tuesday, Jul 9, 6-7 pm

Tippecanoe

Tuesday, Jul 16, 6-7 pm

Wonderfully Wild Wednesdays

@ MPL Express at Silver Spring Corner of N. 64th & Silver Spring

Get wonderfully WILD outside with family programs featuring activities for all ages, an introduction to your MPL Express Branch, and card clearing and creation. Staff will be on hand for card registration and to update your account. Get your family ready to check out books and movies at MPL Express!

Brought to you by Milwaukee Public Library in partnership with the Housing Authority City of Milwaukee (HACM), Westlawn & Westlawn Gardens, Silver Spring Neighborhood Center & Browning Elementary School.

Moon Sand

Make your own moon sand by combining simple household ingredients with regular sand. Take some home for more summer fun!

Wednesday, Jun 19, 5-7 pm

Urban Wildlife: Poetry in Your Backyard

Hands-on fun, discovery, and exploration about wildlife you might find in your own backyard! Get inspired to create poetry about the natural world. Part of Field Work: Poetry and Science in partnership with the Milwaukee Public Museum.

Wednesday, Jul 24, 5-7 pm

Miss Kim's Amazing Animals

Miss Kim encourages you to interact with small mammals and reptiles.

Wednesday, Aug 21, 5-7 pm



For Ages 6-12



Art Workshops

Presented by Artists Working in Education, Inc. (A.W.E.)

A drop-in program designed for children in grades K5-5th grade, although older siblings are welcome. Each visit begins with an A.W.E. artist reading aloud a story or two and then discussing the book or illustrator. Participants will then work on imaginative art activities relevant to the book or artist theme for the day. This is a great opportunity to be creative, try new techniques and have fun expressing your artistic point of view. Everyone gets to take home their creations. Families are encouraged to attend and make art together. This program is collaboration between the Milwaukee Public Library and Artists working in Education, Inc.

Center Street

Tuesdays Apr 23, 30, May 7, 14, 4-5:30 pm

Atkinson

Mondays, Apr 29, May 6, 13, 20, 4-5:30 pm

Central

Saturdays, Apr 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2-3:30 pm

Martin Luther King

Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22, 29, 4:30-6 pm



Build with LEGO Bricks

Get the creativity flowing using LEGO Bricks. Join others and see what you can create together. This activity helps to develop 21st century skills such as problem-solving and collaboration.

Central

Wednesdays, May 1, 15, 29, Jun 12, 26, Jul 10, 24, Aug 7, 21, 3:30-4:30 pm

Saturdays, Jun 1, Jul 6, 2-3 pm

Bay View

Wednesdays, May 15, Aug 21, 3:30-4:30 pm

Wednesdays, Jun 26, Jul 24, 2-3 pm

Zablocki

Tuesdays, May 28, Jun 25, Jul 23, Aug 27, 4:15-5:15 pm

Center Street

Monday, Jun 10, 2:30-3:30 pm

Martin Luther King

Monday, Jul 1, 2-3 pm

Villard Square

Tuesday, Aug 6, 3-4 pm



Paws and Read

Read out loud to a cuddly canine! The Alliance of Therapy Dogs will bring furry friends to provide support and build confidence as beginning, struggling or reluctant readers become Super Readers!

Tippecanoe

Saturdays, May 4, Jun 1, Jul 6, Aug 3, 1-2 pm

Atkinson

Tuesdays, Jun 11, 18, 2-3 pm

Center Street

Tuesdays, Jun 11, 18, 3:30-4:30 pm

Saturdays at Central

Bring the whole family to the library to play and learn together. Family programs every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Central Library Betty Brinn Children's Room encourage young children to explore and have fun!

Every Saturday @ 10:30 am at the Central Library!

May 4

Under the Sea Soiree

Calling all merpeople! Make a splash at our fishy festival where we'll read ocean stories, sing, dance, and create beautiful crafts together!

May 11

Hats Off to You

Bring your favorite hat and big imagination as we read stories, sing songs, play games, and create our very own hats to take home!

May 18

Ice Cream Story Time

Summer's coming! What better way to get ready than with ice cream? Let's sing songs and read stories that celebrate this tasty treat. Then we'll experiment by making our own creamy concoctions.

May 25 – Closed for Holiday

June 1

Dinosaur Dig

Learn about dinosaurs and paleontologists through stories and play. Pretend to be a paleontologist at a dig site, see how long a real brachiosaurus was, make your own fossil, and more! *Special time, 10:30 am-11:30 am

June 8

Pride Story Time

Celebrate the LGBTQ community during National Pride Month by wearing your rainbow colors and joining us in an inclusive story time full of songs, movement, and activities.

June 15

Box Story Time

Think inside the box! Build a box to serve as your front-row seat for story time, and then share boxtastic stories, rhymes, and songs.

June 22

Dragon Jamboree

Are you a dragon fanatic? Listen to epic stories, spread your wings, and sink your fangs into a fierce craft celebrating these mythical creatures.

June 29

Chillebration!

Cool off as we explore temperature through stories and experiments!

July 6

Dough Much Fun

Let's play with playdough! Try out different types of playdough and leave with a simple recipe for making your own!

July 13

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music Appreciation

Sing, listen, and play rhythm instruments while moving to music.

July 20

A Whale Of A Tale!

During this story time we'll read, sing, and even pretend to be migrating baby humpback whales! It will be a whale of a time!

July 27

Book Bop Dance Party

Bust a move at the library! Join us for silly songs, shake your wiggles out, and listen to stories with a beat.

August 3

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music Appreciation

Sing, listen, and play rhythm instruments while moving to music.

August 10

Go Forth and Fort!

Are you ready to build? We are! We'll read a fort story and then everyone will get a chance to build their very own fort!

August 17

Buzzy Bee Story Time

Listen, learn and sing about the importance of bees in this interactive story time.

August 24

Down on the Farm

Let's all work the farm together, because "many hands make light work." We'll pretend to plant, care for, and harvest our produce, then sell our wares to our customers! *Special time, 10:30 am-11:30 am

August 31 - Closed for Holiday

Parking Options for Central Library. There is metered parking around Central. Meters are free after 6 pm and on Saturday and Sunday; however, time limits are enforced at all times. For additional parking near Central Library, go to www.parkmilwaukee.com.

Saturday Afternoons at Central

Join us each Saturday afternoon for out-of-school learning activities for children ages 8-12 that inspire participants to explore, learn, and create!

Every Saturday @ 2 pm at the Central Library

May 4

Art Workshop with Artists Working in Education (A.W.E.)

Be creative, try new art techniques, and have fun expressing your artistic point of view! Everyone gets to take home their creations and families are encouraged to come and make art together.

May 11

Art Workshop with Artists Working in Education (A.W.E.)

Please see May 4 description.

May 18

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May 25 – Closed for Holiday

June 1

Build with LEGO Bricks

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June 8

Bad Art Afternoon

Do you like art but don't think you're very good at making it? Who cares! Come to our Bad Art Afternoon and make the best "bad art" you can!

June 15

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music Bucket Drumming

Make music with a 5-gallon bucket and a pair of drumsticks. Learn basic rhythm patterns and create an original piece of music to accompany a song.

June 22

Emoji Party

Join us for this super fun, emoji-tastic program. Activities include: Guess that emoji book title, Emoji fortune telling and an emoji cookie decorating contest to name a few. Cell phone not required.

June 29

Flight School

Ready, steady, lift off! Try your hand at a variety of aviation experiments to make objects take flight.

July 6

Build with LEGO Bricks

Please see June 1 description.

July 13

Kindness Rocks Project

Ready to spread some good vibes this summer? Help us bring more kindness to MKE by painting inspirational messages on rocks!

July 20

DIY Duct Tape

This program will help you create your own change pouch, wristlet, or wallet. Use your ingenuity by creating usable accessories from household supplies.

July 27

All Things Space

Join the Milwaukee Public Museum as we investigate our corner of space and beyond! Learn how our understanding of the universe has changed over the years.

August 3

Mobius Strip Mobile

Learn about the Mobius Strip and create your own mobile to hang up using simple office supplies.

August 10

Estimation Station

Are you good at guessing? Prove it! Learn simple techniques for guessing very big and very small things!

August 17

The Beautiful World of Butterflies

Butterflies may be beautiful but that's not why they're important! Learn about the residents of the Milwaukee Public Museum's Butterfly Vivarium while we get up close and personal with these fascinating insects.

August 24

Get Wild in Wisconsin

Investigate Wisconsin's wildlife with the Milwaukee Public Museum! Explore the rich variety of plants and animals that populate our state. Find out why they're so important and learn ways to help protect them.

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Tippecanoe

Wednesday, Jul 31, 2-3 pm

Zablocki

Tuesday, Aug 6, 6:15-7:15 pm

Wingardium Craft-viosa!

All good witches and wizards need a wand to cast spells. Use STEAM skills to build your own Harry Potter-inspired illuminating wand and put your casting abilities to the test!

East

Saturday, Jul 27, 2-3 pm

Wii U Gaming

Relax with the Wii U and board games. Beat levels together, go head-to-head, or dance to the beat in a social setting.

Washington Park

Wednesday, May 22, 5-6 pm

Tuesdays, Jun 25, Jul 30, Aug 27, 5-6 pm

Center Street

Monday, Jul 8, 2-3:30 pm

Martin Luther King

Monday, Jul 15, 2-3 pm

Library Chill for 'Tweens

Play a game on the Wii system, download free songs, create your own button to wear or...just chill!

Atkinson

Monday, Jul 15, 4-5:30 pm

For Ages 6-12

Book Jacket Bingo

Play bingo based on contemporary children's literature.

Central

Wednesdays, May 8, 22, Jun 5, 19, Jul 3, 17, 31, Aug 14, 28, 3:30-4:30 pm

Fabulous Fan Mail

Write a letter or create a picture to send to your favorite author. Stamps and envelopes will be provided.

Bay View

Friday, May 31, 3:30-4:30 pm

Library Scavenger Hunt

Are you more familiar with what the library looks like from the outside than the inside? Join us for a scavenger hunt and learn more about what your local library has to offer.

Center Street

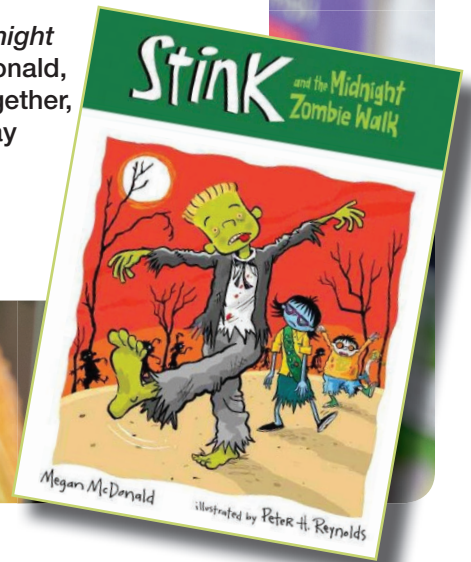
Tuesday, Jul 30, 2-3 pm

Zombies Everywhere!

In honor of *Stink and the Midnight Zombie Walk* by Megan McDonald, we'll read the first chapter together, make candy zombies, and play zombie musical chairs.

Bay View

Friday, Aug 9, 2:30-3:30 pm



Sow and Grow

Learn about plants that you can grow in the city like flowers and food. Decorate a recycled container and plant something of your own. Take it home to watch it grow!

Tippecanoe

Tuesday, May 7, 6-7 pm

Villard Square

Wednesday, May 8, 4-5 pm

Mitchell Street

Tuesday, Jun 18, 2-3 pm

Kids Can Cook

Interested in cooking? Find out first-hand what cooking is all about. Discover kid-friendly recipes, learn about nutrition, and try out a bunch of new foods.

Capitol

Tuesdays, May 7, Jun 4, Jul 2, Aug 6, 4-5 pm

Making Pizza

Help make and bake your own pizza pie. Craft the dough and sauce yourself and then toss your creation in the oven. Delicious! Space is limited; please arrive early to guarantee a spot!

Washington Park

Tuesday, Aug 13, 5-6 pm

Sow and Grow: Family Pizza Night

Turn your summer harvest into a tasty pizza! Bring in herbs or vegetables to share and have a Family Date Night testing pizza topping combinations. Space is limited so arrive early to guarantee a spot.

Tippecanoe

Monday, Aug 19, 6-7 pm



For Ages 6-12

Design Sprites

Design your own video game character, emoji, or logo and then learn how to animate them in a flash!

Washington Park

Tuesday, May 7, 5-6 pm

Nature Art

Nature can be a work of art, so why not make art out of nature! Create art pieces of your very own with paint, leaves, flowers, and twigs.

East

Tuesday, May 21, 3:30-5 pm

Comic Book Glass Bead Magnets

Get crafty by using comic book speech bubbles, sound effects, and super-hero faces to create decorative magnets.

Center Street

Monday, Jun 3, 2:30-3:30 pm

Sensory Jars

Use your creativity to make your own calming and unique sensory jars.

East

Wednesday, Jun 5, 3:30-4:30 pm

Melted Crayon Art

Create your own unique abstract art by melting crayons onto canvas.

Center Street

Monday, Jun 17, 2-3:30 pm

Let's Build with Play Dough

Use your creative side to build a variety of items using play dough.

Martin Luther King

Monday, Jun 24, 2-3 pm

Drawing Class

These basic drawing techniques are simple to learn but difficult to master. Have fun drawing with perspective and adding shadows to give your drawings depth.

Washington Park

Tuesday, Jul 2, 5-6 pm

Straw

Construction
Use straws and connectors to build life size figures and shapes. You can even try building a fort.

Martin Luther King
Monday, Jul 8, 2-3 pm

Map My World

Explore different types of maps and how to use them. Get creative and make a map of your own with art supplies provided!

Mitchell Street

Monday, Jul 29, 2-3 pm

Origami Zoo

Help populate a zoo of colorful paper animals! Plenty of instructions for different skill levels and origami paper will be available for you to make additions to our zoo.

Washington Park

Tuesday, Aug 6, 5-6 pm



For Ages 6-12

Make Your Own Moon Sand

Make your own moon sand by combining simple household ingredients with regular sand. Learn about some of the science behind how moon sand works and take some home for more sculpting fun!

Washington Park

Tuesday, Jun 18, 5-6 pm

MPL Express at Silver Spring

Wednesday, Jun 19, 5-7 pm

Villard Square

Tuesday, Jul 23, 2-3 pm



Snap Circuits

Explore the principles of electricity and electronics with snap circuits. Hands-on projects show how circuits work in technology all around us.

Washington Park

Tuesday, May 14, 5-6 pm

Martin Luther King

Monday, Jul 29, 2-3 pm

STEAM Wednesdays @ Atkinson

On Wednesdays the Children's Area turns into a STEAM Lab. Experiment with a variety of materials.

June - Amusement Park Design

July - Creative LEGO Builds

August - Paper Roller Coasters

Atkinson

Wednesdays, Jun 19, 26, Jul 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug 7, 14, 1-3 pm

Silly Science

Measure, Mix and experiment! Bring out your inner mad scientist for fun hands-on science experiments using common household items.

Create bedazzled foam, a rainbow jar, and a magical balloon that inflates itself.

Bay View

Monday, May 20, 6-7 pm

Concoct your very own slime.

Capitol

Tuesday, Jul 23, 4-5 pm

Stop-Motion Animation

Learn film techniques to make your own stop-motion video. Use digital cameras to take a series of pictures, and edit them to create a video.

Washington Park

Tuesday, Jun 11, 5-6 pm

Flight School

Ready, steady, lift off! Try your hand at a variety of aviation experiments to make objects take flight.

Villard Square

Tuesday, Jun 11, 2-3:30 pm

Central

Saturday, Jun 29, 2-3 pm

Exploring Tech

Learn the fundamentals of coding with a remote controlled robot and exercise your creative problem solving skills with a game.

Washington Park

Tuesday, Jul 9, 5-6 pm

STEAM Challenge

Put your engineering skills to the test by using household items to build a bridge, boat, and tower.

Martin Luther King

Monday, Jul 22, 2-3 pm

Marble Run

Challenge yourself to build the longest, fastest, or most creative marble run during this fun activity! This STEAM activity uses creative problem solving to visualize engineering concepts.

Center Street

Tuesday, Aug 13, 3-4 pm

Story Times for Ages 0-5



T-Rex Tea Party

It's prehistoric party time! Dine and dance with dino-themed treats, stories, and songs. Come dressed in fancy party clothes or dinosaur favorites for an afternoon of fun!

Tippecanoe

Saturday, May 18, 2-3 pm

Pride Story Time

Celebrate the LGBTQ community during National Pride Month by wearing your rainbow colors and joining us in an inclusive story time full of songs, movement, and activities.

Central

Saturday, Jun 8, 10:30-11:15 am

Tippecanoe

Tuesday, Jun 18, 6-7 pm



Camping Story Time

Gather around the campfire and experience the great outdoors while indoors at the library! Listen to stories, make a craft, and have an outdoorsy snack.

East

Wednesday, Jun 12, 6-7 pm

BYOB (Bring Your Own Blanket) Story Time

Enjoy summer fun stories, music, and activities. Be a bubbleologist and create huge bubbles on a Saturday morning in Zablocki's Courtyard. *Program will be held indoors in case of inclement weather.*

Zablocki

Saturdays, Jun 15, Jul 13, 10:30-11:30 am



Fun with Bubbles Story Time

Join us for a fun bubbly story time that combines stories, songs, and rhymes with sensory play to help develop fine motor skills and problem solving. *Portion of program may be held outside, weather permitting.*

Bay View

Saturday, Jun 22, 11 am-12 pm

Tippecanoe

Saturday, Aug 10, 10:30-11:30 am



World UFO Day Story Time

The aliens are coming! Celebrate this historic day with some alien stories and a craft.

Bay View

Tuesday, Jul 2, 3-4 pm

Mystery Story Time

Play the detective and try to solve the mysteries before we get to the last page. Then join in a scavenger hunt to find the missing toys.

Bay View

Saturday, Aug 17, 11 am-12 pm

Story Times for Ages 0-5

Story Time

Young children and their caregivers are invited for fun stories, songs, and fingerplays all designed to help little ones develop important literacy skills needed prior to learning how to read. Child care centers are welcome.

Atkinson

Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 am

No story time Jul 4.

Bay View

Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 am

No story time Jul 4.

Capitol

Thursdays, 10-10:30 am

No story time Jul 4.

Center Street

Mondays, 4-4:30 pm

No story time May 27.

Central

Tuesdays, 10:30-11 am

Martin Luther King

Thursdays, 10-10:30 am

No story time Jul 4.

Villard Square

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am

No story time Jul 4.

Washington Park

Thursdays, 10:30-11 am

No story time Jul 4.

Playgroup with Stories

A 20-minute story time for children and their parent or guardian is followed by open play time with a variety of age-appropriate, educational toys. Story time includes plenty of fingerplays, songs, or other participatory activities that help children learn important literacy skills.

Capitol

10:30-11 am

Every Thursday for ages 2 and under with a parent or guardian. No story time Jul 4.

Central

9:30-10:30 am & 10:45-11:45 am

Every Wednesday for ages 2 and under with a parent or guardian. Storytime is repeated for the second session.

East

10-11:30 am

Every Thursday for ages 2 and under with a parent or guardian. No story time Jul 4.

Mitchell Street

10:30-11:15 am

Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian. No story time Jul 4.

Tippecanoe

10:30-11:30 am

Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian. No story time Jul 4.

Zablocki

10:30-11:30 am

Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian. No story time Jul 4.

Pajama Story Time

We invite families with young children for stories, songs, and rhymes designed to develop early literacy skills and encourage a love of reading. Cozy PJs and stuffed animal friends encouraged!

East

Mondays, 6:30-7 pm. No story time May 27.

Central

Tuesdays, 6:30-7 pm

Capitol

Tuesday, Jun 18, 5-6 pm

Music & Movement

Story Time

Let's move and groove together during this musically motivated story time. Bring your enthusiasm and dance moves. Instruments provided.

Central

Mondays, 6:15-7 pm

No story time May 27.

Baby Story Time

Share simple stories, playful songs, and gentle movement in this lullaby story time for babies. For children ages 0-12 months, with a caregiver.

Central

Tuesdays, 9:30-10 am

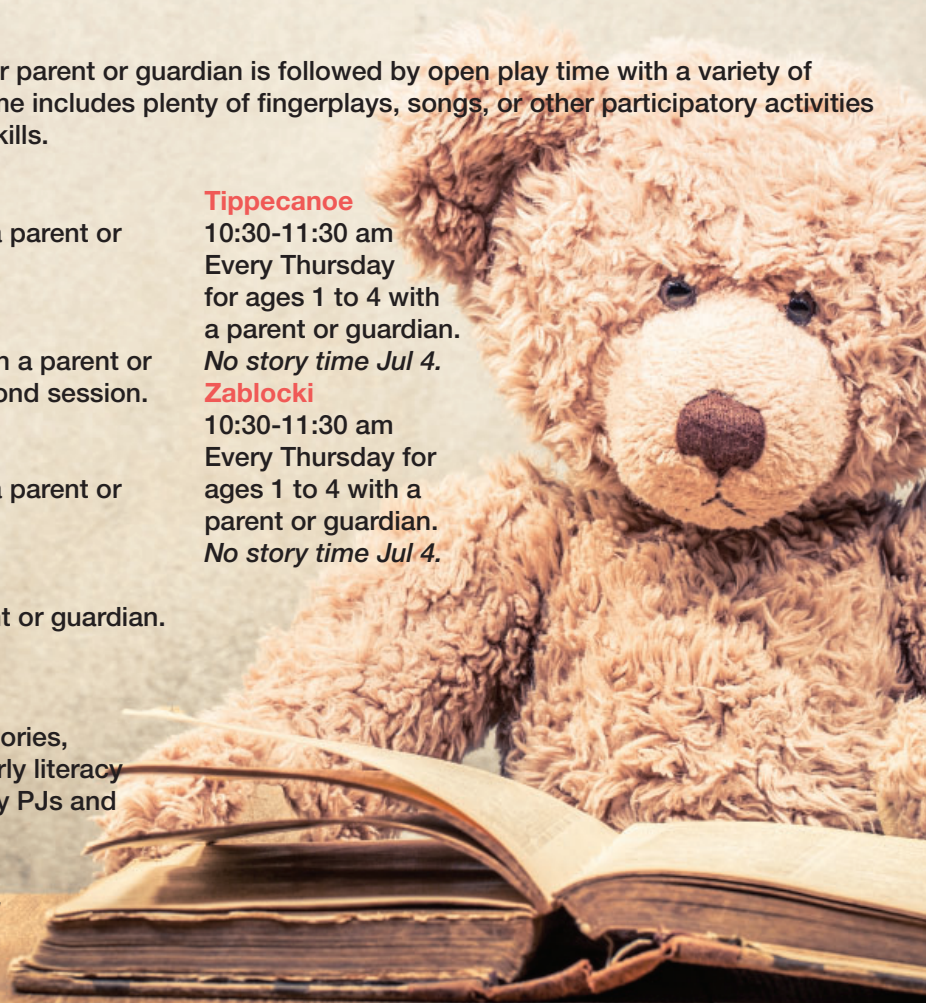
Cool Down Play Time

Get out of the heat and spend quality family time while getting to know other parents and caregivers at our summer play time. For children ages 0-5 with a caregiver.

Central

Fridays, Jun 7-Aug 30

10:30-11:30 am



For Early Childhood Educators

Tier

MPL offers free continuing education child care provider workshops as Tier 2 training, as approved by the Wisconsin Registry. Please bring your Registry card or have your Registry ID number handy for submission.

Registration required; call 286-3011 or register online at www.mpl.org/childcareworkshops. Registration opens about 3 weeks prior to the workshop, see below for exact dates. Adults only; no children, no exceptions. Check in begins 10 minutes prior to class start time so workshop can begin as scheduled. To receive credit, attendees must arrive on time.

Tier 2

The Six Skills for Early Literacy

Learn the six skills that all children need in order to be prepared to learn how to read when they enter school. Leave with fun ways to expand lessons with books to include the skills. This workshop is the foundation for other provider workshops, and we recommend you attend this first.

Continuing Education: 3.0 hours

Center Street (Registration begins Apr 29)

Saturday, May 18, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Capitol (Registration begins Jul 1)

Saturday, Jul 20, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Tier 2

Start Right, Finish Bright: Building Foundations in Your Infant & Toddler Classroom

Learn how to create an optimal environment for healthy brain development in babies and toddlers. Find out how important healthy attachment is, what social-emotional development is, and how these are the foundation for all future learning. Leave with a list of great books and activities that promote early literacy skills. This session is specifically geared to those who teach children birth through 36 months.

Continuing Education: 3.0 hours

Washington Park (Registration begins May 28)

Saturday, Jun 15, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

East (Registration begins Jul 22)

Saturday, Aug 10, 10:30 am-1:30 pm



For Early Childhood Educators

Tier 2

Lesson Planning @ MPL

The library has many resources to assist you with lesson planning. We will teach you how to use the computer to conduct internet searches, explore the electronic library catalog, locate library materials and create a lesson plan you can use the next day. Bring your library card! Limited to 15 participants.

Continuing Education: 3.0 hours

Please note that attendees must have prior understanding of lesson planning to get the most of this workshop.

Central Computer Lab (Registration begins Jun 10)

Saturday, Jun 29, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Tier 2

Letter Knowledge College: Teaching the Alphabet

Learn different ways to help children recognize the differences between how letters look, their names, and their sounds---all while having fun! Includes materials for you to make an activity for use in your classroom. Continuing Education: 2.0 hours

Washington Park (Registration begins Jul 15)

Saturday, Aug 3, 10:30 am-12:30 pm



Talleres gratuitos para los proveedores de cuidado infantil en español

Se requiere una inscripción previa; llame al (414) 286-3011 (inglés) o al (414) 286-8423 (español), o inscribese en línea en www.mpl.org/childcareworkshops. La inscripción comienza un mes antes de la fecha del taller. No se permite asistir con niños. Se pasa lista 10 minutos antes de que comience el taller para que se pueda empezar a tiempo. El crédito se da a los participantes que sean puntuales. Por favor, traiga su número o tarjeta de identificación de "The Registry."

Nivel 2

La alfabetización matemática

Los conceptos matemáticos son una parte de la alfabetización. Descubra los libros y las actividades que enseñan los conceptos matemáticos tempranos y las maneras para utilizar esos libros para ayudar a los niños a desarrollar una base de conocimiento de las destrezas matemáticas.

Educación continua: 2.0 horas

Zablocki (El 22 de abril comienza la inscripción)

sábado 11 de mayo, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Nivel 2

Fundamentos de las horas de cuentos

Aprenda sobre los Story Time Kits (Kits de la hora de cuentos) de la Biblioteca Pública de Milwaukee. Se ha creado nuevos kits para los bebés/ niños pequeños y los niños preescolares y muchos kits estaban reacondicionados. Cada kit contiene libros infantiles, un CD de música, títeres, y recursos para maestros relacionados con temas comunes en los centros de cuidado infantil. ¡Agregue más diversión a sus horas de cuentos con los niños pequeños!

Educación continua: 2.0 horas

Mitchell Street (El 29 de julio comienza la inscripción)

sábado el 24 de agosto, 10:30 am-12:30 pm



Visit Your Milwaukee Public Library Today!

Central

814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Monday	12-8 pm
Tuesday	9 am-8 pm
Wednesday-Friday	9 am-6 pm
Saturday	9 am-5 pm
Sundays (Oct.-April)	1-5 pm
(Closed May-Sept.)	

Atkinson

1960 W. Atkinson Ave.

Mon., Tues., Wed.	12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday	10 am-6 pm
Saturday	10 am-5 pm

Bay View

2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

Monday	10 am-8 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday	12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday	10 am-6 pm
Saturday	10 am-5 pm

Capitol

3969 N. 74th St.

Mon., Tues., Wed.	12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday	10 am-6 pm
Saturday	10 am-5 pm
Sundays (Oct.-April)	1-5 pm
(Closed May-Sept.)	

Center Street

2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave.

Monday	10 am-8 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday	12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday	10 am-6 pm
Saturday	10 am-5 pm

East

2320 N. Cramer St.

Monday	10 am-8 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday	12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday	10 am-6 pm
Saturday	10 am-5 pm

Mitchell Street

906 W. Historic Mitchell St.

Mon., Tues., Wed.	12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday	10 am-6 pm
Saturday	10 am-5 pm

Martin Luther King

310 W. Locust St.

Mon., Tues., Wed.	12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday	10 am-6 pm
Saturday	10 am-5 pm

Mill Road

6431 N. 76th St.

Mon., Tues., Wed.	12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday	10 am-6 pm
Saturday	10 am-5 pm

Tippecanoe

3912 S. Howell Ave.

Mon., Tues., Wed.	12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday	10 am-6 pm
Saturday	10 am-5 pm

Villard Square

5190 N. 35th St.

Monday	10 am-8 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday	12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday	10 am-6 pm
Saturday	10 am-5 pm

Washington Park

2121 N. Sherman Blvd.

Monday	10 am-8 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday	12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday	10 am-6 pm
Saturday	10 am-5 pm

Zablocki

3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Monday	10 am-8 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday	12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday	10 am-6 pm
Saturday	10 am-5 pm
Sundays (Oct.-April)	1-5 pm
(Closed May-Sept.)	

MPL Express at Silver Spring

5550 N. 64th St.

Open 24/7

Check out print materials • Request CDs and DVDs for pick up • Return your library materials. Library card and PIN required.

Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library

813 W. Wells St.

Phone: 414.286.3045 or

1.800.242.8822 (within Wisconsin)

E-mail: wtbb@milwaukee.gov

Open Monday-Friday, 9 am to 5 pm

Closed Saturday and Sunday.

For programs and events for adults, including computer and job classes, genealogy, small business and author and book club events, please go to the library's events calendar at mpl.org.

Library hours may vary and are subject to change; call to confirm. Classes and activities are subject to change or cancellation; visit the library's webpage at mpl.org for up-to-date information.

All libraries will be closed on the following days:

Saturday, May 25: Library closed for Memorial Day holiday

Monday, May 27: Memorial Day

Thursday, July 4: Independence Day

Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities. For additional information or to request services contact the Library Director's Office at (414) 286-3021, 286-2794 (FAX), or mail to Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233 Attn: Accommodation Request.

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