

Calendar of Events

For the Milwaukee Public Library • May - August 2011



FREE special events,
activities and classes for
babies
preschoolers
grade-schoolers
families
teens and
child care providers

**Summer
Reading
Starts
May 16**

A Message From the Mayor and Library Director

When most people think of the library they think of books, but the library is so much more. The library is the place for education, enlightenment, and entertainment – the three Es!

Education – Your Milwaukee Public Library is your life-long educational facility. You're just a book or computer away from finding whatever it is you are interested in learning more about. When school is out, the library becomes the learning place for most children to continue to practice reading as part of the Super Reader program. Reading for fun over the summer is the best way to improve your reading skills!

Enlightenment - Discover the science of bubbles, uncover the secrets of Egypt, learn how to do a magic trick, and to be safe in case of a fire. These are just a few of the things kids can learn this summer at the library with friends, families, and neighbors gathering together for programs and special events.

Entertainment – Each week your Milwaukee Public Library offers story times, afternoon programs and family programs in the evenings and on weekends. There's something for everyone to make you laugh, encourage you to try something new and expand your interests.

The best thing of all... it's all FREE!

Make sure your child has a library card – it's free, easy to get, and is perhaps one of the greatest gifts you can give a child. Reading is a skill that needs to be practiced and nurtured, and a love of reading will help to ensure a child's successful future.

So visit your library regularly, sign up your children and teens for the summer reading programs, and have a great time this summer at your Milwaukee Public Library, Every Person's Gateway™.

Don Barrett
Saula C. Kiley



After School Clubs at your Milwaukee Public Library



After school clubs will continue through May 12 for children in K5-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade and teens. Join us each week for age appropriate fun activities that include a variety of crafts, art, dramatic play, and games. Check your library for a detailed schedule of activities, or see the complete schedule at the library's website at www.mpl.org. All after school clubs are led by library educators that have designed the club to inspire and invigorate, while having fun.

Teacher in the Library

Teachers are available after school at Atkinson, Center Street, Forest Home, Martin Luther King, Villard Avenue and Washington Park to assist both students and parents with academic support and encouragement. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Contact the library for specific details.

FOR KIDS AGE 12 AND YOUNGER

Be a Super Reader as you read
for fun and prizes!

BE A
SUPER READER

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Visit any Milwaukee Public Library to sign up beginning May 16. Receive a FREE 5" mini sub coupon from Cousins Subs* just for signing up. Sign up by June 18 for a chance to win one of ten Annual Pool Passes good at all eight outdoor Milwaukee County Parks pools.



Once you're signed up you'll get a reading log to track your time reading. Read to earn fabulous prizes, food coupons and free admissions to fun events around town. Visit any Milwaukee Public Library or go to www.mpl.org/SummerReading for full details.

Join us for our Summer Reading Kick-Off celebrations with special entertainment, crafts, refreshments and more!
See pages 4-5 for details.

**Only children who sign up individually or with their families are eligible to receive the Cousins Subs coupon.*

The Milwaukee Public Library is grateful for the many private sponsors who help to bring the Summer Reading program to the citizens of Milwaukee. Without support from these generous donors, the library would not be able to provide the depth and variety of free programs to children and families across the city:

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FOR KIDS AGES 6-12

Free Weekly Summer Entertainment

Atkinson

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.
June 22 Jump, Giggle, Mime and Wiggle
June 29 Ahoy, Matey! A Pirate Adventure
July 6 Pinwheels for Peace
July 13 It's Electric!
July 20 Snakes, Turtles & Toads, Oh My!
July 27 LaBak the Magician
Aug. 3 Cool Chemistry Concoctions
Aug. 10 Karl Debelack's Sound Science
Aug. 17 Beach Blanket Book Jacket Bingo

Bay View

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.
June 22 Beach Blanket Book Jacket Bingo
June 29 World Dance: Join the Adventure
July 6 Pinwheels for Peace
July 13 Cool Chemistry Concoctions
July 20 Be Sure to be Safe - Fire Safety
July 27 Ahoy, Matey! A Pirate Adventure
Aug. 3 The Bug Show
Aug. 10 Animal Yoga
Aug. 17 It's Electric!

Capitol

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
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June 28 Ahoy, Matey! A Pirate Adventure
July 5 Beach Blanket Book Jacket Bingo
July 12 Be Sure to be Safe - Fire Safety
July 19 Cool Chemistry Concoctions
July 26 The Bug Show
Aug. 2 LaBak the Magician
Aug. 9 Pinwheels for Peace
Aug. 16 Snakes, Turtles & Toads, Oh My!

Center Street

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.
June 22 Cool Chemistry Concoctions
June 29 LaBak the Magician
July 6 Ahoy, Matey! A Pirate Adventure
July 13 Snakes, Turtles & Toads, Oh My!
July 20 Pinwheels for Peace
July 27 Animal Yoga
Aug. 3 Visit the Nile
Aug. 10 Safety Seekers Stunt Spectacular
Aug. 17 Beach Blanket Book Jacket Bingo

Central

Thursdays, 2 p.m.
June 23 Milwaukee Dog Training
June 30 World Dance: Join the Adventure
July 7 Ahoy, Matey! A Pirate Adventure

Central Continued

July 14 Karl Debelack's Topsy-Turvy
July 21 West African Dance & Drumming
July 28 It's Electric!
Aug. 4 Beach Blanket Book Jacket Bingo
Aug. 11 KidsPlay presents The Pirates!
Aug. 18 Big and Small, Room for All

East

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.
June 22 Pinwheels for Peace
June 29 Safety Seekers Stunt Spectacular
July 6 Beach Blanket Book Jacket Bingo
July 13 Ahoy, Matey! A Pirate Adventure
July 20 Pet Suitcase and Animal Safety
with Wisconsin Humane Society
July 27 Cool Chemistry Concoctions
Aug. 3 Be Sure to be Safe - Fire Safety
Aug. 10 Animal Yoga
Aug. 17 Dog Training and Safety

Forest Home

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
June 21 Ahoy, Matey! A Pirate Adventure
June 28 The Magic of Rick Allen
July 5 Beach Blanket Book Jacket Bingo
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Martin Luther King

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Mill Road

Mondays, 2 p.m.
June 20 Karl Debelack's Sound Science
June 27 Beach Blanket Book Jacket Bingo
July 4 Library Closed
July 11 Be Sure to be Safe - Fire Safety
July 18 Cool Chemistry Concoctions
July 25 Visit the Nile
Aug. 1 Midwestern Harvest
Aug. 8 Pinwheels for Peace
Aug. 15 LaBak the Magician

Tippecanoe

Mondays, 2 p.m.
June 20 Beach Blanket Book Jacket Bingo
June 27 Tae Kwon Do Power
July 4 Library Closed
July 11 Cool Chemistry Concoctions
July 18 World Dance: Join the Adventure
July 25 Ahoy, Matey! A Pirate Adventure
Aug. 1 KidsPlay presents The Pirates!
Aug. 8 Animal Yoga
Aug. 15 Karl Debelack's Sound Science

Villard Avenue

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
June 21 Ahoy, Matey! A Pirate Adventure
June 28 Tae Kwon Do Power
July 5 Pinwheels for Peace
July 12 West African Dance & Drumming
July 19 The Bug Show
July 26 Magic Morgan & Liliana
Aug. 2 Cool Chemistry Concoctions
Aug. 9 Snakes, Turtles & Toads, Oh My!

Carnival Day at Villard Library

Friday, August 5, 1:30-3 p.m.
Karl Debelack's Bubble-ology
Become a master Bubble-ologist (soapy scientist). Learn how to make a square bubble, blow bubbles inside of bubbles & more. After the program enjoy carnival games, balloons, prizes and more!

Washington Park

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
June 21 Cool Chemistry Concoctions
June 28 LaBak the Magician
July 5 Ahoy, Matey! A Pirate Adventure
July 12 Pet Suitcase and Animal Safety
with Wisconsin Humane Society
July 19 Pinwheels for Peace
July 26 **Book Bait with Jean Andrew**
Aug. 2 Rhythms & Tunes with Mrs. Taku
Aug. 9 Big and Small, Room for All
Aug. 16 Beach Blanket Book Jacket Bingo

Zablocki

Mondays, 2 p.m.
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FOR KIDS AGES 6-12

Program Descriptions

Ahoy, Matey! A Pirate Adventure

Learn to talk like a pirate, make a pirate ship, and then set sail on an adventure to find real prizes hidden in the library!

Animal Yoga

Find your inner Zen by practicing easy yoga moves inspired by animals; hear animal stories and poems. Includes a craft.

Art in a Suitcase – Things with Wings featuring Mary Tooley

Learn about prehistoric flying reptiles like Quetzalcoatlus who was as big as a school bus. For the finale, everyone gets to draw things with wings.

Be Sure to be Safe – Milwaukee Fire Department Fire Safety

Do you know what to do if there is a fire in your house? Learn what to do from a Milwaukee firefighter. *This program will be presented by library staff if firefighters are on an emergency call.*

Beach Blanket Book Jacket Bingo

Grab your beach blankets and play a bingo game that highlights contemporary children's books. Beach-inspired snacks provided.

Big and Small, Room for All

Presented by staff of the Milwaukee County Zoo and Zoological Society of Milwaukee. Sing songs, move like different animals and share animal rhymes and signs. See large animal artifacts you can touch. There will be smaller live animals to see, but we'll keep them a mystery!

Book Bait with Jean-Andrew

"Book Bait" is a storytelling program to reel in readers. Kids get caught up in stories that lure them to start trolling for good books. Children even get to fish for the next story.

The Bug Show

Prepare for a visit by two unique bugs in this enlightening show by Kidsplay. These bugs will bring you down to their size to help you experience what it's like to be a bug, and why that sometimes "bugs" us. But don't be too quick to judge, because there's a lot we can learn from bugs.

Cool Chemistry Concoctions

Fun, simple chemistry experiments.

Dog Training and Safety

The Milwaukee Dog Training Club will demonstrate obedience tricks, safety and more with live dogs!

It's Electric!

Learn about the wonders and dangers of electrical forces. Explore lightning, energy, magnets, static electricity, circuits, safety, and the future of energy. Presented by Discovery World.

Jump, Giggle, Mime and Wiggle

Acting, mime, juggling, and dancing are utilized to enact stories that portray friendship, equality, and pure fun.

Karl Debelack's Sound Science

What can you make but cannot see? It is sound! Find out how sound travels through water, air and solids, and discover how to change the pitch of sound and how to amplify or make sounds louder. Design your own musical instrument to take home.

Karl Debelack's Topsy-Turvy

A spinning top seems to defy the laws of gravity. Learn about spiral galaxies, tornadoes and colors that rotate; discover how friction, drag and gravity work together to stop a spinning top.

LaBak the Magician

Super magic for Super Readers!

Magic Morgan & Liliana

Be astounded by the universal languages of fun and amazement in this magic show.

The Magic of Rick Allen

Gasp with amazement when a white dove and rabbit magically appear. You may be chosen to be suspended in mid-air!

Midwestern Harvest

Join Milwaukee's award-winning folk singer Lil' Rev, as he sings fun songs from the diverse array of ethnic groups that settled in the Midwest. Lil' Rev plays guitar, banjo, ukulele, harmonica and mandolin.

Music & Movement with Douglas Udell

Join Douglas for action songs, finger plays, drama activities and storytelling, all geared for movement and fun.

Pet Suitcase and Animal Safety with the Wisconsin Humane Society

Friends from the Wisconsin Humane Society explain how to provide responsible animal care and have safe interactions with animals.

Pinwheels for Peace

This program is inspired by the *Pinwheels for Peace Project* and includes a folk song sing-a-long, a peace book story time and a simple pinwheel craft.

Rhythms & Tunes with Ms. Taku

This unique, custom-designed "hands on" multicultural music program includes clapping, drumming, singing, and dancing to traditional and original songs.

Safety Seekers Stunt Spectacular

The Safety Seekers, the world's safest stuntmen, are ready to present the world premiere of their latest and greatest stunt - their motto: Think Things Through.

Snakes, Turtles and Toads, Oh My!

Take a close look at some wild neighbors! Discover how they survive in city neighborhoods. You'll get to touch them too! Presented by Havenwoods State Forest staff.

Tae Kwon Do Power

Eddie L. Murphy, 6th degree black belt from Murphy's ATA Tae Kwon Do Family Center, will demonstrate the Songahm style of Tae Kwon Do.

Triton's Fury West

Join Lilly Lightfinger-Falcone and Captain Falcone for a highly interactive pirate show with music, history and comedy. YOU may be chosen to be a part of the show!

Visit the Nile

Rose Onama brings Africa to life as she shares memories of growing up on the Nile River in Uganda through lively interactive stories her Grandmother Langalanga used as a way to teach respect, honesty, kindness and truth.

West African Dance & Drumming featuring Jam AK Jam Afro-Dance Theatre.

A demonstration of traditional African dances, drumming and more! You may be chosen to perform with Jam AK Jam.

World Dance: Join the Adventure

Move your feet to the world music beat! Keep movin' and groovin' all over the world and go miles and miles with many dance styles.

FOR FAMILIES

Family Play Dates

Join us as we spend an hour playing together! Families with children ages 5 and younger are invited to a fun-filled, hands-on interactive hour of stories and play activities. Learn how easy it is to develop literacy skills through play. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

May 14 - **Mill Road**, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

May 23 - **Martin Luther King**, 6-7 p.m.

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

June 11 - **Mill Road**, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

June 27 - **Martin Luther King**, 6-7 p.m.

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.

July 9 - **Mill Road**, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

July 25 - **Martin Luther King**, 6-7 p.m.

Ice Cream Parlor! Put on your apron, roll up your sleeves and grab a scooper! Take turns working the cash register, taking orders and cleaning up the shop.



Diversión familiar

¡Acompáñenos a disfrutar de una hora jugando con nosotros! Las familias con niños de 5 años y menores son bienvenidas a una hora divertida e interactiva con cuentos y actividades del juego. Aprendan cuán fácil es desarrollar las destrezas de alfabetización a través del juego y la lectura. Es un programa gratuito y no se requiere una inscripción previa. Un adulto debe acompañar a los niños al programa.

La florería - Ayuda a los clientes, arregla las flores, opera la caja registradora y solicita la información necesaria para los pedidos de los clientes. ¡Hay mucho que hacer en nuestra florería concurrida!

Biblioteca Forest Home - miércoles 25 de mayo, 6-7 p.m.

Ir de camping - 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.

Biblioteca Zablocki - martes 28 de junio, 6-7 p.m.

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.

Biblioteca Forest Home - miércoles 20 de julio, 6-7 p.m.

La biblioteca - Hoy, juega a ser el bibliotecario. Ayúdales a los usuarios seleccionar libros, lee un libro durante la hora de cuentos, prepara las tarjetas de biblioteca, registra el préstamo y coloca los libros en los estantes. Estás a cargo de nuestra biblioteca imaginaria.

Biblioteca Zablocki - martes 23 de agosto, 6-7 p.m.

August 13 - **Mill Road**, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

August 22 - **Martin Luther King**, 6-7 p.m.

Library! Pretend that YOU are the librarian today. Help patrons select books, read a book at story time, make library cards, check out and shelve books. You're in charge of the make-believe library.



FOR FAMILIES

Bilingual Family Story Time

Families are invited to a fun-filled program of stories, songs, finger plays and crafts in English and Spanish. English-only speakers, Spanish-only speakers and bilingual speakers are all welcome.

Se les invita a las familias a un programa divertido con cuentos, canciones, juegos con los deditos y manualidades en inglés y español. Las personas que hablan inglés o español o las personas bilingües son bienvenidas.

Forest Home

Wednesdays, May 11, June 8, July 13, and August 17, 6-6:45 p.m.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Children ages 4-8, parents and caregivers are invited to participate in a FREE 45-minute workshop with Milwaukee Public Television's "Kids in the Kitchen" host, Darlyne Haertlein. Children and adults will learn about healthy food choices through stories, games and activities. All adults will receive an English/ Spanish Sesame Street FOOD FOR THOUGHT packet that includes a DVD, recipe cards and lots of ideas for eating well on a budget. Children will receive a surprise take-home item!

Registration is required, call 286-3011 to attend.

Center Street

Thursday, June 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Bay View

Thursday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King

Thursday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m.

Central

Saturday, Aug. 20 at 10:30 a.m.



Zumba ¡Vamos a movernos!

Let's Get Moving!

Se les invita a las familias a un programa divertido que incluye una introducción a los movimientos de Zumba. Acompañennos a compartir cuentos, canciones, Zumba, y un refrigerio saludable.

Families are invited to a fun-filled bilingual program that will include an introduction to Zumba Latin dance moves. Join us to share stories, songs, Zumba, and a healthy snack.

Forest Home

miércoles 18 de mayo

Wednesday, May 18, 6-7:30 p.m.



FOR FAMILIES

Summer Family Fun @ Your Library

All Summer Reading Kick-Off celebrations will feature a special entertainer, crafts, refreshments and more! If there is no description of the program, see page 5 for details.

Atkinson

Kick off to Summer Reading

Monday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.

Featuring *The Bug Show* by Kidsplay

Saturday, July 9, 1 p.m.

Be Sure to be Safe – Fire Safety

Wednesday, August 17, 5:30 p.m.

Gallery Night – enjoy photography by local teens and light refreshments.

Bay View

Thrilling Thursdays! Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted.) Family fun for kids ages 4-8.

June 16 Kick off to Summer Reading

Crafts and refreshments starting at 6 p.m., featuring Magic Morgan & Liliana at 6:30 p.m.

June 23 Ballet Story Time

Milwaukee Ballet staff share stories and ballet positions.

June 30 MPTV's FOOD FOR THOUGHT

(Registration required - in the library or call 286-3011.)

July 7 This is How Our Gardens Grow story time and craft. Decorate your own pot and take home a plant.

July 14 Dora and Diego's Pirate Adventure story time with craft and scavenger hunt.

July 21 Ancient Egypt story time and activities. Make a head dress and cartouche - join a mummy-making contest.

July 28 Pet Show! Bring in your favorite stuffed animal to join our 'Pet Show' story time. Create a name tag and collar for your pet and maybe even win a prize!

Harry Potter Party: Celebrate the End

Wednesday, July 13, 6-7:30 p.m.

Celebrate *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2*.

Enjoy Harry Potter-inspired activities, crafts and treats!

Ages 6 and up. Registration required, call 286-3011 or sign up in the library.

Make and Take Board Game Night

Wednesday, August 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Capitol

Kick off to Summer Reading

Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 p.m.

Featuring Magic Morgan & Liliana

Tuesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m.

Art in a Suitcase – Things with Wings

Tuesday, August 16, 6:30 p.m.

West African Dance & Drumming

Center Street

Kick off to Summer Reading

Wednesday, June 15, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Featuring World Dance: Join the adventure at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13, 6:30 p.m.

Be Sure to be Safe – Fire Safety

Wednesday, August 17, 6 p.m.

Sponge Bob's End of Summer Celebration Crafts and Games about our favorite under-the-sea sponge.

East

Kick off to Summer Reading

Wednesday, June 15, 6 - 7 p.m.

Featuring LaBak the Magician.

Wednesday, July 20, 6-7 p.m.

Family Play Date

Make a grocery list, help customers, run the cash register, and go shopping.

Wednesday, August 17, 6-7 p.m.

End of Summer Spectacular – games, crafts and prizes!

Forest Home

Kick off to Summer Reading

Tuesday, June 14, 4 – 6 p.m.

Lil' Rev presents Midwestern Harvest at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 19, 6-7:30 p.m.

Celebrate the beach with fun, games and a craft.

Tuesday, August 9, 6-7:30 p.m.

Curious George Carnival – games, prizes and stories!

FOR FAMILIES

Martin Luther King

Kick off to Summer Reading
Tuesday, June 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Featuring LaBak the Magician.

Join us for Family Play Dates each month. See page 6 for details.

Mill Road

Family Game Night – Gaming consoles, board games, crafts and snacks will be featured.
Wednesday, May 25, 6-7:30 p.m.

Kick off to Summer Reading
Wednesday, June 15, 6:30 p.m.
Featuring Music and Movement with Douglas Udell.

Wednesday, July 13, 6:30 p.m.
Ken Baron's Music Extravaganza

Wednesday, August 17, 6:30 p.m.
West African Dance & Drumming featuring Jam AK
Jam Afro-Dance Theatre

Join us for Family Play Dates each month. See page 6 for details.

Tippecanoe

Kick off to Summer Reading
Monday, June 13, 5-7:15 p.m.
Featuring The Magic of Rick Allen at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 11, 6-7 p.m.
Wild West Family Night: Line Dancing – Put on your best western gear and learn how to line dance.

Monday, July 25, 6-7 p.m.
Family Beach Blanket Book Jacket Bingo – Beach inspired snacks will be provided!

Monday, August 8, 6-7:30 p.m.
Make and Take Board Game Night

Villard Avenue

Kick off to Summer Reading
Tuesday, June 14, 5:30-7 p.m.
Featuring World Dance at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 12, 5:30 p.m.
Be Sure to be Safe – Fire Safety

Villard Avenue Continued

Tuesday, August 16, 5:30 p.m.
Gallery Night – Enjoy photography by local teens and light refreshments.

Washington Park

Kick off to Summer Reading
Tuesday, June 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Featuring West African Dance & Drumming

Tuesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m.
Be Sure to be Safe – Fire Safety

Tuesday, August 16, 6:30 p.m.
Sponge Bob's End of Summer Celebration - An evening of crafts and games about our favorite under-the-sea sponge.

Zablocki

Kick off to Summer Reading
Monday, June 13, 4-7 p.m.
Featuring Silly Songs and Stories with Linda Sanderen at 6 p.m. Sidewalk chalk and bubbles outside and super hero masks and shields crafts prior to the performer. Light refreshments following performer.

Bring Your Own Blanket (BYOB) Story Time
Enjoy the summer sun at an outdoor story time with finger plays and songs held in Zablocki Library's courtyard. Story times are held inside if it rains.
Saturday, June 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Dora & Diego scavenger hunt.
Saturday, July 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Celebrate the beach with fun, games and a craft.
Saturday, August 13, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Get Curious! Curious George story time and games.

Pajama Story Time
Wednesdays, May 4, June 1, August 3, 6-6:45 p.m.
A night time story time for families. Hear stories, sing songs, and learn finger plays. Children can wear their pajamas so they are ready to be tucked into bed.

Be Sure to be Safe – Fire Safety
Do you know what to do if there is a fire in your house? Meet a Milwaukee firefighter, listen to a story, and learn about the special equipment they wear to fight fires.
Thursday, July 14, 6 p.m.

FOR FAMILIES

Saturdays at Central

Family programs every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Central Library Betty Brinn Children's Room. (If no program description is listed, please see page 5 for detailed descriptions.)

May 7

Pet Suitcase and Animal Safety with the Wisconsin Humane Society

May 14

Korean Culture and Traditional Drumming

Learn about traditional rhythms of Korea in this fun and interactive program.

May 21

Sunset Playhouse presents *Animal Tales - Aesop's Fables*

Classic Aesop's fables retold by Bug in a Rug Theatre. Follow our adventurous animals as they learn about friendship and self-confidence.

May 28

Library closed for Memorial Day weekend.

June 4

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music presents Major Music for Minors

Sing, listen, and play rhythm instruments while moving to music. Children develop motor, listening and sequencing skills, learn to take turns, share, concentrate and develop an appreciation for music.

June 11

Art in a Suitcase – Things with Wings

June 18

Magic Morgan & Liliana

Followed by a Super Reader craft!

June 25

Grandpa Fred Turk uses his banjo, a puppet, and other props to introduce his humorous original songs! Children will get to participate and be the "stars" of the show. Fred's musical madness has people of all ages joining in for an enjoyable time.

July 2

Library closed for 4th of July holiday.

July 9

Book Bait with Jean Andrew

July 16

Ready Readers and a Super Reader Craft!

Two bold super heroes find themselves without their amazing powers. With the help of the audience, they rely on the power to read in order to save the day! This show by Kidsplay empowers kids to read and explores problem solving strategies in its unique audience interactive style.

July 23

Ken Baron Children's Music Mini Extravaganza!

Sing and dance along to the music of Ken Baron.

July 30

Reed Marionettes present *Jest for Fun!*

Join the Reed's robot stage manager as he tries to keep the puppeteer from goofing up. Enjoy a performance by the world's oldest and smallest musician. You can even learn how to deal with pesky insects from a very small (but expert) gardener. It's all JEST FOR FUN!

August 6

Silly Songs & Stories

Linda Sandersen uses interactive music to draw children into the programs. Children will hear seafaring songs, songs about environmental issues, songs from prairie days and modern times.

August 13

Midwestern Harvest

August 20

FOOD FOR THOUGHT with MPTV See page 7.

August 27

Atwood Players present *Get Creative*

An improvisational play in which the performers act out scenes from children's stories based on audience input using hats, props, and more.

Parking options for Central Library

There is metered parking around Central Library. Meters are free after 6 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday; however, time limits are enforced at all times. The closest parking lot is on the corner of 8th St. and Wisconsin Ave. The parking lots are generally \$1.50 per hour with cheaper evening and weekend rates. For additional parking options near Central Library go to www.parkmilwaukee.com.

FOR KIDS AGES 0-5

Play Group with Stories

A 20-minute story time for families with children ages 2 and under followed by open play time with a variety of educational toys. Stories include plenty of finger plays and songs. Coffee is served for adults and a snack for children is provided.

Central

Every Wednesday
9:30-11 a.m.

East

Every Monday - Free parking behind the library!
10:30-11:30 a.m.
Library closed on Monday, May 30 and July 4.



Preschool Story Time

Preschoolers are invited for fun stories, songs, and finger plays all designed to help them learn the Six Skills of Early Literacy. Child care centers are welcome.

Atkinson

Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Bay View

Mondays, 10-10:45 a.m.
Childcare centers please call to register, 286-3011.
Library closed May 30, July 4.

Capitol

Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m.

Center Street

Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Central

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

East

Mondays, 10-10:30 a.m.
Library closed May 30, July 4.

Forest Home

Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Martin Luther King

Fridays, 10-10:30 a.m.
Library closed May 27, July 1.

Mill Road

Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m.

Tippecanoe

Fridays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
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Villard Avenue

Fridays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
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Washington Park

Fridays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Library closed May 27, July 1.

Zablocki

Mondays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Library closed May 30, July 4.

Story Time with the String Academy of Wisconsin

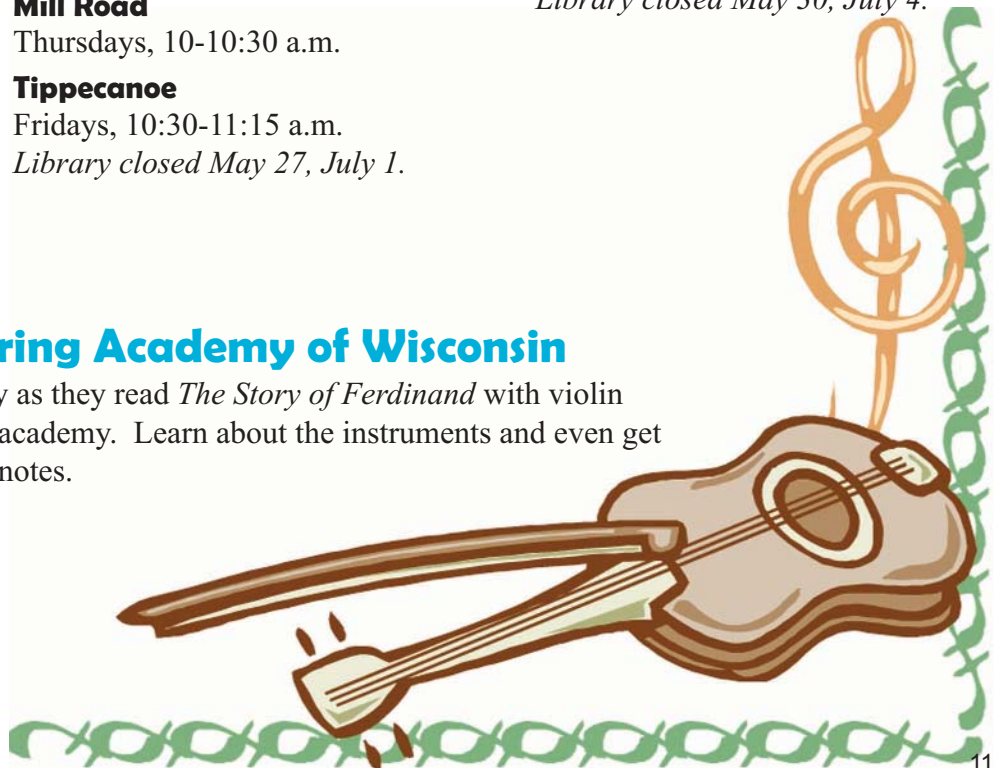
Join members of the String Academy as they read *The Story of Ferdinand* with violin accompaniment by faculty from the academy. Learn about the instruments and even get a chance to hold them and try a few notes.

Zablocki

Monday, June 6, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Bay View

Monday, June 13, 10-10:45 a.m.



FOR TEENS

Ice Cream Challenge

I Scream! You Scream! We all Scream for Ice Cream! If you love ice cream this is the event for you. Compete against other teams by designing your own ice cream flavor. Bring your friends and we'll supply the goodies.

Capitol

Tuesday, July 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Forest Home

Tuesday, August 2, 4-5:15 p.m.

Villard Avenue

Tuesday, August 9, 6-7 p.m.

Atkinson

Wednesday, August 10, 6-7 p.m.

Tippecanoe

Monday, August 15, 6-7 p.m.

Mill Road

Monday, August 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Ice Cream Social

Create a scrumptious ice cream sundae with your friends.

Zablocki

Monday, July 11, 4-5:15 p.m.

Pinwheels for Peace Project

Become part of a national peace project by designing a Pinwheel for Peace to display in front of your house.

Forest Home

Tuesday, July 5, 4-5:30 p.m.

Summer Reading Tailgate Party

Wrap up summer with a tailgate party! Eat, drink and earn great prizes. Play Wii & Xbox along with classic tailgate games to test your skills.

Central

Wednesday, August 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Teens Read! Book Club

Love books? Then let's talk! A chance for teens to socialize, snack and share ideas. Book selection will change monthly, so ask a librarian for the latest pick.

Villard Avenue

Tuesdays, June 28, July 12, August 9, 4-5 p.m.

Atkinson

Wednesdays, June 29, July 13, August 10, 4-5 p.m.

Yoga and Latin Dance

Learn about yoga philosophy and practice poses. Then get your feet tapping with simple Latin dance moves.

Zablocki

Monday, July 25, 4-5:15 p.m.

Forest Home

Tuesday, July 26, 4-5:15 p.m.

Teen Poetry Slam

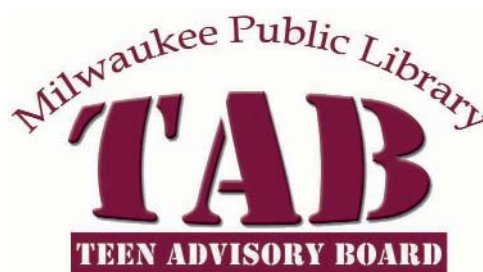
Give an original or not-so-original poem a dramatic flair! Join the MPL Teen Poetry Slam and show off your talent for bringing poetry to life. Help us celebrate the end of poetry month and "rap" up our Poetry Contest as we announce the winners and share their poems at this event! Hosted by the MPL Teen Advisory Board. Sponsored by the Helen Bader Foundation and Best Buy.

Atkinson

Wednesday, May 11, 6-7 p.m.

Teens of MPL Facebook Page

Become a fan of the new Milwaukee Public Library Teens Facebook page by clicking "Like" on our page at www.facebook.com/TeensofMPL. Find out about all the great happenings for teens!



Join the Milwaukee Public Library Teen Advisory Board

MPL has a great volunteer opportunity for teens entering grades 8-12 for the 2011-2012 school year. The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is a group of teens that creates library programs and provides input about teen services at the library. Being a TAB member is a great way to get involved, earn volunteer hours, meet new friends, develop leadership skills, be a part of a team, and have fun! Applications will be accepted May 16-July 31. Go to www.mpl.org/file/ya_tab_index.htm for the link to apply! The MPL Teen Advisory Board is sponsored by the Helen Bader Foundation and Best Buy.

FOR TEENS

Read Stuff – Win Stuff



Earn exciting prizes just for reading and enter grand prize drawings all summer long. Participate at your convenience with online sign-up and logging your books at www.mpl.org/SummerReading.

- Read 6 books to earn a prize pack which includes an MPL drawstring backpack through August 31.
- Read 10 or more books before July 30 to qualify for the grand prize drawing for a \$25 Target gift card! Each of our 13 libraries will select two Target gift card winners!
- Added bonus! Six readers who log 10 or more titles before July 30 will be randomly selected to receive a “starter” scholarship sponsored by EdVest College Savings Program and a profile on www.KnowHow2GOWisconsin.org.
- Receive a coupon for a FREE sub from Cousins Subs just for signing up beginning May 16.
- Read at least 3 books and receive a pair of earbuds for your mobile music device or to use on library computers.

Teen Night

Games, crafts and other activities for teens in 6th grade and up. Come with a friend and have a good time.

Center Street

Wednesdays, June 22, 29, July 6, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 6-7 p.m.

Beginning Knitting for Teens

Three-part class for beginning knitters. Learn how to cast-on, knit, purl and cast-off. Participants will learn how to knit a summer scarf. For grades 6-12. Registration required.

Bay View

Wednesdays, June 22, 29, and July 6, 4-5 p.m.

Cell Phone Photography

Learn the basics of photography using nothing more than a cell phone camera! Each session focuses on one important element of taking pictures. At the final session, learn how to mat photos to share with friends and family at Gallery Night. Participants must have access to a digital or cell phone camera.

Atkinson

Wednesdays, June 22, July 6, 20, August 3, 17, 4-5 p.m.

Villard Avenue

Tuesdays, June 21, July 5, 19, August 2, 16, 4-5 p.m.

↖ 4:30-5:30 p.m. June 22 and July 6 only

Design a Painter's Hat

We supply the hat - you create a wearable piece of art!

Forest Home

Tuesday, June 21, 4-5:30 p.m.



Cool Chemistry Concoctions

Washington Park

Tuesday, July 19, 6-7:30 p.m.

FOR TEENS

Summer Crafternoons @ Tippecanoe Library

Spend cool time @ your library and explore your “craftier” side. Participate in one, two or all three sessions.

Zine and Book Making

Express yourself by making a zine or book out of recycled materials. Materials provided.

Monday, June 27, 4-5 p.m.

Zoetropes

Animate photos old-school style using a rotating coffee can. For grades 6-12. Materials and instructions provided.

Monday, July 18, 4-5 p.m.

Recycled Jewelry

Make bracelets and necklaces out of recycled materials.

Monday, August 1, 4-5 p.m.

Operation T Shirt! Design Your Own T Shirt

Catch the DIY spirit! Bring your own T-shirt and we will provide the decorations.

Zablocki

Monday, June 20, 4-5:30 p.m.

Mill Road

Monday, July 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Capitol

Tuesday, July 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Villard Avenue

Tuesday, July 19, 6-7 p.m.

Atkinson

Wednesday, July 20, 6-7 p.m.



PopArt!

Make a pop art nametag inspired by the art of Keith Haring using poster board, markers, glitter glue, and puffy paint.

Forest Home

Tuesday, July 12, 4-5:30 p.m.

Zablocki

Monday, August 1, 4-5:30 p.m.

Teen Game Night

Test your gaming skills on the Xbox and/or Wii at your local library.

Atkinson

Wednesday, June 22, 6-7:30 p.m.

Capitol

Tuesday, August 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

East

Wednesdays, June 22, July 13, and August 3, 4-6 p.m.

Forest Home

Tuesday, July 28, 4-5:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King

Tuesdays, June 28, July 12, and August 2, 4-6 p.m.



Mill Road

Monday, August 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Villard Avenue

Tuesday, June 21, 6-7:30 p.m.

Washington Park

Tuesdays, June 28, August 9, 6-7:30 p.m.

Zablocki

Mondays, June 27, August 8, 4-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 27, 2:30-4 p.m.

FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Free continuing education for child care providers.

Registration required; call 414-286-3011 or register online at www.mpl.org by clicking on News, Events, Classes and then searching the Library Events Calendar. **Registration will begin one month prior to the workshop date.** Adults only; no children, no exceptions. Check in begins 10 minutes prior to class starting times. Workshops begin on time. To receive credit, attendees must arrive on time.

The Six Skills for Early Literacy

Learn the six skills every child needs in order to be prepared to learn how to read when they enter school. Learn fun ways to expand lessons to include the skills. 3 hours continuing education earned by attending this workshop.

East

Saturday, May 7, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Washington Park

Saturday, July 30, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Letter Knowledge College: Teaching the Alphabet

Letter Knowledge is one of the Six Skills of Early Literacy. Delve into ways to help children recognize the difference between how letters look, their names, and their sounds. 1.5 hours continuing education earned by attending this workshop. 1.5 hours continuing education earned by attending this workshop.

Center Street

Wednesday, May 18, 6-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 21, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon

Rhymers Will Be Readers

Rhyming is part of phonological awareness and is one of the most important early literacy skills. During this interactive workshop, you will learn about phonological awareness and how to help children develop this skill through simple activities, games, and music. 1.5 hours of continuing education earned by attending this workshop.

Central (Meeting Room 1)

Tuesday, May 31, 6-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 4, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon

Let's Give Them Something to Talk About! Developing Narrative Skills in Children

Narrative Skills refers to a child's ability to tell stories and describe things. Learn what "narrative skills" means and explore books that help develop this skill. 1.5 hours continuing education earned by attending this workshop.

East

Tuesday, June 14, 6-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 18, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon

Cómo utilizar los Story Time Kits de la Biblioteca Pública de Milwaukee

Los Story Time Kits (kit de la hora de cuentos) de la Biblioteca Pública de Milwaukee son un recurso maravilloso para los proveedores de cuidado infantil. Durante este taller, aprenderá a utilizar los Story Time Kits de una manera eficaz para sacarles provecho al máximo. Se recomienda que los participantes ya hayan asistido al taller Ready to Read (Listos para leer) con Books2Go: las seis destrezas para la alfabetización temprana.

Zablocki

sábado 25 de junio, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon

Math Literacy

Understanding early math concepts such as more and less, near and far, few and many, are skills children need before they enter school. Discover books and activities to help children build a foundation in math skills. 1.5 hours of continuing education earned by attending this workshop.

Washington Park

Thursday, August 18, 6-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 20, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon



Words for Whiskers and Read to Rover

Have fun, make a new friend, and improve your reading! Students in grades 1-5 read to a registered therapy cat (Whiskers) or dog (Rover) for 25 minutes each week for four weeks. Children may bring in their own reading materials or select materials at the library. Attendance each week is required. Readers receive a certificate of accomplishment and a small gift upon completion. Registration is required; the deadline is two weeks prior to the first date of the session. Visit the library for an application or go to www.mpl.org for an online application. Sessions are being added periodically. For the most up-to-date schedule, please visit us online at www.mpl.org/file/kids_rover.htm

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Library hours may vary and are subject to change; call to confirm. Classes and activities are subject to change or cancellation; visit www.mpl.org/file/kids_calendar_current.pdf for up-to-date information.

- 3 **Atkinson** 1960 W. Atkinson Ave.
- 11 **Bay View** 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.
- 4 **Capitol** 3969 N. 74th St.
- 6 **Center Street** 2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave.
- 9 **Central** 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.
- 8 **East** 1910 E. North Ave.
- 10 **Forest Home** 1432 W. Forest Home Ave.
- 5 **Martin Luther King** 310 W. Locust St.
- 1 **Mill Road** 6431 N. 76th St.
- 13 **Tippecanoe** 3912 S. Howell Ave.
- 2 **Villard Avenue** 3310 W. Villard Ave.
- 7 **Washington Park** 2121 N. Sherman Blvd.
- 12 **Zablocki** 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.

All libraries will be closed on the following days:

The library will be closed for a citywide furlough day on Friday, May 27

Memorial Day: Saturday-Monday, May 28-30

The library will be closed for a citywide furlough day on Friday, July 1

4th of July: Saturday-Monday, July 2-4



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