

Programs and Activities

Free and open to all ages
June 1-August 31
2026



MILWAUKEE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Challenge Virtual Dance Party

Thursday, July 23
2-3 pm

Two Ways to Join:

Go to a watch party at a library branch closest to you!

- OR - Join from home, your summer learning site, or on-the-go.



Ready to move and groove?
Celebrate your progress
in the Summer Challenge.



Celebrate with Milwaukee's own
DJ Bizzon!

Join us for an all-ages virtual bash.
Request tracks - vote in live polls
groove with friends



DJBIZZON

To register, visit milpublib.qrd.by/DanceParty
or scan.





System-Wide Programming

TEENS Teen Makerspace Summer Camp Creations: Invent, Imagine, Inspire!

Monday-Thursday, 1:30-5:30 pm

Facilitator-led programs Mondays and Wednesdays, 3-4:30 pm

Good Hope | 7715 W. Good Hope Rd. • Martin Luther King | 2901 N. MLK Jr. Dr.
Mitchell Street | 906 W. Historic Mitchell St. • Washington Park | 2121 N. Sherman Blvd.

Get ready for a summer of tinkering and creative chaos! At MPL's Teen Makerspaces, we're ditching the notebooks for slime, friendship bracelets, printmaking, and more! Whether you're here to **invent** a wacky new contraption, **imagine** your next big masterpiece, or **inspire** your fellow campers with a DIY robot, it's all about making cool stuff with friends! Have all your summer camp fun in the Makerspace, no tent required.

ALL AGES Mobile Bike Clinic

Bring your bicycle to select library locations for minor repairs like new inner tubes or brake adjustments, free of charge! Mechanics from the Wisconsin Bike Federation will provide tips and tricks to keep your bike in good condition all summer long. In case of inclement weather, the program will be moved inside.

¡Traiga su bicicleta a las sucursales designadas para realizar reparaciones básicas sin costo alguno tales como colocar las cámaras nuevas de llantas de bicicleta o ajustar los frenos! Los mecánicos de Wisconsin Bike Fed brindarán consejos para mantener a su bicicleta en buenas condiciones durante todo el verano. En caso de que haya inclemencias del tiempo, el programa se llevará a cabo adentro.

Atkinson | 1960 W. Atkinson Ave.
Thursday, July 23, 3:30-5:30 pm

Martin Luther King | 2901 N. MLK Jr. Dr.
Wednesday, July 1, 3:30-5:30 pm

Bay View | 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.
Thursday, June 25, 3:30-5:30 pm

Mitchell Street | 906 W. Historic Mitchell St.
Monday, July 27, 3:30-5:30 pm

Capitol | 3969 N. 74th St.
Thursday, July 9, 3:30-5:30 pm

Tippecanoe | 3912 S. Howell Ave.
Monday, July 13, 3:30-5:30 pm

Center Street | 2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave.
Monday, June 29, 3:30-5:30 pm

Villard Square | 5190 N. 35th St.
Monday, July 20, 3:30-5:30 pm

East | 2320 N. Cramer St.
Thursday, July 2, 3:30-5:30 pm

Washington Park | 2121 N. Sherman Blvd.
Monday, July 6, 3:30-5:30 pm

Good Hope | 7715 W. Good Hope Rd.
Saturday, August 1, 10 am-12 pm

Zablocki | 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.
Wednesday, June 24, 3:30-5:30 pm



Atkinson Branch

1960 W. Atkinson Ave.

ALL AGES Summer Reading Kickoff

Saturday, June 13, 1-3 pm

Sign up for summer reading and participate in games, food, and activities.

ADULTS Book'd and Busy

Saturday, June 27, 1-2 pm

Enjoy a lively discussion with Element and Derrick Harriell about co-authoring the book, "The Voice in My Head Is God" with recording artist, 2 Chainz.

Peaceful Pathways Workshop

Monday, July 13, 3-4 pm

Tia Truss explains how to navigate real world conflicts with communication and de-escalation techniques.

Basic Backyard Composting

Wednesday, July 29, 4:30-5:30 pm

Join Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful for a fun and informative adult program about compost!

Tai Chi

Monday, August 24, 2-3 pm

Enhance mental health, become physically fit, improve balance and flexibility, and manage pain and stress.

CHILDREN Story Time

Wednesdays, June 7-July 29, 2-2:30 pm

Young children and their caregivers are invited to a story time filled with stories, songs, and fingerplays.

Meet the Instrument Story Time

Wednesday, June 17, 2-3 pm

Listen to a story featuring a musical instrument and participate in movement and musical activities led by a Wisconsin Conservatory of Music teaching artist.

The Beautiful World of Butterflies

Monday, June 29, 3-4 pm

Learn about the residents of the Milwaukee Public Museum's Butterfly Vivarium and get up close and personal with them.

Paws to Read

Tuesday, June 30, 2:30-3 pm

Children practice reading aloud and improve their fluency by sharing a story with a cuddly certified therapy dog.

Tower Challenge

Monday, July 6, 2-3 pm

Who can build the tallest tower? Learn the science behind tall structures and try your hand at your very own building.

Builders Club with Play Dough

Saturday, July 25, 2-3 pm

We'll supply the play dough and you'll bring the creativity. Meet friends and create together.

Edible Astronomy

Monday, August 3, 2-3 pm

Explore the moon, stars, and planets while creating your own edible masterpieces with food.

Touch a Truck!

Thursday, August 13, 3-4 pm

See one of the coolest BIG trucks in town with Milwaukee Department of Public Works and meet the people who operate city equipment.

Epic Circuits

Monday, August 17, 2-3 pm

Learn the basics of electronics, conduct amazing experiments, and let your imagination soar!

TEENS Decorate Your Grad Cap

Friday, June 5, 3-5 pm

Stand out at your graduation by decorating your grad cap!

Teen Zone

Tuesdays, June 16, July 14, August 18, 5-7 pm

Game, eat pizza, chill, and maybe make a friend! Enjoy arts and crafts, the Nintendo Switch, board games, or just hang out.

Teen Journaling Club

Mondays, June 22, July 20, August 24, 5-6:30 pm

Express yourself through journaling.

Bucket Drumming

Wednesday, July 8, 3-4 pm

Make music with a 5-gallon bucket and a pair of drumsticks with the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. Learn basic rhythm patterns and tell your story through composition.



Bay View Branch

2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

ALL AGES Summer Reading Kickoff and Bike Repair Clinic

Thursday, June 25, 3:30-5:30 pm

Kick off Summer Reading at the Bay View Library with the Mobile Bike Repair Clinic, bicycle story time, and other bike-themed activities!

ADULTS Crafting Connections

Mondays, June 1, July 6, August 3, 1-3 pm

This is a fun, creative space for older adults to socialize while enjoying monthly projects that enhance memory and fine motor skills.

Gentle Stretch and Movement

Tuesdays, 2-3 pm

Join a low impact, health-focused program of stretching and gentle yoga-inspired movement that teaches the importance of fitness and community.

Tech-splanation

Wednesdays, 12-1 pm

Do you have a question about your smartphone, tablet, or other electronic device? Need help accessing library resources? We can help!

Death Cafe

Saturdays, June 13, July 18, August 8, 1-3 pm

People of all ages are welcome to discuss issues related to death and dying, while sharing a warm drink and a sweet snack.

Ask a Genealogist

Saturday, August 15, 10 am-3 pm

Work one on one with an experienced genealogist from the Milwaukee County Genealogical Society.

Basic Backyard Composting

Tuesday, August 18, 6-7 pm

Join Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful for an informative adult program about compost!

CHILDREN Story Time with Play Group

Thursdays, June 7-August 15, 10:30-11:30 am

Come to a story time for young children followed by open play for children ages 3 and under with a caregiver.

Milwaukee's Black Cowboy Association

Thursday, June 11, 12-1 pm

Learn about horses, Black cowboys and Buffalo Soldiers from Kevin Nichols, then hang out with a real horse!

Read, Craft, Play

Tuesdays, June 14-August 15, 2-5 pm

Play a game, make a craft, hear about great new books, and meet the branch's new children's librarian, Liz.

Touch a Truck!

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Bucket Drumming

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Make music with a 5-gallon bucket and a pair of drumsticks with the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. Learn basic rhythms and tell your story through composition.

TEENS DIY Pride Buttons

Tuesday, June 2, 4:30-6 pm

It's Pride Month! Stop in to craft a wearable button and create one to share.

Teen Zone

Tuesdays, June 16, July 14, 4:30-6 pm

Enjoy snacks, gaming on the Nintendo Switch, or board games and meet other teens.

Paws & Chill

Tuesday, July 7, 12:30-1:15 pm

Teens will engage with a certified therapy dog to chill out and practice mindfulness.

Art Cafe Create & Sip

Tuesday, June 30, 4:30-6 pm

Join us for Art Cafe Create & Sip! Find inspiration for your glow-in-the-dark art from constellations and fireworks in the night sky. Enjoy light refreshments and meet new friends.

Back 2 School Locker Glow-Up

Tuesday, August 4, 4:30-6 pm

Go back to school in style by creating a customized magnetic mirror for your locker.



Capitol Branch

3969 N. 74th St.

ADULTS Crafting Club

Thursdays, 1-2:30 pm

June 4: Paper straw art

July 2: Mixed media red, white, and blue collages

August 6: Fabric and yarn art

Capitol Library Memory Cafe

Tuesdays, June 16, July 21, August 18, 1-2:30 pm

Fun, enriching, and engaging activities for those suffering memory loss and their care partners.

CHILDREN Story Time

Fridays, June 7-August 15 10:30-11:15 am

No program June 19 or July 3.

Young children and their caregiver are invited to a story time filled with stories, songs and fingerplays.

Craft-O-Rama

Wednesdays, June 24, July 29, August 12, 4-5 pm

Looking for a creative project to explore? Try your hand at Craft-O-Rama to make your own craft masterpiece.

Builders Club

Fridays, June 26, July 10, August 7, 2-3 pm

Use a variety of building materials to create with friends.

Paws to Read

Tuesday, June 30, 1:30-2 pm

Children practice reading aloud and improve their fluency by sharing a story with a cuddly certified therapy dog.

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Friends Underfoot

Tuesday, August 11, 6-7 pm

Meet chipmunks, ants, earthworms, and more in an interactive, underground adventure with Wehr Nature Center.

Touch a Truck!

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TEENS Creative Writing Workshop

Thursday, June 11, 25, 3-4 pm

There's no wrong way to write! We'll provide pens, journals, and a bunch of writing prompts to help get the creative juices flowing. Snacks and juice also provided!

Origami O'Clock

Fridays in July, 3-4 pm

Join us Fridays in July to learn some origami! You can even have your work displayed in the library! Snacks and juice provided.

Wii for All

Thursdays, August 6, 20, 4-5 pm

The title speaks for itself. Step out of the heat and play some Wii games! Snacks and juice provided.



Center Street Branch

2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave.

ALL AGES Summer Reading Kickoff

Friday, June 5, 12-4 pm

Stop by to celebrate the warm months and the annual Summer Reading Program. Folks of all ages can sign up for the program while enjoying activities and light refreshments. Everyone is welcome at this family-friendly event.

ADULTS Movie Night

Every second Monday, 5-7:30 pm

Watch a movie at the library.

Game Night

Tuesdays, 5-7:30 pm

Join us for an evening of gaming at the library.

Career Lab/Book a Librarian

First Tuesday of the Month, 12-2 pm

Drop-in to learn how to write cover letters and resumes, conduct job searches, and apply for jobs online.

Tech-splanation

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Tuesdays, June 16, July 21, 6-7:30 pm

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Resume Workshop

Mondays, June 22, July 27, 6-7:30 pm

Learn about the different types of resumes and which style is best for you. Then craft your resume with the help of a knowledgeable staff member.

Clear Out Your Inbox

Wednesday, July 8, 10-11:30 am

Learn how to manage email clutter.

Typing Basics

Fridays, July 10, 17, 24, 31, 11 am-12 pm

Learn to be more confident in your typing skills!

Rent for Success

Tuesday, August 18, 4:15-6:45 pm - Ask staff to register.

Rent for Success is a FREE 2.5-hour renter education program designed to educate and empower renters to make safe, healthy choices in their housing.

CHILDREN Story Time

Wednesdays, June 10-August 12, 4-4:30 pm

Young children and their caregiver are invited to a story time filled with stories, songs, and fingerplays designed to help little ones develop literacy skills.

Read, Craft, Play

Wednesdays, June 12-August 12, 4:30-5:30 pm

Drop by the children's room to play a game, make a craft, hear about great new books, and meet our new children's librarian, Emily!

Builders Club

Fridays, June 10-August 12, 3:30-5:30 pm

Come build with us! We'll supply a variety of building materials and you'll bring the creativity. Meet friends and see what you can create together.

Bembé Drum & Dance

Thursday, June 25, 4-5 pm

Play, dance, sing, and learn about Afro-Latino drum and dance traditions. All ages and abilities welcome.

Paws to Read

Tuesday, June 30, 3:30-4 pm

Children practice reading aloud and improve their fluency by sharing a story with a cuddly certified therapy dog.

Crafternoon for Kids

Mondays, July 6, August 3, 4-5 pm

Drop in to the library to get crafty in the children's room! Follow our instructions for a summer-themed project or make your own masterpiece from the craft supplies provided.

Dinosaur Hunt

Thursday, August 20, 4-5 pm

Take a trip back in time to the Mesozoic Era with the Milwaukee Public Museum and learn about dinosaurs and the scientists who study them.

TEENS Art Lab

Fridays, June 12, July 12, 17, August 7, 14,
3:30-4:45 pm

Calling all teens and tweens: Art Lab is a dedicated space to experiment with a variety of art supplies and mediums. Try out new art supplies and learn new techniques for creative expression.

Do-It-Yourself Croc Charms - Also for Kids

Friday, July 17, 1-3 pm

Create your own charms for your Crocs! Bring your creativity and your favorite pair of Crocs, we'll handle the rest.



Central Library

814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

ADULTS Central Library Walking Club

Wednesdays, 10:30 am-12 pm

Meet under the dome of the Central Library and take a two-mile loop through this historic neighborhood.

Job Search and Resume Assistance

Mondays and Thursdays, 1-4 pm

A Goodwill Consultant will be available to provide job search assistance, resume-building help, and interview preparation.

Chair Yoga

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am - Ask staff to register.

Experience the physical, psychological and social benefits of yoga at your own pace.

Entrepreneur Drop-In Hours

Wednesday, June 3, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Meet with Entrepreneur-in-Residence, Angelique Sharpe for free one-on-one business support.

Housing Help

Wednesdays, June 3, 17, 1-3 pm

Meet with a member of Milwaukee County Coordinated Entry team and get connected to street, shelter, and/or housing resources.

Magnificent Machines of Milwaukee

Saturday, June 6, 12-1:30 pm - Ask staff to register.

Engineer, author, and historian Thomas H. Fehring joins us for a talk about Milwaukee's earliest manufacturing enterprises, based on his book *The Magnificent Machines of Milwaukee*.

Tech-splanation

Tuesdays, June 9, 23, July 7, 21, August 11, 25, 12-1:30 pm

Do you have a question about your smartphone, tablet, or other electronic device? Need help accessing library resources? We can help!

Ideas to Income

Mondays, June 1, 15, 10:30 am-12 pm

- Ask staff to register.

Turn your spark into something real with Ideas to Income, a two-part journey for new and emerging entrepreneurs.

Treasures of the Great Lakes

Monday, June 15, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Hear the story of Milwaukee's fireboats that kept Milwaukee safe, including the one that does so today, from speaker James Heinz.

Cozy Crafting

Mondays, June 15, July 20, August 17, 5:30-7 pm

Bring a craft to work on, meet up with friends and neighbors, and enjoy seasonal drinks. Bring craft supplies you're looking to de-stash.

Hidden Chapter Book Club

Tuesday, June 16, 6-7 pm

Read, sip, and discover. Discuss *Is this a Cry for Help?* by Emily R Austin, explore local LGBTQIA+ history.

Help for Homeless Veterans

Wednesdays, June 17, July 15, August 19, 10 am-12 pm

A coordinator from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program will provide veterans with information on resources and programs.

Summer Solstice Yoga

Sunday, June 21, 8:30-9:30 am

Welcome summer with an energizing yoga experience. Bring your own mat and water.

Intellectual Property Brief Advice Clinic

Wednesdays, June 24, July 29, August 26, 3-5 pm

Attend a free, brief consultation with an IP attorney to ask questions about getting started on protecting your patent or trademark.

Using ChatGPT for Health?

Thursday, July 16, 2-3 pm - Ask staff to register.

Using ChatGPT for Health Questions? Learn how to find reliable health information online.

Treasures of the Great Lakes

Monday, July 20, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Learn about all the ships named USS Milwaukee from speaker James Heinz.

Hidden Chapter Book Club

Tuesday, July 21, 6-7 pm

Read, sip, and discover. Discuss *The Art Forger* by Barbara Shapiro and explore unique art pieces collected by Milwaukee Public Library.

Fresh Start Founders

Mondays, August 3, 17, 10:30 am-12:30 pm - Ask staff to register

Get ready to reinvent your future through entrepreneurship.

Hidden Chapter Book Club

Tuesday, August 18, 6-7 pm

Read, sip, and discover. Discuss *Across the Great Lake* by Lee Zacharias, view Great Lakes artifacts, and see the city from the Green Roof.

Medicare 101

Thursday, August 20, 2-3 pm

Join us to learn the basics of Medicare and how it will work for you.

CHILDREN Story Time with Play Group

Tuesdays, June 7-August 15, 10:30-11:15 am

A 20-minute story time followed by open play time for children ages 3 and under with a caregiver.

Story Time

Thursdays, June 7-August 15, 10:30-11 am

Young children and their caregivers are invited to story time filled with stories, songs, and fingerplays.

Baby Story Time

Thursdays, June 7-August 15, 11-11:20 am

Share simple stories, playful songs and gentle movement in this lap-sit story time for babies aged 0-18 months with a caregiver.

ABC Academy

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am

No program June 6 or August 22

Stories and a fun letter craft help build pre-reading and fine motor skills to support early literacy. This interactive program focuses on letter recognition. Each week, learn all about a new letter! For ages 3 and up.

Family Play and Learn

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am

Discover how talking, singing, reading, and having fun together play a vital role in the growth of your child.

June 6: Down on the Farm

August 22: Bakery

Builders Club

Wednesdays, 4-4:45 pm

Come build with us! We'll supply a variety of building materials and you'll bring the creativity. Meet friends and see what you can create together.

Monday Funday

Mondays, 4-5 pm

Hands-on, fun activities are paired with great books from the Children's Room collection.

June 8 - Pride Month Book Trivia

June 15 - Summer Solstice Celebration

June 22 - Summer Sun Prints

June 29 - Firefly Friends

July 6 - You Are Enough

July 13 - Cool Campers

July 20 - Who Runs the World? Bugs!

July 27 - Things That Glow

August 3 - Community Murals

August 10 - The Amazing Amazon

August 17 - Witchy Wonders

August 24 - Scrapbook Your Summer!

August 31 - Owl Pellet Dissection

TEENS Teen Hangout Hour

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm

Need help with book recommendations or want a space to decompress? Stop by the teen zone for Teen Hangout Hour!

Monthly Makers

Tuesdays, June 9, July 14, August 11, 4-5 pm

Calling all makers and artists! Do you love creating? Want to try and learn a new skill but don't know where to start? Join us for a monthly maker session to try a new creative outlet each month!

Geek Out!

Thursdays, June 25, July 23, August 27, 4-5 pm

Have a passion for geek media and culture? Learn, create, and enjoy all things in geek, nerd or pop culture!



East Branch

2320 N. Cramer St.



ALL AGES Craft & Chat

Thursdays, 4-5 pm

Bring your own project and hang out for a cozy craft and chat! This all-ages program brings neighborhood crafters together.

Summer Reading Kickoff

Saturday, June 6, 9 am-5 pm

Sign up for summer reading and participate in garden-related crafts and activities.

Gutsy Gourmet

Tuesdays, June 9, July 7, August 4, 3:30-4:30 pm

Try familiar foods with global flavors! Each month focuses on a different food, so make sure you come back to try it all.

ADULTS Death Cafe

Tuesdays, June 2, July 7, August 4, 1-3 pm

People of all ages are welcome to discuss issues related to death and dying, while sharing a warm drink and a sweet snack.

Romance Readers Book Club

Tuesday, June 2, 6-7 pm

Romance readers seasoned and new to the genre are invited to join the Romance Readers Book Club. Featuring: *A Gentleman's Gentleman* by T.J. Alexander

Crosswords, Coloring, and Community

Wednesdays, June 3, July 1, August 5,

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Crosswords, jigsaw puzzles, adult coloring supplies, and a beverage will be provided.

Getting Started with Computers

Mondays, 2:30-4 pm - Ask staff to register

June 8: Computer Basics

June 15: Internet Basics

June 22: Cybersecurity Basics

June 29: Email Basics

This series of absolute basics is intended for newcomers to technology. No prior experience is needed, just an eagerness to learn.

Ask a Genealogist

Saturday, June 13, 10 am-3 pm

Work one on one with an experienced genealogist from the Milwaukee County Genealogical Society.

Visible Mending

Mondays, June 15, July 13, 5-7 pm

Learn simple and effective visible mending techniques to bring new life back to your beloved clothes.

In a Pickle! with Christina Ward

Saturday, June 27, 12-3 pm - Ask staff to register.

In this hands-on demonstration, registrants will explore the basics of safely making pickles with fresh vegetables. During this hands-on demonstration attendees will have the opportunity to assist in specific tasks and should bring a small, sturdy box to take their sample home.

Silent Reading Party

Mondays, June 29, July 27, August 24, 6-7 pm

Keep up your reading streak with an hour of sustained, silent reading time to avoid the summer slump.

Creative Business Toolkit

Tuesday, July 14, 6-7 pm - Ask staff to register

Looking to start or grow your creative business? Get started with free business tools from the library!

Rent for Success

Tuesday, July 21, 4:15-6:45 pm - Ask staff to register

Rent for Success is a FREE 2.5-hour renter education program designed to educate and empower renters to make safe, healthy choices in their housing.

Romance Readers Book Club

Tuesday, August 4, 6-7 pm

Romance readers seasoned and new to the genre are invited to join the Romance Readers Book Club. Featuring: *August Lane* by Regina Black

Basic Backyard Composting

Saturday, August 29, 10-11 am

Join Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful for an informative adult program about compost!

Composting 102

Saturday, August 29, 11:30 am-12:30 pm - Ask staff to register

Join Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful and nationally renowned gardening expert Melinda Meyers for an intermediate composting session.

CHILDREN Baby Story Time

Thursdays, June 7-August 15, 10-10:30 am

Share simple stories, playful songs and gentle movement in a lap-sit story time for ages 0-18 months and a caregiver.

Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays, June 7-August 15, 10-10:30 am

Story time filled with stories, songs and fingerplays for young children and their caregivers.

Animation Around the World

Fridays, June 12, 26, July 10, 24, August 7, 21, 3:30-5 pm

Dive into the world of animated movies with Kanopy, featuring a movie from a different country every week!

Reimagining Recyclables: Milk Carton Birdhouse

Wednesday, June 17, 3:30-5 pm

Make a birdhouse out of recycled milk cartons.

Alfie Axolotl with Mermaid Ophelia

Wednesday, June 24, 3-4 pm

Mermaid Ophelia guides students through Alfie the Axolotl's journey in Lake Xochimilco exploring how human actions impact aquatic habitats.

Friends Underfoot

Wednesday, July 15, 3-4 pm

Meet chipmunks, ants, earthworms, and more in an interactive, underground adventure with Wehr Nature Center.

Reimagined Recyclables: Water Bottle Sun Catcher

Wednesday, July 22, 3:30-5 pm

Give new life to an empty water bottle by turning it into a recycled sun catcher.

Reimagined Recyclables: Styrofoam Printmaking

Wednesday, August 19, 3:30-5 pm

Turn pieces of styrofoam into works of printed art.

TEENS Animation Around the World

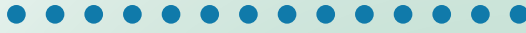
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Good Hope Branch

7715 W. Good Hope Rd.



ALL AGES Monday Matinee

Mondays, 2-4 pm

Stay cool and enjoy a summer of movies!

June 1: *Dog Man*, PG

June 8: *Anaconda*, PG-13

June 15: *Goat*, PG

June 29: *Zootopia 2*, PG

July 6: *Five Nights at Freddy's 2*, PG-13

July 13: *The Bad Guys 2*, PG

July 20: *The SpongeBob Movie*, PG

August 17: *Karate Kid: Legends*, PG-13

August 24: *Hoppers*, PG

August 31: *Turning Red*, PG

Puzzle Corner

Fridays, June 5, July 17, August 14, 11 am-1 pm

Relax and play - drop in at the library to complete a puzzle, enjoy a crossword, or challenge your mind with various word games.

Summer Kickoff: Grilled Cheese and Great Reads

Monday, June 22, 12:30-3 pm

Find your next great read and enjoy a grilled cheese when you sign up for the Summer Reading Program!

12:30-1:30 pm - Meet Milwaukee treasure, Kevin Nichols, and his horse Nikki. Learn about Black Cowboys and Buffalo Soldiers.

ADULTS Silent Book Club

Mondays, June 1, 15, July 6, 20, August 3, 17, 5:30-7 pm

Come with your own book, studying material, work or other silent task and relax with a friendly group of book lovers!

Tech-splanation

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History of Granville

Saturday, June 6, 10-11:30 am - Tour Cemetery

Are you a local history buff? Start your day with a tour at the West Granville Cemetery located at 6815 N. 107th St. led by Jim Moeller from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

History of Granville

Saturday, June 6, 1-2 pm - Presentation at Good Hope Branch Library

Retired MPL librarian Dan Lee will present on the history of the Granville area.

Plant Swap

June 8-12, all day

Bring a plant, take a plant! To celebrate National Garden Week, Good Hope is hosting a Plant Swap from June 8th through 12th! For Adults and Teens.

Knot Just Knitting

Mondays, June 8, 22, July 13, 27, August 10, 24,

5:30-6:30 pm

Knit, crochet, embroider, tat, sew, mend, or work on other fiber-related projects in community.

Kanopy Movie Night

Tuesdays, June 9, July 14, August 11, 5:30-7:30 pm

Each month, join us for an evening screening of a free film with popcorn in the library community room.

Havenwoods Walking Club

Thursdays, June 11, July 9, August 13, 10-11 am

Bring your own device and join the group for a relaxed walk through the trails while listening to an audiobook at Havenwoods Center - 6141 N. Hopkins St.

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Sort it Out!

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Declutter your computer with effective file management.

Business Plan Toolkit

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Learn how to use free library resources to research your business plan professionally.

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Tuesday, June 23, 6-7 pm

Join Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful for an informative adult program about compost!

Career Lab

Thursdays, June 25, July 30, August 27, 11 am-1 pm

Learn about writing cover letters and resumes, conducting job searches, preparing for interviews, and completing job applications. Appointment-based help.

Slice of History: Community Dialogue and Book Club

Monday, June 22, 5-7:30 pm

You are invited to a powerful community dialogue, book club, and book swap facilitated by Milwaukee Public Library and America's Black Holocaust Museum.

CHILDREN Story Time with Playgroup

Wednesdays, June 10-August 12, 10:30-11:30 am

A 20-minute story time for young children is followed by open play time. Story time includes plenty of finger-plays, songs, and other activities that help little ones learn.

Builders Club

Tuesdays, June 23, July 21, August 18, 2-3 pm

Come build with us! We'll supply a variety of building materials and you'll bring the creativity. Meet friends and see what you can create together.

Friends Underfoot

Thursday, June 25, 11 am-12 pm

Meet chipmunks, ants, earthworms, and more in an interactive, underground adventure with Wehr Nature Center.

Touch a Truck!

Thursday, June 25, 1-2 pm

Get up close to some of the coolest BIG trucks in town! Explore a Milwaukee Department of Public Works vehicle and meet the people who operate city equipment.

Paws to Read

Tuesday, June 30, 12:30-1 pm

Thursdays, June 25, July 30, August 27, 4-5 pm

Practice reading aloud and improve fluency by sharing a story with a cuddly certified therapy dog.

Cardboard Creations

Tuesdays, June 30, July 14, 1-2 pm

Create large and small structures, animals or anything you can image with cardboard, child-safe saws and reusable screws.

Card Catalog Crafts

Monday, July 27, 1-2 pm

Travel back to a time before computers! Create various crafts using vintage card catalog cards once used to find library books.

TEENS Pride Phone Charms

Wednesday, June 3, 4-5 pm

Celebrate the start of Pride with a custom phone charm! Learn basic jewelry making skills as you choose from a rainbow of colored beads. Design a charm that suits you.

Creative Sparks

Tuesdays, 2-3 pm

Get crafty this summer! Join us during this series for tweens and teens ages 9-13 and create something new each month.

June 9: Tie-Dye Pillowcases

July 7: Bestie Bracelets

August 4: Slime

Plant Swap

June 8-12, all day

Bring a plant, take a plant! To celebrate National Garden Week, Good Hope is hosting a Plant Swap from June 8th through 12th! For Adults and Teens.

Super Smash Showdown

Wednesday, July 22, 12-2 pm

Pick your player and show off your skills as you go head-to-head with friends, CPUs, and library staff during this ultimate Super Smash Bros Showdown!



M.L. King Branch

2901 N. MLK Jr. Dr.

ALL AGES MASTERing LEGO®

Saturdays, June 13, August 22, 1-3 pm

Come meet and create with a LEGO® MASTER.

Challenge your creativity against yourself and friends.

All ages welcome!

ADULTS Adult Story Time

Mondays, June 1, 15, July 20, August 3, 17,

6:30-7:30 pm

A story time designed especially for adults!

King Makers

Tuesdays, June 2, July 7, August 4, 5:30-6:30 pm

A place to work on your favorite fiber arts or mending project in community.

Tabletop Role-playing Gaming

Second Saturday of the month, 10 am-2 pm - Ask staff to register.

Join in tabletop role-playing games featuring different games each week.

Death Cafe

Tuesdays, June 16, 21, July 21, August 18,

5:30-7:30 pm

People of all ages are welcome to discuss issues related to death and dying, while sharing a warm drink and a sweet snack.

Move Grass Class - Maintain a Healthy Garden

Mondays, June 29, July 27, August 24, 5:30-7:30 pm

Learn how to care for young plants, stay on top of maintenance, manage weeds, and prevent pests.

Basic Backyard Composting

Monday, July 6, 5:30-6:30 pm

Join Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful for an informative adult program about compost!

Lead in Your Life: Facts and Fixes

Saturday, July 11, 3-4:30 pm

Learn the basics about environmental lead contamination, what it is, what it does, and how to minimize its effects.

Getting Started with Computers

Tuesdays, 1-2:30 pm - Ask staff to register.

This series of absolute basics is intended for newcomers to technology. No prior experience is needed, just an eagerness to learn.

July 21: Computer Basics

July 28: Internet Basics

August 4: Cybersecurity Basics

August 11: Email Basics

Business Plan Toolkit

Monday, August 10, 6-7 pm - Ask staff to register.

Learn how to use free resources to research your business plan professionally!

CHILDREN Story Time

Mondays, June 7-August 15, 6:30-7 pm

Thursdays, June 7-August 15, 10:30-11 am

Young children and their caregivers are invited to story time filled with stories, songs, and fingerplays.

Family Play and Learn

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am

Discover how talking, singing, reading, and having fun together play a vital role in the growth of your child.

June 11: Dinosaur Dig

July 16: Camping

August 13: Down on the Farm

Mini Makers

Fridays, June 26-August 14, 10:30-11:30 am

Tinker, create and explore during an extended story time forged to spark curiosity in children ages 2-6 and their caretakers.

Babysitters' Club

Mondays, June 22-August 10, 3-5 pm

Children ages 9+ are encouraged to bring their babysitting charges to the library for fun activities and help in making a babysitting plan for the week.

Builders Club

Tuesdays, July 7, August 4, 12-2 pm

Create together using a variety of building materials.

Health Literacy Kids Clinic

Tuesdays, June 23, July 21, 12-2 pm

Children and their caregivers can participate in hands-on activities and create take-home resources that help develop wellness skills.

Archive Dive

Tuesdays, June 30, July 28, 12-2 pm

Children and families will dive into the people, businesses, events, and culture that made up Milwaukee in the past.

Series Celebrations!

Tuesdays, July 14, August 11, 12-2 pm

Find your new favorite book series through art projects, science experiments, and imaginative play.

Bucket Drumming

Thursday, June 25, 2-3 pm

Make music with a 5-gallon bucket and a pair of drumsticks with the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. Learn basic rhythm patterns and tell your story through composition.

Urban Animal Explorers

Thursday, July 30, 2-3 pm

Look closely at clues left by urban wildlife, then create a small animal habitat outdoors with help from the Urban Ecology Center.

TEENS Teen Zone

Wednesdays, 4-5:30 pm

Game, snack, hang. Bring a friend to your local library to decompress!

Snack Hack

Tuesdays, June 6, July 14, August 11, 5-6 pm

Keep it cool all summer with a light snack prepared with library staff!

Push the Button

Tuesdays, June 9, July 7, August 11, 4-5 pm

Pin your personality! Design and press a one-of-a-kind button to wear or share.

Babysitters' Club

Mondays, June 22-August 10, 3-5 pm

Children ages 9+ are encouraged to bring their babysitting charges to the library for fun activities and help in making a babysitting plan for the week.

Teen Game Night

Tuesdays, June 30, July 28, August 25, 4-6 pm

Fan of video games? Board games? Any games???

Come to the library for a night of fun!

Back to School: Locker Decorating

Monday, August 31, 5-6:30 pm

Start the year off with style. Customize some swag to personalize your locker.



Mitchell Street Branch

906 W. Historic Mitchell St.

ALL AGES - Summer Reading Kickoff

Tuesday, June 16, 1-4 pm

Get ready for all things summer reading with buttons, bookmarks, popsicles and even a mermaid!

National Treasure Movie Night

Monday, June 29, 5 pm

Watch *National Treasure* to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

ADULTS Mystery Book Club

Monday, June 1, 6-7 pm

This book club will provide a place for friends and strangers to meet and discuss mysteries and share ideas for other good reads. Featuring: *The Unveiling* by Quan Barry.

Snack Hack: 2.0

Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30 pm

Snack Hack explores the world of food through cooking demonstrations that focus on nutritional elements, food groups, cooking principles, and the history of food.

Creative Business Toolkit

Tuesday, June 2, 6-7 pm - Ask staff to register.

Looking to start or grow your creative business? Get started with free business tools from Milwaukee Public Library!

Medicare Part D Prescription Coverage

Thursday, June 4, 2-3 pm

Learn more about how Part D covers your drugs and the payment structure.

Speed Puzzle Palooza & Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

Saturday, June 6, 2-4 pm - Ask staff to register.

Sign up for some cozy competition! Groups of 2-4 people are invited to register for this free, all-ages event.

Overview of Medicare

Monday, June 22, 6-7 pm

Learn the basics of Medicare and how it will work for you.

Civics and Elections

Tuesday, June 30, 5 pm

Join us for a talk, storytime, and songs on civics, citizenship, and elections with local community organizations.

Examining Our Collective Past

Community Discussion: Monday, June 29, 6-7:30 pm

Community Discussion: Wednesday, July 1, 4:30-6 pm

Creating Our Shared Future: Thursday, July 2, 1-4 pm

- Ask staff to register.

To mark the 250th of America's founding, this event series is designed to help participants think critically about the complexities of our collective past and imagine our shared future.

Ayuda con tu curriculum gratis

Wednesday, July 15, 2:30-5 pm

Visite la Sucursal de la calle Mitchell para obtener ayuda con su currículum el tercer miércoles del mes.

The Rhyme and Reason of Mother Goose

Saturday, July 18, 10 am-12 pm - Ask staff to register.

Explore why Mother Goose and poetry are essential to early literacy and ways you can use Mother Goose with young children.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, August 3, 6-7 pm

This book club will provide a place for friends and strangers to meet and discuss mysteries and share ideas for other good reads. Featuring: *Beautiful Ugly* by Alice Feeney.

Fall in Love with Books

Saturday, August 22, 1-4:30 pm

Hosted by Milwaukee Poet Laureate Shelly Conley. Fall In Love With Books: MKE Literary Fest unites Milwaukee's poets, authors, and storytellers for a dynamic experience.

CHILDREN Snack Hack: Kids Kitchen

Tuesdays, 4-5 pm

You are what you eat! This food literacy program is designed for children, youth, and families to explore the world of food.

Story Time & Play Group

Wednesdays, June 7-August 15, 10:30-11:15 am

Enjoy a 20 minute storytime, followed by play with educational toys for kids under 3 with an adult.

Mermaid Ophelia Presents Freddie Fish

Tuesday, June 16, 1-4 pm

Mermaid Ophelia tells the story of Freddie the Fish whose home is slowly filling with pollution. Kids help Freddie while learning about watersheds and the importance of Milwaukee's waterways.

Declaration Calligraphy

Wednesday, July 1, 3-4 pm

Use calligraphy to explore ways to write a fancy signature like those of our founding fathers.

World UFO Day

Thursday, July 2, 3-4 pm

Celebrate the unknown with fun alien stories, crafts, and a galactic passport activity.

Builders Club

Fridays, July 10, 24, August 7, 3-4 pm

Create together using a variety of building materials.

Friends Underfoot

Wednesday, July 29, 3-4 pm

Meet chipmunks, ants, earthworms, and more in an interactive, underground adventure with Wehr Nature Center.

TEENS Paws & Chill

Tuesday, July 7, 1:45-2:30 pm

Teens will engage with a certified therapy dog to chill out and practice mindfulness.

Financial Literacy

Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 4-5:30 pm

Learn the basics of paychecks, writing checks, doing taxes, opening savings accounts and credit lines with help from SecureFutures.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

These programs are virtual and participation is done using Zoom. Please join the program from your computer, tablet or smartphone. For more information and to register, please visit mpl.org/esl.

English Reading Hour

Mondays, 4-5 pm

Practice reading and speaking English with fellow English Language Learners.

English Conversation Hour

Tuesdays, 4-5 pm

English Conversation Hour is a free weekly conversation session for adult English language learners.

ESL Book Club

First and Third Wednesdays, 1-2:30 pm

ESL Book Club is for adult English language learners. Practice your English reading, speaking, and listening skills.

ESL Movie Club

June 26, July 24, August 21, 1-3:30 pm

This monthly ESL Movie Club is for adult English language learners.



Tippecanoe Branch

3912 S. Howell Ave.

ALL AGES Games on Sundays

Sundays, June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26,

August 16, 23, 30, 12-4 pm

Come and find a game to play!

Summer Reading Kickoff

Monday, June 15, 5-7 pm

Kick-off summer reading with a treat and tie dye! Bring a cotton item to dye and make a colorful masterpiece.

Bingo Night

Thursdays, June 18, July 16, August 27, 4:45-5:45 pm

Play a game of Bingo for prizes (as supplies last).

End of Summer Ice Cream Social

Monday, August 3, 5-8 pm

All ages are invited to celebrate the end of the 2026 Summer Reading Program while enjoying ice cream and games! Weather permitting.

ADULTS Tech-splanation

Tuesdays, June 9, 23, July 14, 28, August 11, 25,
1-2 pm

Learn to access library resources on electronic devices.

Fiber Arts with Friends

Thursdays, June 11, July 9, August 13, 4:45-5:45 pm

A drop-in gathering for those who want to knit, crochet, etc. in community.

History Buff Book Club

Mondays, 5:30-7 pm

A monthly non-fiction history-related book discussion.

June 29: *Air-borne* by Carl Zimmer

July 20: *Dark Renaissance* by Stephan Greenblatt

August 24: *I Live Underwater* by Max Nohl

Tippecanoe Walking Club

Thursdays, 11:30 am-12:15 pm

Get outdoors and get some exercise while getting to know your neighbors.

Adult Crafting

Tuesdays, 5:30-7 pm - Ask staff to register.

A different craft is featured every month:

June 16: Bead and Wire Suncatcher

July 14: Seashell String Art

August 25: Fabric Flower Pillow

CHILDREN Story Time

Wednesdays, June 7-August 8, 10:45-11:30 am

Young children and their caregivers are invited to story time filled with stories, songs, and fingerplays.

Sensory Play Time

Fridays, June 12, July 10, August 21, 10:30-11:30 am

Babies, toddlers, and preschoolers ages 6 months to 5 years with a caregiver are invited to play with sensory toys and activities.

Kids Graphic Novel Club

Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm

Kids in grades K-5 will read the first chapter of a graphic novel and take part in a fun activity based on a theme.

June 17: Sun and Summer - Sun Print

July 15: Cooking and Baking - Tasty Treat.

Mad Science Presents: Slime Time

Wednesday, June 24, 2-3 pm - Ask staff to register.

Ages 5 and up stir up concoctions of slime and test their properties in a team-spirited fashion.

Family Play and Learn

Fridays, June 26, 10:30-11:30 am

Discover how talking, singing, reading, and having fun together play a vital role in the growth of your child.

June 26: Camping

July 10: Baking

Story Time in the Secret Garden

Tuesdays, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4,
6:15-6:45 pm

Children and their caregivers are invited to a 30-minute storytime filled with stories, songs, and movement designed to help young children develop literacy skills prior to learning to read.

Touch a Truck

Tuesday, July 7, 2-3:30 pm

Get up close to one of the coolest BIG trucks in town! Explore a Milwaukee Department of Public Works vehicle and meet the people who operate city equipment.

Bucket Drumming

Wednesday, July 22, 2-3 pm - Ask staff to register.

Make music with a 5-gallon bucket and a pair of drumsticks with the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. Learn basic rhythms and tell your story through composition.

TEENS Mario Kart-apalooza!

Saturday, June 27, 2-3 pm

Join a friendly but competitive game of Mario Kart. Play against your friends, your siblings, or even the librarian! Winner gets a treat!

Paint Your Pet Portrait!

Saturday, July 18, 1-2 pm

We have the supplies; you bring the talent! Join us as we walk you through the process of painting your pet.

Vision Boards!

Saturday, August 22, 2:30-4 pm

At the tail-end of summer, join us to consider how YOU want this school year to look. Express your thoughts and emotions through stickers, paint, collage, and various other craft supplies.

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Villard Square Branch

5190 N. 35th St.



ALL AGES Kindness Rocks

Tuesday, July 14, 3-4 pm

Come paint a rock with us to create tokens of kindness and motivation for anyone to take or share.

Chalk the Walk

Saturday, August 1, 12-2 pm

Come help make Villard Square beautiful!

Family Game Night

Tuesday, August 18, 5:30-7:30 pm

Gather the family for a night of fun and games at the library! Enjoy board games, puzzles, and more. Free, all ages welcome. Light refreshments provided.

ADULTS Medicare 101

Tuesdays, June 9, July 7, August 11, 4-5 pm

This series will help you understand how Medicare coverage works as a whole. Attend each session for complete information.

Memory Care Screenings

Thursday, June 11, 1-4 pm

Get a free memory screening from a Dementia Care Specialist. Learn about brain health, early detection, and local resources to support cognitive wellness.

Book'd and Busy

Saturday, June 13, 12-1 pm

Engage with Element in a powerful conversation about Kwabena Antoine Nixon's latest book release, "Dear Black Boy, Futures Not Funerals".

Tech-splanation

Tuesdays, June 16, 30, 1-2:30 pm

Do you have a question about your smartphone, tablet, or other electronic device? Need help accessing library resources? We can help!

Classic Movie Time

Wednesday, June 17, 2-4 pm

Watch *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*. Enjoy a light snack and a Classic Movie!

Adult Craft Time

Wednesday, July 1, 2-4 pm

Celebrate the Fourth of July by creating paper fireworks.

Sparkling Toddlers Vivid Vocabulary

Saturday, August 8, 10 am-1 pm - Ask staff to register.

This workshop includes fun and enriching ways to build the expressive verbal skills of babies and toddlers who are up to 3 years old in your care.

Mindful Sips

Monday, August 17, 5-6:30 pm

Enjoy mocktails while hearing from Vision Zero and Safe & Sound on leading a sober and healthy lifestyle.

CHILDREN Story Time and Play Group

Wednesdays, 11-11:30 am (June 8-August 16)

Story time for young children is followed by open play time. For children ages 3 and under, with a caregiver.

Builders Club

Mondays, June 8, July 13, August 10, 12-2 pm

We'll supply a variety of building materials and you'll bring the creativity and build with friends.

Block Print Party

Tuesday, June 16, 1-3 pm

Create your own carved print block to make a one-of-a-kind print to put on your wall or wear as a button.

Bembé Drum & Dance

Tuesday, June 30, 3-3:45 pm

Play, dance, sing, and learn about Afro-Latino drum and dance traditions. All ages and abilities welcome.

Friends Under Foot

Thursday, July 30, 1-2 pm

Meet chipmunks, ants, earthworms, and more in an interactive, underground adventure with Wehr Nature Center.

TEENS - DIY Pride

Thursday, June 4, 4:30-5:30 pm

Celebrate Pride Month by creating buttons, bracelets, and a colorful book bag. A librarian will also guide you through our great collection of LGBTQIA+ books so you can fill your new book bag.

Boba Paint and Sip

Friday, July 10, 4-5:30 pm

Join us at the library for a teen only boba tea paint and sip. Supplies will be first come, first served.

Shrinky Dink Social

Tuesday, August 4, 4:30-5:30 pm

Discover the endless possibilities of Shrinky Dinks!



Washington Park Branch

2121 N. Sherman Blvd.



ADULTS Mind Your Mending: Clothing Repair Clinic

Tuesdays, June 2, 16, July 7, August 4, 11, 18,
5-6:30 pm

Learn how to mend and make clothes last longer.

Start Right, Finish Bright

Saturday, June 6, 10 am-1 pm - Ask staff to register.

This training introduces participants to some of the science behind the first 3 years of a child's brain development and activities they can implement to capitalize on this critical stage of growth.

Resume Recharge

Tuesdays, June 9, 23, July 14, 21, August 11, 25,
3-4 pm

Work with a librarian to improve your resume.

Common Threads: Weaving Together Our American Story - Ask staff to register

Community Discussion: Monday, June 22, 6-7:30 pm

Community Discussion: Wednesday, June 24, 4:30-6 pm

To mark the 250th anniversary of America's founding, this event series is designed to help participants think critically about the complexities of our collective past and imagine our shared future.

Patchwork of Voices: Thursday, June 25, 1-4 pm

Join us in learning, thoughtful discussion and the creation of a community quilt with artist Iris Acevedo and Arts at Large.

Small Space Composting

Monday, June 29, 5-7 pm

Do you love the idea of composting but don't have the space to do it? Join Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful for an informative adult program about reducing food waste with your small space.

Getting Started with Computers

Wednesdays, 1-2:30 pm - Ask staff to register.

This series of absolute basics is intended for newcomers to technology. No prior experience is needed, just an eagerness to learn.

July 22: Computer Basics

July 29: Internet Basics

August 5: Cybersecurity Basics

August 12: Email Basics

Stepping Out Walking Club

Wednesdays, 10:15-11:15 am

Take a 45-minute walk through beautiful Washington Park with friends and neighbors.

CHILDREN Story Time

Fridays, 10:30-11 am, June 8-August 16

No program June 19 or July 3.

Young children and their caregivers are invited to story time filled with fun stories, songs, and finger plays.

Mad Science Presents: Fire and Ice

Tuesday, July 14, 1-2 pm

Thrill and chill at this spectacular shop of amazing dry ice experiments.

Get Wild Wisconsin

Tuesday, August 11, 1-2 pm

Investigate Wisconsin wildlife with the Milwaukee Public Museum. Explore the state's rich variety of plants and animals.

Touch a Truck

Friday, August 24, 11 am-12 pm

Get up close to one of the coolest BIG trucks in town! Explore a Milwaukee Department of Public Works vehicle and meet the people who operate city equipment.

TEENS Art Cafe Paint and Sip

Monday, June 8, 4:30-6 pm

Find inspiration from examples of art historical works or tap into your imagination and make your own creation. Light refreshments provided.

Amp It Up!

Thursday, July 2, 3-4:30 pm

This hands-on workshop will give a beginner-level overview of audio engineering equipment and live-sound production. No experience necessary!

Teen Bingo Night

Monday, August 17, 4:30-6 pm

Join us for a few rounds of Bingo and snacks.

Back-to-school prizes for the winners and a fun time guaranteed!



Zablocki Branch

3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.

ALL AGES Family Fun Films!

Saturdays, June 20, July 18, August 15, 2-4 pm

Enjoy a film and snacks this summer.

ADULTS Tech-splanation @ MPL

Tuesdays, June 2, 16, 1-2 pm

Learn to access library resources on electronic devices.

Novel Ideas Book Club

Mondays, 6-7 pm

June 8: *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders

July 13: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

August 17: *Less: A Novel* by Andrew Sean Greer

History @ Noon

Wednesday, June 17, 12:30-1:30 pm - Ask staff to register.

Bring a bag lunch and enjoy an engaging discussion with Michael J. Rehberg from Black Point Estate and Gardens. Immerse yourself in the luxury of cruising Geneva Lake in private steam yachts. Learn the history of the lake: early dams, floods, shipwrecks, sailing and yacht clubs, excursion boats, steam yachts and more.

Musical Bingo for Adults

Wednesdays, June 24, July 22, August 26,

12:30-1:30 pm

Get ready for an exciting twist on the classic game as we mix music and bingo into a perfect combo.

Crafty Adults

Mondays, 6-7:30 pm - Ask staff to register.

Join us once a month for an evening of crafting.

June 29: Create a project with available supplies

July 20: Painted Cork Coasters

August 31: Foil Stained Glass

History @ Noon

Wednesday, July 15, 12:30-1:30 pm - Ask staff to register.

Bring a bag lunch and enjoy an engaging discussion with James Heinz as he talks about the history of the Medal of Honor.

History @ Noon

Wednesday, August 19, 12:30-1:30 pm - Ask staff to register.

Bring a bag lunch and enjoy an engaging discussion of the history of Milwaukee Public Library's Central Library.

CHILDREN Story Time and Play Group

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am (June 15-August 16)

Story time for young children is followed by open play time. For children ages 3 and under, with a caregiver.

LEGO® League

Saturdays, June 13, July 11, August 22, 2-4 pm

Play, create, and compete using LEGO® bricks. Budding builders and expert architects alike are welcome.

Sun & Fun

Tuesday, June 23, 3-4:30 pm

Celebrate the longest day of the year by making a sun catcher and learning to tell time with a sun dial.

Friends Underfoot

Monday, June 29, 2:30-3:30 pm

Meet chipmunks, ants, earthworms, and more in an interactive, underground adventure with Wehr Nature Center.

Brilliant Butterflies

Friday, July 17, 1:30-3 pm

See the interactive butterfly enclosure and learn about metamorphosis, symmetry and plants butterflies love.

Mummification in Ancient Egypt

Monday, July 20, 2-3 pm

Explore the mysteries of mummies and Ancient Egyptians with the Milwaukee Public Museum. Recommended for ages 8+.

Slime Time

Tuesday, August 18, 1:30-3 pm - Ask staff to register.

Learn how to make fluffy slime and customize your creation with add-ins like color and glitter.

TEENS Anime Club

Tuesdays, June 16, July 21, August 18, 4:30-5:30 pm

Watch your favorite series, try some Japanese snacks, and do a quick craft! Anime shown will be rated for ages 12-14+.

Tie-Dye Day!

Monday, June 22, 3-4:30 pm - Ask staff to register.

We'll provide items you can design or bring something from home! Materials will be provided.

Cyanotype Printing

Monday, July 6, 3-4:30 pm - Ask staff to register.

Come paint a picture with the sun! Materials will be provided.



Outreach



Summer Reading at the Playground

(June 22-August 12)

Join Milwaukee Public Library educators for a fun outdoor visit at the playground! Relax and read on a picnic blanket, explore our Tub of Books, or try our STEAM Challenge of the Week.

Presented in partnership with Milwaukee Recreation's Summer Playgrounds, providing enrichment activities, play opportunities, cooling spots, and free meals at playground sites across the city.

Mondays, 1-2 pm

Franklin Square Playfield | 2643 N. 13th St.

Tuesdays, 1-2 pm

Holt Playfield | 1716 W. Holt Ave.

Wednesdays, 1-2 pm

Stark Playfield | 4951 N. 40th St.

Picnic 'n' Pages with MPL and Urban Ecology Center

There's nothing like turning through the pages of a great summer read while noshing on a picnic at the park! Join MPL educators for a fun, outdoor visit at the Urban Ecology Center.

Grab a free lunch at the front desk or bring your own. Relax and read, listen to a story, explore library books, or try a hands-on STEAM activity. Designed for youth K-6th and families. All ages are welcome!

Thursday, July 9, 1-2 pm

Urban Ecology Center - Riverside Park |
1500 E. Park Place

Thursday, July 30, 12:30-1:30 pm

Urban Ecology Center - Washington Park |
1859 N. 40 St.

Thursday, August 6, 1-2 pm

Urban Ecology Center - Menomonee Valley |
3700 W. Pierce St.

Wonderfully Wild Wednesdays at Westlawn Gardens

Wednesdays, June 10, July 15, August 12, 2:30-4 pm
Westlawn Community Garden |
62nd and W. Custer Ave.

Get Wonderfully WILD outside with programs featuring family activities and a chance to check in with the Milwaukee Public Library. Explore great books and fun activities.

Library staff will be on hand for card registration and to update your account.

Brought to you in partnership with the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee, Westlawn Gardens, Browning School, Silver Spring neighborhood Center, Milwaukee Office of Early Childhood Initiatives.



All programs free and open to all. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. Contact the City of Milwaukee ADA Coordinator, 414-286-3475 or adacoordinator@milwaukee.gov no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event. 2026

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.

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