Teen Events
For the Milwaukee Public Library / January-April 2019

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For ages 13-18
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Milwaukee Public Library hosts a full day of activities honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on **Monday, January 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Branch.** For the past 10 years the branch has opened on Martin Luther King Jr. Day to offer a celebration filled with poetry, music, dance, crafts, games and community services. **Programming for the celebration is funded by the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation.**

Join us for an exciting morning of hands-on activities with ExpressYourself MKE and TRUE Skool who will be on hand to guide you through inspired artwork. In the afternoon, look forward to live entertainment from the Lincoln Center of the Arts, SistaStrings, and much more! For a complete list of activities and live performances, visit [mpl.org/MLKDay](http://mpl.org/MLKDay).

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY

**Blk-Art*History Mini-Collage Workshop**
Work with a professional artist from Blk-Art* History & Culture to create a mini-collage which will be on display as part of the Villard Square Branch Milwaukee Black History Month Museum.

**Villard Square**
Monday, January 14, 5-6:30 p.m.

**Shadowbox Workshop**
Work with a professional artist from Blk-Art*History & Culture to create a shadow box collage that reflects African American history and culture.

**Atkinson**
Monday, February 11, 4-5:30 p.m.

**African History Jeopardy**
Celebrate Black History Month at your local library with a challenging and exciting game of African History Jeopardy! This program is hosted by Africans on the Move, a community organization based in Milwaukee.

**Center Street**
Wednesday, February 27, 6-7:30 p.m.
Hang out, mess around, and geek out at the library! Come with a specific project in mind, pick from our menu of project options, or collaborate with other teens hanging out in the space.

THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO USE:
COMPUTERS & LAPTOPS WITH PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SOFTWARE • RECORDING STUDIO • DSLR CAMERAS • GAMING & VR EQUIPMENT • GRAPHIC DESIGN TOOLS • 3D IMAGING • VIDEO MAKING EQUIPMENT

Mitchell Street | Wednesday, January 2-Tuesday, April 30*
Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:30-7:30 p.m.
Thursdays and Fridays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Saturdays, 1-4:30 p.m.

Special Studio M Hours
Studio M will host fun cooking events instead of Open Maker Time on:
Tuesday, Jan. 22, Wednesday, Feb. 20, Monday, March 18, Wednesday, March 27, and Tuesday, April 30. *Studio M will be closed: Monday, Jan. 21, Monday, Feb. 18, and Friday, April 19.

Spring Break
Snacks and fun daily from April 15-27, at Studio M.
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, 1-7:30 p.m.
Thursdays and Fridays, 1-5:30 p.m.
Saturdays 1-4:30 p.m.
Northwestern Mutual Foundation
Studio M: Makerspace @ Mitchell Street Branch

**Snack Hack**
Enjoy a free healthy snack every Thursday afternoon in Mitchell Street’s Cargill Community Kitchen. All school-aged children 18 and younger are invited to make and eat a simple snack and learn about the importance of snacking healthy! *The Snack Hack series is generously supported by Pete’s Fruit Market.*
**Mitchell Street**
Thursdays, 3:30-4 p.m. *No Snack Hack on Jan. 3, 10, or 24; April 18, 25.

**Saturday Treats**
On the first Saturday of the month, come to the Makerspace to relax and make a fun treat with friends. We will try out new recipes and revisit old favorites like chocolate chip cookies.
**Mitchell Street**
Saturdays, January 5, February 2, March 2, and April 6, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Digital Photography Series**
Interested in digital photography? Check out all the equipment and software available in Studio M, and develop your skills with help from a professional photographer. Whether you’re a total beginner or you already know your way around a DSLR camera, you’ll have a chance to practice and learn something new in our Digital Photography Series.
**Mitchell Street**
Tuesdays, Jan. 15, 29, Feb. 5, 12, and 19, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Teen Wellness Cooking**
Be committed to wellness this spring! Every other Wednesday, gather in Studio M to try out fun wellness activities and cook tasty, healthy recipes with friends.
**Mitchell Street**
Wednesdays, Jan. 9, Feb. 6, March 6, and April 10, 5-7:30 p.m.

**Get Your Money Right with Secure Futures**
Planning to work this summer? Be smart with your paychecks! Join us for a series of fun, hands-on workshops to learn more about the ins and outs of banking, credit scores, investing, savings options, and more. Find out how to avoid today’s worst money scams. Hear from professionals and other teens. Refreshments will be served. Program produced in partnership with Secure Futures.
**Mitchell Street**
Tuesdays, Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2, 6-7:30 p.m.
Open Jam Sessions with Dria Rush aka DJ DRiP Sweat
Jam with fellow musicians! Check out the recording equipment available in Studio M. If you have an instrument, bring it along. If you don’t, come anyway and use one of the instruments available in Studio M. Or just come to listen to what other musicians create. Either way, you’ll find fun and music during Monday night Jam Sessions in Studio M.

**Mitchell Street**

Mondays, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 8, and May 13, 5-7:30 p.m.

AWE Spring Break Animation Camp
Love animated movies and characters? Hang out with other teens who love animation, and try your hand at creating your own animated video. You’ll have access to all the computers and equipment available in Studio M, plus an expert animation artist to help you along the way.

**Mitchell Street**

1st Session
Monday, April 15, 4-7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 16, 4-7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17, 4-7 p.m.
Thursday, April 18, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 20, 2:30-4 p.m.

2nd Session
Tuesday, April 23, 4-7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24, 4-7 p.m.
Thursday, April 25, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 27, 2:30-4 p.m.

Screen Printing and Paper Making Party
On weekdays during Spring Break, come to Studio M to screen print with friends! Create your own designs and then use our screen printing equipment to make a copy to take home. Bring a T-shirt or any other cloth you’d like to print on, or make your own cool recycled paper to print on.

**Mitchell Street**

Tuesday, April 16; Wednesday, April 17; Thursday, April 18; Tuesday, April 23; Wednesday, April 24; Thursday, April 25; and Friday, April 26. All sessions from 1-3 p.m.
Northwestern Mutual Foundation
Studio M: Makerspace @ Mitchell Street Branch

Poetry, Spoken Word, and Digital Art Inspired by Theater
Do you have a unique perspective on the world? Have you ever tried to use Poetry, Spoken Word, or Visual Arts to share your ideas with others? Whether you’re already an experienced artist or you’re just interested in giving it a try, stop by Studio M for an opportunity to express yourself through creation. We’ll have artists on hand to help, and all the Studio M equipment available for you to use. Make a piece of digital art or record your spoken word, then post it or send it to friends! Refreshments will be served and each participant will receive two complimentary tickets to a First Stage production.

Create Art on the Topic of Hope
Mitchell Street
Saturday, February 9, 1-4 p.m.

Inspired by First Stage’s production of LOCOMOTION and the book Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson. In this story, Lonnie Collins Motion has had some tough breaks in his young life. When he discovers a passion for writing poetry, he finds a way to express his feelings and share his unique perspective on the world. Each participant will receive two complimentary tickets to LOCOMOTION, running January 25 to February 24 at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center.

Create Art on the Topic of Uncommon Friendships
Mitchell Street
Saturday, March 16, 1-4 p.m.

Inspired by First Stage’s production of BIG RIVER – THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN, based on Mark Twain’s celebrated novel Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. Twain’s timeless classic comes alive at First Stage in this coming-of-age musical, adapted from the award-winning Broadway musical for family audiences. In the story, Huck, a young white teenager, helps his friend Jim, a slave, escape to freedom and reunite with his family. Their shared journey of discovery along the Mississippi River proves that friendship comes in many different forms. Each participant will receive two complimentary tickets to BIG RIVER, running March 15 to April 14 at the Todd Wehr Theater in the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts.

Transforming Lives Through Theater

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**JOBS & CAREERS**

**Teen Job Fair**
Don’t miss your chance to meet hiring managers and apply for a job! Both summer and year-round employers will be ready to meet you and get you set on applying for many positions. This free event is just for TEENS ages 16-19. Come prepared with your resume and business-appropriate dress attire. Resume help will be available during the job fair. Visit [mpl.org/TeenJobFair](http://mpl.org/TeenJobFair) to learn more.

**Center Street**
Wednesday, April 24, 4-6 p.m.

**Teen Job Center**
Drop-in at your library’s Teen Job Center! Get answers to questions about job applications or interviews and get help using the internet to search for and apply to jobs.

**Atkinson**
Thursday, April 11, 3:30-5 p.m.

**Martin Luther King**
Monday, April 15, 1-3 p.m.

**Villard Square**
Wednesday, April 17, 2:30-4 p.m.
TEEN POETRY CONTEST

Field Work MKE Presents: 2019 Youth Poetry Contest

How do you see yourself in the natural world? Answer the question through poetry with help from the Milwaukee Public Library and the Milwaukee Public Museum. Milwaukee youth ages 7-18 are encouraged to submit an original poem to this year’s Poetry Contest online at mpl.org/poetrycontest from March 1-April 15. Prizes will be awarded to the top three in each age category: 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18. Winners in each category will also receive two free admission passes to the museum.

1st place: $50 gift card | 2nd place: $25 gift card | 3rd place: $15 gift card

Contest Rules: Must be ages 7-18 to participate in contest. Participants must be Milwaukee County residents to be eligible. Entries must address the question “How do you see yourself in the natural world?” to be eligible. Individuals can only win one prize in contest. Entries must be submitted online only. All submissions must be original works written by the young person submitting the entry. Each individual can only submit one entry. Entries may be edited for publication purposes.

2019 Youth Poetry Contest Awards

The Poetry Contest concludes with a celebration of poetry, science, and the natural world. Hear the winning poems. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Winners will be contacted in advance, but officially announced at each event. Coffee, hot chocolate, and snacks will be provided.

Awards & Poetry Reading, Ages 7-12
Central Library Children’s Room
Saturday, May 11, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (winners must arrive by 10:30 a.m.)

Awards & Poetry Reading, Ages 13-18
Milwaukee Public Museum | 800 W. Wells St.
Saturday, May 11, 2-2:30 p.m. (winners must arrive by 1 p.m.)

Poetry Hike in Washington Park
Gain inspiration from the natural world during this poetry hike in Washington Park! Guided by the Urban Ecology Center, learn about the natural world right in our backyard. After the hike, join Teen Advisory Board (TAB) members to write poetry.

Washington Park
Saturday, March 30, 1-4 p.m.
POETRY

Popcorn and Poetry
Enjoy popcorn while we share some of our favorite poems.
Zablocki
Tuesday, April 9, 4:15-5:15 p.m.
Martin Luther King
Thursday, April 18, 2-3 p.m.

Blackout Poetry
Kick off National Poetry Month by writing a poem or telling a story in an unconventional way. Use old library books to create your own visual poem with meaning.
Mitchell Street
Monday, April 1, 4-4:45 p.m.
Villard Square
Wednesday, April 3, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Bay View
Monday, April 29, 4-5 p.m.

Experimental Poetry
Use unconventional methods and materials like magnets, dice, discarded books, music, and a stopwatch to create poetry. Share your creations on social media or submit it to the 2019 Youth Poetry Contest.
Atkinson
Thursday, April 4, 4-5:30 p.m.

Be Inspired with Poet Kwabena Antoine Nixon
Be inspired by the depth and breadth of poet Kwabena Antoine Nixon, author of *Eye Write What Eye See* and *Sensitive Warsongz for Black and Brown Boyz*. Poet Kwabena will read poetry from both of his books, and teens will have a chance to craft their own poetry.
Center Street
Wednesday, March 27, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Record Your Rhymes
Whether you are an experienced spoken word artist or you’re just interested in giving it a try, join us in the Northwestern Mutual Studio M Makerspace to create your rhymes and record them. We have a recording studio with professional recording equipment and experts to help you. Create a recording that you can keep and share!
Mitchell Street
Tuesday, April 9, 5-7 p.m.
TEEN TECH

Virtual Reality Fun
Bring your phones and download some Virtual Reality apps and play cool games that can be viewed with a Cardboard Virtual Reality Viewer.

Villard Square
Wednesday, March 6, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Sphero Robot for Tweens and Teens
During Spreak Break, try out Sphero, the Bluetooth-controlled robotic ball, at your library! Sphero is not only a super cool toy, but also a powerful introduction to the basics of programming. Using books and other objects, create an obstacle course for Sphero to navigate.

Zablocki
Monday, April 15 and Tuesday, April 16, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Teen/Tween Pop Up Sound Studio
Create and record beats and lyrics for your own original song.

Atkinson
Tuesday, May 7, 4-5:30 p.m.

ArtxTech
Join Artists Working in Education (A.W.E.) for a program that combines art with technology! Create an art project while learning basic coding fundamentals through littleBits™, a new electronic building set meant for young people. These magnetic “bits” snap together and turn ideas into inventions.

Atkinson
Thursday, January 24, 4-5:30 p.m.

Central
Tuesdays, February 5 and 19, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Zablocki
Saturday, February 9, 2-4 p.m.

East
Tuesday, February 26, 4-7 p.m.
**FUN & GAMES**

**Cookie School: Learn How to Professionally Decorate Cookies**
Join Adija Smith, Food Network “Christmas Cookie Challenge” contestant and owner of Confectionately Yours, as she offers participants tips and techniques for decorating cookies! Registration required. Please call 286-3011 or register online at mpl.org.

*Atkinson*
Tuesday, January 22, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

*Mitchell Street*
Monday, April 15, 5-7 p.m.

*Washington Park*
Tuesday, March 12 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Games with the Milwaukee Fire Department**
Scrabble™ or Chutes and Ladders® anyone? Or would playing Chess be up your alley? How about an adventure with Jenga®? Or play UNO® and make someone draw 4? Have a delightful time playing board and card games with Milwaukee Fire Department personnel! Ages 17 and under.

*Center Street*
Saturday, January 12, 1-3 p.m.

**Popcorn Taste Testing**
Celebrate National Popcorn Day at the library and taste different flavors of popcorn!

*Capitol*
Saturday, January 19, 2-3 p.m.

*Washington Park*
Saturday, January 19, 4-5 p.m.

**Piece it Together, Puzzle Party**
Celebrate National Puzzle Day by putting together puzzles or playing Sudoku®. Figure out a crossword puzzle and create a puzzle piece magnet.

*Villard Square*
Tuesday January 29, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
**FUN & GAMES**

**Manga Club**
Come to the Mitchell Street Branch’s own Manga Club! We’ll write our names in hiragana and eat Japanese candy. Origami paper and instructions will be available. We will vote on the main activity for our March 13 meeting.

**Mitchell Street**
Wednesdays, January 30 and March 13, 5-6 p.m.

**You Choose: Teen Movie**
Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) for an afternoon teen movie that you get to choose! Vote on our Teens of Milwaukee Public Library Facebook page now thru Wednesday, January 16 for the movie you want to watch. Watch the chosen movie, eat popcorn and create your own hot chocolate concoction with many different topping options.

**Center Street**
Saturday, February 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Teen Time**
Chill out after school with friends. Play the Wii™, try some board games or puzzles, or draw a picture. Snacks will be provided.

**Zablocki**
Thursdays, January 31, February 28, and March 28, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

**DIY Bath Essentials**
Make your own spa at home by making bath bombs, shower steamers, and your own soap. These fun projects are perfect for you to treat yourself for Valentine’s Day.

**Mitchell Street**
Wednesday, February 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Pal-entine’s Day Celebration**
Celebrate your friends, your pals, and your buddies. Make friendship bracelets and Books of Awesome for your friends to show them how much you care. Teens and Tweens are welcome.

**Villard Square**
Wednesday February 6, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Marvel Trivia**
Celebrate the new Marvel® movie *Captain Marvel* in theaters March 8, 2019 by coming to the library during the week of February 25 and trying your hand at Marvel Trivia. One lucky person will win a grand prize!

**Villard Square**
Monday, February 25-Saturday March 2 during open library hours
FUN & GAMES

Buttons and Video Games @ the Library
Challenge yourself and your friends to Wii™ Games! We will provide games, so bring your competitive spirit. While you wait, use a button maker to create unique and fun buttons for your backpack, hat, or friends!
Bay View
Tuesday, February 26, 4-5 p.m.

Candy Heart Bingo
Try your hand at Candy Heart Bingo. Grab a few bingo cards and use candy hearts as your bingo markers. Small prizes available. All ages are welcome.
Villard Square
Tuesday February 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Candy from Around the World
Taste test candy from all over the world and vote on the one you think is the best!
Capitol
Tuesday, February 26, 5-6 p.m.

Haunted Milwaukee with Anna Lardinois
Join Anna Lardinois, author of Milwaukee Ghosts and Legends and founder of Gothic Milwaukee, for some spine-tingling tales of our city.
Tippecanoe
Monday, March 18, 6-7 p.m.

Bibliomania: MPL’s Teen Book Club
Attend this orientation and initial meeting to decide on your preferred dates to meet and books you want to read. We will see examples of new titles and vote on two books to read during our summer calendar.
Mitchell Street
Wednesday, April 24, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

De-stress Yourself
It’s almost that time of year again! Before you jump right into finals and end-of-the-year activities, join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) for an afternoon of de-stressing. Learn how to make ASMR videos, create calming slime, pet a certified therapy dog and much more!
Mitchell Street
Saturday, April 27, 2-4 p.m.
ARTS & CREATIVITY

Glitter Jars
Create a glitter jar to decorate your room. These jars are fun to design and require your creativity to make them galactic or fairy like. You can even try making a cool glitter globe!
Mitchell Street
Wednesday, January 16, 6-7 p.m.
Washington Park
Monday, March 11, 4-5 p.m.
Capitol
Wednesday, March 13, 5-6 p.m.
Tippecanoe
Tuesday, April 9, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Villard Square
Wednesday, April 24, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Peeps® Diorama Contest
Create your own book-themed Peeps® diorama to display at the library. See if your diorama gets the most votes. You may drop off your diorama at Villard Square between April 1 and April 20 to be entered into the contest. The winning diorama will receive a prize. A limited amount of shoe boxes will be available for use. An entry form must be filled out to compete in the contest. Pick up the form at Villard Square before Saturday, April 20.
Villard Square
Monday April 1 through Saturday, April 20

Drop-In Peeps® Diorama Workshop
Work on your diorama for our Peeps® Diorama Contest. A variety of supplies will be available for you to create your very own unique book-based scene. A limited supply of shoe boxes will also be available. Peeps® provided.
Villard Square
Saturday April 6, 1-3 p.m.
Wednesday April 10, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
ARTS & CREATIVITY

Origami Dioramas
Show off your paper folding and scene creating skills by making origami dioramas. Check out our workshops to help you get started. Dioramas will be on display at King Branch for folks to enjoy and to vote for their favorite. Open to all age groups. Submissions for display accepted at the Martin Luther King Branch from March 1-8.

Learn to Fold Origami Workshops
Learn to make things using origami and develop ideas for what you can make to go in your diorama.
**Martin Luther King**
Saturday, February 16, 1-3 p.m.
Wednesday, February 27, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Build your Origami Diorama
Bring your supplies or use some of the library’s to create your own Origami Diorama.
**Martin Luther King**
Saturday, March 2, 1-3 p.m.
Wednesday March 6, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Perler Bead Design
Let your imagination run wild as you use all sorts of different colored perler beads and create whatever design you’d like. It could be video game themed, cartoon themed, Doctor Who, Avengers, comic book themed, or whatever--it’s up to you!
**Villard Square**
Wednesday, March 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Rock Art!
Decorate a rock in celebration of Earth Day! Paint it, add wings, and create words of inspiration and more.
**Capitol**
Wednesday, April 24, 5-6 p.m.
**Mitchell Street**
Monday, April 22, 3-5 p.m.
Meet Renée Watson and Ellen Hagan, Co-authors of *Watch Us Rise*

Meet Renée Watson and Ellen Hagan, co-authors of the soon-to-be released *Watch Us Rise*, a story about two brave and poetic young women and the power of speaking up. Renée Watson is a *New York Times* bestselling author and received a Newberry Honor and Coretta Scott King Award for *Piecing Me Together*. Ellen Hagan writes, performs and educates, and her poetry has been featured in many publications. Sponsored by Boswell Book Company.

**Washington Park**
Saturday, February 16, 3-4 p.m.