A new school year is getting underway for many Milwaukee children. Now is a perfect time to learn about the Milwaukee Public Library resources available to support children’s education and entertainment all year long.

Families with young children are invited to MPL play groups and story times designed to develop early literacy skills through read-alouds, singing and rhyming, and movement. School-age children can also visit their neighborhood branch for literacy-rich and STEM-based out-of-school learning opportunities. The Teacher in the Library program is available at nine locations to help students focus, use appropriate learning strategies, and find the best homework resources available.

September is National Library Card month so don’t forget that the best back-to-school supply is a FREE Milwaukee Public Library card. Visit any MPL location with your child to sign up for a card. The library is the place to read, learn and connect!

**Program Registration Information**
Programs that require registration will note that in the description. There are three ways to register:
1) By phone – call 286-3011  |   2) In person – see any librarian, or   |  3) Online at mpl.org. Use the Events, Programs and Classes Calendar under RESOURCES to search for your class or program and fill out the registration information.

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

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**Teacher in the Library**

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

**Teacher in the Library will resume on Monday, September 10, 2018.**

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

Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays, 3:30-6:30 pm; Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 pm
**Mill Road**
**Mitchell Street (bilingual/Spanish)**

Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays, 4-6:30 pm; Thursdays, 4-5:30 pm
**Atkinson**
**Capitol**
**M.L. King**
**Bay View**
**Center Street**
**Villard Square**

**Teachers will help students:**
- focus
- use appropriate learning strategies
- find the best resources for completing their homework assignments
- find books appropriate for their reading level

**Teachers will help parents:**
- learn ways to help their children at home with school assignments
- by answering questions they have regarding their child’s homework

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Washington Park
For Families

**Back-to-School Resource Fair**
Drop in for fun, hands-on exploration and a few surprises as you learn about one of the most important back-to-school resources – your Milwaukee Public Library! Go to the head of the class when you learn ways to start the school year off on the right foot. Families will discover FREE resources the library has to help children get the most out of the year ahead.

- **Zablocki**
  - Saturday, Sep 29, 11 am-1:30 pm
- **Mill Road**
  - Monday, Oct 1, 6-7 pm

**Hispanic Heritage Month**

**Kickoff Celebration**
Enjoy the Latin rhythms of drummer extraordinaire Julio Pabon from De La Buena and director of Samba da Vida. Participate in a hands-on drumming workshop with drums provided, or bring your own! Make an art project inspired by Zapotec rugs.

- **Mitchell Street**
  - Saturday, Sep 15, 2-3 pm

**Tissue Paper Flowers**
To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, make crafts using colorful tissue paper. Learn to make Mexican tissue paper flowers and the decorative craft of Papel Picado.

- **Zablocki**
  - Wednesday, Oct 10, 4-5 pm

**Día de los Muertos Celebration**
Create a mask and paper marigolds to celebrate Día de los Muertos.

- **Mitchell Street**
  - Tuesday, Oct 30, 4:30-5:30 pm

**Coco y Calaveras**
Make a calavera (decorative skull) mask for Día de los Muertos and enjoy a viewing of the Disney film *Coco*. Come in costume if desired, and enjoy snacks and sweet treats!

- **Tippecanoe**
  - Tuesday, Oct 30, 5:30-7:30 pm

**National Picture Book Month**

**Picture Book Collage**
Give a new purpose to some well-loved picture books. Mix and match picture book art to create something new. Complete your new art by adding your own story.

- **Villard Square East**
  - Thursday, Nov 8, 4-5 pm
  - Thursday, Nov 15, 4-5 pm
- **Bay View Capitol**
  - Tuesday, Nov 13, 4-5 pm
  - Tuesday, Nov 20, 5-6 pm

**Pigeon Party!**
Celebrate 15 years of Mo Willems’ *Pigeon*! Enjoy silly stories, games, and a craft based on the beloved character.

- **Tippecanoe**
  - Tuesday, Nov 13, 6-7 pm
- **Atkinson**
  - Thursday, Nov 29, 10:30-11:15 am

**Soup Stories**
Sing for your soup with Jim Gill’s *Soup Opera* and Lois Ehlert’s *Growing Vegetable Soup*! After storytime, create your own imaginary soup and, of course, a SPOON!

- **Washington Park**
  - Thursday, Nov 8, 10:30-11:15 am
- **Atkinson**
  - Thursday, Nov 15, 10:30-11:15 am

**Picture Book Art of Lois Ehlert**
Explore the artwork of Lois Ehlert that incorporates science, art, and math ideas and then start your own book.

- **Zablocki**
  - Monday, Nov 26, 4:30-5:30 pm

**Picture Book Selfie Day**
Take a “selfie” with one of your favorite picture book characters. Cut-out characters such as Pigeon and Clifford the Big Red Dog will be hidden throughout the library. Get a small prize for finding all of the picture book characters. Parents or guardians will take the selfie.

- **Center Street**
  - Monday, Nov 12, 3:30-5 pm
Family Giant Game Night
Join in on family game night with giant versions of classic games! Play Scrabble, checkers, tic-tac-toe, and Jenga on a larger scale that is not only fun for all, but helps build strategic, spelling, and problem-solving skills.
East
Friday, Sep 28, 4-5 pm

LEGO Family Trivia
Calling all LEGO enthusiasts! Put your brick-building skills and LEGO knowledge to the test during this family trivia program.
Central
Saturday, Oct 6, 2-3 pm
East
Wednesday, Oct 17, 4-5 pm

Games with the Milwaukee Police 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 Police Officers! Ages 17 and under.
Center Street
Saturday, Oct 6, 1-3 pm

Comic Book STEAM
Help your little one explore concepts in science, technology, engineering, art, and math – with a comic book twist!
Capitol
Wednesday, Sep 26, 5-6 pm

Family Book Club
Join us at the library for a kid-friendly book club! Read the book at home with an older sibling or adult. Then come to the library and discuss the book with other readers. Participate in a fun and educational activity following our discussion.
Bay View
Saturdays, 11am-12 pm
Sep 29 Henry and the Clubhouse by Beverly Cleary
Oct 13 Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone by J.K. Rowling
Nov 10 James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
Dec 15 Charlotte’s Web by E. B. White

Urban Wildlife: Poetry in Your Backyard
Join us for hands on fun, discovery, and exploration learning about wildlife you might find in your own backyard! Get inspired to create poetry about the natural world. Part of Field Work: Poetry and Science in partnership with the Milwaukee Public Museum.
Atkinson
Tuesday, Oct 2, 4:30-5:30 pm
Tippecanoe
Wednesday, Nov 14, 6-7 pm
Martin Luther King
Wednesday, Dec 12, 5:30-6:30 pm

Judy Moody Tea Party with author Megan McDonald!
Celebrate the latest book in the Judy Moody series, Judy Moody and the Right Royal Tea Party with author Megan McDonald. Enjoy a fun and regal tea party, author talk, book signing and more! Registration is required; call 286-3011 or register online at mpl.org/judymoody
Co-sponsor Boswell Book Company will be on hand selling Megan McDonald’s books.
Centennial Hall, Loos Room, 733 N. 8th Street
Sunday, October 14, 2-3 pm
An Artful Feast
Let’s get together to set the table and make a bountiful feast . . . for our eyes! We’ll explore color and texture as we share ideas and paint something delicious.
Villard Square
Saturday, Nov 17, 10:30-11:30 am
Central
Saturday, Nov 24, 10:30-11:15 am

Upcycled Candle Holder
Make a “stained glass” candle holder for yourself or someone special!
Mitchell Street
Tuesday, Dec 4, 6-7 pm

Make Your Own Gingerbread House
Listen to the story of the gingerbread man and create your own miniature gingerbread house. Bring your family, your imagination, and creativity. Registration required.
Atkinson
Tuesday, Dec 4, 4:30-6 pm
Bay View
Tuesday, Dec 4, 6-7 pm
Capitol
Tuesday, Dec 11, 5-6 pm
Center Street
Tuesday, Dec 11, 5-6 pm
Central
Saturday, Dec 8, 10:30-11:15 am
East
Wednesday, Dec 12, 5-6 pm
Martin Luther King
Monday, Dec 3, 5:30-6:30 pm
Mitchell Street
Tuesday, Dec 11, 5:30-6:30 pm
Tippecanoe
Tuesday, Dec 11, 6-7 pm
Villard Square
Tuesday, Dec 11, 5:30-6:30 pm
Washington Park
Tuesday, Dec 11, 4-5 pm
Zablocki
Saturday, Dec 15, 2-3 pm

Great American Read Celebration: Camp Hogwarts
Join Milwaukee PBS and Milwaukee Public Library to celebrate the Harry Potter series. You’ll be sorted into houses and then try a few Hogwarts-inspired activities. Make an owl mask, try a potions class, or participate in a Bertie Botts contest. School robes, wands, and owls are not required - but strongly encouraged!
Bay View
Monday, Sep 24, 6-7 pm
East
Thursday, Sep 27, 4-5 pm

Fall Family Movie Nights
Enjoy a free family movie at the Mitchell Street Branch!
Mitchell Street
Wednesdays, 5 pm
Sep 19  Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie (PG)
Oct 24  Spy Kids (PG)
Nov 7  Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul (PG)
Dec 26  Home Alone (PG)

PJ Movie Night: Monsters, Inc.
Bring blankets and pillows to snuggle up at pajama movie night! Watch the silliness and the scares as Sulley and Mike encounter something more frightening than monsters: a human child!
Tippecanoe
Tuesday, Oct 2, 6-7:30 pm

Frozen Sing-a-long
Come in costume and sing along with Elsa, Anna, and Olaf!
Tippecanoe
Tuesday, Dec 18, 5:30-7:30 pm
For Ages 6-12

**After School Tech Time**
Join in on fun and creative projects after school! Explore STEAM concepts and skills with hands-on activities.
**East**
Thursdays, Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6, 4-5 pm

**Celebrate School**
Get ready to go back to school by personalizing your own notebook and making a unique pencil case.
**Villard Square**
Tuesday, Sep 11, 4-5 pm

**Slime Science**
Measure, mix, and experiment! Bring out your inner mad scientist and concoct your very own slime using common household ingredients.
**Mitchell Street**
Tuesday, Sep 11, 5-5:45 pm
**Tippecanoe**
Tuesday, Sep 18, 3:30-4:30 pm
**Martin Luther King**
Wednesday, Sep 19 5:30-6:30 pm

**Freaky Frankentoys**
Create terrible toys by mixing parts for a new, disturbing Frankentoys creation!
**Tippecanoe**
Tuesday, Oct 9, 3:30-5 pm

**Homeschool Science**
Professor and NASA Ambassador Dr. Betsy Bannier will lead science programs geared toward homeschoolers with hands-on exploration suitable for ages 6+.
**BONES!**
Learn about your skeleton just in time for Halloween! Explore the insides and outsides of bones. Visit with a scientist and peek at a variety of bones, including real animal bones and a model of a life-sized human skeleton. See your bones in a whole new way!
**Tippecanoe**
Wednesday, Oct 10, 12-1 pm
**POLYMERS!**
Did you know that when you play with slime, you’re playing with a polymer? What in the world are polymers? How are they made and how are they used? Learn about polymers on earth AND in outer space! Be prepared to touch lots of polymers, and make some of your own!
**Tippecanoe**
Friday, Nov 16, 10:30 am-12 pm

**Icky Edibles**
Explore food science by creating totally disgusting-looking yet super tasty treats!
**Villard Square**
Tuesday, Oct 23, 4-5 pm

**Moon Landing Lab**
Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing by making moon sand, testing impact craters, and more!
**Bay View**
Saturday, Oct 27, 11 am-12 pm

**Snap Circuits**
Learn about electronics and play with snap circuits. Create circuitry to power a fan or a speaker!
**Mitchell Street**
Monday, Nov 5, 6-7 pm

**Silly Science**
Try hands-on science experiments using common household items. Create reindeer toothpaste, a rainbow jar, and a magical balloon that inflates itself.
**Bay View**
Wednesday, Nov 28, 3:30-4:30 pm
**Center Street**
Wednesday, Nov 28, 3:30-4:30 pm

**Storytelling with Milwaukee PBS**
Discover your inner author and illustrator with Milwaukee Public Television! Learn the basics of storytelling with hands-on activities and continue the fun with a craft to take home. Learn how to enter your original book in this year’s PBS Kids Writers Contest.
**Atkinson**
Monday, Nov 12, 4:30-5:30 pm
**Bay View**
Wednesday, Oct 10, 6-7 pm; Tuesday, Oct 30, 6-7 pm
**Zablocki**
Saturday, Nov 10, 10:30-11:30 am; Wednesday, Nov 14, 4-5 pm

**Ahoy Mateys!**
Celebrate “Talk Like a Pirate Day” by building your own pirate ship. Test it out to see if it will sink or float.
**Villard Square**
Wednesday, Sep 19, 4-5 pm
**Central**
Saturday, Sep 22, 2-3 pm

**Wii U Gaming**
Relax after school with the Wii U and board games.
**Tippecanoe**
Tuesdays, Sep 11, Nov 20, 3:30-5 pm

**Pokémon Gym Challenge**
Calling Pokémon trainers of all ages! Come visit the Bay View Gym (Library) to challenge the local Gym Leader. Battle to win a Bay View Badge! Bring your 3DS, favorite team of Pokémon, and wear your best Pokémon trainer gear. Have fun coloring in a Pokémon, take a look at Pokémon books, and make new Pokéfriends!
**Bay View**
Saturday, Sep 29, 2:30-3:30 pm
**Paws and Read**
Read out loud to a cuddly canine! The Alliance of Therapy Dogs will bring furry friends to provide comfort, support and build confidence for beginning, struggling, or reluctant readers.

- **Atkinson**
  - Tuesdays, Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18, 3:30-4:30 pm
- **Center Street**
  - Tuesdays, Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18, 5-6 pm
- **Mitchell Street**
  - Thursdays, Sep 6, Nov 8, Dec 6, 4:30-5:30 pm
- **Tippecanoe**
  - Saturdays, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1, 1-2 pm

**Purrs and Read**
Read out loud to a friendly feline! Read with cute cats from Second Hand Purrs and learn about cat care. A great way to build confidence for beginning, struggling or reluctant readers.

- **Tippecanoe**
  - Saturday, Sep 22, 1-2:30 pm

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

- **Atkinson**
  - Thursdays, Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 4-5:30 pm
- **Bay View**
  - Thursdays, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, 4-5:30 pm
- **Capitol**
  - Wednesdays, Oct 10, 17, 24, 31, 5-6:30 pm
- **Center Street**
  - Tuesdays, Nov 13, 20, 27, Dec 4, 4-5:30 pm
- **Central**
  - Saturdays, Sep 29, Oct 20, Nov 3, Dec 8, 2-3:30 pm
- **East**
  - Fridays, Oct 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 4-5:30 pm
- **Martin Luther King**
  - Mondays, Sep 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 4:30-6pm
- **Mitchell Street**
  - Mondays, Nov 26, Dec 3, 10, 17, 4-5:30 pm
- **Tippecanoe**
  - Fridays, Sep 28, Oct 5, 12, 19, 4-5:30 pm
- **Villard Square**
  - Mondays, Oct 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 4-5:30 pm
- **Washington Park**
  - Tuesdays, Sep 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 4-5:30 pm
- **Zablocki**
  - Saturdays, Nov 10, 17, 24, Dec 1, 2-3:30 pm

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

- **Bay View**
  - Mondays, Sep 10, Oct 15, Nov 12, Dec 17, 4-5 pm
- **Center Street**
  - Tuesdays, Oct 2, 9, 3:30-4:30 pm
- **Central**
  - Wednesdays, Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12, 3:30-4:30 pm
  - Saturday, Dec 15, 2-3 pm
- **East**
  - Wednesdays, Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5, 3:30-5 pm
- **Tippecanoe**
  - Saturdays, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15, 10-11:30 am
- **Zablocki**
  - Tuesdays, Sep 18, Oct 9, Nov 27, Dec 18 4-5 pm

**Fire Safety**
Learn about fire safety, meet a firefighter, ask questions, and see real firefighting gear.

- **Villard Square**
  - Saturday, Oct 6, 1-2:30 pm
- **Capitol**
  - Tuesday, Oct 16, 5-6 pm

**Winter Wonderland**
Warm up at the library and make your own winter-themed craft. Help us decorate our library tree, make a gift to share, or take your winter creations home. Enjoy hot cocoa while you craft and create.

- **Villard Square**
  - Monday, Dec 17, 4-5 pm
Saturdays at Central

Bring the whole family to the library to play and learn together. Family programs every Saturday from 10:30-11:15 a.m. in the Central Library Betty Brinn Children’s Room encourage young children to explore and have fun!

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

**Sep 1 – CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY**

**Sep 8**
*Obstacle Course for Little Ones*
Challenge your little one to use their creative skills to complete a fun obstacle course designed for them!

**Sep 15**
*Tweet Tweet! A Birdy Story Time*
Read bird stories, participate in activities, and make your very own simple bird feeder.

**Sep 22**
*Celebrate Hispanic Heritage – Make Your Own Tortilla*
Experience the foods, flavors, and sounds of Mexico with Mexican cook Margarita Sandoval Skare. See how tortillas are made and participate in each step! Participants will get to try the homemade tortillas filled with cheese. Registration is required.

**Sep 29**
*Fox and Branch*
Kick up your heels to the fiddlin’ good music!

**Oct 6**
*First Stage Workshop featuring “The Very Hungry Caterpillar”*
Join First Stage for an interactive telling of the classic Eric Carle book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar!* Explore the caterpillar’s journey to a butterfly through interaction and discussion.

**Oct 13**
*Construction Site*
Pack up the tools and get ready to plan and build with blocks at the construction site.

**Oct 20**
*Bug in a Rug Theater Presents “The Koala Who Could”*
Adapted from the Scholastic book by Rachel Bright, Kevin the Koala loves every day to be the same, where it’s snug and safe. But Kevin is missing out on exciting opportunities to play and explore with his friends. Kevin soon discovers that change can open your world to big possibilities.

**Oct 27**
*Wisconsin Conservatory Music Appreciation*
Sing, listen, and play rhythm instruments while moving to music.

**Nov 3**
*Ready? Set? Art!*
Ready for a game of artistic musical chairs? How about an artsy race? As we paint together, a variety of timed art challenges will get the creative juices flowing!

**Nov 10**
*The Beautiful World of Butterflies*
Butterflies may be beautiful, but that’s not why they’re important! Learn about the residents of the Milwaukee Public Museum’s Butterfly Vivarium while we get up close and personal with these fascinating insects.

**Nov 17**
*Wisconsin Conservatory Music Appreciation*
Sing, listen, and play rhythm instruments while moving to music.

**Nov 24**
*An Artful Feast*
Let’s get together to set the table and make a bountiful feast...for our eyes! Explore color and texture as we share ideas and paint something delicious.

**Dec 1**
*Get Wild in Wisconsin*
Investigate Wisconsin’s wildlife with the Milwaukee Public Museum! Explore the rich variety of plants and animals that populate our state. Find out why they’re so important and learn ways to help protect them.

**Dec 8**
*Make Your Own Gingerbread House*
Listen to a gingerbread story and then create your own miniature gingerbread house. Registration required.

**Dec 15**
*Bakery Shop*
Put on your apron, roll up your sleeves, and preheat the oven. Take turns being the baker, the server, and the customer at the pretend bakery.

**Dec 22**
*We’re Going on a Bear Hunt*
Join us for stories and our own bear hunt adventure!

**Dec 29**
*Wisconsin Conservatory Music Appreciation*
Sing, listen, and play rhythm instruments while moving to music.

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

Join us each Saturday afternoon from 2-3 p.m. for out-of-school learning activities for children ages 8-12 that inspire participants to explore, learn, and create!

Every Saturday @ 2 pm
at the Central Library

Sep 1 – CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Sep 8
Poetry STEAM
Explore the wonder of nature with your senses, then turn science into art to create poetry inspired by the world.

Sep 15
Wisconsin Rocks!
Join the Milwaukee Public Museum to discover how Wisconsin’s landscape has evolved through time and what geology can tell us about our state’s past. Examine real fossils and use them to determine how Wisconsin’s geography has changed over millions of years.

Sep 22
Ahoy Mateys!
Celebrate “Talk Like a Pirate Day” by building your own pirate ship. Test it out to see if it will sink or float.

Sep 29
Artists Working in Education; Special Time 2-3:30 pm
A drop-in program designed for children and their families that begins with an A.W.E. artist reading aloud a story and discussing the illustrator. Participants will work on imaginative art activities related to the book or theme of the day. Everyone will have an opportunity to be creative, try new techniques and express their artistic point of view. At the end, everyone will take home their creation. This program is presented as a collaboration between the Milwaukee Public Library and Artists Working in Education, Inc.

Oct 6
LEGO Family Trivia
Calling all LEGO brick enthusiasts! Put your brick-building skills and LEGO brick knowledge to the test during this family trivia program.

Oct 13
Maps & Topography: Lake Michigan
Explore local geography, mapping and biology with Discovery World and the Kohl’s Design It! Mobile Lab.

Oct 20
Artists Working in Education, Special Time 2-3:30 pm
Please see Sep 29 description.

Oct 27
Monster Makers
Have what it takes to create your own mixed-media monster? Put your Dr. Frankenstein skills to the test.

Nov 3
Artists Working in Education, Special Time 2-3:30 pm
Please see Sep 29 description.

Nov 10
DIY Snow Globes
Make your own winter snow globe! Keep it for yourself or give it as a present. Registration required.

Nov 17
Sphero Obstacle Course
Sphero, the Bluetooth controlled robotic ball, is not only a super cool toy, but also a powerful introduction to the basics of programming. Using books and other objects, create a maze for Sphero to navigate.

Nov 24
Crafternoon – Craft Leftovers
Create crafty items with a variety of supplies we provide.

Dec 1
Get Wild in Wisconsin
Investigate Wisconsin’s wildlife with the Milwaukee Public Museum! Explore the rich variety of plants and animals that populate our state. Find out why they’re so important and learn ways to help protect them.

Dec 8
Artists Working in Education, Special Time 2-3:30 pm
Please see Sep 29 description.

Dec 15
Build with LEGO Bricks
We’ll provide the LEGO bricks, you provide the creativity! Join other LEGO brick enthusiasts and see what you can create from the bottom up.

Dec 22
Freedom’s Eve Holiday Cards
Join Blk-Art, History & Culture for a holiday workshop. Learn about the importance of “Freedom’s Eve” while making Afrocentric cards for loved ones.

Dec 29
Board Games
Bring your friends and family to the library to play one of our many board games.

Parking Options for Central Library. There is metered parking around Central. Meters are free after 6 pm and on Saturday and Sunday; however, time limits are enforced at all times. For additional parking near Central Library, go to www.parkmilwaukee.com.
Dream Keepers Writing Circle
Calling all young writers (ages 9-13)!
The Dream Keepers Writing Circle will give you the opportunity to work on your writing project and share it with other young writers. Students will spend the first part of the session writing, with writing prompts and encouragement from author and writing coach Rochelle Melander. During the second half of the session, students will share these stories with each other, learning how to listen for key story elements and give helpful feedback.
Capitol
Mondays, Sep 10, 24, Oct 8, 22, Nov 12, 26, Dec 10, 17, 4-5:30 pm
Mitchell Street
Mondays, Sep 17, Oct 1, 15, Nov 5, 19, 4:30-6 pm
Tuesdays, Sep 4, Dec 4, 18, 4:30-6 pm

For Tweens

Snack Hack
Enjoy a free healthy snack every Thursday afternoon from 3:30-4 pm 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 healthy snacking!
Mitchell Street
Thursdays, Aug 16-Oct 25, 3:30-4 pm

Kids Can Cook
Interested in cooking? Find out firsthand what cooking is all about. Discover kid-friendly recipes, learn about nutrition and try out a bunch of new foods.
Capitol
Tuesdays, Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 6, Dec 4, 4-5 pm

Healthy Snacking
All school-aged children are invited to make and eat simple snacks and learn about the importance of healthy snacking!
Capitol
Tuesdays, Sep 4, Dec 4, 4:30-6 pm

Family Cooking Nights at Mitchell Street
Pizza Night
Practice your pizza skills and make your favorite pie.
Mitchell Street
Monday, Sep 10, 5-6 pm

Sushi Chef
Create your own sushi rolls and explore the art of sushi making.
Mitchell Street
Tuesday, Oct 9, 5-6 pm

Paint Your Pet
Show your love of a furry friend by painting their picture! Bring a photo for inspiration, and we’ll provide tips for making the most of your work of art. Also a great gift!
Tippecanoe
Tuesday, Nov 27, 6-7:30 pm
For Ages 0-5

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

**Down on the Farm**
Let’s all work the farm together, because “many hands make light work.” Pretend to plant, care for, and harvest produce, then sell your wares to your customers!

**East**
Saturday, Sep 22, 10:30-11:30 am

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

**Central**
Saturday, Oct 13, 10:30-11:30 am

**Doctor’s Office**
Time to visit the doctor! Pretend you are the doctor and check your patients, make a diagnosis, give needed immunizations, and help them feel “all better.” Bring your own doll if you wish.

**East**
Saturday, Nov 3, 10:30-11:30 am

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

**Capitol**
Wednesday, Nov 7, 5-6 pm

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

**Zablocki**
Tuesday, Nov 13, 6-7 pm

**Post Office**
Create a card, letter or package and take turns setting up routes, delivering and receiving mail.

**Capitol**
Wednesday, Dec 5, 5-6 pm

**Bakery Shop**
Put on your apron, roll up your sleeves, and preheat the oven. Take turns being the baker, the server, and the customer at the bakery.

**Central**
Saturday, Dec 15, 10:30-11:30 am

**Juega y aprende**
Acompáñenos para disfrutar de juegos imaginarios para familias con niños pequeños. Cada programa está diseñado para ser un escape familiar y divertido que incorpora el desarrollo de las destrezas de alfabetización temprana a través del juego. Aprenda la importancia de hablar, cantar, leer y divertirse juntos para el crecimiento de su hijo. ¡Traiga la imaginación!

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

**Zablocki**
miércoles 19 de septiembre, 6-7 pm

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

**Zablocki**
viernes 5 de octubre, 10:30-11:30 am

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

**Zablocki**
miércoles 21 de noviembre, 6-7 pm

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

**Mitchell Street**
viernes 7 de diciembre, 10:30-11:30 am
Story Times for Ages 0-5

**Pajama Story Time**
Families with young children are invited to come dressed in your coziest PJs and bring a stuffed animal friend for stories, songs, and rhymes.

**East**
Mondays, 6:30-7 pm

**Cinderella Story Time**
Join us for a special story time presented by a princess from the Broadway production of *Cinderella* at the Miller High Life Theatre this fall! Learn about all the different versions of this classic tale and make a craft to take home.

**Central**
Tuesday, Sep 18, 10:30-11:15 am

**Story Time Yoga**
Stretch, breathe and relax with basic yoga poses and simple movements, combined with stories, rhymes and songs. Build literacy skills along with flexibility and self awareness. Bring a yoga mat or towel if desired. Recommended for ages 3-6.

**Tippecanoe**
Tuesday, Oct 16, 6-6:30 pm

**Ballet Story Time with the Milwaukee Ballet**
Staff from the Milwaukee Ballet will share stories and demonstrate ballet positions in this special story time.

**Atkinson**
Thursday, Sep 27, 10:30-11:15 am

**Bay View**
Thursday, Nov 8, 10:30-11:15 am

**Capitol**
Thursday, Oct 18, 10-10:30 am

**Center Street**
Monday, Sep 24, 4-4:30 pm

**Central**
Tuesday, Nov 6, 10:30-11 am

**Martin Luther King**
Friday, Oct 19, 10-10:30 am

**Washington Park**
Thursday, Oct 4, 10:30-11 am

**STEAM Story Time: Story Time From Space**
In honor of World Space Week, listen to space themed stories, enjoy a snack, and make a craft.

**Martin Luther King**
Friday, Oct 5, 10-10:45 am

We'll read a couple of space-themed stories and then watch astronaut Kate Rubins onboard the International Space Station read *Rosie Revere, Engineer* by Andrea Beaty. Afterwards, we'll create our own “Gizmo” craft.

**Mitchell Street**
Tuesday, Nov 13, 6-7 pm
Story Times for Ages 0-5

Preschool Story Time
Preschoolers are invited for fun stories, songs, and fingerplays all designed to help them develop important literacy skills needed prior to learning how to read. Child care centers are welcome.

Atkinson
Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 am
No story time Oct 11.

Bay View
Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 am
No story time Oct 11.

Capitol
Thursdays, 10-10:30 am
No story time Oct 11.

Central
Tuesdays, 10:30-11 am
Martin Luther King
Fridays, 10-10:30 am
Washington Park
Thursdays, 10:30-11 am
No story time Oct 11.

East
10-11:30 am
Every Thursday for ages 2 and under with a parent or guardian. No playgroup Oct 11.

Central
9:30-10:30 am & 10:45-11:45 am
Every Wednesday for ages 2 and under with a parent or guardian. Storytime is repeated for the second session.

Martin Luther King
Fridays, 10-10:30 am
Washington Park
Thursdays, 10:30-11 am
No story time Oct 11.

Zablocki
10:30-11:30 am
Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian. No playgroup Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 1.
Due to Early Voting, Playgroup will be held on Tuesdays, Oct 16, 23, 30. Enter through the courtyard before library opens. Thursday morning playgroup will resume on Nov 8.

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

Central
Tuesdays, 9:30-10 am

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

Capitol
10:30-11 am
Every Thursday for ages 2 and under with a parent or guardian. No playgroup Oct 11.

Central
9:30-10:30 am & 10:45-11:45 am
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Mitchell Street
10:30-11:15 am
Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian. No playgroup Oct 11.

Tippecanoe
10:30-11:30 am
Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian. No playgroup Oct 11.

Villard Square
10:30-11:30 am
Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian. No playgroup Oct 11.
MPL offers free continuing education Tier 2 child care provider workshops as approved by the Wisconsin Registry. More information is available in person from the workshop presenters. Please have your Registry ID number handy for submission. Registration required; call 286-3011 or register online at www.mpl.org/childcareworkshops.

Registration opens about one month prior to the workshop, see below for exact dates. Adults only; no children, no exceptions. Check in begins 10 minutes prior to class start time so workshop can begin as scheduled. To receive credit, attendees must arrive on time. Please bring your Registry card or have your Registry ID number for submission at the workshop.

**The Six Skills for Early Literacy**
Learn the six skills that all children need in order to be prepared to learn how to read when they enter school. Leave with fun ways to expand lessons with books to include the skills. This workshop is the foundation for other provider workshops, and we recommend you attend this first.  
Continuing Education: 3.0 hours  
**East (registration begins Sep 10)**  
Saturday, Sep 29, 10:30 am-1:30 pm  
**Capitol (registration begins Oct 29)**  
Saturday, Nov 17, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

**Start Right, Finish Bright: Building Foundations in Your Infant & Toddler Classroom**
Learn how to create an optimal environment for healthy brain development in babies and toddlers. Find out how important healthy attachment is, what social-emotional development is, and how these are the foundation for all future learning. Leave with a list of great books and activities that promote early literacy skills. This session is specifically geared to those who teach children birth through 36 months.  
Continuing Education: 3.0 hours  
**Washington Park (registration begins Oct 1)**  
Saturday, Oct 20, 10:30 am-1:30 pm  
**Center Street (registration begins Nov 26)**  
Saturday, Dec 15, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

**Story Time 101**
Learn all about MPL’s Story Time Kits. New kit titles, both for Baby & Toddler and for Preschoolers, were added in 2014 and many kits are being refurbished on an ongoing basis. Experience a themed collection of books, music, finger puppets, and teacher resource books, all in a sturdy red backpack. Add more fun and enrichment to your story times with children of all ages!  
Continuing Education: 2.0 hours  
**Central-Community Room 1 (registration begins Sep 24)**  
Saturday, Oct 13, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
**Math Literacy**

Math concepts are a part of literacy. Discover books and activities that deal with early math concepts and ways to use those books to help children build a foundation for math skills.

Continuing Education: 2.0 hours

**Villard Square (registration begins Oct 15)**
Saturday, Nov 3, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

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**Literacy & Play**

Play is the work of children! Discover ways to guide children’s learning through fun activities that are designed to foster the development of early literacy through structured play.

Continuing Education: 2.0 hours

**East (registration begins Nov 12)**
Saturday, Dec 1, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

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**Taller gratuito para los proveedores de cuidado infantil en español**

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

**Cómo hacer un plan de clase en la Biblioteca Pública de Milwaukee**

La biblioteca tiene muchos recursos para ayudarle con la planificación de clase. Le enseñaremos a usar la computadora para realizar búsquedas en Internet, a explorar el catálogo electrónico de la biblioteca, a localizar los materiales, y a crear un plan de clase que pueda usar inmediatamente. ¡Traiga su tarjeta de biblioteca! El cupo es limitado a 15 participantes.

*Por favor de notar que los participantes deben tener conocimientos previos de la planificación de una clase para aprovechar más de este taller.

**Mitchell Street (El 22 de octubre comienza la inscripción)**
Sábado 10 de noviembre, 10:30 am-1:30 pm
Visit Your Milwaukee Public Library Today!

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.

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

All libraries will be closed on the following days:
Saturday, Sept. 1 - Library Closed
Monday, Sept. 3 - Labor Day
Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 22-23 - Thanksgiving

Sunday, Dec. 16 - Library Closed
Sunday, Dec. 23 - Library Closed
Mon.-Tues., Dec. 24-25 - Christmas
Mon.-Tues., Dec. 31-Jan. 1 - New Year's

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