Calendar of Events
For the Milwaukee Public Library • September-December, 2019

HAVE FUN AT YOUR MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY!

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It’s back-to-school time for many Milwaukee children and the Milwaukee Public Library is here to help your family transition from summer into the school year. September is National Library Card month so don’t forget that the best back-to-school supply is a FREE Milwaukee Public Library card.

MPL is an out-of-school learning hub, providing opportunities for children to discover and develop their own interests, skills, and talents by finding just the right book in the collection or participating in a workshop focusing on books, writing, art, or STEM. The Teacher in the Library program is available at nine locations to help students use appropriate learning strategies, find the best resources for completing homework assignments, and to focus. Students can visit www.librarynow.org for access to online tutoring help, research databases, and book and audiobook downloads along with other MPL online resources.

The library is also the perfect place to help young children become readers. Play groups, story times, and Play and Learn programs are designed to develop the early literacy skills necessary for children to be prepared to learn how to read.

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.

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

Teacher in the Library resumes on Monday, September 9, 2019
No Teacher in the Library Nov 29, 26, 27; Dec 16, 2019-Jan 2, 2020
Teacher in the Library will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020

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

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

Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays, 3:30-6 pm; Thursdays, 3:30-5 pm
Bay View         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        Martin Luther King
Center Street  Villard Square

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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. Start the school year off on the right foot and discover FREE resources the library has to help children get the most out of the year ahead.
Zablocki
Saturday, Sep 7, 11 am-1 pm

Instrument Petting Zoo
Children and adults are encouraged to pick up and try playing a number of sample instruments including wind, brass, and string instruments at this Instrument Petting Zoo hosted by Brass Bell Music Store.
Center Street
Wednesday, Oct 9, 3-4 pm

Global Heritage Festival
Welcome newly arrived immigrants to Milwaukee’s community of diverse cultures with an exciting day of family activities. Enjoy children’s stories in four different languages, a sampling of international food, world music on the library lawn and personal immigration stories through our Human Library program.
Tippecanoe
Saturday, Sep 21, 10:30 am-2 pm

Hispanic Heritage Celebration with Panadanza Dance Company
Learn about the roots of Salsa and other Latin dances. Experience firsthand the rhythms, dancing and drumming of Panadanza Dance Company.
Mitchell Street
Tuesday, Oct 8, 6-7 pm

Mind, Body & Soul Dancers
Learn a new dance with instructors from Mind, Body & Soul Dancers. No dance experience necessary. Just be ready to have some fun!
Villard Square
Wednesday, Nov 13, 4:30-5:30 pm

Monster Bash
Do the monster mash at this monster bash! Join us for spine-tingling stories, hair-raising music, and spooktacular activities. Costumes encouraged!
Atkinson
Monday, Oct 14, 4-5 pm
Central
Saturday, Oct 26, 10:30-11:15 am
Tippecanoe
Tuesday, Oct 29, 6-7 pm

Pumpkin Decorating
Decorate a pumpkin of your own to take home and celebrate fall. Use paint, paper and cardboard to make your personalized pumpkin.
Washington Park
Tuesday, Oct 22, 5-6:30 pm

Melted Crayon Pumpkin Art
Create a one-of-a-kind pumpkin to take home. Choose your crayons, make a pattern, and melt them to make a unique design on your pumpkin. Kids and teens welcome!
Villard Square
Wednesday, Oct 23, 4:30-5:30 pm

Mad Science Halloween Spooktacular Show
Prepare for science tricks & treats as we present our most famous Halloween elixirs. Cauldrons of frothing witches brews and warlock potions will complete your experience with the most “maddening” Halloween ever!
Martin Luther King
Saturday, Oct 26, 2-3 pm
For Families

M&M Bingo
Try your hand at Book Bingo! Grab a bingo card and use M&Ms as your bingo markers.
Bay View
Tuesday, Sep 17, 4-5 pm

Giant Pictionary
Have some fun and build your vocabulary and visual literacy skills with a fast-paced game of Pictionary using our huge white board and easel. Finally, a chance to show off your stick figures!
Washington Park
Tuesday, Sep 24, 5-6 pm

Wii U Gaming
Relax with the Wii U and board games. Beat levels together, go head-to-head, or dance to the beat.
Washington Park
Tuesdays, Sep 3, Oct 15, Nov 5, Dec 17, 5-6 pm
Tippecanoe
Tuesday, Oct 8, 4:30-5:30 pm

Games with Community Leaders
Scrabble or Chutes and Ladders anyone? Or would playing Chess be up your alley? Have a delightful time playing board and card games with local community leaders! Ages 17 and under.
East
Saturday, Oct 5, 1-3 pm
Center Street
Saturday, Oct 19, 1:30-3 pm

Celebrating International Games Week
Bring your friends and family, play a game, and have some fun while enjoying the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games.
Bay View
Monday, Nov 4, 6:30-7:30 pm
Tippecanoe
Tuesday, Nov 5, 4-6 pm
Zablocki
Wednesday, Nov 6, 4:30-6 pm
Mitchell Street
Thursday, Nov 7, 4-5:30 pm

Button Making and Board Games
Design and create your own buttons to show off your style, fandom, or interests. Afterward feel free to play one of our brand new board games.
Washington Park
Tuesday, Nov 12, 5-6 pm

Celebrate Star Wars
Celebrate the upcoming Star Wars film “The Rise of Skywalker” at this all-ages program with crafts, trivia, and snacks! Costumes encouraged but not required.
East
Friday, Dec 6, 3:30-5:30 pm

Life-Size Games
Let’s celebrate the end of the year with games. Try your hand at life-size Tic-tac-toe and Connect Four. Challenge a friend to a game of Tetris. Snacks provided.
Zablocki
Monday, Dec 30, 2-3 pm

Picture Book Month

Pop-Up Party!
Let’s celebrate Picture Book Month with one of our favorite kinds of picture books: pop-ups! Listen to a pop-up book story time and then get a chance to make pop-ups of your own.
Zablocki
Saturday, Nov 2, 10:30-11:30 am
Center Street
Tuesday, Nov 12, 3-4 pm
East
Wednesday, Nov 13, 4-5 pm
Washington Park
Tuesday, Nov 19, 5-6 pm

Tippecanoe
Tuesday, Nov 19, 6-7 pm
Capitol
Tuesday, Nov 26, 5-6 pm
Central
Saturday, Nov 30, 10:30-11:15 am

Atkinson Souped Up Story Times!
November 7: Celebrate 25 years of Go Away, Big Green Monster by creating silly monsters with collaged paper and Ed Emberley’s fingerprint-style illustrations.
November 14: Sing along with Jim Gill’s Soup Opera and create your own “soup.”
November 21: Learn about bears and hibernation as we read the Bill Martin, Jr. classic Brown Bear, Brown Bear.
Atkinson
Thursdays, Nov 7, 14, 21, 10:30-11:15 am

Eric Carle Celebration!
Celebrate the art and stories of Eric Carle. We will read stories and make an art project in the Eric Carle collage style.
Mitchell Street
Monday, Nov 11, 5:30-6:30 pm
**Card Making Workshop**

Bring the whole family to make holiday cards with Blk*Art, History & Culture’s Jody Alexander. Learn how African Americans have historically celebrated the holidays in the United States and make your own holiday cards to give to loved ones.

**Washington Park**
Tuesday, Dec 10, 5-6:30 pm

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**Winter Break Scavenger Hunt**

Stop in at the library during Winter Break and pick up a self-guided wintry scavenger hunt! Visit the librarian when you are finished for a surprise.

**Central**
Monday, Dec 16 - Monday, Dec 30 during open hours

**Villard Square**
Monday, Dec 16 - Monday, Dec 30 during open hours

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**Kids Can Cook - Special Parent Edition!**

Parents and caregivers, join us for a special edition of Kids Can Cook. Grown-ups can swap recipes and browse the library's cookbook collection while kids decorate recipe cards. Make donut hole snowmen and go home with tasty new recipes to try! Bring 1-2 of your favorite recipes and we’ll make copies to share!

**Capitol**
Tuesday, Dec 17, 5-6 pm

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**Build Your Own Gingerbread House**

Create your own miniature gingerbread house. Bring your family, your imagination, and creativity. Registration required.

**Atkinson**
Tuesday, Dec 10, 4-5:30 pm

**Bay View**
Tuesday, Dec 10, 6-7 pm

**East**
Wednesday, Dec 11, 5-6 pm

**Martin Luther King**
Monday, Dec 2, 5:30-6:30 pm

**Mitchell Street**
Monday, Dec 9, 6-7 pm

**Tippecanoe**
Saturday, Dec 14, 2:30-3:30 pm

**Villard Square**
Tuesday, Dec 17, 5:30-6:30 pm

**Washington Park**
Tuesday, Dec 3, 5-6 pm

**Zablocki**
Saturday, Dec 14, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Saturdays at Central

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

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

Sep 7
Texture Time
Explore our world using touch! We will read, play, and experiment with different textures.

Sep 14
Construction Site *Special time, 10:30-11:30 am.
Pack up the tools and get ready to plan and build with blocks at the construction site.

Sep 21
Pumpkin Palooza!
Do you love pumpkins so much you want to read about pumpkins, play with pumpkins, and even paint with pumpkins? Then join us for our Pumpkin Palooza!

Sep 28
Bakery Shop *Special time, 10:30-11:30 am.
Come with us to the bakery! 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.

Oct 5
Viva Yuyi
Celebrate Mexican American children’s author Yuyi Morales, as we read some of her beloved picture books and make art inspired by her mixed-media illustration.

Oct 12
Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with cuentos, canciones y más!

Oct 19
Spooky Scary Skeletons
Learn more about your skeletal system in this storytime that will surely tickle your funny bone!

Oct 26
Monster Bash
Do the monster mash at this monster bash! Join us for spine-tingling stories, hair-raising music, and spooktacular activities. Costumes encouraged!

Nov 2
Sunset Playhouse presents SUPER!
We all have super powers within us, but what if you had legitimate super powers? Meet a sweet girl who comes from a long line of superheroes. To overcome the school bully she must find her inner super powers to gain confidence and defeat the bully.

Nov 9
Mix-it-up Art!
Explore your creativity using a variety of art materials.

Nov 16
Happy UnBirthday!
Celebrate how special you are every day of the year! We will read from Lewis Carroll’s Alice in Wonderland, play UnBirthday games, and make an Alice-inspired craft.

Nov 23
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.

Nov 30
Picture Book Month Pop-Up Party!
It’s Picture Book Month! Celebrate one of our favorite picture books: pop-ups! We’ll read some fun pop-up books and then make a pop-up page to take home.

Dec 7
Shape It Up!
Get your fitness on! Move and groove, stretch and read. Get ready to get sweaty! Sweatbands included.

Dec 14
Party on Mount Olympus
Learn more about Ancient Greek myths and monsters during this epic storytime!

Dec 21
Teeth!
Healthy teeth are so important! Listen, learn and sing about the importance of proper dental hygiene.

Dec 28
Block Party!
See what you can build! We will provide the blocks, and you will bring the creativity.
Saturday Afternoons at Central

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

Every Saturday @ 2 pm
at the Central Library

Sep 7
Printmaking Mania!
Want to learn an art form that is new to you, but centuries old? Join us for Printmaking Mania! We will learn about the various techniques and make our own awesome designs!

Sep 14
Building 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.

Sep 21
Low Tech Coding
Interested in coding but don’t know where to start? We will use real life stuff to learn the building blocks of programming.

Sep 28
Hour of Code
*Special time 2-3:30 pm
Coding is fun! Don’t believe it? Come to the library and give it a try. Whether you are an expert coder, a total beginner, or somewhere in-between, there will be a fun coding challenge for you to dive into. After an hour, pizza will be served and there will be an opportunity to show off your work and win prizes! For ages 9-18.

Oct 5
Building with LEGO Bricks
See Sep 14 description.

Oct 12
Pumpkin Science
Do you love pumpkins? There are some great experiments to try using this orange vegetable!

Oct 19
Fossil Fun
Calling all future paleontologists! Create and uncover “fossils” using a variety of simple tools and techniques.

Oct 26
Egg Drop Challenge
Test your engineering skills in our egg drop challenge. Build a contraption to protect your egg as it falls from great heights. Can your egg survive, or will it go splat?!

Nov 2
Maps Incredible
Learn cartography skills and make your own unique map.

Nov 9
MPM on the Move presents Digging up Discoveries
Learn what clues scientists use when analyzing artifacts and what found objects can tell us about a culture. Examine real artifacts from Milwaukee Public Museum’s education collection and come up with your own hypotheses about who used them and why.

Nov 16
Bookworm Trivia
Hey, fellow bookworms! Think you can guess that book jacket, identify that author, or name that character? Then join us for a friendly game of bookish trivia and put your well-read skills to the test!

Nov 23
Building with LEGO Bricks
See Sep 14 description.

Nov 30
Sew Much Fun
Grab a needle and thread to learn the basics of sewing. We will make a little present you can give away to someone special.

Dec 7
Art Workshop with A.W.E.
See Oct. 5 description.

Dec 14
Art Workshop with A.W.E.
See Oct. 5 description.

Dec 21
Art Workshop with A.W.E.
See Oct. 5 description.

Dec 28
Building with LEGO Bricks
See Sep 14 for description

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.
For Ages 6-12

**After School Tech Time**
Explore STEAM concepts and skills with hands-on activities.

- **East**
  Thursdays, Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5, 4-5 pm
- **Tippecanoe**
  Tuesday, Nov 26, 4:30-5:30 pm

**Straw Building Challenge**
Challenge yourself to construct a building or figure using straws and connectors.

- **Martin Luther King**
  Monday, Sep 9, 5-6 pm
- **Villard Square**
  Wednesday, Oct 9, 4:30-5:30 pm

**Snap Circuits**
Explore the basic principles of electronics. Learn how to build a doorbell or power a fan.

- **Mitchell Street**
  Monday, Sep 9, 5:30-6:30 pm
- **Martin Luther King**
  Monday, Oct 7, 5-6 pm

**Kids Can Cook**
Find out what cooking is all about. Discover kid-friendly recipes, learn about nutrition, and try a bunch of new foods.

- **Capitol**
  Tuesdays Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10, 4-5 pm

**Slime**
Learn about matter and molecules at their gooiest by making three colorful slimes to take home.

- **Washington Park**
  Tuesday, Sep 10, 5-6 pm
- **Tippecanoe**
  Tuesday, Oct 1, 4:30-5:30 pm

**Soundtrap for Tweens**
Use Soundtrap, an online music and loop making software, to compose your own beats.

- **Martin Luther King**
  Wednesday, Sep 11, 4-5 pm
- **Atkinson**
  Monday, Dec 30, 1-3 pm

**Hour of Code**
Coding is fun! Whether you are an expert coder, a total beginner, or somewhere in between, there will be a fun coding challenge for you. After an hour, pizza will be served and there will be an opportunity to show off your work and win prizes!

  **For tweens and teens ages 9-18.**

- **Atkinson**
  Monday, Sep 16, 4-5:30 pm
- **Central**
  Saturday, Sep 28, 2-3:30 pm
- **Washington Park**
  Tuesday, Oct 8, 5-6:30 pm
- **Zablocki**
  Saturday, Oct 19, 2-3:30 pm
- **Bay View**
  Tuesday, Dec 3, 6-7:30 pm

**STEM-tember Fun**
Use your science, technology, engineering and math skills to create awesome projects such as tensile bubbles and magnetic slime!

- **Capitol**
  Tuesday, Sep 24, 5-6 pm

**littleBits**
Try your hand at circuits using a littleBits kit. Follow the instructions to complete a project, or create your very own invention.

- **Villard Square**
  Wednesday, Sep 25, 4:30-5:30 pm

**Fortune Telling**
Learn about ways people have used to tell each other's fortunes throughout history. Try casting runes, give a reading with cards, and make your own Fortune Teller.

- **Washington Park**
  Tuesday, Oct 1, 5-6 pm

**IRL Coding**
Use candy, LEGO Bricks and other objects to learn about coding.

- **Atkinson**
  Friday, Nov 1, 4-5 pm
- **Zablocki**
  Tuesday, Nov 12, 4-5 pm
For Ages 6-12

French Club
Bonjour mon ami! Join Madame Diane for fun and easy French lessons so you too can answer “Oui!” with confidence when asked “Parlez-vous francais?”
East
Mondays, Sep 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, 4-5:30 pm

Spooky Stories
Get goosebumps while you learn how to write a spooky story. We will discuss elements of writing, including creating a setting, developing a protagonist and central characters, and creating a plot outline.
Center Street
Tuesday, Oct 22, 3-4 pm

Big-Head Book Club
Who brought a giraffe to Rome for the first time? Who wrote the very first detective mystery? Who loves to read about fascinating people and places throughout history? Each session explores a different title in the popular Who HQ series through a read-aloud and activities inspired by the stories, including games, crafts, experiments and trivia. No previous knowledge or reading necessary.
Tippecanoe
Tuesdays, Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 12, Dec 10, 4:30-5:30 pm
Martin Luther King
Wednesdays, Sep 18, Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 18, 5-5:30 pm
East
Thursdays, Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19, 4-5 pm
Center Street
Tuesday, Nov 19, 2:30-3:30 pm

“A Wrinkle in Time”
To celebrate A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle, we’ll read an excerpt from the graphic novel, make tesseracts with candy, and make a glittery anti-gravity galaxy in a bottle. First Stage is scheduled to perform the play in 2020.
Bay View
Saturday, Dec 14, 3-4 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 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17, 3:30-4:30 pm
Center Street
Tuesdays, Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17, 5-6 pm
Mitchell Street
Saturdays, Sep 28, Oct 26, Nov 23, 11:30-12:15 pm
Tippecanoe
Saturdays, Sep 7, Nov 2, Dec 7, 1-2 pm

Purrs and Read
Black cats aren’t bad luck! Learn more about cat superstitions and enjoy reading or writing spooky stories with friendly felines from Second Hand Purrs. A great way to build confidence for beginning, struggling or reluctant readers.
Tippecanoe
Saturday, Oct 19, 1-2:30 pm
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. 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.

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

Atkinson
Tuesdays, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 8, 15
4-5:30 pm

Bay View
Thursdays, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24
4-5:30 pm

Capitol
Wednesdays, Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18
5-6:30 pm

Center Street
Saturdays, Oct 5, 12, 26, Nov 2
1:30-3 pm

Central
Saturdays, Dec 7, 14, 21
2-3:30 pm

East
Fridays, Oct 25, Nov 1, 8, 15
4-5:30 pm

Martin Luther King
Mondays, Nov 4, 11, 18*, 25
4:30-6 pm, *2-3:30 pm on Nov 18

Mitchell Street
Wednesdays, Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 6
4:30-6 pm

Tippecanoe
Fridays, Sep 27, Oct 4, 11, 18
4-5:30 pm

Villard Square
Thursdays, Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21
4-5:30 pm

Washington Park
Mondays, Sep 30, Oct 7, 14, 21
4:30-6 pm

Zablocki
Saturdays, Nov 9, 16, 23, 30
2-3:30 pm

**DIY Duct Tape**
Create your own change pouch, wristlet, or wallet from household supplies.
**Center Street**
Monday, Sep 16, 2:30-3:30 pm

**Make it with Mod-Podge!**
“Decoupage your world!” Bring your own object to decoupage, or use the materials provided to create a unique pencil jar or light switch cover to take home!
**Mitchell Street**
Tuesday, Oct 1, 5:30-6:30 pm

**My Black is Beautiful**
Create collage art and learn about African American history with Jody Alexander of Blk*Art, History & Culture.
**Atkinson**
Monday, Oct 21, 4-5:30 pm

**DIY Squishies**
Squish them! Squeeze them! Create your own cute squishy!
**East**
Thursday, Oct 31, 3:30-4:30 pm

**DIY Gift Wrap**
Create your own wrapping paper at the library’s mini-makerspace and let the artist in you shine! Use craft supplies to put your own twist on traditional wrapping and make your gift truly unique.
**Tippecanoe**
Tuesday, Dec 3, 4:30-5:30 pm

**Building 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**
Saturdays, Sep 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 21, 3-4 pm

**Central**
Wednesdays, Sep 4, 18, Oct 2, 16, 30, Nov 13, 27, Dec 11, 3:30-4:30 pm
Saturdays, Sep 14, Nov 23, Dec 28, 2-3 pm

**Mitchell Street**
Mondays, Sep 16, Oct 21, Dec 16, 5:30-6:30 pm
Monday, Nov 18, 5-6 pm

**Tippecanoe**
Wednesdays, Sep 11, Dec 18, 3:30-4:30 pm
Saturdays, Oct 5, Nov 16, 10-11:30 am

**Villard Square**
Thursdays, Sep 5, Oct 3, Dec 5, 4-5 pm

**Washington Park**
Tuesday, Sep 17, 5-6 pm

**Zablocki**
Tuesdays, Sep 24, Oct 22, Nov 26, 4-5 pm
Monday, Dec 16, 4-5 pm
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!

Construction Site
Pack up the tools and get ready to plan and build with blocks at the construction site.
Central
Saturday, Sep 14, 10:30-11:30 am

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, Sep 28, 10:30-11:30 am

Veterinary Clinic
Pretend to be a veterinarian by checking temperatures, updating shots, and performing necessary treatment for our animal friends.
Zablocki
Saturday, Oct 5, 10:30-11:30 am

Camping
Go on a pretend nature hike, sing songs, and roast marshmallows. Then we’ll pitch a tent and settle in for some camp stories.
Capitol
Wednesday, Oct 16, 5-6 pm

Pizza Parlor
Practice making pizzas, taking orders, and delivering your delicious creations to eager customers.
East
Saturday, Nov 2, 2-3 pm

Dinosaur Dig
Pretend to be a paleontologist at a dig site, see how long a real brachiosaurus was, make your own fossil, and more!
Zablocki
Saturday, Nov 16, 10:30-11:30 am

Flower Shop
Help customers, arrange flowers, run the cash register, and write up orders.
East
Saturday, Dec 14, 2-3 pm
Story Times for Birth to 5

Music & Movement Story Time
Let’s move and groove together during this musically motivated story time. Bring your enthusiasm and dance moves. Instruments provided.
Central
Mondays, 6:30-7 pm
No story time Sep 2, Dec 23, Dec 30

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

Pirate Story Time
Ahoy mateys! Aaarrgh you ready to read a good story? Celebrate “Talk Like a Pirate Day” by making your own treasure map and reading great stories about pirates.
Center Street
Thursday, Sep 19, 3:30-4:30 pm

Firefighter Story Time
Join us for a special story time with the Milwaukee Fire Department. Meet MFD firefighters and learn about their uniforms and equipment.
Mitchell Street
Thursday, Sep 19, 10:30-11:30 am
Bay View
Thursday, Oct 3, 10:30-11:30 am
Capitol
Tuesday, Oct 15, 5-6 pm

Pumpkin Exploration Story Time
Pumpkin Exploration! This could be a little messy, so be sure to dress for the occasion. We will be exploring the pumpkin from seed to fully grown. We’ll read about pumpkins together, and a full sensory experience will allow you to touch all parts of the pumpkin. We’ll finish the hour with a pumpkin craft to take home! The sensory activity and craft are recommended for ages 3-7.
Zablocki
Friday, Oct 25, 10:30-11:30 am

Spooktacular Story Time
Enjoy Halloween stories and songs about witches, pumpkins, and trick or treaters. Create some spooky or silly skeleton and pumpkin crafts.
Bay View
Saturday, Oct 26, 11 am-12 pm
Tippecanoe
Thursday, Oct 31, 10:30-11:30 am
Story Times for Birth to 5

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

- **Atkinson**
  - Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 am
  - No story time Nov 28.

- **Bay View**
  - Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 am
  - No story time Nov 28.

- **Capitol**
  - Thursdays, 10-10:30 am
  - No story time Nov 28.

- **Center Street**
  - Mondays, 4-4:30 pm
  - No story time Sep 2.

- **Central**
  - Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 am
  - No story time Dec 24, Dec 31.

- **Martin Luther King**
  - Thursdays, 10-10:30 am
  - No story time Nov 28.

- **Villard Square**
  - Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 am
  - No story time Nov 28.

- **Washington Park**
  - Thursdays, 10:30-11 am
  - No story time Nov 28.

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

- **Capitol**
  - 10:30-11 am
  - Every Thursday for ages 2 and under with a parent or guardian.
  - No story time Nov 28.

- **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. No story time Dec 25, Jan 1.

- **East**
  - 10-11:30 am
  - Every Thursday for ages 2 and under with a parent or guardian.
  - No story time Nov 28.

- **Mitchell Street**
  - 10:30-11:20 am
  - Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian.
  - No story time Nov 28.

- **Tippecanoe**
  - 10:30-11:30 am
  - Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian.
  - No story time Nov 28.

- **Zablocki**
  - 10:30-11:30 am
  - Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian.
  - No story time Nov 28.

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

- **East**
  - Mondays, 6:30-7 pm. No story time Sep 2.

- **Bay View**
  - Mondays, Sep 23, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 16, 6:30-7 pm

- **Zablocki**
  - Mondays, Sep 30, Oct 28, Nov 25, 6-6:30 pm

- **Central**
  - Tuesdays, 6:30-7 pm. No story time Dec 24, Dec 31.
MPL offers free continuing education child care provider workshops as Tier 2 training, as approved by the Wisconsin Registry. Please bring your Registry card or have your Registry ID number handy for submission.

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

**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
- **Capitol (Registration begins Sep 3)**
  - Saturday, Sep 21, 10:30 am-1:30 pm
- **Villard Square (Registration begins Oct 21)**
  - Saturday, Nov 9, 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
- **East (Registration begins Sep 30)**
  - Saturday, Oct 19, 10:30 am-1:30 pm
- **Washington Park (Registration begins Nov 18)**
  - Saturday, Dec 7, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

**The Rhyme and Reason of Mother Goose**

Explore why Mother Goose and poetry are essential to early literacy and ways you can use Mother Goose with young children. Includes materials for you to make an activity for use in your classroom. Continuing Education: 2.0 hours
- **Villard Square (Registration begins Sep 23)**
  - Saturday, Oct 5, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Lesson Planning @ MPL!
The library has many resources to assist you with lesson planning. We will teach you how to use the computer to conduct internet searches, explore the electronic library catalog, locate library materials and create a lesson plan you can use the next day. Bring your library card! Limited to 15 participants.
Continuing Education: 3.0 hours
*Please note that attendees must have prior understanding of lesson planning to get the most of this workshop.*
Zablocki
Saturday, Nov 23, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Dialogic Reading: What it is and How to Use it Effectively with Young Children
Dialogic reading is an effective way to read with young children that will build their early literacy skills. Learn what it is and effective strategies to use during your read alouds.
Continuing Education: 2.0 hours
Mitchell Street (Registration begins Nov 25)
Saturday, Dec 14, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Seis destrezas de la alfabetización temprana
¡Acompáñele personal de Ready to Read (Listos para leer) y emocionesese con la lectura y los libros! Aprenda las seis destrezas que cada niño requiere para que esté preparado para leer al ingresar a la escuela. En esta sesión, aprenda cómo ampliar las lecciones de una manera divertida y llévese ideas nuevas que ayudarán a los niños bajo su cuidado a desarrollar estas seis destrezas. Este taller es el fundamento para los otros talleres y le recomendamos asistir a este primero.
Educación continua: 3.0 horas
Zablocki (El 9 de septiembre comienza la inscripción)
sábado 28 de septiembre, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

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.
Educación continua: 3.0 horas
Mitchell Street (El 14 de octubre comienza la inscripción)
sábado 2 de noviembre, 10:30 am-1:30 pm
Visit Your Milwaukee Public Library Today!

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

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

Bay View
2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.
Monday  10 am-8 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday  12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday  10 am-6 pm
Saturday  10 am-5 pm

Capitol
3969 N. 74th St.
Mon., Tues., Wed.  12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday  10 am-6 pm
Saturday  10 am-5 pm
Sundays (Oct.-April)  1-5 pm
(Closed May-Sept.)

Center Street
2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave.
Monday  10 am-8 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday  12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday  10 am-6 pm
Saturday  10 am-5 pm

East
2320 N. Cramer St.
Monday  10 am-8 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday  12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday  10 am-6 pm
Saturday  10 am-5 pm

Mitchell Street
906 W. Historic Mitchell St.
Mon., Tues., Wed.  12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday  10 am-6 pm
Saturday  10 am-5 pm

Martin Luther King
310 W. Locust St.
Mon., Tues., Wed.  12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday  10 am-6 pm
Saturday  10 am-5 pm

Mill Road
6431 N. 76th St.
Mon., Tues., Wed.  12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday  10 am-6 pm
Saturday  10 am-5 pm

Tippecanoe
3912 S. Howell Ave.
Mon., Tues., Wed.  12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday  10 am-6 pm
Saturday  10 am-5 pm

Villard Square
5190 N. 35th St.
Monday  10 am-8 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday  12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday  10 am-6 pm
Saturday  10 am-5 pm

Washington Park
2121 N. Sherman Blvd.
Monday  10 am-8 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday  12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday  10 am-6 pm
Saturday  10 am-5 pm

Zablocki
3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.
Monday  10 am-8 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday  12-8 pm
Thursday & Friday  10 am-6 pm
Saturday  10 am-5 pm
Sundays (Oct.-April)  1-5 pm
(Closed May-Sept.)

MPL Express at Silver Spring
5550 N. 64th St.
Open 24/7
Check out print materials • Request CDs and DVDs for pick up • Return your library materials. Library card and PIN required.

Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library 813 W. Wells St.
Phone: 414.286.3045 or 1.800.242.8822 (within Wisconsin)
E-mail: wtbbl@milwaukee.gov
Open Monday-Friday, 9 am to 5 pm
Closed Saturday and Sunday.

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

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

All libraries will be closed on the following days:
Monday, Sept. 2: Labor Day
Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 28 & 29: Thanksgiving
Sunday, Dec. 15: Library Closed
Sunday, Dec. 22: Library Closed
Tues.-Wed., Dec. 24 & 25: Christmas
Sunday, Dec. 29: Library Closed
Tues.-Wed., Dec. 31-Jan. 1: New Year’s

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

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