Teen Events
For the Milwaukee Public Library / September-December 2019

HIGHLIGHTS:
• Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M: Makerspace @ Mitchell Street Branch/ pp. 2-3
• Escape Room Challenges/ p. 7
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• Teen Art Contest/ Back Cover

For ages 13-18
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 | Beginning Wednesday, Sep. 4-Saturday, Dec. 21**
- 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**
There will be no Open Maker Time on the dates below. Studio M will host other fun events on these days instead, including cooking, art, and more!

**Teen Wellness**
Be committed to wellness this fall! Once a month, gather in Studio M to try out fun wellness activities and cook tasty, healthy recipes with friends.
- **Mitchell Street**
  - Tuesdays, Sep. 10, Oct. 1 and Wednesdays, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, 5-7:30 p.m.

**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**
  - Every Thursday during Open Maker Time, 3:30-4 p.m.
Satuday Treats
Relax and make a fun treat with friends! Show off your cooking skills and learn new techniques. We will try out new flavors from around the world and revisit old favorites like chocolate chip cookies.
Saturdays, Sep. 7, Oct. 5, 19, Nov. 2, 16, Dec. 7, 21, 2:30-4 p.m.

Bowl Like a Pro
Like to bowl but need to work on your technique? Practice with an expert! Use Studio M film equipment to check your stance and swing.
Saturday, November 9, 2:30-4 p.m.

Ping Pong Power
Learn the rules of ping pong and enjoy a tournament like none other! Use Studio M equipment to make your own ping pong-themed art.
Tuesday, December 17, 5-7:30 p.m.

Level Up Game Making
Interested in making your own video games, but don’t know where to start? Or maybe you tried it out during last summer’s Game Jam and you want to level up your skills. Check out all the equipment and software available in Studio M, and develop your skills with help from expert game developers. Whether you’re a total beginner or you already know your way around Unity, you’ll have a chance to practice and learn something new.
Mondays, Sep. 16, 23, 30, Oct. 14, 6-7:30 p.m.

Open Jam Sessions
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.
Mondays, Oct. 21, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, 16, 6-7:30 p.m.

Teen Intern Pop-Up Programs
Throughout the fall, be on the lookout for special surprise programs planned by MPL’s very own teen interns. From games and crafts to e-sports and Magic: The Gathering tournaments, come to the makerspace to discover something new and fun with friends.
EXPRESS YOURSELF

DIY Duct Tape Crafts
Get crafty with duct tape! Use your ingenuity to design usable creations. Supplies will be provided.

**Center Street**
Monday, September 16, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Villard Square**
Wednesday, December 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Open Mic Poetry Program
Embrace your inner poet with A Way Forward MKE poet A-Tone Bishop’s Open Mic Poetry Program. Learn the key elements of performing poetry. Hear about famous poets, and how they found their voices. Find your own voice during this creative writing workshop! Ages 13 and up.

**Capitol**
Monday, September 23, 3-5 p.m.

**Center Street**
Tuesday, September 24, 3-5 p.m.

**Villard Square**
Monday, October 14, 6-7 p.m.

**Martin Luther King**
Monday, September 30, 5-6 p.m.

Graffiti & Street Art
Explore how graffiti, one of hip-hop’s core elements, has been used as an art form to voice messages of social justice and injustices. Throughout history, graffiti has been used as a communication tool and voice for the unheard and unseen. Learn how this important tradition can be used to document your own history through an interactive art activity. Presented by TRUE Skool.

**Atkinson**
Monday, October 28, 4-5 p.m.

**Tippecanoe**
Tuesday, September 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Around-the-House Jewelry Making
Discover fun and simple ways to make unique jewelry pieces with common items found around your home!

**Capitol**
Wednesday, October 9, 4-5 p.m.

Instrument Petting Zoo
Join us for the Instrument Petting Zoo hosted by Brass Bell Music! Everyone is encouraged to pick up and play a sample of wind, brass, and string instruments.

**Center Street**
Wednesday, October 9, 3-4 p.m.
EXPRESS YOURSELF

**Button-Making Challenge**
Teens are invited to stop by and make their own one-of-a-kind buttons in a new way!
**Capitol**
Monday, December 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
**Villard Square**
Wednesday, October 16, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**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.
**Villard Square**
Wednesday, October 23, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Mind, Body & Soul Urban Line Dancing**
So you think you can dance? Sure you can! Mind, Body & Soul Dancers provide step-by-step instructions to urban line dances like the Wobble, the Cha Cha Slide, and the Cupid Shuffle. Join the fun and get fit!
**Atkinson**
Monday, November 4, 4-5 p.m.

**DIY Gift Wrap**
Create your own wrapping paper at the library’s mini-makerspace and let the artist in you shine! Use various craft supplies to put your own twist on traditional wrapping and make your gift truly unique.
**Tippecanoe**
Tuesday, December 3, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
**Zablocki**
Wednesday, December 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Manga Club**
Visit the last Manga Club event of the year! Learn to draw your favorite characters. As always, origami paper and instructions will be available.
**Mitchell Street**
Thursday, December 5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
LOVE THE LIBRARY

Bookish Bites: YA Book and Food Pairings
Join us for a taste test of teen titles and find some new books or authors to read. Try some literary snacks that tie into the books.

Bay View
Monday, September 16, 6-7 p.m.

Hamilton: An American Festival
Celebrate the hit musical Hamilton with an afternoon of activities at Tippecanoe Branch! Show off your lyrical prowess with Express Yourself MKE, compete in a Hamilton lip sync battle, and more!

Tippecanoe
Saturday, October 12, 1-4 p.m.

#shelfie
Take a #shelfie! We’ll be using the green screen in the Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M: Makerspace to superimpose our images into famous libraries around the world.

Mitchell Street
Monday, October 14, 5-6 p.m.

Create Your Own Adventure
Have you ever wanted to pretend to be an elf? You are invited to a fantasy role-playing adventure! Collaborate on character creation and world building as we explore tabletop RPGs (role-playing games).

Washington Park
Tuesday, November 26, 5-6:30 p.m.

Bibliomania
Discuss popular Young Adult titles chosen by you! Titles for our next book club are Speak: The Graphic Novel by Laurie Halse Anderson and Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds. Be sure to stop in any library and place your copy on reserve in time for our next book club meeting.

Mitchell Street
Wednesday, December 18, 5-5:45 p.m.
**CHILL AND HAVE FUN**

**Games with Community Leaders**
Scrabble or Chutes and Ladders anyone? Or would playing chess be up your alley? Celebrate your community and those who make it great by playing classic board games with local community leaders!

**Center Street**
Saturday, October 19, 1:30-3 p.m.

**East**
Saturday, October 5, 1-3 p.m.

**Cold Case Escape Room Challenge**
Get your friends together and see if you have what it takes to solve a cold case and escape the library. Your teamwork and critical-thinking skills will be put to the test as you work with a group to solve challenging clues and puzzles to open a box and solve the murder case! Two games will be played at each session. Limit of 15 people per game. Challenge is based on Edgar Allan Poe’s *The Tell-Tale Heart*.

**Bay View**
Monday, October 21, 5-7 p.m.

**Escape Room**
See if you have what it takes to solve this puzzle. Your teamwork and critical-thinking skills will be put to the test as you work with your partners to solve challenging clues and puzzles to escape the library!

**Washington Park**
Tuesday, October 29, 5-6 p.m.

**International Games Week: Game Night**
Celebrate International Games Week by coming to the library and challenging yourself and peers to a game night. We will provide snacks, board games, and Wii U - just bring your competitive spirit.

**Villard Square**
Tuesday, November 5, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Zablocki**
Wednesday, November 6, 4:30-6 p.m.

**Celebrate Star Wars**
Celebrate the upcoming *Star Wars* film *The Rise of Skywalker* at this all-ages program! Join us for crafts, trivia, and snacks! Costumes encouraged but not required.

**East**
Friday, December 6, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
LET’S LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Embody Yoga
Join Joanna of Embody Yoga for Yoga at the Library. In this 60-minute class, participants will develop strength and flexibility as they learn a variety of yoga poses and breathing techniques. Beginners are welcome.
Martin Luther King
Saturday, September 28, 2-3 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration with Panadanza Dance Company
Learn about the roots of salsa and other Latin dances. Experience first hand the rhythms, dancing, and drumming of Panadanza Dance Company.
Mitchell Street
Tuesday, October 8, 6-7 p.m.

Thinking Under the Influence
Thinking Under the Influence is an alcohol harm reduction program presented by Diverse & Resilient that equips youth (ages 14-24) with knowledge and skills to reduce the risks associated with using alcohol, as well as becoming informed about how marginalized communities are affected by alcohol.
Capitol
Wednesday, November 6, 4-6 p.m.

How We Got Here
Join Reggie Jackson of America’s Black Holocaust Museum as he examines the legal and social treatment of various ethnic groups and how those experiences have led to the racial and ethnic disparities we witness today.
Martin Luther King
Wednesday, November 13, 6-7:30 p.m.
LOOKING AHEAD

Back-to-School Resource Fair
Drop in for fun, hands-on exploration, and a few surprises as you learn about some of the most important back-to-school resources your Milwaukee Public Library has to offer. Learn ways to start the school year off on the right foot and discover FREE resources the library has to help you get the most out of the year ahead. Learn about Brainfuse online tutoring and LibraryNow.
Zablocki
Saturday, September 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Finish Up! Fridays - Drop-in Homework Help
Why leave your homework until Sunday night? Stop in for a light snack and finish up your assignments before the weekend starts!
Capitol
Fridays, Sep. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, 3:30-5:30 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 and apply for jobs. Hosted by Wisconsin Community Services (WCS).
Atkinson
Monday, November 18, 1-3 p.m.
Center Street
Monday, October 28, 2-4 p.m.
Martin Luther King
Saturday, September 14, 12-2 p.m.
Wednesday, October 30, 3-5 p.m.
Saturday, November 9, 1-3 p.m.
LET’S DISH

Jelly Bean Taste Test
Participate in a jelly bean taste test. Sample a variety of different jelly bean brands and find out which you like best.
Villard Square
Wednesday, October 2, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Chocolate Olympics
Join other teens in a friendly competition all about CHOCOLATE! Race to sort M&M’s, make the highest Oreo stack, learn to make a great hot cocoa from scratch, and name the candy bar in the Cargill Community Kitchen.
Mitchell Street
Monday, November 18, 6-7 p.m.

Oreo Taste Test Challenge
Take the Oreo cookie Taste Test Challenge. Sample a variety of different Oreo cookies and find out which one is the best.
Villard Square
Tuesday, December 3, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
STEM

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

**Atkinson**
Monday, December 30, 1-3 p.m.

**Martin Luther King**
Wednesday, September 11, 4-5 p.m.

**STEM-tember: Spa Day**
Explore some self-care science! Learn how to make bath bombs and more while discovering the science behind these fun bath products. This program will involve the use of essential oils; patrons with scent sensitivities please be advised.

**Capitol**
Wednesday, September 11, 4:30-6 p.m.

**Hour of Code**
Coding is fun! 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 tweens and teens ages 9-18.

**Atkinson**
Monday, September 16, 4-5:30 p.m.

**Bay View**
Tuesday, December 3, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Central Library Children’s Room**
Saturday, September 28, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Snap Circuits**
Explore the principles of electricity and electronics with Snap Circuits. Hands-on projects show how circuits work in technology all around us.

**Villard Square**
Mondays, September 16 and November 18, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Teen Tech Time**
Want to learn some basic concepts of engineering or electronics? Come to Teen Tech Time and learn how electricity flows by building basic and fun projects with Snap Circuits. Then learn about electronics with littleBits, a system of electronic modules that snap together with magnets.

**Zablocki**
Monday, November 18, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
TEEN ART CONTEST
NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 4, 2019

Does art inspire you? Do you create art that empowers others?

Enter your favorite original art piece to the Milwaukee Public Library between November 1 - December 4.

Submissions will be displayed during our Teen Art Gallery on Monday, December 9 and Tuesday, December 10 from 4-7:30 p.m. at Central Library’s Centennial Hall. All eligible submissions will be voted on by “Community Choice” during the Teen Art Gallery. Winners will be announced at the Teen Art Contest Reception & Celebration on Tuesday, December 10 from 6-7:30 p.m. with the winning pieces announced at 7 p.m. Learn more at mpl.org/TeenArtContest.

Centennial Hall Gallery Nights
733 N. Eighth St.
Monday, December 9, 4-7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, December 10, 4-6 p.m.

Contest Reception & Celebration
Tuesday, December 10, 6-7:30 p.m.