

Teen Events

For the Milwaukee Public Library / January-April 2020

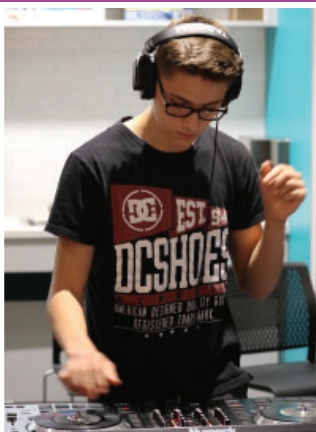


HIGHLIGHTS:

- Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M: Makerspace @ Mitchell Street Branch/ pp. 2-5
- Teen Poetry Contest/ p. 10
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration/ Back Cover

For ages
13-18

OPEN MAKER TIME



AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT FOR YOU TO USE:

Community kitchen | Computers & laptops with professional design software | DSLR cameras | Gaming & VR equipment | Graphic design tools | Recording studio | 3D imaging | Video making equipment

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. Learn more at mpl.org/makerspace.

Mitchell Street Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M Makerspace Beginning Monday, January 6-Saturday, May 30

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:30-7:30 pm

Thursdays and Fridays, 3:30-5:30 pm

Saturdays, 1-4:30 pm

Special Makerspace 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!

Jan. 13, 14, 27, 29, 31, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 17, 22, 25, 27, 28, Mar. 27, 31, Apr. 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 18, 24, 28, May 29.

Teen Intern Pop-Ups

Throughout the spring, be on the lookout for special surprise programs planned by MPL's very own teen interns. From games and art to e-sports and Dungeons & Dragons, come to the Makerspace to discover something new and fun with friends.



Teens of Milwaukee Public Library
January-April 2020 | For ages 13-18 | mpl.org

MAKERSPACE

Snack Hack!

Make and eat a simple snack and learn about the importance of healthy snacking! *The Snack Hack series is generously supported by Pete's Fruit Market.*

Mitchell Street Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M Makerspace

Every Thursday during Open Maker Time, 3:30-4 pm

Circuit Art

Make your own light-up greeting card, mask, or sculpture. Experiment with circuits and LED lights to illuminate your artwork at the library.

Mitchell Street Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M Makerspace

Wednesday, March 18, 5-7 pm

Teen Wellness

Be committed to wellness this spring! Once a month, gather in the Makerspace to try out fun wellness activities and cook tasty, healthy recipes with friends.

Mitchell Street Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M Makerspace

Fridays, January 31, February 28, March 27, April 24, May 29, 3:30-5:30 pm

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.

Mitchell Street Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M Makerspace

Wednesday, February 5 and Monday, March 2, 6-7 pm

Chop it Like it's Hot

Compete to win the coveted title of Master Maker Chef. Work in a team and use only the ingredients provided to create a mouthwatering masterpiece that leaves the competition with leftovers. Which team will you be on?

Mitchell Street Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M Makerspace

Tuesdays during Open Maker Time, 4-6 pm*

**Except January 14, 28, February 11, 25, March 10, 31, April 7, 14, and 28.*

MAKERSPACE

Spring Break: Baby Shark Tank

Want to be your own boss? Entrepreneurship takes ambition, hard work, and guts. See if you have what it takes in this teen small business incubator program. Team up with other teens who have the entrepreneurial spirit and develop your own small business idea. Then pitch your idea at the Pitch Event on April 9. Qualifying teams will win \$200 in startup capital. We recommend that you attend all sessions to prep for the best ever pitch!

Registration recommended, but not required.

Mitchell Street Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M Makerspace

Monday, April 6, 1-7 pm – **Build Your Business Plan**

Tuesday, April 7, 1-7 pm – **Budget Like a Boss**

Wednesday, April 8, 1-7 pm – **Develop Your Brand**

Thursday, April 9, 11 am-1 pm – **Refine Your Pitch**

Thursday, April 9, 2-3 pm – **Mitchell Street Studio M Pitch Event**

Sew Your Own Apron

Stop by either Makerspace any day in March to pin and cut fabric for a Maker apron. Then, come again in April to sew your apron and decorate/screen print it with a fun design. Keep your apron at home or in the Makerspace – either way, whenever you want to make something, you'll be covered!

Mitchell Street Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M Makerspace

March: Any day during Open Maker Time

Sew Your Apron:

Wednesday, April 1, 3:30-7:30 pm

Friday, April 3, 3:30-5:30 pm

Saturday, April 4, 1-4:30 pm

Decorate Your Apron:

Monday, April 13, 3:30-7:30 pm

Saturday, April 18, 1-4:30 pm



MAKERSPACE

Experimental Watercolor Techniques and Book Binding

Let loose with experimental watercolors. Use chemical reactions to create abstract pieces of art and then come back to bind them into your own sketchbook. Keep it for yourself or give it as a unique gift!

Mitchell Street Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M Makerspace

Monday, January 27, 3:30-7:30 pm – **Create Your Watercolor**

Wednesday, January 29, 3:30-7:30 pm – **Bind Your Sketchbook**

Make Your Own T-Shirt Design: Intro to Adobe Illustrator

Create your own T-shirt design and get a crash course introduction to Adobe Illustrator in this four-part workshop. Learn the basics of Illustrator to get started on simple flat drawings, print your design on a T-shirt and tell everyone that YOU are a fashion designer!

Mitchell Street Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M Makerspace

Saturdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 1-4:30 pm

Drawing Self-Portraits

You don't have to be a pro to draw outstanding self-portraits. Whether you're a newbie or someone with experience, these exercises are all about the process and drawing outside of the box. Practice and learn new skills hand-in-hand with a fine artist.

Mitchell Street Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M Makerspace

Monday, February 10, 5-7:30 pm

Pop-Up World

Explore the world while making a pop-up book! Learn what makes a pop-up book work and the endless possibilities of simple pop-up structures.

Mitchell Street Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M Makerspace

Wednesdays, January 15 and 22, 5-7:30 pm

PLAN YOUR FUTURE

Test Tips and Tricks

Looking for some tips on how to study for your next big test? Learn about MPL practice test databases and work with tutors to set up strong study habits that will lead to future success.

Capitol

Thursdays, January 23, April 16, 4-5:30 pm

Drop-In Homework Time

Why leave your homework 'til the weekend? Stop in for a light snack and finish up your assignments before the weekend begins. A tutor will be on hand for additional homework help.

Capitol

Wednesdays, February 19, March 25, April 29, 5-7 pm

Drop-In Teen Resume Help

Create or update your resume to get a great job you can love. Complimentary resume printing for those who attend.

Washington Park

Tuesday, January 14, 5-6 pm

Mitchell Street

Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 5:30-7 pm

Capitol

Thursday, April 9, 4-5:30 pm

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 for jobs.

Atkinson

Monday, March 16, 3-4:30 pm

Villard Square

Monday, April 6, 2:30-4 pm

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Instrument Petting Zoo

All ages are encouraged to pick up and try playing wind, brass, and string instruments at this Instrument Petting Zoo hosted by Brass Bell Music Store.

Center Street

Monday, February 17, 3-4 pm

Mindfulness for Teens

Learn strategies to help you cope with everyday stressors. Use these new skills in your personal life and when entering the work force. We will paint rocks for you to take home.

Mitchell Street

Wednesday, March 4, 5:30-7 pm

African American “Shero” Mini-Collage

Celebrate Women’s History Month with Blk-Art*History&Culture. Enjoy a brief history lesson on pioneering African American women while making a keepsake mini-collage of your “Shero”.

Villard Square

Monday, March 23, 5-6:30 pm

Be a Good Citizen

Learn the basics of civic involvement and what you can do to be a good citizen. Gain knowledge in the importance of voting and how our political system works for you and how you can make a change.

Mitchell Street

Wednesday, May 6, 5:30-7 pm

EXPRESS YOURSELF

Sip & Draw

Make your own freehand design on a coffee mug or paper and sip on a nice hot cocoa or tea.

Mitchell Street

Wednesday, January 8, 5-6:30 pm

Villard Square

Monday, February 10, 4:30-5:30 pm

Writing Our Story:

Exploring the History of Hip Hop Culture with TRUE SKOOL

TRUE SKOOL will explore the history of Hip Hop Culture as a revolutionary tool and how this global phenomenon was birthed from and influenced by time-honored storytelling, civil rights movements, poetry, and older traditions such as blues, jazz, and funk. This cipher will include a collective creative 'Writing Our-Story' exercise with participants inspired by the past, present, and future!

Atkinson

Tuesday, February 4, 4-5 pm

Villard Square

Wednesday, February 12, 5-6 pm

Martin Luther King

Wednesday, February 19, 5-6 pm

Center Street

Wednesday, February 26, 3-4 pm

Behind the Board: Audio Engineering 101

Do you love music and want to better understand music technology?

Join audio engineer Amy Upthagrove for this hands-on workshop designed to give a beginner-level overview of the core concepts and equipment involved in live sound production. No experience needed!

Capitol

Monday, February 24, 5:30-7:30 pm

EXPRESS YOURSELF

Circle Weaving Project

Looking for a cozy way to spend a chilly day? Learn a simple and meditative weaving craft to pass the time away. No prior experience required.

Capitol

Wednesday, January 8, 4:30-6 pm

East

Tuesday, January 14, 3:30-5 pm

Mind, Body & Soul Urban Line Dancing

Learn a new dance with instructors from Mind, Body & Soul Dancers. No experience necessary. Just be ready to have some fun!

Atkinson

Monday, January 13, 4-5 pm

Center Street

Tuesday, March 3, 3-4 pm

DIY Cosplay

Anime Milwaukee is coming up! Celebrate with us by making DIY cosplay accessories, including cat ears (kawaii!) and leaf village headbands (Naruto). Local cosplayers will be on hand to share their tips of the trade!

Capitol

Wednesday, February 5, 5-7 pm

Patterns and Prints: Drop-In Block Printing

Drop in to learn how to use pre-carved linoleum blocks as a way to make your own decorative fabric piece.

Capitol

Thursday, March 19, 3:30-5 pm

Coils, Kinks, and Ash OH MY!

Racism is real. In the era of Black Lives Matter we need to have honest and open conversations about its impact on how Black people see one another and themselves. Let's dialogue about colorism — its history and its social impact from textbooks to memes. Presented by Dr. Monique Liston from UBUNTU Research and Evaluation

Martin Luther King

Wednesday, March 11, 5:30-6:30 pm

TEEN POETRY CONTEST

2020 Teen Poetry Contest

Do you have a way with words? Milwaukee youth ages 10-18 are encouraged to submit an original poem to this year's Poetry Contest. Prizes will be awarded to the top three in each age category: 10-12, 13-15, and 16-18. Submit up to two poems at mpl.org/poetrycontest from April 1-30.

Teen Poetry Coffeehouse

We are transforming the Mitchell Street Branch into a cozy coffeehouse for our celebration of the end of the Poetry Contest. We will announce the winners and provide fun activities that will flex your poetry muscles. Share your poem during our spoken word open mic or take a turn in the sound booth to make a professional recording of your poem. Coffee, hot chocolate, and refreshments will be provided. Poetry Contest winners will be announced at 3:30 pm.

Hosted by the Teen Advisory Board.

Mitchell Street

Saturday, May 16, 2:30-4 pm

Open Mic Poetry

Embrace your creativity with Milwaukee poet A-Tone Bishop of "A Way Forward MKE" for an open mic poetry program. Learn about iconic poets and how they found their voice, and then explore the key elements of performing poetry and find your voice during a writing workshop.

Martin Luther King

Monday, April 13, 2-3 pm

Center Street

Tuesday, April 14, 3-4 pm

From Flowers to Resistance: Eco-Poetry with Mikey Cody Apollo

Celebrate Earth Day and the inherent connection between art and activism with this poetry event about nature and resilience. Join Milwaukee poet Mikey Cody Apollo as she leads a workshop that uses examples of poetry to explore the significant and complex relationships between marginalized communities and Mother Nature. Teens will create their own eco-poems as a way to reclaim the joy and power in writing about flowers.

Capitol

Wednesday, April 22, 5-6:30 pm

BOOKWORMS UNITE

Book Hedgies

Upcycle old books into a fantastic book hedgehog! Create Thor, Hermione, or your own favorite character or a unique creation. Then embellish it with costume and personality.

Bay View

Tuesday, January 28, 4-5 pm

The Book of Me

Explore poetry about one of your favorite topics: You! Create poetry and artwork about your name, interests, family and neighborhoods. Each day create a unique piece about yourself. Attend all of the days to craft a small book about your life.

Atkinson

Mondays, April 6, 13, 20, 27, 4-5:30 pm

DIY Duct Tape Bookmarks

Celebrate National Library Week by creating bookmarks using colorful duct tape. Get your creativity flowing and show off your artistic side.

Zablocki

Monday, April 20, 4-5 pm

Marshmallow Book Bingo

Try your hand at Book Bingo! Grab a bingo card and use marshmallows as your bingo markers.

Bay View

Tuesday, March 24, 4-5 pm

CHILL AND HAVE FUN

Celebrate National Puzzle Day

Come in from the cold and have fun with different types of puzzles, from jigsaw puzzles to giant floor puzzles, to word searches and crossword puzzles. Snacks provided.

East

Wednesday, January 29, 4-5:30 pm

Capitol

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Zablocki

Wednesday, January 29, 4-5:30 pm

Wii Gaming

Chill after school with Wii games and snacks.

Tippecanoe

Mondays, January 27 and March 23, 3:30-5 pm

Pal-entine's Day Crafts

Celebrate your friends, your pals, and your buddies. Use various craft materials to make cards or paper flowers.

Zablocki

Monday, February 10, 4-5 pm

Anti-Valentine's Day Afternoon

If your favorite thing about Valentine's Day is the chocolate and you can forget the paper hearts, join us for an afternoon of chocolates, games, and absolutely no mushy stuff.

Tippecanoe

Tuesday, February 11, 3:30-5 pm

CHILL AND HAVE FUN

Make Your Own Valentines

Share the love! Make valentines your way – design them online or handcraft a card exactly the way you want for someone special. Snacks and art supplies will be provided – just bring yourself!

East

Thursday, February 13, 1:30-3 pm

Helping Hands: Tie Blankets

Help your community by giving back. Put your love and time into a tie blanket or small dog bed to keep a shelter animal warm and cozy.

Zablocki

Monday, February 17, 3-4:30 pm

Mitchell Street

Wednesday, February 19, 5:30-7 pm

Bay View

Friday, February 21, 3:30-5 pm

DIY Duct Tape

Create your own change pouch, wristlet, or wallet. Use your ingenuity to create usable accessories from household supplies.

Center Street

Tuesday, March 24, 3-4 pm

Spring Break Wii U Games & More

Relax with Wii U and board games. Beat levels together, go head-to-head, or dance to the beat with fellow gamers.

Villard Square

Tuesday, April 7 and Monday, April 13, 3-5 pm

LET'S DISH

Popcorn Taste Test

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

Villard Square

Wednesday, January 22, 4:30-5:30 pm

Center Street

Thursday, January 23, 3-4 pm

Yes to the Chefs! Food Series: Maya Ophelia's

Learn what it takes to start a food truck business and taste-test a snack prepared by special guests Maya Ophelia's. The founders of Maya Ophelia's will do a quick food demo and discuss their experience as young Milwaukee food entrepreneurs.

Capitol

Wednesday, March 4, 5-6:30 pm

Teen Pizza Break

Create, bake, and taste-test delicious creations during our build-your-own personal bagel pizza party! Just bring your appetite.

Villard Square

Wednesday, March 11, 4-5:30 pm

Mad Science Cereal Contest

Do you have what it takes to make the best cereal ever? Perfect your top-secret formula and compete against friends to create a delicious morning mix. The inventor of the best combination will receive a special sweet treat, but everyone wins as we sample the submissions and vote on a favorite!

East

Monday, April 13, 3:30-5 pm

STEM

LEGO Brick Build for Tweens and Teens

Be creative and explore with the LEGO Education Kit - Simple & Powered Machines.

Villard Square

Monday, January 27, 4:30-5:30 pm

Zablocki

Wednesday, March 4, 4:15-5:15 pm

Snap Circuits

Explore the principles of electricity and electronics with snap circuits. Hands-on projects demonstrate how circuits work in technology all around us.

Villard Square

Wednesday, February 26, 4:30-5:30 pm

Math Games

In honor of Pi Day (3.14), join us for fun math activities. Make a patterned bracelet, challenge a friend to a board game, and enjoy a piece of pie.

Center Street

Wednesday, March 11, 3-4 pm

Bay View

Tuesday, March 17, 4-5 pm

Make Your Meme Move

Do you love to laugh at a good meme? Learn how to make your own motion GIFs with some basic video-making skills. You will need a Facebook, Snapchat, or Instagram account to participate. Share your funny creation with friends!

Bay View

Monday, March 30, 3:30-5 pm

STEAM Challenge: Peeps Catapult

Teens and tweens design and test a Peeps catapult using rubber bands and craft sticks to see whose can go the furthest!

Center Street

Monday, April 13, 3-4 pm

Villard Square

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

Fun with Chatbots

Send messages to chatbots and learn about this advancing technology that combines artificial intelligence and human interaction. Compete against a chatbot to prove you are human in a Turing Test.

Washington Park

Tuesday, April 28, 5-6 pm

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY 2020

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a change agent. His actions and words still live on to inspire people to change themselves, their community and the world.

The Martin Luther King Branch Library will be open from 9 am to 5 pm on Monday, January 20 in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Enjoy entertainment and activities that demonstrate how you, too, can be a change agent! *Programming for the celebration is funded by the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation.*

Join us for an exciting morning of hands-on activities such as Change Agent Art with Katrina Hunt by painting an empowering message on canvas. In the afternoon, look forward to live entertainment from Golda Meir School student performers, Ton Ko-Thi, Ex Fabula Storytelling and much more! For a complete list of activities and live performances, visit mpl.org/MLKDay.



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Central 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. • **East** 2320 N. Cramer St.

Martin Luther King 310 W. Locust St. • **Mill Road** 6431 N. 76th St.*

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