

Calendar of Events

For the Milwaukee Public Library • January-April, 2020



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A Message From the City Librarian



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While few relish the coming cold and snow, we at the Milwaukee Public Library are excited!

Winter is the perfect time to visit your library. Check out a book—or ten! — to curl up with at home and read until spring arrives. There's nothing cozier than reading together as a family. It's also a great way to promote a love of books and reading that will last a lifetime. You can take the library home with you in other ways as well. E-books and DVDs for your entertainment, audiobooks when you're on the move, music CDs when you're ready to groove, and databases for all your research needs – we provide many ways for you and your family to stay active and engaged all winter long!

If, however, winter is your favorite time to be out and about, we've got you covered with fun, free, and educational programs for the whole family. Our story times, play groups, and school aged programs are designed to help Milwaukee's youngest and brightest strengthen their literacy skills. We offer a variety of STEAM programs to enrich children's knowledge and pique their interest in multiple subjects. Two exciting programs worth checking out this winter include our annual King Day celebration at the Martin Luther King Branch on Monday, January 20, where we'll honor the life and legacy of Dr. King with activities for all ages. And at Browser's Book Bash in March, we celebrate the incredible, diverse world of children's literature with some memorable book characters, dynamic entertainers, live animals, and more!

We can't wait to see you at the library!

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.

No Teacher in the Library Dec 16-Jan 2. Teacher in the Library resumes on Monday, Jan 6.

No Teacher in the Library Apr 6-13. Teacher in the Library resumes Tuesday, Apr 14.

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

Center Street

Martin Luther King

Villard Square



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Teacher
in the Library
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Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2020

You Can Be a Change Agent!

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 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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!

Morning Activities from 9 am to 12 noon



Change Agent Art with Katrina Hunt

Become your own agent of change through art! Paint an empowering message on canvas.

LEGO Brick Communities

Work together to build communities with LEGO bricks.

Seeds of Change Photo Display

View images of protest signs used to ignite the fight for equality during the Civil Rights Movement.

Teen Advisory Board

Interactive Game

Learn about agents of change with an interactive game and share how you make a difference in your community by writing a story or drawing a picture with MPL's Teen Advisory Board.

Craft Stations

Make one or more fun, family crafts to take home.

Button-Making

Choose pictures and words to design a King Day pin.

Interview a Change Agent

Meet people who are doing amazing things in our neighborhoods! Complete a questionnaire about them to earn a prize.



Afternoon Programs beginning at noon

Noon Welcome from City Librarian Paula Kiely and Special Guests

12:15 pm Golda Meir School
Student performers pay tribute to Dr. King's legacy.

12:25 pm 414 Life - Violence Interruption
The 414 Life team will provide an overview of their violence interruption methods/mission and present success stories.

12:35 pm Ton Ko Thi - Tribal/DrumTal Guinea Fare
These dances originating from Guinea, West Africa celebrate a villager's rite of passage from childhood to adulthood.

1:15 pm Ex Fabula Storytelling
Hear from community members who used storytelling as a way to ignite change in Milwaukee and let their true personal stories inspire you to share your own!

2:20 pm Signature Dance
Marvel at the dance moves of these young women during this powerful, original presentation.

2:50 pm Alpha Phi Alpha Trivia Contest
Learn facts about the Civil Rights Movement and earn prizes.

3:20 pm Live Painting with Fatima Laster Featuring Spoken Word by A-Tone Bishop and Company
Witness the interconnectivity and interpretation of socially charged spoken word poetry put to canvas through a live painting performance.

End the day with a slice of cake in honor of Dr. King's birthday while supplies last.

Programs for the celebration funded by the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation.

Browser's Book Bash

Celebrate your love of reading, books, and the characters that make them special. The Milwaukee Public Library celebrates our city's diverse community of readers and the books that Milwaukee loves! Join us for music, comedy, literacy activities, animals, art, and cookie decorating! You might just see the Cat in the Hat or Curious George!

Central Library Kick-Off Celebration

Saturday, Mar 7, 10 am-1 pm

Join Browser the Library Lion, Curious George, and the Cat in the Hat as they "check out" these festivities:

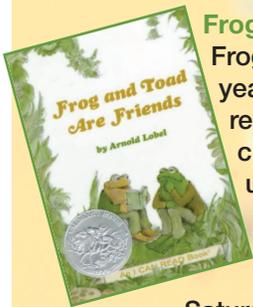
- Get your face painted
- Enjoy singing, dancing, and acting out stories
- Hear silly stories in our story nook
- Play Fox in Socks matching games
- Meet animals at Lulu's animal "rescue"
- Visit Frog and Toad's Fishing Pond
- Create book-inspired art with Artists Working in Education
- Decorate a cookie



Reading Steps Entertainment

- 10-10:45 am Sing and dance with The Figureheads
- 11-11:45 am Chris Fascione brings children's stories to life
- 12-12:45 pm Sing and dance with The Figureheads

Enjoy more book-based fun at these neighborhood branch library reader celebrations!



Frog and Toad Are Friends

Frog and Toad have been friends for 50 years! Celebrate with Schlitz Audubon's reptiles and amphibians. See them up close, learn what makes each of them unique, and why they are our friends, too! We'll also have fun activities based on Frog and Toad's adventures.

Central

Saturday, Feb 29, 10:30-11:30 am

Villard Square

Wednesday, Mar 4, 4:30-5:30 pm

Center Street

Monday, Mar 9, 3-4:30 pm

Tippecanoe

Monday, Mar 16, 6-7:30 pm

Atkinson

Monday, Mar 23, 4-5:30 pm

East

Tuesday, Mar 31, 4-5:30 pm

Pete the Cat Party

Join us to celebrate all things Pete the Cat! We will have various stations of crafts and activities. Bring your magic sunglasses and do the cool cats boogie! In addition to the book bash, enjoy a Pete the Cat Scavenger Hunt during the month of March.

Zablocki

Tuesday, Mar 3, 6-7 pm

Bay View

Tuesday, Mar 10, 6-7 pm

Elephant and Piggie Party

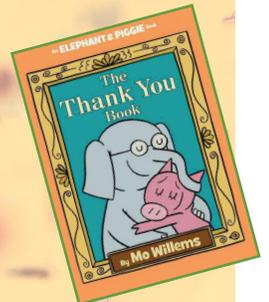
Celebrate the beloved characters Gerald and Piggie with all of the laughter and fun of the *Elephant and Piggie* book series by Mo Willems.

Washington Park

Tuesday, Mar 10, 5-6 pm

Capitol

Tuesday, Mar 17, 5-6 pm



Teju the Storyteller

Teju the Storyteller combines storytelling, singing and percussion instruments to create an entertaining whirlwind of a performance about African and African American folklore for all ages.

Martin Luther King

Monday, Mar 23, 5:30-6:30 pm

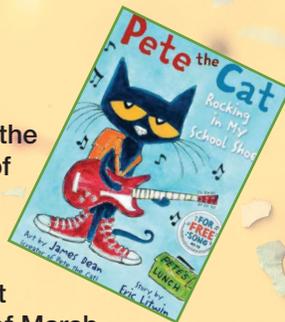


Princess of Magic

This magicienne is not your ordinary princess! Marvel and laugh during this interactive magic show.

Mitchell Street

Saturday, Mar 28, 1-2:30 pm



For Families

Winter Animals Story Time

What happens to Wisconsin animals in the winter? Learn how animals survive the bitter cold and make your own pine cone bird feeder to take home.

Capitol

Tuesday, Jan 21, 4-5 pm

Ping Pong Mini Golf

See if you can stay under par in our cardboard mini-golf course. Learn the game or hone your skills.

Washington Park

Tuesday, Jan 28, 5-6:30 pm

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 crossword puzzles. Snacks will be available.

Zablocki

Wednesday, Jan 29, 4-5:30 pm

Instrument Petting Zoo

Children and adults 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, Feb 17, 3-4 pm



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears

Join Blk-Art*History & Culture as art meets history in the classic African folktale *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears* by Verna Aardema. Create your own art project based on the classic tale.

Villard Square

Tuesday, Feb 4, 5-6:30 pm

Atkinson

Monday, Feb 10, 4-5:30 pm

Tippecanoe

Saturday, Feb 22, 1-2:30 pm

Center Street

Tuesday, Feb 25, 3-4:30 pm

Martin Luther King

Saturday, Apr 25, 2-3:30 pm

A History of Jazz in America

Celebrate Black History Month with jazz enthusiast Carol V. Johnson and the music of jazz greats like Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, John Coltrane, Thelonious Monk, Wynton Marsalis, as well as great singers such as Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, and Sarah Vaughn. See classic vinyl jazz albums, listen to live music, and enjoy light refreshments.

Villard Square

Tuesday, Feb 11, 5-6:30 pm

Black History Month Read-In

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs invites families to get to know local African American history makers and learn about a variety of children's African American literature during Book Jacket Bingo. Craft included. Light refreshments will be served.

Martin Luther King

Wednesday, Feb 12, 5:30-6:30 pm

For Families

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. Bring the family, get fit, have fun!

Center Street

Tuesday, Mar 3, 3-4 pm

Music Explorations

Enjoy an engaging and playful introduction to musical concepts for young children. Explore and learn musical concepts through singing, call and response, movement, and hands-on music-making in an encouraging and joyful environment.

Mill Road

Tuesday, Mar 3, 4-5 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.

Center Street

Monday, Mar 16, 4-4:30 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, Mar 11, 3-4 pm

Bay View

Tuesday, Mar 17, 4-5 pm

Saturday Sing-a-long Movie Matinee

Come in out of the cold and sing along to a family friendly movie classic. Come dressed as your favorite character from the movie. Refreshments will be provided.

Mill Road

Saturday, Mar 21, 12 pm – *Annie*, 1981



Dreamers/Soñadores

Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day as we read the award-winning book *Dreamers* by Yuyi Morales in English and Spanish. Get inspired by the personal journey of discovery and beautiful artwork, then create a collage-style dream board of your own hopes and dreams!

Mitchell Street

Monday, Apr 27, 6-7 pm

Tippecanoe

Tuesday, Apr 28, 6-7 pm

Zablocki

Thursday, Apr 30, 4:15-5:15 pm

"Dream Drum Girl" accompanied by Proyecto Bembe Drum + Dance

Come join us for Día, a nationally recognized literacy initiative that celebrates diversity, books, and children! *Dream Drum Girl*, a Pura Belpré Award-winning book, written by Margarita Engle, will be brought to life through a reader's theater-style presentation accompanied by percussion drumming from Proyecto Bembe. This presentation will be followed by a drumming workshop where children will be taught basic techniques.

Central

Saturday, May 2, 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

Bay View

Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 am

Center Street

Mondays, 4-4:30 pm

Central

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 am

Martin Luther King

Thursdays, 10-10:30 am

Villard Square

Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 am

Washington Park

Thursdays, 10:30-11 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

10-11 am

Every Thursday for ages 4 and under with a parent or guardian. Childcare groups are welcome.

Central

9:30-10:30 am & 10:45-11:45 am

Every Wednesday for ages 2 and under with a parent or guardian. Story time is repeated for the second session.

East

10-11:30 am

Every Thursday for ages 2 and under with a parent or guardian.

Mill Road

10:30-11:30 am

Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian.

Mitchell Street

10:30-11:30 am

Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian.

Tipecanoe

10:30-11:30 am

Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian.

Zablocki

Thursdays, Jan 2-Mar 5, 10:30-11:30 am

Tuesdays, Mar 10-Apr 2, 10:30-11:30 am

Thursdays, Apr 9-Apr 30, 10:30-11:30 am

For ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian.

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

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



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!

Bay View

Mondays, Jan 13, Feb 10, Apr 20, 6:30-7 pm

Central

Tuesdays, 6:30-7 pm

East

Mondays, 6:30-7 pm

Zablocki

Mondays, Jan 27, Feb 24, Apr 27, 6-6:30 pm



Big Blue Blocks Open Play

Join other children and families for an evening of unstructured and open play as you use your imagination to build structures with Big Blue Blocks.

Center Street

Monday, Jan 29, 3:30-4:30 pm

Mill Road

Mondays, Mar 9, Apr 13, 6-7 pm

Family Tinker Time

Learn the basics of coding with hands on fun using Cubetto. Cubetto is a robot that will teach young children the basics of coding through storytelling and adventure.

Mill Road

Mondays, Mar 23, Apr 27, 4-5 pm

Messy Art Club

Get messy at the library! Young children and families are invited for a series of tactile, process-based art experiences to engage the mind and the senses.

Mitchell Street

Tuesdays, Feb 11, Mar 10, 4:30-5:30 pm

Tippecanoe

Monday, Apr 13, 3:30-4:30 pm



For Ages Birth to 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!

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!

Central

Saturday, Jan 4, 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!

Zablocki

Saturday, Jan 25, 10:30-11:30 am

Construction Site

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

Zablocki

Saturday, Feb 15, 10:30-11:30 am

Bakery Shop

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.

East

Saturday, Feb 22, 2-3 pm

Camping

Go on a pretend nature hike, sing camp songs, and roast marshmallows. Then we'll pitch a tent and settle in for some camp stories.

East

Saturday, Mar 21, 2-3 pm

Pizza Parlor

Grab your apron and get ready to work at the pizza parlor. Practice making yummy pizzas, taking orders, and delivering your delicious creations to eager customers.

Capitol

Tuesday, Mar 24, 5-6 pm

Veterinary Clinic

Pretend to be a veterinarian by checking temperatures, updating shots, and performing necessary treatment for our animal friends.

Central

Saturday, Apr 25, 10:30-11:30 am



For Ages Birth to 5

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!

**Programa Juega y aprende por la mañana -
Biblioteca Mitchell St. - 10:30-11:30 am**

El supermercado

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

- viernes 3 de enero

La excavación de dinosaurios

¡Aprende sobre los dinosaurios y los paleontólogos a través de los libros y juega a ser un paleontólogo en un sitio de excavación!

- viernes 7 de febrero

¡En la granja!

Trabajemos juntos en la granja porque el trabajo compartido es más divertido. Juguemos a ser granjeros y sembremos, cuidemos, y cosechemos nuestros productos agrícolas.

- viernes 6 de marzo

La pizzería

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

viernes 3 de abril

**Programa Juega y aprende por la tarde -
Biblioteca Zablocki - 6-7 pm**

La heladería

¡Acompáñanos a la heladería! Ponte el delantal, arremángate la camisa y agarra la cuchara para helado. Túrnete operando la caja registradora, tomando las órdenes de los clientes y limpiando la heladería mientras exploramos uno de nuestros lugares favoritos.

- miércoles 15 de enero

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.

- miércoles 19 de febrero

La florería

Ayuda a los clientes, arregla las flores, opera la caja registradora y solicita la información necesaria para los pedidos de los clientes. ¡Hay mucho que hacer en nuestra florería concurrida!

**Cambio de lugar: Mitchell Street
- miércoles 18 de marzo, 6-7 pm**

El consultorio médico

Nuestros amigos imaginarios están un poco enfermos. ¡Es hora de visitar al médico! Juega a ser un médico y examina a los pacientes, haz un diagnóstico, administra las vacunas y ayúdalas a sentirse mejor. Si deseas, lleva tu propia muñeca al consultorio médico.

- miércoles 15 de abril



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!

Jan 4

Dinosaur Dig - Special time 10:30-11:30 am

Learn about dinosaurs and paleontologists through stories and play. Pretend to be a paleontologist at a dig site, make your own fossil, and more!

Jan 11

Over & Under the Snow

It's wintertime! While some animals are fast asleep below the snow, others are awake and braving the cold. Let's share wintry stories and use our senses to explore how different animals face the season.

Jan 18

Signed, Sealed, Delivered

Isn't it fun to receive a letter or card from a friend in the mail? Read stories, sing songs and learn about the people who bring us our mail every day. Don't be surprised if we get a special delivery during story time!

Jan 25

Icky Sicky Story Time

Join us in this contagious story time that stresses the importance of good hygiene!

Feb 1

Ice Cream for Breakfast Day

It's National Ice Cream for Breakfast Day! Celebrate with books, songs, and a delicious chilly treat.

Feb 8

Amazing Mae!

Celebrate the life and work of Dr. Mae Jemison, the first Black woman astronaut in space and a modern American heroine. Read a-Mae-zing stories, sing space-tastic songs, and make a simple rocket craft.

Feb 15

Snowy Day at the Library

Listen to the classic picture book *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats and enjoy snowy activities like Peter!

Feb 22

Mindful Morning

Take a deep breath and join us for stories and activities about relaxation and attention.

Feb 29

Fifty Years of Frog and Toad!

For 50 years, Arnold Lobel's stories of Frog and Toad have captivated readers of all ages. Join the Schlitzy Audubon Society in celebrating all the amazing things about frogs, toads, and a variety of other amphibians!

Mar 7

Browser's Book Bash!

See pg. 4 for details.

Mar 14

Pi Day Hooray!

What is pi?! Come find out! We'll have constant and irrational fun with books and crafts as we circle around exciting math concepts.

Mar 21

Weather Party

March is known for its wild weather! Join us, rain or shine, for stories and activity stations that feature the weather around us!

Mar 28

Bear Wakes Up!

Join the adventure and help Bear from Karma Wilson's *Bear Wakes Up* find food to fill him up after his long winter's nap!

Apr 4

STEAM Challenge: Three Little Pigs

Could the Big, Bad Wolf really blow down a straw house? Want to test it out for yourself? Join us for a STEAM story time where we'll read the fairytale and then attempt to prove the story true!

Apr 11

Going Green at the Library

Earth Day is every day! Celebrate the earth by reading green stories and participating in activities where you will learn how you can help the environment.

Apr 18

Let's Go Fly a Kite

April is National Kite Month! Let's celebrate by reading and singing about kites...then making our own to fly!

Apr 25

Veterinary Clinic: Special time 10:30-11:30 am

Pretend to be a veterinarian by checking temperatures, updating shots, and performing necessary treatment for our animal friends.

Saturday Afternoons at Central for 'Tweens

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**

Jan 4

Storytelling 101 with Milwaukee PBS

Discover your inner author and illustrator with Milwaukee PBS! Learn the basics of storytelling with hands-on activities, and continue the fun with a craft to take home. This session is best for children Kindergarten through third grade, but all are welcome.

Jan 11

Felt Bookmarks

Make your own bookmark to keep your place in your story - with style.

Jan 18

Hour of Code

Whether you are an expert coder, a total beginner, or somewhere in between, there will be a fun coding challenge for you! For tweens and teens ages 9-18.

Jan 25

Rice Art

Rice: Not only is it a versatile food, but it's also great for art! We'll use dyed rice to make amazing creations!

Feb 1

Marshmallow-Toothpick Building Challenge

Calling all architects: Show us your building skills. What is the tallest freestanding structure you can build with 20 marshmallows and 25 toothpicks?

Feb 8

Helping Hands – Meals on Wheels

Help spread joy by decorating placemats and lunch bags for Meals on Wheels recipients.

Feb 15

Helping Hands - Teens Grow Greens

Share the love and lend a hand by helping out a local organization!

Feb 22

George Crum's Ultimate Potato Chip Challenge

Imagine a world without potato chips! Celebrate the tasty legacy of George Crum, an African American man who accidentally invented this beloved treat. Put your taste buds to the test as we create and crown a "chip champion" that would make Crum proud.

Feb 29

Art Workshop with Artists Working in Education (A.W.E.)

Be creative, try new art techniques, and have fun expressing your artistic point of view! Everyone gets to take home their creations and families are encouraged to come and make art together.

Mar 7

Browser's Book Bash

See pg. 4 for details.

Mar 14

In Mary's Garden

Tweens can create their own clay sculpture inspired by local artist Mary Nohl with found objects based on the book *In Mary's Garden* by Tina & Carson Kügler.

Mar 21

"Believe in the Impossible!": A Zaha Hadid Building Challenge

World-famous Iraqi architect Zaha Hadid, known as the "Queen of the Curve," created buildings that defied gravity with their swoops and swirls. Celebrate Hadid's signature style as we attempt to construct models out of curved objects like pool noodles and toilet paper tubes.

Mar 28

"Light and Lines": A Maya Lin Building Challenge

Maya Lin is a renowned artist and architect known for her work using patterns of light and lines. Join us as we try our hand at building like Maya Lin using Magna-Tiles, straw connectors, and more!

Apr 4

"Art is For Everyone": A Ruth Asawa Building Challenge

Ruth Asawa was an incredibly talented Asian-American artist known for her wire sculptures and geometric exploration. Try new techniques with old materials as we build together using her work as inspiration.

Apr 11

Dough Much Fun 2.0

Measure, mix, and stir to create homemade play-dough.

Apr 18

Zines for Tweens

Show off your self-publishing skills and learn to make and design your own zine.

Apr 25

Build with LEGO Bricks

Get your creativity flowing using LEGO bricks. Meet friends and see what you can create together.

For Ages 6-12

COOK

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, Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 3, Apr 7, 4-5 pm

Chocolate Chip Cookie Science

Do you like your cookies crispy or chewy? Mix, measure and experiment in the Cargill Community Kitchen and discover the science behind the perfect chocolate chip cookie. Cookie tasting required. Registration required.

Mitchell Street

Tuesday, Jan 28, 5-6:30 pm

CREATE

Buttons for Peace

Make a peace-themed button in celebration of Martin Luther King Day. Spread Peace and love by making a few extra buttons to share. Buttons will be left out to share with the public for the remainder of the week.

Mitchell Street

Monday, Jan 13, 5-6 pm

Villard Square

Wednesday Jan 15, 4:30-5:30 pm

Flying Crafts

Learn how to make several different kinds of flying toys. Create your own whirligig, flying saucer, and paper airplane. Then test your engineering with a series of challenges.

Washington Park

Tuesday, Feb 4, 5-6 pm

Pal-entine's Day Celebration

Celebrate your friends, your pals, and your buddies. Make Valentine's Day cards for your friends to show them how much you care.

Capitol

Tuesday, Feb 11, 4-5 pm

Center Street

Wednesday, Feb 12, 3-4 pm

Zablocki

Wednesday, Feb 12, 4-5 pm

Shrinky Dink Valentine's Day

Create a Shrinky Dink Valentine keychain for your friends and family.

East

Friday, Feb 13, 3:30-4:30 pm

CATAPULT

After School Tech Time

Explore STEAM concepts and skills with these hands-on fun and creative activities.

East

Thursdays, Jan 2, Mar 5, Apr 2, 4-5 pm

Tippecanoe

Tuesdays, Jan 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 4:30-5:30 pm

Let It Snow!

Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow! Learn how snow is created in the atmosphere and make your own snow out of household items.

East

Wednesday, Jan 15, 3:30-4:30 pm

Tween Tech Time

See how electricity flows by building basic projects with Electronic Snap circuits. Learn about electronics with littleBits, a system of electronic modules that snap together with magnets.

Zablocki

Monday, Feb 3, 4-5 pm

Wednesday, Feb 5, 4-5 pm

Villard Square

Monday, Mar 30, 4:30-5:30 pm

STEAM Challenge: Peeps Catapult

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

Center Street

Monday, Apr 13, 3-4 pm

Villard Square

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

For Ages 6-12

Build with LEGO Bricks

Get your creativity flowing using LEGO bricks. Meet friends and see what you can create together. Build 21st century skills such as problem-solving and collaboration and STEAM skills such as engineering.

Washington Park

Tuesdays, Jan 7, Feb 18, Mar 31, Apr 21, 5-6 pm

Central

Wednesdays, Jan 8, 29, Feb 19, Mar 11, Apr 8, 3:30-4:30 pm

Villard Square

Wednesdays Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 18, 4:30-5:30 pm

Wednesday, Apr 8, 2:30-3:30 pm

Tippecanoe

Saturdays, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 21, 2-3:30 pm

Center Street

Tuesday, Jan 14, 3-4 pm & Tuesday, Apr. 28, 3-4 pm

Zablocki

Tuesdays, Jan 14, Feb 11, Apr 14, 4-5 pm

Monday, Mar 2, 4-5 pm

Bay View

Saturdays, Jan 18, Feb 1, Mar 28, Apr 25, 3-4 pm

Atkinson

Tuesdays, Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 24, 4-5 pm

Mill Road

Wednesday, Mar 25, 5:30-6:30 pm

LEGOpalooza

Share your LEGO love at the library! Build, explore, and get creative with LEGO bricks. Drop in for open building at any point, or participate in specific activities happening throughout the event, see flyer for additional details. If you wish to display your own creation, please call (414) 286-3011 to reserve a spot to exhibit.

Tippecanoe

Tuesday, Apr 7, 3:30-6:30 pm

Book Jacket Bingo

B-I-N-G-O was the name of the book-o! Show off your book knowledge and celebrate your favorites.

Central

Wednesdays, Jan 22, Feb 12, Mar 4, Apr 1, 29, 3:30-4:30 pm

Candy Bingo

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

Bay View

Thursday, Jan 23, 4-5 pm

Board Games Galore

Scrabble or Chutes and Ladders anyone? Or would playing Chess be up your alley? Have a delightful time playing board games at the library!

Central

Wednesdays, Jan 15, Feb 5, 26, Mar 18, Apr 15 3:30-4:30 pm



Wii U Gaming

Relax with the Wii U and board games. Beat levels together, go head-to-head, or dance to the beat in a social setting.

Washington Park

Tuesdays, Jan 21, Feb 11, Mar 17, Apr 14, 5-6 pm



Pokemon Gym Challenge for Tweens

Calling Pokemon trainers and fans! Visit the Bay View Gym (Library) to celebrate the upcoming Pokemon Day. We've got Pokemon-themed coloring, button-making, and books. Battle a Gym Leader with a Nintendo 3DS to win a badge, meet new friends, and talk about your favorite Pokemon! A few 3DSes will be available to use.

Bay View

Monday, Feb 24, 3:30-5:30 pm

Pokemon Gym Challenge – Slowpoke Edition

You missed Pokemon Day by a month, slowpoke! Here's another chance to play Pokemon video games, craft art, earn badges, and make new friends. Let's celebrate all things Pocket Monster.

Washington Park

Tuesday, Mar 24, 5-6:30 pm

For Ages 6-12

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. 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

Tuesdays, Apr 28, May 5, 12, 19, 4-5:30 pm

Bay View

Thursdays, Feb 13, 20, 27, Mar 5, 4-5:30 pm

Capitol

Wednesdays, Mar 11, 18, Apr 1, 15, 5-6:30 pm

Center Street

Saturdays, Feb 22, Mar 21, 28, Apr 4, 1:30-3 pm

Central

Wednesdays, Mar 25, Apr 22, 4-5:30 pm

Saturdays, Feb 29, May 2, 2-3:30 pm

East

Fridays, Mar 13, 20, 27, Apr 3, 4-5:30 pm

Martin Luther King

Saturdays, Feb 15, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9, 2-3:30 pm

Mill Road

Thursdays, Mar 12, 26, Apr 9, 23, 4-5:30 pm

Mitchell Street

Wednesdays, Feb 12, 19, 26, Mar 4, 4:30-6 pm

Tippecanoe

Fridays, Feb 14, 21, 28, Mar 6, 4-5:30 pm

Villard Square

Mondays, Apr 20, 27, May 4, 11, 4:30-6 pm

Washington Park

Mondays, Mar 23, 30, Apr 6, 13, 5-6:30 pm

Zablocki

Saturdays, Apr 18, 25, May 9, 16, 2-3:30 pm



Mask Making Workshop

Create a mask by assembling various papers, string, twine and found objects.

Martin Luther King

Monday, Mar 9, 5-6:30 pm



Pi(e) Day

Celebrate Pi(e) Day in a yummy way by creating and decorating your own mini pastry pie.

East

Saturday, Mar 14, 3-4 pm



Puppet Making Palooza

Bring your creativity to the library and use a variety of materials to make a puppet. Join others and perform a puppet show together. This is an opportunity to express creativity while developing literacy and collaborative skills.

Washington Park

Tuesday, Apr 7, 5-6 pm

For Ages 6-12

Who? What? Where? Book Explorers

Do you really love the popular Who HQ series? Explore the books through activities, trivia, and experiments. No previous knowledge or reading necessary.

Zablocki

Thursday, Jan 2, 3-4 pm

Thursday, Apr 16, 4-5 pm

Storytelling 101

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.

Central

Saturday, Jan 4, 2-3 pm

Washington Park

Wednesday, Jan 8, Monday, Jan 27, 5-6 pm

Atkinson

Tuesday, Jan 14, 4-5 pm



Young Authors: Write Your Book!

Got a story to tell? Write your own short book. Over the course of six sessions, students will create characters, dream up a setting, craft a plot, write, and illustrate their story. You can tell your story, write a story for a favorite character, or imagine a whole new world! At the last session, students will have an opportunity to share their work with their families. Led by Dream Keepers founder and author Rochelle Melander, this class is perfect for children ages 7-12.

Tippecanoe

Tuesdays, Feb 25, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 6-7 pm

Poetry Fusion

For students who love to create with both pictures and words, this workshop will provide wonderful inspiration from books and art. Write poems in reaction to famous works of art. Create art to accompany your favorite words. Learn how to make art with words. Led by Dream Keepers founder and author Rochelle Melander.

Mitchell Street

Mondays, Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, 4:30-5:45 pm

Women's History Book Jacket Bingo

Play bingo and win prizes based on children's books about inspiring women who changed the world!

Martin Luther King

Wednesday, Mar 25, 5:30-6:30 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.

Tippecanoe

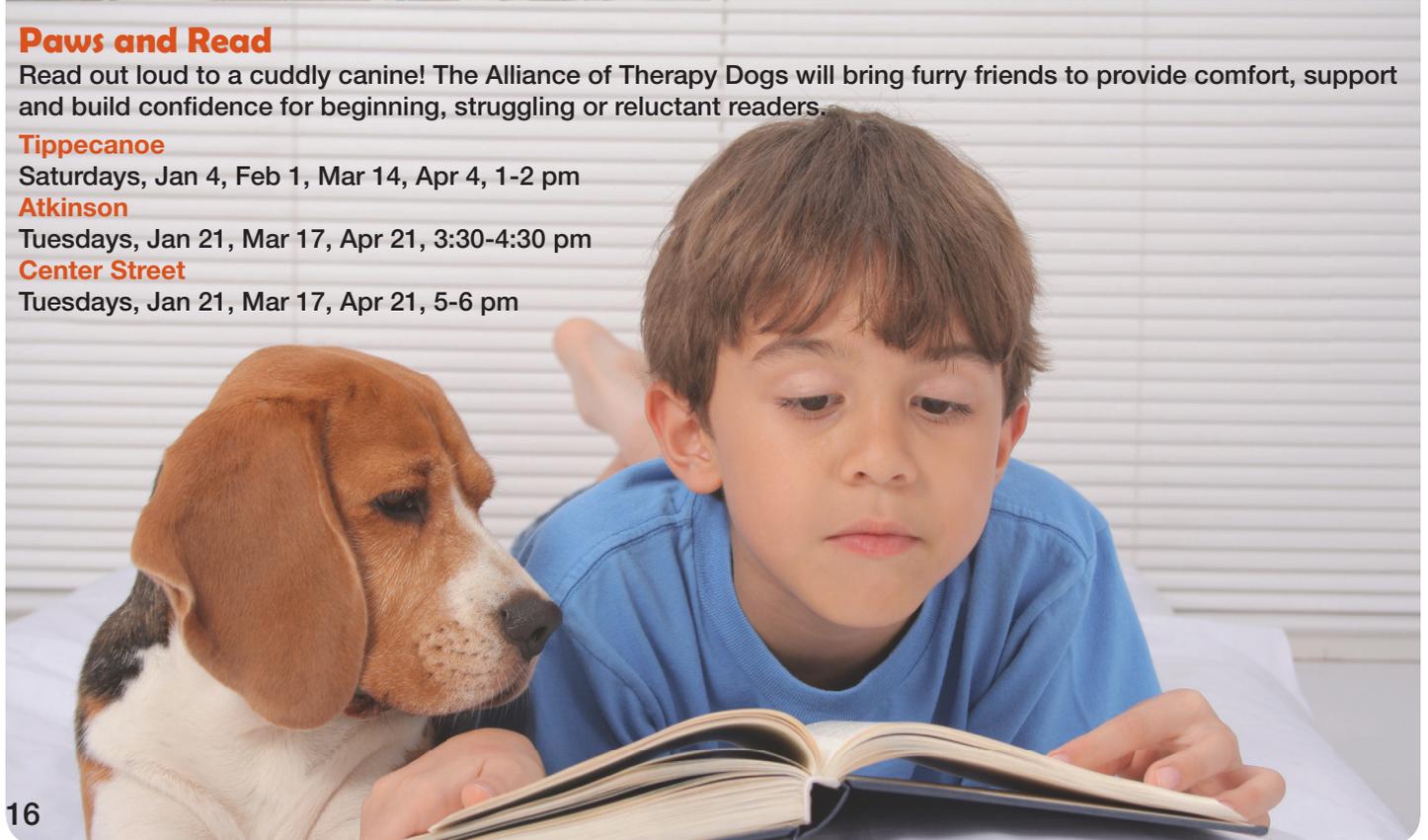
Saturdays, Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 14, Apr 4, 1-2 pm

Atkinson

Tuesdays, Jan 21, Mar 17, Apr 21, 3:30-4:30 pm

Center Street

Tuesdays, Jan 21, Mar 17, Apr 21, 5-6 pm



For Ages 6-12

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day!

Four Seasons STEAM Challenge

Join us for hands-on STEAM activities inspired by the four seasons and explore all the wonders of nature.

Capitol

Tuesday, Apr 21, 4-5 pm

Rock Art

Decorate a rock with words of inspiration or decorate with paint or markers. Make one for yourself and give one to a friend.

Zablocki

Wednesday, Apr 22, 4:15-5:15 pm

Villard Square

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

Celebrate Earth Day!

Celebrate Earth Day with stories and crafts.

Mitchell Street

Monday, Apr 20, 4:30-5:30 pm

Tippecanoe

Tuesday, Apr 21, 4-5 pm

Mill Road

Wednesday, Apr 22, 5:30-6:30 pm

Center Street

Thursday, Apr 23, 3-4 pm

Recycled Robots

Bring your imagination! Construct your own robot using recyclables. Decorate your robot any way you want using various bits and bobs.

Bay View

Monday, Apr 27, 4-5 pm

Re-Crafting Recyclables:

A Month Celebration of Earth Day

Help save the Earth and repurpose recycling by turning plastic, cardboard, and trash into creative items like bracelets, kites, bird feeders, and wind chimes!

East

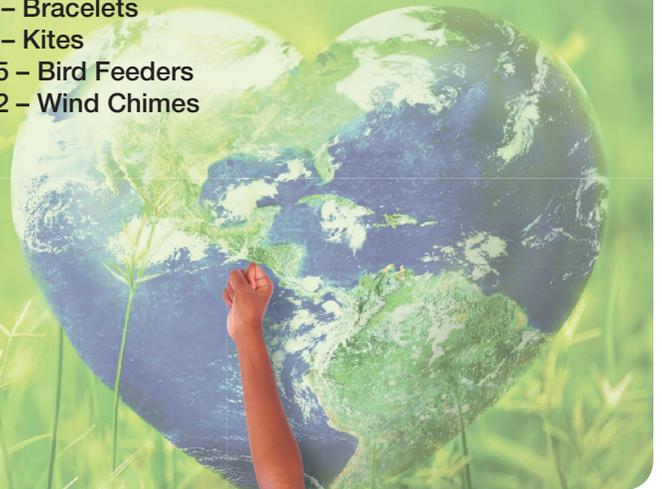
Wednesdays in April, 3-4:30 pm

Apr 1 – Bracelets

Apr 8 – Kites

Apr 15 – Bird Feeders

Apr 22 – Wind Chimes



Spring Break at Central

Spring Break Scavenger Hunt

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

Monday, Apr 6 – Saturday, Apr 18

Tween Test Kitchen

Put your culinary skills to the test with this yummy sushi program. Try your hand at making candy sushi that satisfies your sweet tooth.

Monday, Apr 6, 1-2 pm

Florentine Opera Presents: "Cinderella"

The Florentine Opera brings the classic tale of *Cinderella* to life by weaving together the many operas that tell the tale. This multi-language production will bring the magic of opera and theater to life with beautiful singing, sets, and costumes.

Tuesday, Apr 7, 10:30-11:30 am

Bunch'a Bouquets

Learn how to make tissue paper flowers and arrange them beautifully for your home.

Tuesday, Apr 7, 1-2 pm

Bubble Blowing Challenge

What group can blow the most bubbles from point A to point B? We'll use two types of bubble solution and see whether or not our outcomes change.

Wednesday, Apr 8, 1-2 pm

I Survived Spring Break!

Explore hands-on STEAM activities inspired by the *I Survived* series by Lauren Tarshis, from natural disasters to shark attacks and sinking ships!

Thursday, Apr 9, 1-2 pm



For Early Childhood Educators

Tier

MPL offers free continuing education workshops for early childhood educators 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 the workshop can begin as scheduled. To receive credit, attendees must arrive on time.

Tier 2

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 workshops, and we recommend you attend this first.

Continuing Education: 3.0 hours

East (registration begins Jan 6)

Saturday, Jan 25, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Washington Park (registration begins Mar 9)

Saturday, Mar 28, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Tier 2

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

Center Street (registration begins Feb 10)

Saturday, Feb 29, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Villard Square (registration begins Mar 30)

Saturday, Apr 18, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Tier 2

Literacy and 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

Capitol (registration begins Dec 30)

Saturday, Jan 18, 10:30 am-12:30 pm



For Early Childhood Educators

Tier 2

Facts are Fun

Non-fiction or factual books are not just for school-aged children! Informational books introduce children to important concepts and vocabulary. Come and be introduced to great non-fiction books and how they add fun and interest to your classroom.

Continuing Education: 2.0 hours

Villard Square (registration begins Jan 20)

Saturday, Feb 8, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Tier 2

Hidden Treasures: Creative & Simple Story Time Props

This session will show you a variety of simple but creative story time props that can be made using recyclable materials and items you have on hand to develop early literacy skills. Bring your camera!

Continuing Education: 2.0 hours

Capitol (registration begins Mar 2)

Saturday, Mar 21, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Tier 2

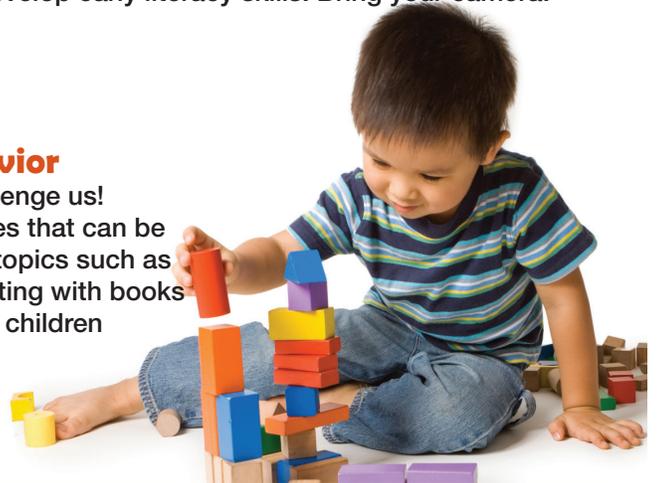
Using Books to Encourage Positive Behavior

Young children's behavior can both entertain and challenge us! During this session you will explore books and activities that can be used to help redirect children's behavior and address topics such as anger, sharing, and friendship. Often, discussing these topics starting with books is the first step to dealing with challenging behaviors, and guiding children toward the behaviors we want!

Continuing Education: 3.0 hours

Mitchell Street (registration begins Apr 6)

Saturday, Apr 25, 10:30 am-1:30 pm



Talleres gratuitos en español para los educadores de la primera infancia

La MPL ofrece talleres de nivel 2 para los educadores de la primera infancia que son aprobados por "The Wisconsin Registry." Por favor, traiga su número o tarjeta de identificación de "The Registry." Se requiere una inscripción previa; llame al (414) 286-3011 (inglés) o al (414) 286-8423 (español), o inscribese 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.

Nivel 2

La lectura dialógica

La lectura dialógica es una manera efectiva para leer con los niños pequeños que desarrollará las destrezas de alfabetización temprana. Aprenda qué es y cómo puede incorporar esta técnica en el aula.

Educación continua: 2.0 horas

Mitchell Street (El 13 de enero comienza la inscripción)

sábado 1 de febrero, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Nivel 2

Un comienzo correcto, un final brillante: forjando bases en el aula de los bebés y niños pequeño

Ser un cuidador cariñoso es una parte tan importante de la enseñanza de los más chiquitos bajo su cuidado. Sin embargo, ¿cuándo debe comenzar? ¿Cómo lo debe hacer? Aprenda a establecer el entorno óptimo para el desarrollo cerebral sano. Conozca cómo el "apego seguro" y el desarrollo socio-emocional son las bases para el aprendizaje de todos los bebés y los niños pequeños en el futuro. Explore maneras para establecer interacciones intencionales durante el día, que fomenten las destrezas lingüísticas y que sean apropiadas al desarrollo del niño.

Educación continua: 3.0 horas

*Este taller está diseñado específicamente para aquellos que enseñan a niños del nacimiento a los 36 meses de edad. *

Mitchell Street (El 24 de febrero comienza la inscripción)

sábado 14 de marzo, 10:30 am-1:30 pm



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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

1960 W. Atkinson Ave.

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

Good Hope Opens in 2020!

7717 W. Good Hope Rd.

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
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Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1 - New Year's

Monday, January 20: Martin Luther King Day

Please note: M.L. King Branch will be open 9 am-5 pm

Friday, April 10: Good Friday

Sunday, April 12: Easter Sunday

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