Calendar of Events
For the Milwaukee Public Library • January-April 2019

Browser, the Cat in the Hat, and friends present the Milwaukee Public Library’s Book Bash!
Saturday, March 2, 10 am-1 pm at Central Library

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A Message From the City Librarian and Mayor

How does a child become a lifelong reader? How does a child form their identity as a reader? How does a child master the skills and mechanics they need to become a reader? When a child visits the library for a program or story time, browses the collection, or looks to a librarian for help finding the right book—this is how they become readers. These simple interactions show each child that being a reader means making choices and finding preferences through discovery and following their interests. Programs at the Milwaukee Public Library are designed to provide rich experiences layered with fun and discovery for children to express themselves and explore. Look through this calendar and add some events to your family’s calendar.

In March, the Milwaukee Public Library will mark Read Across America Day by recognizing the readers in our city and the diverse books they love to read. Join Browser and friends to participate in activities that celebrate the favorite books, authors and characters of Milwaukee’s young readers.

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 through 8 and their parents with homework help, academic support and encouragement. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**Teacher in the Library will resume on Monday, January 7, 2019**

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

**Washington Park**

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

**Mill Road**

**Mitchell Street (bilingual/Spanish)**

**Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays, 4-6:30 pm; Thursdays, 4-5:30 pm**

**Atkinson**

**Capitol**

**M.L. King**

**Bay View**

**Center Street**

**Villard Square**

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

**Teachers will help parents:**
- learn ways to help their children at home with school assignments
- by answering questions they have regarding their child’s school work
Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

Milwaukee Public Library hosts a full day of activities honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Branch. For the past 10 years the branch has opened on Martin Luther King Jr. Day to offer a celebration filled with poetry, music, dance, crafts, games and community services. Programming for the celebration is funded by the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation.

**Family Activities from 9 a.m. to noon**  
(except where noted)

**Make and Take Art**  
Design your own King-inspired laminated bookmark with the help of artists from Express Yourself MKE.

**TRUE Skool**  
What are you doing to make Dr. King’s dream a reality? Craft your answer through beat making, writing and recording session. (ends at 11 a.m.)

**Video Booth**  
Stop by the video booth and answer the question – “What are you doing to make Dr. King’s dream a reality?”

**I Have a Dream!**  
Write about your dreams and ideas and create miniature how-to books to take home.

**Volunteer Recruitment Fair**  
Meet representatives from local organizations to find out about volunteer opportunities in the community.

**Play Super-Sized Chess**  
Challenge friends or family to a game on the super-sized chess board.

**Craft Stations**  
Make one or more family fun crafts to take home.

**Button-Making**  
Choose pictures and words to design a King Day pin.

**3D Pen Creations**  
Use 3D pens to create peace signs.

**Buttons for Peace**  
Make a peace-themed button in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. 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.

**Celebrate the Life of Dr. King**  
Hear a story, learn about Dr. King’s life, and create a peace handprint flower.

**Zablocki**  
Wednesday, Jan 9, 4-5 pm

**What Dr. King’s Dream Means to Me**  
Create a poem, short paragraph, or drawing which will be displayed on the bulletin board in the children’s room during the month of January.

**Center Street Washington Park**
Write your answer to what Dr. King’s dream means to you on strips of paper that will be made into a chain and showcased in the Milwaukee African American History Museum at Villard Square in February.

**Villard Square**

**Afternoon Performances beginning at 12 noon**

**Noon**  
Mayor Tom Barrett and City Librarian Paula Kiely kick off an afternoon of live programming.

**12:10 p.m.**  
Lincoln Center of the Arts Middle School Orchestra, Choir and Dance Milwaukee Public School student performers pay tribute to Dr. King’s legacy.

**1:05 p.m.**  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s Beloved Community: Understanding Our Responsibility for Celebration  
Dr. King promoted The Beloved Community as a difficult yet achievable goal for individuals and communities. Dr. Monique Liston of Ubuntu Research and Evaluation will lead a discussion about The Beloved Community as a practice that leads to change through an interactive workshop.

**2:00 p.m.**  
SistaStrings  
Enjoy the soulful sounds of this classically trained musical duo.

**2:30 p.m.**  
Mini Step Show  
Enjoy a performance by Milwaukee Public School’s Delta Sigma Nu high school fraternity and sorority.

**2:35 p.m.**  
Alpha Phi Alpha Trivia Contest  
Learn facts about the civil rights movement and earn prizes.

**3:00 p.m.**  
Popular music band Cigarette Break performs cherished musical numbers.

End the day with a slice of cake in honor of Dr. King’s 90th birthday (while supplies last).
**For Families**

**Milwaukee African American History Museum**
View exhibits created by neighborhood children as well as students from area schools.

**Villard Square**
Museum opening on Tuesday, Feb 5, 5:30-7 pm
Exhibits on display Feb 5 through Mar 2.

**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, Dizzy Gillespie and more. See classic vinyl jazz albums, listen to live music and enjoy light refreshments. All ages welcome!

**Villard Square**
Tuesday, Feb 12, 4:30-6 pm

**Black History Month Read-In**
Alderman Milele A. Coggs invites families to listen to heartfelt stories. Craft and light refreshments included.

**Martin Luther King**
Wednesday, Feb 13, 5:30-7 pm

**African American Book Jacket Bingo**
Test your knowledge of African American children’s literature and win prizes with this fun game of Bingo.

**Center Street**
Tuesday, Feb 5, 4-5 pm

**Central**
Wednesday, Feb 20, 3:30-4:30 pm

**African History Jeopardy**
Hosted by Africans on the Move, a community organization based in Milwaukee.

**Center Street**
Wednesday, Feb 27, 6-7:30 pm

**Jali Kunda**
Learn about traditional West African drumming and storytelling with Keba Diabate and the artists of Jali Kunda.

**Center Street**
Tuesday, Jan 29, 3-4 pm

**Zablocki**
Saturday, Feb 23, 1:30-2:30 pm

**Bucket Drumming with the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music**
Make music with a 5-gallon bucket and a pair of drumsticks. Participants will learn basic rhythm patterns and create an original piece of music to accompany a traditional story.

**Atkinson**
Monday, Feb 4, 4-5 pm

**Central**
Saturdays, Feb 9, Mar 9, 2-3 pm

**Classic Family Movie Nights**
Enjoy a free family movie at the Mitchell Street Branch!

**Wednesdays**
Jan 23, 5-6:45 pm
*The Princess Bride* (PG) (1987)
Feb 6, 5-6:45 pm
*Labyrinth* (PG) (1986)
Mar 20, 5-6:45 pm
*The Sandlot* (PG) (1993)

**Origami Dioramas!**
Show off your paper folding and scene creating skills by making origami dioramas. Dioramas will be on display from March 12 to March 16. Vote for your favorite. Open to all ages.

**Martin Luther King**
Learn to Fold Origami
Saturday, Feb 16, 1-3 pm

**Wednesday, Feb 27, 4:30-6:30 pm**

**Build Your Origami Diorama**
Saturday, Mar 2, 1-3 pm

**Wednesday, Mar 6, 4:30-6:30 pm**

**Arab American Heritage Month**
Explore Arabic culture with the Milwaukee Muslim Women’s Coalition. Celebrate Arab American Heritage Month through activities, crafts and dance.

**Tippecanoe**
Tuesday, April 9, 6-7 pm

**Spring 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 surprise!

**Central**
Monday, Apr 15 - Saturday, Apr 20 during open hours

**Villard Square**
Monday, Apr 15 - Saturday, Apr 20 during open hours

**Zablocki**
Monday, Apr 15 - Saturday, Apr 20 during open hours
For Families

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 on Dr. Seuss’ birthday for music, comedy, literacy activities, animals, art and cookie decorating! Look out, you might just see the Cat in the Hat or Curious George!

Central Library Kick-Off Celebration
Saturday, Mar 2, 10 am-1 pm

Join Browser, the Library Lion, the Cat in the Hat, and Curious George as they “check out” these book-based 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
- Get stylish in Olivia’s Dress Up Corner
- Create book-inspired art with Artists Working in Education
- Decorate a cookie and take it home to eat

Reading Steps Entertainment
10-10:45 am Ms. Jen & The Jellyfish
11-11:45 am Laugh out loud as Chris Fascione brings children's stories to life
12-12:45 pm Ms. Jen & The Jellyfish

11 am-1 pm Create your own special journal with writing coach, Rochelle Melander.

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

Browser and Curious George
Atkinson
Monday, Mar 4, 4:30-5:30 pm

Center Street
Wednesday, Mar 6, 4:30-5:30 pm

Browser and the Cat in the Hat
Zablocki
Saturday, Mar 9, 2-3 pm

Browser and Maisy
Tippecanoe
Monday, Mar 11, 6-7 pm

Capitol
Tuesday, Mar 12, 5-6 pm

Mitchell Street
Thursday, Mar 14, 4:30-5:30 pm

Browser and Bad Kitty
Washington Park
Monday, Mar 25, 4:30-5:30 pm

Martin Luther King
Saturday, Mar 30, 3-4 pm

Browser and Elephant & Piggie
Bay View
Tuesday, Mar 19, 6-7 pm

East
Thursday, Mar 21, 4-5 pm

Villard Square
Tuesday, Mar 26, 5-6 pm

Family Cooking Nights at Mitchell Street
Bring the whole family for hands-on cooking fun during our Family Cooking Nights at the Mitchell Street Cargill Community Kitchen. Please call 414-286-3011 to register as space is limited.

Winter Warming Minestrone
Warm up while learning how to make this simple soup!
Tuesday, Jan 22, 5-6:30 pm

Italian Night
Work within teams to create an entire authentic Italian meal. Delizioso!
Wednesday, Feb 20, 5-6:30 pm

Breakfast for Dinner
Learn how to make a few of your breakfast favorites.
Wednesday, Mar 27, 5-6:30 pm

Mexican Night
Learn the basics of Mexican cooking in this culinary themed cooking class!
Tuesday, Apr 30, 5-6:30 pm
For Ages 6-12

Field Work MKE Presents: 2019 Youth Poetry Contest

How do you see yourself in the natural world? Answer the question through poetry with help from the Milwaukee Public Library and the Milwaukee Public Museum. Milwaukee youth ages 7-18 are encouraged to submit an original poem to this year’s Poetry Contest online at mpl.org/poetrycontest from March 1-April 15. Prizes will be awarded to the top three in each age category: 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18. Winners in each category will also receive two free admission passes to the museum.

1st place: $50 gift card    |    2nd place: $25 gift card    |    3rd place: $15 gift card

Contest Rules: Must be ages 7-18 to participate in contest. Participants must be Milwaukee County residents to be eligible. Entries must address the question “How do you see yourself in the natural world?” to be eligible. Individuals can only win one prize in contest. Entries must be submitted online only. All submissions must be original works written by the young person submitting the entry. Each individual can only submit one entry. Entries may be edited for publication purposes.

2019 Youth Poetry Contest Awards and Reading

The Poetry Contest concludes with a celebration of poetry, science, and the natural world. Hear the winning poems. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Winners will be contacted ahead of time, but officially announced at the event.

Awards & Poetry Reading, Ages 7-12
Central Library Children’s Room
Saturday, May 11, 11:30 am-12 pm
(winners must arrive by 10:30 am)

Awards & Poetry Reading, Ages 13-18
Milwaukee Public Museum | 800 W. Wells St.
Saturday, May 11, 2-2:30 pm
(winners must arrive by 1 pm)

Urban Wildlife: Poetry in Your Backyard

Hands-on fun, discovery, and exploration about wildlife you might find in your own backyard! Get inspired to create poetry about the natural world. Part of Field Work: Poetry and Science in partnership with the Milwaukee Public Museum.

Bay View
Saturday, Jan 12, 11 am-12 pm
Capitol
Tuesday, Mar 19, 4-5 pm
Center Street
Wednesday, Feb 27, 4-5 pm
Central
Saturday, Jan 26, 2-3 pm
East
Saturday, Feb 9, 11 am-12 pm

Mill Road
Tuesday, Apr 30, 6-7 pm
Mitchell Street
Saturday, Mar 23, 1-2 pm
Villard Square
Wednesday, Jan 30, 4-5 pm
Washington Park
Wednesday, Apr 10, 4:30-5:30 pm
Zablocki
Saturday, Apr 27, 2-3 pm

Fieldwork with the Figureheads

The Figureheads is a family of musicians inspiring kids with award-winning hip hop music. Hear music inspired by the natural world and create your own poetry. Presented by the Milwaukee Public Library and Milwaukee Public Museum in partnership with Poets House, a national literary center in NYC, funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Villard Square
Monday, Mar 18, 4-5 pm
For Ages 6-12

**Games with Milwaukee Fire Department**
Scrabble or Chutes and Ladders anyone? Or would playing Chess be up your alley? Have a delightful time playing board and card games with Milwaukee Fire Department! Ages 17 and under.

*Center Street*
Saturday, Jan 12, 1-3 pm

**Wii U Gaming**
Relax after school with the Wii U and board games.

*Washington Park*
Tuesday, Jan 8, 5-6 pm

*Tippecanoe*
Wednesdays, Feb 6, Mar 20, 3:30-5 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.

*Bay View*
Tuesday, Feb 12, 4-5 pm
*Capitol*
Tuesday, Feb 12, 4-5 pm
*Center Street*
Thursday, Feb 14, 3-4:30 pm
*Mitchell Street*
Monday, Feb 11, 4:30-5:30 pm
*Zablocki*
Wednesday, Feb 6, 4:30-5:30 pm

**Candy Heart Bingo**
Try your hand at Candy Heart Bingo! Grab a few bingo cards and use candy hearts as your bingo markers.

*Villard Square*
Tuesday, Feb 26, 4:30-5:30 pm
*Bay View*
Tuesday, Feb 5, 4-5 pm
*East*
Thursday, Feb 14, 3:30-4:30 pm

**Snack Hack!**
Enjoy a free healthy snack every Thursday afternoon from 3:30-4 pm in Mitchell Street’s Cargill Community Kitchen. All school-aged children 18 and younger are invited to make and eat a simple snack and learn about the importance of healthy snacking!

*Mitchell Street*
Thursdays, 3:30-4 pm
*No Snack Hack on Jan 3, 10, Apr 18, 25, May 23*

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

*Capitol*
Tuesdays, Jan 15, Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 9, 4-5 pm
For Ages 6-12

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, Jan 15, Feb 12, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, 3:30-4:30 pm
Center Street
Tuesdays, Jan 15, Feb 12, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, 5-6 pm
Mitchell Street
Thursdays, Jan 24, Mar 21, Apr 25, 4:30-5:15 pm
Tippecanoe
Saturdays, Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, 1-2 pm
Washington Park
Tuesday, Jan 29, 4-5 pm

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

Tippecanoe
Saturday, Apr 6, 1-2:30 pm

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

Atkinson
Mondays, Apr 29, May 6, 13, 20, 4-5:30 pm
Bay View
Thursdays, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28, 4-5:30 pm
Capitol
Wednesdays, Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, 5-6:30 pm
Center Street
Tuesdays, Apr 23, 30, May 7, 14, 4-5:30 pm

Central
Saturdays, Apr 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2-3:30 pm
East
Fridays, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 4-5:30 pm
Martin Luther King
Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22, 29, 4:30-6 pm
Mitchell Street
Thursdays, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, 4:30-6 pm

Tippecanoe
Tuesdays, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, 4-5:30 pm
Villard Square
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Washington Park
Mondays, Feb 11, 18, 25, Mar 4, 4-5:30 pm
Zablocki
Saturdays, Mar 30, Apr 6, 13, 20, 2-3:30 pm
For Ages 6-12

**Show & Tell Book Club**
Have a great book to share or not sure what to read next? Join the Show & Tell Book Club to discover your next read! (ages 10-13)
**East**
Tuesdays, Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, 4-5 pm

**Paint Yourself Calm**
Practice mindfulness through the art of watercolor painting.
**Mitchell Street**
Tuesday, Jan 8, 4:30-5:30 pm

**Make Your Own Sticker Book**
Do you love stickers but don't have a place to keep them? Make your own sticker book and collect tons of fun stickers to keep in it.
**Capitol**
Tuesday, Jan 22, 5-6 pm

**Snow Globes**
Celebrate the snowy season by making your own DIY snow globes to take home.
**East**
Thursday, Jan 31, 4-5 pm

**Kindness Rocks**
Decorate a rock with a design, quote, or simple message to make someone's day during Random Acts of Kindness Week.
Rocks, markers, and paints will be provided.
**Tippecanoe**
Tuesday, Feb 12, 4-5 pm

**Star Wars Crafts**
Color a picture, decorate a cupcake, make a felt character puppet, and make Star Wars buttons for you and your friends.
**Bay View**
Monday, Feb 25, 4-5 pm

**Blackout Poetry**
Celebrate National Poetry Month and create an original poem using old books and magazines as word inspiration.
**Bay View**
Tuesday, Apr 9, 4-5 pm
**Washington Park**
Tuesday, Apr 23, 4-5 pm

**Build with LEGO Bricks**
Get the creativity flowing using LEGO bricks. Join others and see what you can create together. This activity helps to develop 21st century skills such as problem-solving and collaboration.
**Bay View**
Mondays, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 15, 4-5 pm
**Central**
Wednesday, Apr 17, 3:30-4:30 pm
**Central**
Wednesdays, Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, 3:30-4:30 pm
**Saturday, Apr 6, 2-3 pm**
**Tuesday, Apr 16, 2-3 pm**
**East**
Wednesdays, Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3, 3:30-5 pm
**Mitchell Street**
Mondays, Mar 18, 6-7 pm and Mar 25, 5:30-6:30 pm
**Tippecanoe**
Tuesday, Feb 26, 3:30-5 pm
**Wednesday, Apr 17, 2:30-4 pm**
**Villard Square**
Monday, Jan 28, Feb 11, 4:30-5:30 pm
**Zablocki**
Tuesdays, Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 23, 4:15-5:15 pm

**LEGOFest**
Celebrate LEGO love at the library! Enjoy face painting, building and playing with lots of LEGO bricks! Special guests from the Kenosha LEGO Users Group (KLUG) will be there to share their enthusiasm with LEGO lovers of all ages.
**Tippecanoe**
Saturday, Mar 9, 10 am-3 pm
For Ages 6-12

After School Tech Time
Creative projects for after school fun! Explore STEAM concepts and skills with hands-on activities.
East
Thursdays, Jan 3, Mar 7, Apr 4, 4-5 pm

Snap Circuits
Explore the basic principles of electronics. Learn how to build a doorbell by snapping circuits together. For ages 7 and up. Parents are encouraged to attend.
Martin Luther King
Monday, Feb 18, 2-3 pm
Zablocki
Saturday, Jan 26, 2-3 pm; Tuesday, Jan 29, 4:15-5:15 pm

Homeschool Science: Solar System Trivia
Do you enjoy trivia? Are you curious about our solar system? Join Dr. Betsy Bannier, NASA Solar System Ambassador volunteer, for exciting Solar System Trivia! Come prepared to have fun and maybe even win a prize!
Tippecanoe
Friday, Feb 15, 11-12 pm

Gardening Starter Kits
Have you ever wanted to grow your very own garden? Create your own egg carton or plastic bottle gardening starter kit to get a headstart on spring planting!
Central
Saturday, Mar 16, 2-3 pm
East
Wednesday, Mar 27, 4-5 pm

Slime Science
Measure, mix, and experiment! Bring out your inner mad scientist and concoct your very own slime using common household ingredients.
Washington Park
Tuesday, Apr 9, 4:30-5:30 pm

Egg Drop!
Test your engineering skills and see if you can build the ultimate structure to keep your egg safe from its own Humpty Dumpty “great fall.”
East
Thursday, Apr 18, 4-5 pm

Earth Day Science: Turtle Talk
Meet Jonathan the turtle and learn all about the ornate box turtle, a Wisconsin endangered species.
Mitchell Street
Tuesday, Apr 9, 5:30-6:30 pm
Tippecanoe
Monday, April 22, 6-7 pm

Earth Day Bingo
Learn the history of Earth Day and how we can help the Earth by playing Earth Day Bingo.
Zablocki
Monday, Apr 22, 2-3 pm

Rock Art!
Paint a rock, add wings, create words of inspiration and more to celebrate Earth Day.
Mitchell Street
Monday, Apr 22, 3-5 pm
Capitol
Tuesday, Apr 23, 4-5 pm
For Ages 6-12

**Peeps Diorama Contest**
Create your own book-themed Peeps diorama to display at the library. See if your diorama gets the most votes. You may drop off your diorama at Villard Square between April 1 and April 20 to be entered into the contest. The winning diorama will receive a prize. A limited amount of shoe boxes will be available for use. An entry form must be filled out to compete in the contest. Pick up the form at Villard Square before April 20.
**Villard Square**
Monday, Apr 1 through Saturday, Apr 20

**Drop-In Peeps Diorama Workshop**
Work on your diorama for our Peeps Diorama Contest. A variety of supplies will be available for you to create your very own unique book-based scene. A limited supply of shoe boxes will also be available. Peeps provided.
**Villard Square**
Saturday, Apr 6, 1-3 pm
Wednesday, Apr 10, 4:30-6:30 pm

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**Spring Break at Central**

**Spring Scavenger Hunt**
Stop in during Spring Break and pick up a self-guided scavenger hunt! Visit the librarian when you are finished for a spring surprise.
**Central**
Monday, Apr 15 through Saturday, Apr 20 during open hours.

**Slime Time**
Try different slime recipes and see who can create the slimiest slime!
**Central**
Monday, Apr 15, 2-3 pm

**Build with LEGO Bricks**
Get the creativity flowing using LEGO bricks. Join others and see what you can create together.
**Central**
Tuesday, Apr 16, 2-3 pm

**Florentine Opera Presents “The Three Little Pigs”**
The opera “The Three Little Pigs,” arranged by John Davies, is set to the music of W.A. Mozart. It tells the classic tale while also teaching the audience the importance of libraries and studying hard.
**Central**
Wednesday, Apr 17, 10:30-11:15 am

**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.
**Central**
Thursday, Apr 18, 2-3 pm

**Spring Break Dance-Off**
Do you have the moves to be the Wii U Just Dance champ? Test your skills against your friends in an epic dance-off!
**Tippecanoe**
Tuesday, Apr 16, 2:30-4 pm
**Saturdays at Central**

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

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

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<td>Time to visit the doctor! Pretend you are the doctor and check your patients, make a diagnosis, give needed immunizations, and help them feel “all better.” Bring your own doll if you wish.</td>
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<td>Wanda, a young girl from Poland, struggles to fit in with her schoolmates, so she creates a story about the 100 colorful dresses she has in her closet. When faced with even more teasing, Wanda and her classmates learn about bullying, fitting in and standing up for others.</td>
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**Parking Options for Central Library.** There is metered parking around Central. Meters are free after 6 pm and on Saturday and Sunday; however, time limits are enforced at all times. For additional parking near Central Library, go to www.parkmilwaukee.com.
Saturday Afternoons at Central for ‘Tweens

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

Every Saturday @ 2 pm at the Central Library

Jan 5
Yoga for Tweens
Learn fun yoga poses and breathing techniques that help strengthen the body, increase focus and concentration, and help you feel great! Led by YogaConnects.

Jan 12
Gravity Sculptures
Think balance is a breeze? Put your design skills to the test by creating a cool sculpture that relies on weight and leverage to stay upright.

Jan 19
Popcorn Science
Celebrate National Popcorn Day with a variety of fun, hands-on activities involving this favorite snack.

Jan 26
Urban Wildlife Poetry in your Backyard
Hands-on fun, discovery, and exploration about wildlife you might find in your own backyard! Get inspired to create poetry about the natural world. Part of Field Work: Poetry and Science in partnership with the Milwaukee Public Museum.

Feb 2
Simple Structures
Create an epic structure out of straws and paper tubes.

Feb 9
Wisconsin Conservatory of Music Bucket Drumming
Make music with a 5-gallon bucket and a pair of drumsticks. Learn basic rhythm patterns and create an original piece of music to accompany a story.

Feb 16
Nintendo Switch Gaming
It’s time to ‘switch’ it up! Play a variety of games on the Nintendo Switch at the library. Snacks provided.

Feb 23
Puzzle Party
Try your hand at some challenging puzzles and riddles and create your own puzzle to take home!

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Mar 16
Gardening Starter Kits
Have you ever wanted to grow your very own garden? Create your own egg carton or plastic bottle gardening starter kit to get a head start on spring planting!

Mar 23
Relaxation in a Jar
Using your imagination, capture relaxation in a jar. Create a sensory jar or bottle using a variety of colors, liquids, and small objects that swish and swirl to calming delight.

Mar 30
Seedling Science
Get ready for spring by creating a “seed bomb” to plant in your garden.

Apr 6
Build with LEGO Bricks
Get the creativity flowing using LEGO Bricks. Join others and see what you can create together.

Apr 13
Board Games Galore!
Join us for a relaxing afternoon of board games in the children’s room.

Apr 20
Tessellations
Try your hand at creating tessellations – repeating patterns that fit perfectly together.

Apr 27
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.
For Tweens

Dream Keepers Writing Circle
Calling all young writers ages 9-13!
The Dream Keepers Writing Circle will give you the opportunity to work on your writing project and share it with other young writers. Students will spend the first part of the session writing, with writing prompts and encouragement from author and writing coach Rochelle Melander. During the second half of the session, students will share these stories with each other, learning how to listen for key story elements and give helpful feedback.

**Mitchell Street**
Mondays, Jan 7, 28, Feb 4, 18, Mar 4, 18, Apr 8, 22, 4:30-6 pm

**Capitol**
Tuesday, Jan 29, 4-5:30 pm
Mondays, Jan 14, Feb 11, 25, Mar 11, 25, Apr 15, 29, 4-5:30 pm

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

**Tippecanoe**
Tuesday, Jan 8, 4-5:30 pm

**Central**
Thursday, Apr 18, 2-3 pm

Candy Science
Create and sample your own candy experiments.

**Atkinson**
Monday, Jan 14, 4:30-5:30 pm

Popcorn Science
Celebrate National Popcorn Day by participating in a variety of fun, hands-on activities dealing with this favorite snack.

**Central**
Saturday, Jan 19, 2-3 pm

Storytelling with Milwaukee PBS
Discover your inner author and illustrator with Milwaukee Public Television! Learn the basics of storytelling with hands-on activities and continue the fun with a craft to take home. Learn how to enter your original book in this year’s PBS Kids Writers Contest.

**Washington Park**
Wednesday, Jan 23, 5-6 pm

Relaxation in a Jar
Using your imagination, capture relaxation in a jar. Create a sensory jar or bottle using a variety of colors, liquids, and small objects that swish and swirl to calming delight.

**Mitchell Street**
Monday, Feb 25, 4:30-5:30 pm

**Central**
Saturday, Mar 23, 2-3 pm

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

**Tippecanoe**
Tuesday, Apr 30, 4-5 pm

First Stage Workshop Featuring “Matilda the Musical”
Join First Stage’s Education Department as we dive into Roald Dahl’s world of MATILDA! We’ll put ourselves in the shoes of various characters as we play theater-based games and activities that bring Matilda’s story to life. Through this interactive story-telling, we’ll go on adventures that help us to be more confident in ourselves and how to help those around us to be empowered too.

**Tippecanoe**
Saturday, Jan 12, 2-2:45 pm

**Washington Park**
Tuesday, Mar 5, 6-6:45 pm

**Zablocki**
Saturday, Mar 16, 2-2:45 pm

Matilda Book Club
Join us at the library for a kid-friendly book club! Will Matilda rid the school of the evil headmistress Miss Trunchbull? Come to the library to read the first chapter together and decorate a colorful newt.

**Bay View**
Tuesday, Jan 29, 6-7 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!

**Bakery Shop**
Take turns being the baker, the server and the customer.
**Capitol**
Wednesday, Jan 9, 5-6 pm

**Doctor’s Office**
Pretend you are the doctor and check your patients, make a diagnosis, give needed immunizations, and help them feel “all better.” Bring your own doll if you wish.
**Central**
Saturday, Jan 19, 10:30-11:30 am

**Construction Site**
Pack up the tools and get ready to plan and build with blocks at the construction site.
**East**
Wednesday, Jan 30, 5-6 pm

**Down on the Farm**
Pretend to plant, care for, and harvest produce, then sell your wares to customers.
**Zablocki**
Tuesday, Feb 12, 6-7 pm

**Grocery Store**
Make a grocery list, help customers, run the cash register, and go shopping.
**Central**
Saturday, Mar 30, 10:30-11:30 am

**Dinosaur Dig**
Pretend to be a paleontologist at a dig site, see how long a real brachiosaurus was, and make your own fossil.
**Zablocki**
Wednesday, Apr 10, 5-6 pm

**Camping**
Go on a pretend nature hike, sing camp songs, and roast marshmallows. Then pitch a tent and settle in for some camp stories.
**Martin Luther King**
Thursday, Apr 18, 10-11 am

**Ice Cream Parlor**
Take turns working the cash register, taking orders and cleaning up the shop as we explore one of summer’s favorite spots.
**Zablocki**
Tuesday, Apr 30, 6-7 pm

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

**La 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!
**Zablocki**
miercoles 16 de enero, 6-7 pm

**La florería**
Ayuda a los clientes, arregla las flores, ópera la caja registradora y solicita la información necesaria para los pedidos de los clientes.
**Mitchell Street**
vieirnes 1 de febrero, 10:30-11:30 am

**En la granja**
Jugueamos a ser granjeros y sembremos, cuidemos, y cosechemos nuestros productos agrícolas. Después, vendamos las frutas y verduras a nuestros clientes.
**Zablocki**
miercoles 27 de febrero, 6-7 pm

**El consultorio médico**
Juega a ser un médico y examina a los pacientes, haz un diagnóstico, administra las vacunas y ayúdale a sentirse mejor. Si deseas, lleva tu propia muñeca al consultorio médico.
**Mitchell Street**
vieirnes 1 de marzo, 10:30-11:30 am

**La pizzería**
Ponte el delantal y prepárate para trabajar en la pizzería. Túrnate preparando las pizzas, tomando las órdenes de los clientes y entregando la comida a los clientes hambrientos.
**Zablocki**
miercoles 20 de marzo, 6-7 pm

**La oficina de correo**
Crea una tarjeta, una carta o un paquete y túnate repartiendo y recibiendo el correo.
**Mitchell Street**
vieirnes 5 de abril, 10:30-11:30 am

**La heladería**
Ponte el delantal, arremángate la camisa y agarra la cuchara para helado. Túrnate operando la caja registradora, tomando las órdenes de los clientes y limpiando la heladería mientras exploramos uno de los lugares favoritos del verano.
**Zablocki**
miercoles 24 de abril, 6-7 pm
Story Times for Ages Birth-5

**Pajama Story Time**
Families with young children are invited to come dressed in your coziest PJs and bring a stuffed animal friend for stories, songs, and rhymes designed to develop early literacy skills and encourage a love of reading.

**East**
- Mondays, 6:30-7 pm
- Tuesday, Jan 22, 6:30-7 pm

**Bay View**
- Tuesdays, Jan 1, 6:30-7 pm

**Play Time!**
Drop in for unstructured play time with a parachute, tunnel, puzzles and toys! Bring your play date to the library, or make new friends while exploring different themes each month.

**Tippecanoe**
- Fridays, Jan 4, Feb 8, Mar 1, Apr 12, 10-11:30 am

**Winter Wonderland Story Time**
Winter and snow-inspired story time with books all about winter things with a snowy craft.

**East**
- Monday, Jan 14, 6-7 pm

**Stretching with Story Books**
Stretch, breathe and relax with basic yoga poses and simple movements, combined with stories, rhymes and songs. Build literacy skills along with flexibility and self-awareness. Bring a yoga mat or towel if desired.

**East**
- Monday, Feb 18, 6:30-7 pm

**Mitchell Street**
- Thursday, Feb 28, 10:30-11:15 am

**Bay View**
- Thursday, Mar 7, 10:30-11:15 am

**Martin Luther King**
- Thursday, Mar 14, 10-11 am

**Central**
- Saturday, Apr 27, 10:30-11:15 am

**Wisconsin Conservatory of Music Presents**

**Meet the Instrument**
The Wisconsin Conservatory of Music is visiting the library for a special, musical story time. Take a closer look at one instrument and learn how to appreciate the music it makes.

**Mitchell Street**
- Thursday, Feb 21, 10:30-11:15 am
- Monday, Feb 26, 10:30-11:15 am

**Tippecanoe**
- Thursday, Feb 28, 10:30-11:15 am

**Villard Square**
- Thursday, Mar 7, 10:30-11:15 am

**Zablocki**
- Thursday, Mar 14, 10:30-11:15 am

**Children’s Day/Book Day - El día de los niños/El día de los libros**
Enjoy a story time in Spanish and English. Read, sing and have fun together at the library.

**Zablocki**
- Wednesday, Apr 17, 6-7 pm

**Mitchell Street**
- Thursday, Apr 25, 10:30-11:30 am

**Fun with Bubbles**
Listen to fun bubble stories and make your own bubbles.

**Atkinson**
- Thursday, Apr 18, 10:30-11:15 am

**Bay View**
- Saturday, Apr 27, 11 am-12 pm

**Science Story Times**

**Roar! Dinosaur Story Time**
Read dinosaur books and make a fun dino-inspired art project.

**Bay View**
- Saturday, Mar 30, 11 am-12 pm

**Meet Nurse Practitioner Elaine**
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Elaine explains the duties of doctors and nurses and how our bodies work. Create a fun art project to take home.

**Bay View**
- Saturday, Feb 2, 11 am-12 pm

**Recycle for Good**
Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful presents a story time featuring recycling stories, information about what and how you can recycle, and a recyclable trash art project.

**Bay View**
- Thursday, Apr 4, 10:30-11:15 am
Story Times for Ages Birth-5

**Baby Story Time**
Share simple stories, playful songs, and gentle movement in this lapsit story time for babies.
For children ages birth-12 months, with a caregiver.
**Central**
Tuesdays, 9:30-10 am

**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 Feb 7.

**Bay View**
Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 am
No story time Feb 7.

**Capitol**
Thursdays, 10-10:30 am
No story time Feb 7.

**Center Street**
Mondays, 4-4:30 pm
No story time Jan. 21.

**Central**
Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 am
No story time Jan. 1.

**Martin Luther King**
Thursdays, 10-10:30 am
No story time Feb 7.

**Villard Square**
Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am
No story time Feb 7.

**Washington Park**
Thursdays, 10:30-11 am
No story time Feb 7.

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

**Capitol**
10:30-11 am
Every Thursday for ages 2 and under with a parent or guardian. No playgroup Feb 7.

**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 second session on Apr 17.

**East**
10-11:30 am
Every Thursday for ages 2 and under with a parent or guardian. No playgroup Feb 7.

**Mitchell Street**
10:30-11:30 am
Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian.
No playgroup Feb 7.

**Tippecanoe**
10:30-11:30 am
Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian.
No playgroup Feb 7.

**Zablocki**
10:30-11:30 am
Every Thursday for ages 1 to 4 with a parent or guardian.
No playgroup Feb 7.
MPL offers free continuing education Tier 2 early childhood educator workshops as approved by the Wisconsin Registry. More information is available in person from the workshop presenters. Please have your Registry ID number handy for submission. Registration required; call 286-3011 or register online at www.mpl.org/childcareworkshops.

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

### The Six Skills for Early Literacy

**Tier 2**  
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 educator workshops, and we recommend you attend this first.  
Continuing Education: 3.0 hours  
**Villard Square (registration begins Jan 7)**  
Saturday, Jan 26, 10:30 am-1:30 pm  
**East (registration begins Feb 18)**  
Saturday, Mar 9, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

### Start Right, Finish Bright: Building Foundations in Your Infant & Toddler Classroom

**Tier 2**  
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 Jan 21)**  
Saturday, Feb 9, 10:30 am-1:30 pm  
**Washington Park (registration begins Mar 18)**  
Saturday, Apr 6, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

### Using Books to Encourage Positive Behavior

**Tier 2**  
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: 2.5 hours  
**Capitol (registration begins Feb 4)**  
Saturday, Feb 23, 10:30 am-1 pm

### Sparking Toddlers’ Vivid Vocabulary

**Tier 2**  
This workshop includes fun and enriching ways to build the oral language skills of the toddlers in your care. Learn about how a toddler’s vocabulary can be boosted through play, in a developmentally appropriate way. Become acquainted with language-building books and other activities to use with your students ages 15-35 months. Be ready to explore our play materials as you decide what ideas might work best in your classroom!  
Continuing Education: 2.5 hours  
**Mitchell Street (registration begins Mar 11)**  
Saturday, Mar 30, 10:30 am-1 pm
**Wonderful Words!**

**Developing Vocabulary**
The more words a child hears the stronger their vocabulary and reading skills will be. In this workshop you will learn how to develop the vocabulary of your students through fun age-appropriate activities.

**Continuing Education:** 2.0 hours

**Martin Luther King (registration begins Apr 8)**
Saturday, Apr 27, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

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

**Un comienzo correcto, un final brillante: forjando bases en el aula de los bebés y niños pequeños**
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 24 meses de edad.*

**Mitchell Street (El 14 de enero comienza la inscripción)**
sábado 2 de febrero, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

**La rima y la razón de Mamá Goose**
Explore por qué las rimas de Mamá Goose y la poesía son esenciales para la alfabetización temprana y cómo puede usarlas con los niños pequeños. Recibirá materiales para preparar una actividad que puede utilizar al día siguiente en el aula.

**Educación continua:** 2.0 horas

**Zablocki (El 11 de febrero comienza la inscripción)**
sábado 2 de marzo, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Visit Your Milwaukee Public Library Today!

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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:

- Mon.-Tues., Dec. 31-Jan. 1 - New Year’s
- Friday, April 19: Good Friday
- Monday, January 21: Martin Luther King Day
- Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday
- Please note: M.L. King Branch will be open 9 am-5 pm

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.