



Spend Your Summer at the Milwaukee Public Library

Complete a
Summer
Challenge!



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Spend Your Summer with MPL!

Celebrate summer with the Milwaukee Public Library. Read, learn, and complete a summer challenge. There's one for everyone!

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Singing Pick a song and have a silly dance contest.	Reading Read or be read to for 20 minutes.	Playing Play shape I Spy. Can you find a circle? Square? Triangle?	Talking Read your favorite story and talk about your favorite parts.	Playing Create an obstacle course and race through it!
Reading Read or be read to for 20 minutes.	Playing Take turns pretending to be animals.	Writing Draw a picture of a summer activity. Scribbles are ok!	Singing Make music with anything you have in the house. March to your own drum.	Reading Read or be read to for 20 minutes.
Playing Go on a color scavenger hunt.	Talking Talk about your day at bedtime. What was your favorite part?	Reading Read or be read to for 20 minutes.	Library Visit the library!	Writing "Paint" with water on the sidewalk.
Singing Clap along to your favorite song. Can you clap slowly? Fast?	Playing Play "Follow the leader" and take turns being the leader.	Reading Read or be read to for 20 minutes.	Writing Draw or scribble faces. Can you draw a happy, sad, angry or silly face?	Talking Name body parts. Where are your ears, nose and toes?
Talking Go outside and talk about all the sounds you hear.	Library Attend a story time or other program at the library!	Playing Play a stacking game with things you can find around the house.	Writing Use pictures or scribbles to make your own picture book.	Reading Read or be read to for 20 minutes.

High Five BINGO – Talk, Sing, Read, Play, Write!

Children five and under are encouraged to talk, sing, read, play, and write all summer! Complete activities and earn a BINGO for every five activities you complete. Visit any MPL location to pick up a free book to take home!

Log three BINGOs on your card by Friday, August 30 to be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing. One Super Reader from each library will win an annual family membership to Betty Brinn Children's Museum.



Super Reader Squad Challenge!

Readers ages 6-12 are challenged to set aside time to read every day! Every minute counts toward completing the Super Reader Squad! Complete the program by reading for 15 hours!

Need more challenges? Log on to mpl.beanstack.org and click on "Write a Review" to share your opinion of your recent reads and earn a Review Badge. Visit any MPL location to pick up a Summer Badge Book full of fun activities you can complete this summer!

Complete your reading and activities by Friday, August 30 to be entered into our Grand Prize Drawing for a chance to win a family membership to Discovery World!

For more information visit mpl.org/SummerReading.

Stop by any MPL location before Friday, August 30 to pick out a FREE book!





Summer Kickoff at Central

Saturday, June 8, 10 am-1 pm



Gather the whole family for a day of interactive learning and fun! Take part in activities for all ages, sign up for our summer reading program, and discover the many opportunities Milwaukee offers this summer.

Experience hands-on fun at play stations featuring:

- Betty Brinn Children's Museum
- Discovery World
- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Milwaukee Public Museum!



Sign up for MPL summer reading challenges, learn about programs, and set the stage for a summer filled with reading and adventure!



Pick up a book to take home and jumpstart your summer of learning!

Say hello to Browser the Library Lion and have your picture taken with him!



Take & Makes

Stop in any Milwaukee Public Library each month to pick up a Take and Make kit. Supplies and instructions are included to make each project at home.

May

Butterfly Rainbow Suncatchers

Craft your own butterfly suncatcher to create at-home rainbows!

June

Seed Bombs

Plant native wild flowers throughout your yard and neighborhood in a fun way with seed bombs!

July

My Neighborhood

Imagine your dream neighborhood. Do you want a parade? How about a library? Or maybe a waterpark on every other block?

August

Bubble Fun

Design your own bubble wand and have LOTS of bubble fun!



Story Times

The story times listed below begin the week of Monday, June 10 and extend through August 17.

Baby Story Time

Share simple stories, playful songs and gentle movement in this lapsit story time for babies aged 0-18 months, with a caregiver.

Central Library Children's Room

Thursdays, 11-11:30 am
No Story Time July 4

East

Thursdays, 10-10:30 am
No Story Time July 4

Toddler Story Time

Young children and their caregivers are invited to a 30-minute story time filled with stories, songs and fingerplays all designed to help little ones develop important literacy skills needed prior to learning how to read.

East

Wednesdays, 10-10:30 am
No Story Time June 19

Story Time and Play Group

A 20-minute story time for young children is followed by open play time. Story time includes plenty of fingerplays, songs, and other activities that help little ones learn. For children ages 3 and under, with a caregiver.

Bay View

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am
No Story Time July 4

Center Street

Wednesdays, 3-4 pm
No Story Time June 19

Central Library Children's Room

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 am

Good Hope

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am
No Story Time June 19

Villard Square

Wednesdays, 3-4 pm
No Story Time June 19

Zablocki

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am
No Story Time July 4

Story Time

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Atkinson

Thursdays, 10:30-11 am
No Story Time July 4, August 8, 15

Capitol

Fridays, 10:30-11:15 am
No Story Time on June 21 or August 2

Central Library Children's Room

Thursdays, 10:30-11 am
No Story Time July 4

Tippecanoe

- In the Secret Garden, weather permitting - **Begins June 25**
Tuesdays, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Outside on the lawn, weather permitting
Wednesdays, 10:45-11:15 am
No Story Time June 19

Washington Park

Fridays, 10:30-11 am





Children's Programs

These programs are repeated at several locations.

Bubble Party

Join this bubble dance party including a story and bubble-related fun!

Capitol

Saturday, Aug. 10, 1-3 pm

Good Hope

Thursday, Aug. 15, 11 am-12 pm

Mitchell Street

Monday, June 10, 2-4 pm

Villard Square

Tuesday, Aug. 6, 3-4:30 pm

Washington Park

Friday, Aug. 16, 11 am-12 pm

DIY Buttons and Library Card Lanyards

Customize an ID tag by painting your own lanyard. Safely stow your library card, LibraryNow number or library pass. Create a pinback button to express your awesomeness!

Atkinson

Wednesday, June 12, 3-4 pm

Capitol

Tuesday, July 23, 2-4 pm

East

Thursday, July 25, 2-3 pm

Good Hope

Thursday, July 11, 1-2 pm

Mitchell Street

Monday, July 8, 2-4 pm

Tippecanoe

Thursday, June 13, 2-4 pm

DIY Instruments

Make your own musical instrument and change from passive listener in the audience to a musician on stage! Check out books about inspiring drummers.

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Capitol

Saturday, July 13, 1-3 pm

East

Thursday, Aug. 15, 2-3 pm

Villard Square

Friday, June 21, 3-4:30 pm

Washington Park

Friday, July 19, 11 am-12 pm

Zablocki

Monday, July 15, 2-3 pm

DIY Zines and Journals

Make, decorate, and start writing and drawing in your own zines, books, and journals. We supply the materials.

Atkinson

Thursday, July 11, 3-5 pm

Capitol

Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2-4 pm

Center Street

Monday, July 15, 3-5 pm

Zablocki

Monday, July 29, 2-3 pm

Flowers for Ferdinand

Create paper blossoms inspired by *The Story of Ferdinand*, a classic tale by Munro Leaf, of a peaceful bull who wants to smell the flowers.

Atkinson

Thursday, June 13, 3-4 pm

Capitol

Tuesday, June 25, 2-4 pm

Good Hope

Tuesday, June 11, 1-2 pm

Zablocki

Monday, Aug. 5, 2-3 pm

My Block

What would be on your ideal block? A swimming pool? An ice cream stand? A library? Design your neighborhood!

Atkinson

Monday, Aug. 12, 4:30-6 pm

Capitol

Tuesday, June 18, 2-4 pm

Center Street

Monday, June 17, 3-5 pm

Villard Square

Tuesday, July 9, 3-4:30 pm

Paper Plate Greenhouse

Create a greenhouse with paper plates and plastic bags to observe seed growth!

Capitol

Tuesday, July 9, 2-4 pm

Center Street

Monday, July 29, 3-5 pm

Mitchell Street

Monday, July 22, 2-4 pm

Washington Park

Friday, June 21, 11 am-12 pm

Pollinators

Create a project while learning about pollinators like honeybees and butterflies.

Atkinson

Saturday, June 22, 10-11:30 am

Center Street

Monday, July 8, 3-5 pm

Zablocki

Monday, June 17, 2-3 pm

Readers' Lounge

Are you a graphic novel fan? Are chapter books more your jam? Maybe nonfiction's what you love? Or is it all of the above? Talk about great books and find your new favorite book!

Atkinson

Thursday, June 20, Aug. 1, 3-4:30 pm

Central Library Children's Room

Wednesday, June 26, July 10, 24,

Aug. 7, 2-4 pm

Mitchell Street

Monday, August 19, 2-4 pm

You Build It!

Beat the heat this summer and enjoy open building time! We'll supply a variety of building materials and you'll bring the creativity.

Atkinson

Tuesday, June 25, July 16, 2-3 pm

Monday, Aug. 5, 2-3 pm

Bay View

Monday, June 10, July 8, Aug. 5,

3-4:30 pm

Capitol

Wednesday, June 26, July 10, 24,

Aug. 7, 21, 4-5 pm

Central Library Children's Room

Wednesday, July 3, 17, 31, Aug. 14,

2-4 pm

Good Hope

Thursday, July 25, 1-2 pm

Tippecanoe

Thursday, Aug. 1, 2-4 pm

Zablocki

Saturday, June 22, July 20, Aug. 17,

2:30-3:30 pm



Atkinson Branch

Story Time

Thursdays, 10:30-11 am

No Story Time July 4, August 8, 15

Young children and their caregivers are invited to a 30-minute story time filled with stories, songs and fingerplays.

Coding for Kids

Tuesday, June 4, July 2, August 6, 2-3 pm

Enjoy an hour of coding play with the Cubetto robot.

DIY Buttons and Library Card Lanyards

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Flowers for Ferdinand

Thursday, June 13, 3-4 pm

Create paper blossoms inspired by *The Story of Ferdinand*, a classic tale by Munro Leaf, of a peaceful bull who wants to smell the flowers.

Readers' Lounge

Thursday, June 20, August 1, 3-4:30 pm

Are you a graphic novel fan? Are chapter books more your jam? Maybe nonfiction's what you love? Or is it all of the above? Come to the Readers' Lounge where we'll talk about great books for all kinds of readers. You might just find your new favorite book!

Pollinators

Saturday, June 22, 10-11:30 am

Create a fun project while learning about pollinators like honeybees and butterflies.

You Build It!

Tuesday, June 25, July 16, Monday, August 5, 2-3 pm

Beat the heat this summer and enjoy open building time! We'll supply a variety of building materials and you'll bring the creativity. Meet friends and see what you can create together.

DIY Zines and Journals

Thursday, July 11, 3-5 pm

Make, decorate, and start writing and drawing in your own zines, books, and journals. We supply the materials, you supply your imagination!

DIY Instruments

Thursday, July 25, 11 am-12 pm

Make your own musical instrument and change from passive listener in the audience to a musician on stage! Check out books about famous, inspiring drummers.

My Block

Monday, August 12, 4:30-6 pm

What would be on your ideal block? A swimming pool? An ice cream stand? A library? Design your ideal neighborhood and learn what other kids would include on their ideal block.



Bay View Branch

Story Time and Play Group

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am

No Story Time July 4

A 20-minute story time for young children is followed by open play time. Story time includes plenty of finger-plays, songs, and other activities that help little ones learn. For children ages 3 and under, with a caregiver.

Community Helper Story Time

Saturday, June 1, July 13, August 3, 10:30-11:30 am

Join us at the Bay View Branch for Community Helper Story Time! Enjoy a short story time before meeting one of our brave community helpers and exploring their vehicle.

- **June 1:** Meet a firefighter and check out a firetruck
- **July 13:** Meet a public works employee and check out an end loader
- **August 3:** Meet a police officer and check out a police car

If there is an emergency in the community, our helpers may have to leave early or cancel.

You Build It!

Monday, June 10, July 8, August 5, 3-4:30 pm

Beat the heat this summer and enjoy open building time! We'll supply a variety of building materials and you'll bring the creativity. Meet friends and see what you can create together.

Start of Summer Celebration

Saturday, June 22, 12-4 pm

See all the library has to offer while you sign up for our Summer Reading Program. Browse our fabulous "book buffets" and make a pin to take home. Talented balloon artists and a face painter will be on-site between 12-3 pm. They are sure to leave smiles on the faces of young and old. Watch as they transform ordinary balloons into extraordinary works of art right in front of your eyes! Don't miss your chance to bring the magic home and create some unforgettable memories.

Wildlife in Your Backyard with David Stokes

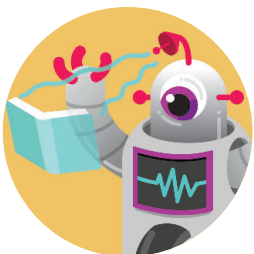
Tuesday, July 30, 4-5 pm

Calling all nature enthusiasts! Join presenter David Stokes and learn all about the Wildlife in Your Backyard. Through the use of songs, stories, movement, riddles, audio/visual and hands-on materials, children are actively engaged in learning. Live animals and animal artifacts will be available to touch during the program.

Family Folk Music with Fox and Branch

Saturday, August 10, 2-3 pm

This fun and interactive music program will feature songs accompanied by guitar, banjo, fiddle and washboard. Lots of movement and dance, lots of audience participation appropriate for all ages!





Capitol Branch

Story Time

Fridays, 10:30-11 am

No Story Time on Friday, June 21 or Friday, August 2

Young children and their caregivers are invited to a 30-minute story time filled with stories, songs and fingerplays all designed to help little ones develop important literacy skills needed prior to learning how to read. Childcare centers are welcome.

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music presents Bucket Drumming

Saturday, June 15, 12-1 pm

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.

My Block

Tuesday, June 18, 2-4 pm

What would be on your ideal block? A swimming pool? An ice cream stand? A library? Design your ideal neighborhood and learn what other kids would include on their ideal block.

Flowers for Ferdinand

Tuesday, June 25, 2-4 pm

Create paper blossoms inspired by *The Story of Ferdinand*, a classic tale by Munro Leaf, of a peaceful bull who wants to stop and smell the flowers.

You Build It!

Wednesday June 26, July 10, 24, Aug. 7, 21, 4-5 pm

Beat the heat this summer and enjoy open building time! We'll supply a variety of building materials and you'll bring the creativity. Meet friends and see what you can create together.

Paper Plate Greenhouse

Tuesday, July 9, 2-4 pm

Create a greenhouse with paper plates and plastic bags to observe seed growth!

DIY Instruments

Saturday, July 13, 1-3 pm

Make your own musical instrument and change from passive listener in the audience to a musician on stage!

Check out books about famous, inspiring drummers.



One Butterfly...Three Countries presented by Wehr Nature Center

Tuesday, July 16, 3-4 pm

Inspired by the book *Gotta Go! Gotta Go!* by Sam Swope, follow the journey of the monarch butterfly. Visit live monarchs, learn about butterfly culture, play games that transform you into a monarch, and learn how to support monarchs in your own neighborhood. For children 5-12 years with a parent or guardian. Registration required.

DIY Buttons and Library Card Lanyards

Tuesday, July 23, 2-4 pm

Customize an ID tag by painting your own lanyard. Safely stow your library card, LibraryNow number or library pass. Create a pinback button to express your awesomeness!

Paws to Read

Tuesday, July 30, 1:30-2:30 pm

Read to a cuddly canine! Young readers will practice reading aloud to improve their reading fluency with a certified therapy dog.

DIY Zines and Journals

Tuesday, August 6, 2-4 pm

Make, decorate, and start writing and drawing in your own zines, books, and journals. We supply the materials, you supply your imagination!

Bubble Party

Saturday, August 10, 1-3 pm

What could be better than bubbles? A bubble dance party including a story and bubble-related fun!



Center Street Branch

Story Time and Play Group

Wednesdays, 3-4 pm

No Story Time June 19

A 20-minute story time for young children is followed by open play time. Story time includes plenty of finger-plays, songs, and other activities that help little ones learn. For children ages 3 and under, with a caregiver.

Family Book Club

Kids, it's your chance to make a grown-up read a book! In Family Book Club you will get a copy of the book to read with your chosen family member, then meet up with other kids and families to talk about it.

- **Monday, June 24, 4-5 pm**

Rising 1st and 2nd grades: *Get a Hit, Mo!* by David Almond

- **Monday, July 22, 4-5 pm**

Rising 3rd and 4th grades: *Dragons in a Bag* by Zetta Elliott

- **Monday, August 5, 4-5 pm**

Rising 5th and 6th grades: *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music presents Bucket Drumming

Friday, June 14, 1-2 pm

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.

My Block

Monday, June 17, 3-5 pm

What would be on your ideal block? A swimming pool? An ice cream stand? A library? Design your ideal neighborhood.

A Visit to Alice's Garden

Monday, July 1, 3-4 pm

Learn about plants and pollinators with a story from Miss Liz and an activity with Alice's Garden.

Pollinators

Monday, July 8, 3-5 pm

Create a fun project while learning about pollinators like honeybees and butterflies.

DIY Zines and Journals

Monday, July 15, 3-5 pm

Make, decorate, and start writing and drawing in your own zines, books, and journals. We supply the materials, you supply your imagination!

Paper Plate Greenhouse

Monday, July 29, 3-5 pm

Create a greenhouse with paper plates and plastic bags to observe seed growth!

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Read to a cuddly canine! Young readers will practice reading aloud to improve their reading fluency with a certified therapy dog.





Saturdays at Central

In addition to story times and weekly Summer Reading programs, Central Library hosts weekly Saturday programs for children.

Saturdays - 10:30-11:15 am

• **June 15: LMNO Letter Love**

Sometimes these three letters sound like they're just one! We'll celebrate each one and give them each a little time in the sun.

• **June 22: Things That Glow**

The world is full of things that glow! Learn about the Wisconsin scientists that uncovered a whole set of glowing mammals in the book *Mysterious Glowing Mammals* by Maria Parrott-Ryan.

• **June 29: Who Runs the World? Bugs!**

Welcome to the world of bugs! Get ready to learn about bugs and their homes. We'll have a bug-centric story time followed by making our own bug hotels!

• **July 6: Playwrights' Play Time**

Calling all storytellers, actors, and costume designers! Join us for a theatrical morning of playwrighting and dress up fun. Write your own story, create costumes for your characters, and perform for friends and family!

• **July 13: Boomwhacker Bonanza**

What on earth is a Boomwhacker?! Come find out and explore these fun instruments.

• **July 20: Ready? Set? Art!**

Ready for a game of artistic musical chairs? How about an artsy race? As we play together, a variety of timed art challenges will get the creative juices flowing.

• **July 27: Something Great!**

Let's do "Something Great" today! We'll read and sing together, then use upcycled material to build whatever our imaginations create!

• **August 3: Meet Your Micro-Pets!**

Learn about all the beautiful bacteria, funky fungi, and mighty mites that make up your body's microbiome, then make your own micro-pet to show and tell! Based on the book *Meet My Micro-Pets* by Molly Bloom, Marc Sanchez, and Sanden Totten.

• **August 10: Mindful Morning**

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

• **August 17: Bodies Are Cool**

Our bodies are amazing! With stories, movement, and art, let's celebrate the many ways we are the same and different.

• **August 24: Attitude of Gratitude**

Learn about the power of finding positives in our lives and being grateful for them! We'll read, sing, and create together one last time for Summer 2024!





Central Library Children's Room

Baby Story Time

Thursdays, 11-11:30 am; *No Story Time July 4*
See page 4 for all Story Time details.

Story Time

Thursdays, 10:30-11 am; *No Story Time July 4*

Story Time and Play Group

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 am

Summer Kick-Off at Central Library

Saturday, June 8, 10 am-1 pm See page 3 for details.

One Butterfly...Three Countries presented by Wehr Nature Center

Monday, June 24, 2-3 pm

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Readers' Lounge

Wednesday, June 26, July 10, 24, August 7, 2-4 pm

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You Build It!

Wednesday, July 3, 17, 31, August 14, 2-4 pm

Beat the heat this summer and enjoy open building time! We'll supply a variety of building materials and you'll bring the creativity.

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music presents Bucket Drumming

Monday, July 8, 2-3 pm

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.

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music presents Meet the Instruments Story Time

Monday, July 29, 2-2:45 pm

Take a closer look at one instrument and appreciate the music it makes during a story time visit from the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music.

East Branch

Baby Story Time

Thursdays, 10-10:30 am

No Story Time July 4

See page 4 for Story Time details.

Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays, 10-10:30 am

No Story Time June 19

Bumble Bee Ball

Thursday, June 13, 2-3 pm

Come dressed to dance and learn as we read a story, try a craft, and dance! We will learn all about our friends the bees and how they help us pollinate.

Magic Trash

Saturday, June 22, 2-3 pm

Artist Tyree Guyton transformed discarded cars, houses, and everyday items into a magical sculpture park by seeing beauty in discarded items dubbed as "trash" by others. Inspired by the biography *Magic Trash*, make your own art sculptures out of everyday objects and other recycled items.

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DIY Buttons & Library Card Lanyards

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DIY Instruments

Thursday, August 15, 2-3 pm

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Good Hope Branch

Story Time and Play Group

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

No Story Time June 19

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Flowers for Ferdinand

Tuesday, June 11, 1-2 pm

Create flower blossoms while listening to *The Story of Ferdinand*, a classic tale by Munro Leaf, about a peaceful bull who just wants to stop and smell the flowers.

Sensory Playground

Saturday, June 22, 1-2 pm

Enjoy an hour of sensory play with various materials such as rice, bubble wrap, and more.

DIY Buttons and Library Card Lanyards

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You Build It!

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Paws to Read

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Bubble Party

Thursday, August 15, 11 am-12 pm

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Mitchell Street Branch

Bubble Party

Monday, June 10, 2-4 pm

What could be better than bubbles? A bubble dance party including a story and bubble-related fun!

Bumble Bee Ball

Monday, June 24, 2-4 pm

You are invited to our Bumblebee Ball! Come dressed to dance and learn as we read a story, craft, and of course, dance! We will learn all about our friends the Bees and how they help us pollinate.

DIY Buttons and Library Card Lanyards

Monday, July 8, 2-4 pm

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Readers' Lounge

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Tippecanoe Branch

Family Story Time in the Secret Garden

Tuesdays, 6:15-6:45 pm

Young children and their caregiver are invited to a 30-minute story time filled with stories, songs, and fingerplays. Family Story Time will be held outside in the Secret Garden, weather permitting.

Story Time on the Lawn

Wednesdays, 10:45-11:15 am

No Story Time June 19

Young children and their caregivers are invited to a 30-minute story time filled with stories, songs and fingerplays. Story time will be held outside on the lawn, weather permitting.

Summer Kickoff with Wacky Wheels Skating

Monday, June 10, 4:30-7:30 pm

Join us at the Tippecanoe Branch for an evening of roller skating and ice cream! The MKE REC Wacky Wheels Skate Van will be on-site providing free roller skate rental for adults, teens and kids grades 4 and up. Attendees may enjoy the free use of skates provided or they can bring their own skates or rollerblades. Socks are required! Roller skating will take place outside.

DIY Buttons and Library Card Lanyard

Thursday, June 13, 2-4 pm

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Mad Science Presents Fire and Ice

Thursday, June 20, 2-3 pm

Be thrilled and chilled with amazing dry ice experiments! From a shivering spatula to a special bubbly shower. Explore STEM concepts in an exciting way!

Hanging Sculptures Inspired by Ruth Asawa

Thursday, June 27, 2-3 pm

Learn the story of avant-garde artist Ruth Asawa and create a hanging sculpture inspired by her work.

Ms. Kim's Amazing Animals

Monday, July 1, 6-7 pm

Ms. Kim will educate and amaze you with reptiles, small mammals and birds! All ages will get a chance to hold and touch some of their favorite critters.

Colorful Paintings Inspired by Alma Thomas

Thursday, July 11, 2-3 pm

Learn the story of Alma Thomas, a painter, teacher, and activist who used color to explore her world around her. Create a colorful painting of your own inspired by her work. For ages 5-12.

Nintendo Switch Gaming

Thursday, July 18, 2-4 pm

Play games on the Nintendo Switch! Race your friends in MarioKart, challenge your family to a game of tennis or meet new friends playing Switch classics!

Clay Pots Inspired by Maria Martinez

Thursday, July 25, 2-3 pm

Learn the story of Maria Martinez, a renowned Tewa artist who created pottery with her hands. Create a pot of your own inspired by her work. For ages 5-11.

You Build It!

Thursday, August 1, 2-4 pm

Beat the heat this summer and enjoy open building time! We'll supply a variety of building materials and you'll bring the creativity.





Villard Square Branch

Story Time and Play Group

Wednesdays, 3-4 pm

No Story Time June 19

See page 4 for Story Time details.

Super Reader Training

Saturday, June 1, 12-3 pm

Kick off Summer Reading by meeting some of your favorite Marvel Heroes. Go through your very own super reader training with crafts, activities and a hero meet and greet.

Paper Plate Greenhouse

Tuesday, June 11, 3-4:30 pm

Create a greenhouse with paper plates and plastic bags to observe seed growth!

DIY Instruments: Make Music Day

Friday, June 21, 3-4:30 pm

Make your own musical instruments for Make Music Day.

Bumblebee Ball

Tuesday, June 25, 3-4 pm

Come dressed to dance and learn as we read a story, create a craft, and dance! Learn all about our friends the bees and how they help us pollinate.

My Block

Tuesday, July 9, 3-4:30 pm

What would be on your ideal block? A swimming pool? An ice cream stand? A library? Design your ideal neighborhood and see what other kids include.

Kindness Rocks

Tuesday, July 16, 3-4:30 pm

Create a token of kindness to leave in your neighborhood! We will be painting rocks so dress to be a mess!

Family Game Night

Tuesday, July 23, 3-5:30 pm

Whether you're new to board games or a seasoned player, stop by to play an old classic or find a new favorite.

Bubble Party

Tuesday, August 6, 3-4:30 pm

What could be better than bubbles? A bubble dance party including a story and bubble-related fun!

Washington Park Branch

Story Time

Fridays, 10:30-11 am

See page 4 for Story Time details.

ExperiSense Story Time

Friday, July 5, August 2, 10:30-11:15 am

Discover an expanded story time that includes sense-exploration play! Meet other caregivers as we explore developmentally appropriate play materials by opt-in stations in a safe and fun environment.

Safety Saturdays

Saturday, June 8, 1-2 pm | MKE Fire Department

Saturday, June 22, 12-1 pm | MKE Police Department

Saturday, July 6, 12-1 pm | Operation Lifesaver

Saturdays are for safety at Washington Park! Every other Saturday, join us for a special safety topic event – fire safety, personal safety and calling 911, and railway safety.

Series Celebrations!

Mondays and Tuesdays, June 17-August 13, 12-2 pm

Find your new favorite book series by participating in art projects, science experiments, and imaginative play! From Easy Readers to chapter books, picture books to graphic novels, we'll focus the fun each week on a series of excellent books.

Paper Plate Greenhouse

Friday, June 21, 11 am-12 pm

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DIY Instruments

Friday, July 19, 11 am-12 pm

Make your own musical instrument and change from passive listener in the audience to a musician on stage! Check out books about famous, inspiring drummers.

Bubble Party

Friday, August 16, 11 am-12 pm

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Zablocki Branch

Story Time and Play Group

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am; June 13-August 15

No Story Time July 4

A 20-minute story time for young children is followed by open play time. Story time includes plenty of fingerplays, songs, and other activities that help little ones learn. For children ages 3 and under, with a caregiver.

Stories in the Courtyard: BYOB (Bring Your Own Blanket)

Monday, June 17, July 22, August 26, 6-6:45 pm

This 30-minute family story time will take place in the courtyard and will include stories appropriate for young children and their families by strengthening literacy skills through fingerplays, songs, and props like scarves and shakers. Please bring your own blanket. The story time will end with bubbles. The program will be held weather permitting.

Summer Reading Celebration

Tuesday, June 4, 4-6 pm

Celebrate the start of the Summer Reading Challenge with various life-size games like connect four, checkers, and Tic-Tac-Toe. Make a button or two of your favorite book characters. Refreshments provided.

Pollinators

Monday, June 17, 2-3 pm

Create a fun project while learning about pollinators like honeybees and butterflies.

You Build It!

Saturday, June 22, July 20, August 17, 2:30-3:30 pm

Beat the heat this summer and enjoy open building time! We'll supply a variety of building materials and you'll bring the creativity.

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music presents Bucket Drumming

Monday, June 24, 1-2 pm

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.

The Library Games

Monday, July 1, 3-4:30 pm

Choose from various activities including basketball toss, building a mascot, and designing a bookmark. Test your trivia knowledge and try out a scavenger hunt. Refreshments provided.

One Butterfly...Three Countries presented by Wehr Nature Center

Monday, July 8, 2-3 pm

Inspired by the book *Gotta Go! Gotta Go!* by Sam Swope, follow the journey of the monarch butterfly. Visit live monarchs, learn about butterfly culture, play games that transform you into a monarch, and learn how to support monarchs in your own neighborhood. For children 5-12 years with a parent or guardian. Registration required.

DIY Instruments

Monday, July 15, 2-3 pm

Make your own musical instrument and change from passive listener in the audience to a musician on stage! Check out books about famous, inspiring drummers.

Family Folk Music with Fox and Branch

Monday, July 22, 1:30-2:30 pm

This fun and interactive music program will feature songs accompanied by guitar, banjo, fiddle and washboard. Lots of movement and dance, lots of audience participation appropriate for all ages.

DIY Zines and Journals

Monday, July 29, 2-3 pm

Make, decorate, and start writing and drawing in your own zines, books, and journals. We supply the materials, you supply your imagination!

Flowers for Ferdinand

Monday, August 5, 2-3 pm

Create paper blossoms inspired by *The Story of Ferdinand*, a classic tale by Munro Leaf, of a peaceful bull who wants to stop and smell the flowers.



Visit Your Milwaukee Public Library Today!

Central

814 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Monday-Tuesday 10 am-8 pm
Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm
Sunday 1-5 pm

Atkinson

1960 W. Atkinson Ave.
Monday-Tuesday 12-8 pm
Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm

Bay View

2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.
Monday-Tuesday 12-8 pm
Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm

Capitol

3969 N. 74th St.
Monday-Tuesday 12-8 pm
Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm

Center Street

2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave.
Monday-Tuesday 12-8 pm
Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm

East

2320 N. Cramer St.
Monday-Tuesday 12-8 pm
Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm

Good Hope

7715 W. Good Hope Rd.
Monday-Tuesday 12-8 pm
Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm
*Sunday 1-5 pm
**(Beginning in July)*

Martin Luther King

(Temporary Branch)
2767 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.
Monday-Tuesday 12-8 pm
Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm

Mitchell Street

906 W. Historic Mitchell St.
Monday-Tuesday 12-8 pm
Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm

Tippecanoe

3912 S. Howell Ave.
Monday-Tuesday 12-8 pm
Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm
*Sunday 1-5 pm
**(Beginning in July)*

Villard Square

5190 N. 35th St.
Monday-Tuesday 12-8 pm
Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm

Washington Park

2121 N. Sherman Blvd.
Monday-Tuesday 12-8 pm
Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm

Zablocki

3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.
Monday-Tuesday 12-8 pm
Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm

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