

FALL PROGRAM GUIDE

September-December 2023

ALL AGES

MPL Running Club

Wednesdays, 6 pm

Join us for 3-mile routes around Milton! Walkers and runners of all levels are welcome. Join our Facebook group, MPL Running Club, to stay up to date on routes and other fun things! First time participants must sign a waiver form first!



Library Card Sign-Up Month Challenge

Month of September

Help us reach our goal of 65 library card signups this month! Getting your very first library card? You will receive a prize pack! If we hit our goal, kids will be invited to help color bomb the library staff at 5 pm, Tuesday, October 3.

Grief Monster

First Wednesday of the Month, 5 pm

September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6

Have you experienced the loss of a parent, sibling, relative, or friend? Join an open forum discussion where participants can choose to listen or discuss. The facilitator is not a mental health professional, but there to facilitate the conversation and provide a safe place through her own experience. For all ages. *No registration required.*

Itty Bitty Art Show

Show Begins September 13

Participate in our first-ever tiny art show! Pick up the rules and entry form then start creating your tiny masterpiece. *Completed entries need to be returned by Friday, September 8.* For ages 9 & up.

Stress-Free with Susie

3rd Friday of the Month, 4:30-5:30 pm

September 15, October 20, November 17

Come hang out with Susie, the fluffiest, most chill Great Pyrenees you'll ever meet! *Please call 608-868-7462 to reserve your 15-minute time slot.* All ages welcome.

Halloween Costume Collection @ Milton Public Library

September 12-28

Distribution Event at Milton Public Library: Sept. 29-Oct. 2

Recycle those old costumes and help local families in need. Families are invited to donate new or gently used, clean Halloween costumes for babies and youth. All children are invited to choose a costume during our distribution event. Call 608-868-7462 with questions or for donation guidelines.

Homeschool Morning Craft Hour

Thursday, October 19, 10:30-11:30 am

All homeschooling families are invited to a morning of crafting. Supplies will be available for a craft that can be done by all ages. *Call 608-868-7462 to register.*

Friends of MPL Book Sale

November 1-30, Open Hours

Important Dates: FRIENDS ONLY DAYS: November 1-2: Members of the Friends of Milton Public Library get a first look at the sale! \$2 BAG SALE: November 28-30—Fill a bag for only \$2.00!

Homeschool Board Game Social Hour

Thursday, November 16, 10:30-11:30 am

All homeschooling families are invited to an hour of board game fun! *No registration required.*

Recurring Programs

Palabras: Spanish Conversation Group

2nd Thursday of the Month, 4:30 pm

Have you studied Spanish and want someplace to practice? Join Palabras! Build your confidence with others to practice using Spanish while enjoying conversations, Hispanic culture, and friendships. Any level of Spanish speaker is welcome to attend. No registration required.

Sunday Chess Club

3rd Sunday of the Month, 1:30-3:30 pm

Come to play chess in a relaxed, social setting. Play with new people and get helpful tips and guidance from others. The library will have some chess boards, but you can certainly bring your own. Open to all ages.

Milton Community French Club

3rd Tuesdays of the Month, 6:30 pm

Join retired French teacher, Michele La Pean-Usher, for an informal French Club for French conversations, study help, activities, and more. Open to students and adults. Virtual option available.

Fall is for Planning and Planting an Energy-Saving Landscape

A webinar with Melinda Myers
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 6:30 pm

Beauty and energy savings can go hand in hand. Select the right plants and place them in the best location to help reduce energy use. We will explore strategies for small space lots and larger properties so you can start implementing your own energy-saving landscape design.




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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS Ages 8 & Under

Family Story Time
Mondays, 5:30 pm & Wednesdays, 10:30 am
Stories, finger plays, rhymes, and songs! Both sessions are the same.

Bedtime Story Time
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
Bring your stuffies, wear your PJs, and calm down for bedtime.

 **Read with Jasmine the Therapy Dog**
2nd Fridays of the Month from 4-5 pm
September 8, October 13, November 10

Reserve your 15-minute time slot with Jasmine, the cuddliest therapy dog. *Call 608-868-7462 to reserve a time slot.*

Garden Party
Monday, September 11, 3:30-4:30 pm
Visit the library for snacks and activities in our Story Gardens.

S'mores Camp
Monday, October 9, 3:30-4:30 pm
Enjoy camping-themed games, activities, snacks, and stories. *Please call 608-868-7462 to register.*

Toddler Turkey Trot
Saturday, November 4, 10:30-11:30 am
Warm up with turkey stories and songs. Then "race" around our outdoor pathway and get a medal after crossing the finish line. Please bring non-perishable, unexpired food items to donate to the Milton Food Pantry for this event. For families with kids ages 4 & under. *Please call 608-868-7462 to register.*

Celebrate Diwali
Monday, November 6, 4-6 pm
Learn about the festival of lights by making Diwali crafts and eating snacks.

Mini Tree Painting
Thursday, December 7, 4-5 pm
Use a fork to paint a tree on a mini canvas. For kids ages 4-8. *Please call 608-868-7462 to register.*

Gingerbread Story & Craft
Monday, December 18, 3:30-4:30 pm
Get ready for the holiday season with gingerbread stories and activities. *Please call 608-868-7462 to register.*

TWEEN PROGRAMS Ages 9-12

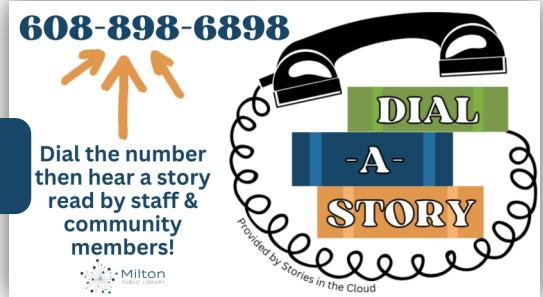
Tween Scene: Tween Movie Club
2nd Wednesday of the Month, 4-6 pm
September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13
Do you like movies? Join the Tween Scene! Each month we will watch and discuss a movie. Afterward, you'll be given a choice of movies and have one week to come in every day to vote for the movie you would like to see for the next month. All snacks and drinks will be provided.

Tween Book Club
3rd Thursday of the Month, 4-4:45 pm
September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21
Every month a new book will be available for check-out and due at the book club meeting. Snacks will be provided.

The SPARK @ MPL: SPARK Art
1st Monday of the Month, 3-4 pm
October 2, November 6, December 4
Come join Marijka in The SPARK as she creates some art. Each month she will provide all the materials for a chosen project. You only need to bring your imagination.

Tween & Teen Writing Workshop
Saturday, October 14, 1-3 pm
Did you know that some of the bestselling books ever written were penned by teens? It's true -Mary Shelley was only eighteen when she created *Frankenstein* and both S.E. Hinton (*The Outsiders*) and Christopher Paolini (*The Eragon* series) were only fifteen when they wrote their bestselling books. Learn some of the key elements needed to write a successful story in this workshop led by award-winning WI writer, Jamie A. Swenson. Participants will also receive their own writing journal. For those in grades 4-12. *Space is limited. Call 608-868-7462 to register.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Clay Pins
Monday, November 20, 3 pm
Create your own unique pins with clay. Come in during Thanksgiving break to craft your pin, allow it to dry, then come back to paint them. *Call 608-868-7462 to register.*



ONGOING READING CHALLENGES



1000 Books Before Kindergarten
This is a family reading project for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your little one starts kindergarten. By doing this your child will be better prepared for school and more likely to love books and reading. Sign up at the library or through our [website](#) today!



Biblio Explorers Tween Reading Program
Twens work to complete all the pages of a reading passport and have fun reading many different kinds of genres! After finishing a submission, you can bring your paper passport in to get that section stamped, or submit a Google form from our [website](#). Read then get some awesome prizes and some name recognition in the Tween Area of the library.



100 Books Before Graduation
Take on the challenge to read 100 books before you graduate high school. **Register** and record the books as you finish them. Participants are entered into monthly drawings and those who complete the challenge get a medal and recognition in the Teen Area. This opportunity is open to students currently in high school.

TEEN PROGRAMS Grades 7-12

PROJECT
16:49

Project 16:49 Office Hours

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 2-5 pm

Project 16:49 is a local non-profit organization serving Rock County's unaccompanied homeless teens. We believe every child deserves an opportunity to succeed. To that end, Project 16:49 ensures access to the services and support these students need to remain in school, graduate and become self-sufficient adults. Teens are welcome to drop into these office hours any time to receive support.

Meditation Monday
2nd Monday of the Month, 5-5:30 pm

Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

Take some time to relax and just breathe. Join others in the Quiet Room for guided meditation (with a YouTube video) and simple meditation activities. *No registration required.*



Make the Friendship Bracelets
Monday, September 18, 3-4 pm
Make friendship bracelets while listening to Taylor Swift. All the supplies will be provided. For fun, dress up in your favorite era, too! *Call 608-868-7462 to register.*

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You're a Wizard!: A Harry Potter Party

Thursday, October 19, 6-7:30 pm

Don't be a muggle and join others for a Harry Potter event! Get assigned a house, take potions, defense against the dark arts, and herbology classes, play bingo, and enjoy themed snacks and beverages. *Call 608-868-7462 to register.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Rosemaling
Tuesday, November 14, 4:30-5:30 pm

Join TAB member, Ella B., for an introduction to the Norwegian artform, rosemaling. Learn the history of this decorative painting style and try it yourself! *Call 608-868-7462 to register.*

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Heartstopper Scavenger Hunt
December 9-15

Volume 5 of this popular graphic novel series is released December 19! Complete a Heartstopper-themed scavenger hunt and be entered to win your very own copy.

Volunteer Opportunity: Tutor and Study Helper

We are looking to launch a Teen Tutoring & Study Group for those in grades 7-12. This will be a teen-led group with teen volunteers on hand to provide tutoring, study help, or support to their peers. Meetings are tentatively scheduled for every Tuesday from 4:00 to 7:00 starting October 3, but will depend upon the availability of volunteers. If interested, please fill out the form [HERE](#).

ADULT PROGRAMS Ages 18 & Up

1-on-1 Tech Time

Mondays 2-4 pm & Fridays 10:30 am-12:30 pm

We offer 30 minute time slots throughout each month for 1-on-1 tech support. *Call 608-868-7462 to book a time.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Social Artworking

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6 pm

September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12

Meet, chat, and work with other artists and makers while getting creative! Bring a current art project, supplies and create in the SPARK. All types of mediums are encouraged.

Tech 101

3rd Tuesday of the Month, 2 pm

September 19-SHARE Anywhere App 101

October 17-Facebook 101

November 21-Smarphone 101

December 19-Internet Skills 101: Websites & Searching

Learn new tech skills with our hands on series. Bring your own device with you to use during each session! *Call 608-868-7462 to register.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Tolkien Week Celebration

Monday, September 18, 6 pm

Join us for a long-expected party celebrating author J.R.R. Tolkien! We'll create dragon eyes, play LOTR Trivia, and feast like a Hobbit. *Call 608-868-7462 to register.*

House Plant Swap

Sunday, October 15, 1-3:30 pm

Too many plant babies at home? Looking for new plants? Participate in our House Plant Swap. Plant drop-off begins at 1 p.m. Swap will start at 1:30 p.m. Contact the library for more information.

Outsmart the Scammers

Monday, October 16, 6 pm

This seminar will discuss how to spot certain red flags that may indicate a fraudulent encounter, resources individuals can turn to in the event they are targeted, and steps attendees can take now to help protect themselves and loved ones. Presented by Elizabeth Bailey of Edward Jones. *Call 608-868-7462 to register.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Cemeterium

Tuesday, October 24, 6 pm

Get your hands dirty to create spooky little cemetery terrariums just in time for Halloween. *Call 608-868-7462 to register.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Painted Gourds

Tuesday, December 5, 6 pm

Create a festive holiday gnome using a dried bottle gourd! *Call 608-868-7462 to register.*



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MONTHLY BOOK CLUBS

Mystery Book Club

Every Third Tuesday at 6:30 pm

This book club meets the third Tuesday of each month for informal discussions of the month's book. All are welcome to attend.

- 9/19 *Along Came A Spider*, by James Patterson
- 10/17 *Dead Dead Girls*, by Nekesa Afia
- 11/21 *Shadow Ridge*, by M.E. Browning

American Lives Book Club

Every Second Tuesday at 6:30pm

This non-traditional book club focuses on the lives of influential Americans. Read any material about the assigned person and participate in the discussion. Contact the library for reading suggestions or check our website. Remote participation available.

- 9/12 *George Washington: The Man Who WOULD NOT Be King*
- 10/10 *John Adams: Founding Father, Diplomat, Curmudgeon, and His Rotundity*
- 11/13 (please note date change for November) *Thomas Jefferson: Polymath, Profligate, and Politician*
- 12/12 *James Madison: Father of the Constitution and the President Who Coveted Canada*



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Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm
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Sunday 1 pm-4 pm

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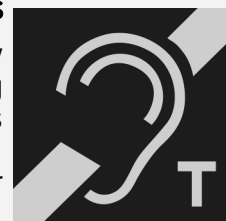
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