

# WINTER PROGRAM GUIDE



January-March 2024



## ALL AGES

### RECURRING PROGRAMS

#### Grief Monster

**1st Wednesday of the Month, 5 pm**

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.

#### Palabras: Spanish Conversation Group

**2nd Thursday of the Month, 4:30 pm**

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

#### 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. No registration required.

#### Stress-Free with Susie

**3rd Friday of the Month, 4-5 pm**

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

#### 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. No registration required.

#### Button Bonanza

**January–March**

We want to start a library tradition and introduce a new library button each year. But we want YOU to create the designs! All ages are encouraged to submit their digital design before March 18 for the first-annual Button Design Contest. All designs will be on display at the library for the community to vote on as their favorite throughout April. The winning design will be revealed at the May 5th Food Truck Rally, and buttons will be available for purchase. For all design guidelines, please visit the library or the library's website.



#### All I Want to Do is Read Gnome Matter What: Winter Reading Program January 22-February 23

Pick up a bookmark to participate in our winter reading challenge! For each day that you read at least 20 minutes, cross off a gnome. After 20 days, turn in your completed bookmark, pick up a sticker, and be entered into your age group prize baskets, each featuring a gnome. Bookmarks must be turned in by February 25.

#### One Seed, One Community Beginning February 14

Bring a bit of our Story Gardens home with you! Stop in and pick up a package of Gaillardia seeds, collected from our pollinator garden. Available while supplies last.

#### Homeschool Morning Craft Hour

**Thursday, February 15, 10:30-11:30 am**

Homeschooling families are invited to a morning of crafting. Supplies will be available for a craft for all ages. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

#### Leaping Frog Scavenger Hunt February 24-29

A crocheted frog is leaping around the library! Find its location each day, but don't move it, and let staff know where you found it. Each day you find it, your name will be entered into a drawing for the frog. The winner will be drawn on Leap Day at 4 pm!

#### Leap Ahead: A Time Capsule Project

**February 29-March 3**

Where do you see yourself in 4 years? Fill out our form with your hopes, dreams, and predictions for the future, but also document your current self to see how much you change in four years! All forms will be put into a capsule that will be opened again in 2028.

#### Poetry Walk Poetry Submissions March 1-27

Writers and poets, submit your original poem for our first ever Poetry Walk! Poems will be on display in our Story Gardens throughout the month of April. Contact the library by calling 608-868-7462 for more information.

#### Peeps Diorama

**March 10-16, Open Hours**

Guess who's back, back again? Pick up your Peeps from us beginning February 26. At home or using The SPARK, build a unique setting for your peeps, and bring it back to library March 7-9 to be displayed March 10-16. Community members will be able to vote for their favorite during this time. Two winners (fan favorite & staff favorite) will be announced March 18th. Dioramas must be picked up by March 18th.

#### Friends of MPL Book Sale

**March 1-30, Open Hours**

Important Dates:

FRIENDS ONLY DAYS: March 1-2:

Members of the Friends of MPL get a first look at the sale!

**\$2 BAG SALE:** March 27-29—Fill a bag for only \$2.00!

#### The School District of Milton Art Show

**March 20-April 28, Open Hours**

Stop in and see all of the wonderful works of art created by students in the Milton School District. A Reception will be held Wednesday, March 20 from 4–6 p.m. Artwork will be on display through April 28.

#### Homeschool Board Game Social Hour

**Thursday, March 21, 10:30-11:30 am**

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

**608-898-6898**



Dial the number  
then hear a story  
read by staff &  
community  
members!



# 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.

**Story & Craft To-Go**  
**7th of Each Month**  
 Pick-up your bag starting on the 7th of each month. Crafts available while supplies last. *No registration required.*

**Read with Jasmine the Therapy Dog**  
**2nd Fridays of the Month from 4-5 pm**  
**February 9, March 8**  
 Reserve your 15-minute time slot with Jasmine, the cuddliest therapy dog. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

**Winter Crafternoon**  
**Last Monday of the Month,**  
**3:30-4:30 pm**  
**January 29, February 26, March 25**  
 Join Jayme for a story and some creative crafting. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

**The SPARK @ MPL: Valentine's Day Crafts**  
**Wednesday, February 14, 11-11:30 am**  
 Kids! Come craft something for those you love. For kids 5 & under. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*



**Cactus Party**  
**Wednesday, March 6, 4-5 pm**  
 Have some fancactus fun listening to stories, crafting, snacking, and enjoying other cactus-themed activities. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

# TWEEN PROGRAMS Ages 9-12

**Tween Scene: Tween Movie Club**  
**2nd Wednesday of the Month, 4-6 pm**  
**January 10, February 14, March 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. Registration preferred. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*



**Dungeons & Dragons Club**  
**Open House**  
**Saturday, January 13, 11 am**

Calling all adventurers, heroes, lovers of magic and fantasy, or those who enjoy great storytelling! You are invited to learn more about Dungeons & Dragons. Whether a seasoned player or a newbie, join us for this new quest. Registration preferred. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

**Tween Book Club**  
**3rd Thursday of the Month, 4-4:45 pm**  
**January 18, February 15, March 21**  
 Every month a new book will be available for check-out and due at the book club meeting. Snacks will be provided. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

**The SPARK @ MPL: SPARK Art**  
**1st Monday of the Month, 3-4 pm**  
**February 5, March 4th**  
 Join Marijka in The SPARK as she creates some art. Each month we will provide all the materials the project. You only need to bring your imagination. Registration preferred. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

**Tween Take-out Kits**  
 To help pass the cold, short days of winter we brought our Tween Take-out Kits back. Keep your eyes and ears ready, and waiting, to pick yours up when they are dropped each month.

# TEEN PROGRAMS Grades 7-12



**Meditation Monday**  
**2nd Monday of the Month, 3-3:30 pm**  
 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.*



**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.

**Dog-Earred: An Animal Lover's Book Club**  
**4th Monday of the Month, 6 pm**  
**January 22, February 26, March 25**  
 Let's read about our four-legged friends! In this book club, open to teens and adults, we'll read a variety of fiction and nonfiction books about animals. Join the readers' list to automatically get a copy of each month's book.

**Red Cross Youth Club**  
**4th Wednesday of the Month, 4 pm**  
 The Milton Red Cross Club is an extension of our local Red Cross unit and involves multiple service projects, fundraising, helping with humanitarian crisis, and overall volunteering for the good of our community. Through our mission-related activities, we strive to make our community a better place. For teens in grades 7-12. The club will meet once a month for approximately an hour, with additional meetings if needed. If interested in joining, please contact Ashlee at [kunkel.ashlee@miltonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:kunkel.ashlee@miltonpubliclibrary.org)

# TEEN PROGRAMS Continued



## Books, Brunch, and Bingo

**Saturday, January 6, 10:30-11:30 am**

Come play bingo, eat brunch, and win books! We'll play as many bingo games as we can in an hour. Space is limited. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

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## One Minute Film Competition Submissions due by Sunday, March 10

Create a 1-minute film for a chance to win a \$50 cash prize! Films should have an *otherworldly* theme! For a complete list of competition guidelines and the submission form, please stop in at the library or visit our website at [www.miltonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.miltonpubliclibrary.org). All submissions are due by Sunday, March 10. The Teen Advisory Board will choose the winning film. Sponsored by the Teen Advisory Board.

## One Minute Film Competition Viewing Party

**Thursday, March 14, 5 pm**

Come view all the film submissions for the One Minute Film Competition and find out the winning film! Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*



## SPARK Art Camp March 25-29, 3:30 pm every day

Teens are invited to attend SPARK Art Camp during Spring Break! Each day at 3:00 p.m. will be a different hour-long class. Those who attend three out of the five classes will earn a special SPARK Art wooden medallion! Space is limited. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

- \* Monday—Swipe & Blow Art
- \* Tuesday—Tiny Pasta Plants & Collages
- \* Wednesday—Felt Wall Hanging
- \* Thursday—Origami & Perler Beads
- \* Friday—Mini YouPaint

**REGISTER ONLINE!**



Scan the QR code to register on your phone!



# ADULT PROGRAMS Ages 18 & Up



## Page Turners: Adult Reading Challenge

Need a little motivation to read more? Want to earn a free book and receive public recognition at the library? Then join the Page Turners Adult Reading Challenge. Sign up through the Beanstack Reading Tracker app at [miltonpubliclibrary.org](http://miltonpubliclibrary.org) to get started or stop in for a bookmark tracker. Contact the library for more information.

## 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 January 9, February 13, March 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.

## Making Sense of Medicare

**3rd Wednesday of the Month, 3-4:30 pm January 17, February 21, March 20**

Learn the basics of how Medicare works, including the different paths to coverage, penalties, deadlines and how much everything costs. To register, call Anita Hawkins at (608) 563-2503 or email at [ahawkinsagency@gmail.com](mailto:ahawkinsagency@gmail.com).



## Dog-Eared: An Animal Lover's Book Club 4th Monday of the Month, 6 pm

**January 22, February 26, March 25**

Let's read about our four-legged friends! In this book club, open to teens and adults, we'll read a variety of fiction and nonfiction books about animals. Join the readers' list to automatically get a copy of each month's book.

## The SPARK @ MPL:

### Vermicomposting

**Tuesday, January 23, 6 pm**

Interested in composting at home? A worm bin is a great way to reduce waste and create the best compost out there - worm poop! We will create worm bins, discuss how to feed your worms, and harvest vermicompost. Wear clothes that can get messy. *Call 608-868-7462 or go online to register.*

## Response-able Fatherhood

**Sunday, February 4, 2-3:30 pm**

Ben Killoy, Veteran and life coach, introduces fathers to the vital role of being a dependable anchor in their family's life. Gain skills to create a nurturing environment for children and develop a family culture that is peaceful and supportive. Open to all fathers. *Call 608-868-7462 or go online to register.*

## The SPARK @ MPL: Painted Wax Candles

**Tuesday, February 6, 6 pm**

Try the TikTok trend of painting candles with wax. Adults only. Space is limited. *Call 608-868-7462 or go online to register.*

## Author Visit: Evie Yoder Miller Saturday, February 10, 2 pm

Local author and retired teacher, Evie Yoder Miller, will read excerpts from her Civil War-based fictional trilogy, *Scruples on the Line*, as well as offer time for questions. Books will be available for purchase. No registration required.

## Author Visit: Melanie Radzicki McManus

**Saturday, March 2, 1 pm**

Wisconsin author Melanie Radzicki McManus will be here to talk about her book, *Thousand-Miler: Adventures Hiking the Ice Age Trail*. Hear about her many hiking journeys, including over 7,000 miles on various National Scenic Trails, and her new hiking goals! Sponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society as part of their Wisconsin History Makers Tour. No registration required.

## The SPARK @ MPL: Mini Camera Scrapbook Album

**Tuesday, March 5, 6 pm**

Make an adorable little scrapbook album. Essential supplies will be provided, but you may bring your own photos or other materials to personalize it. Space is limited. *Call 608-868-7462 or go online to register.*





## REGISTER ONLINE!

You are now able to sign-up for all of our programs AND

reserve our meeting rooms online through our new calendar and LocalHop! Visit our website like normal and find an event and sign up through the calendar OR you can scan the QR code to go directly to LocalHop to register there too!



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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.

- **1/16** *The Thursday Murder Club*, by Richard Oseman
- **2/20** *What Angels Fear*, by C. S. Harris
- **3/19** *The Maid*, by Nita Prose

### 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.

- **1/9** *James Monroe – Looking Westward*
- **2/13** *John Quincy Adams*
- **3/12** *America's First Nations and the Presidents – George Washington Through Andrew Jackson*



## Milton PUBLIC LIBRARY

430 E High St. Milton, WI  
608-868-7462

[mpl@miltonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:mpl@miltonpubliclibrary.org)

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Tuesday 10 am-8 pm  
 Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm  
 Saturday 10 am-4 pm  
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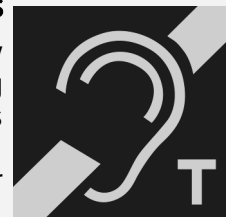
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### HEARING LOOPS

The library now has hearing loops for patrons who use hearing aids or cochlear implants.



### Media Release

For the purpose of marketing library programs on the library's website and social media, staff may ask permission to photograph or videotape program participants.