

SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE

April-May 2024

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ALL AGES

Poetry Walk

The Month of April

Celebrate National Poetry Month by taking a stroll through our Story Gardens and reading original poems written by local community members of all ages.

MPL Running Club

Wednesdays, 6 pm, beginning April 17

Come join others for 3-mile routes around Milton! All running levels welcome. If you're participating for the first time, a waiver form must be filled out. Join the MPL Running Club Facebook group for route information and more.

Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

Monday, April 8, 1-2:30 pm

Enjoy the solar eclipse at the library! There will be crafts, sun-themed snacks, a dance party in the gazebo, stories read by Ms. Jayme, a special StoryWalk®, and a limited number of solar eclipse glasses available. Bring a blanket and/or chairs for the outdoor viewing. *No registration required.*

One Seed, One Wisconsin Seed Giveaway

April 13 while supplies last

Pick up a package of "Pride of Wisconsin Melon" seeds and grow your own muskmelons in your garden this year!

The SPARK @ MPL: Reverse Coloring Drop-In

Monday, April 15, 2-8 pm

Celebrate World Art Day by trying out some reverse coloring here in The SPARK. Drop in anytime between 2 and 8 pm. Available while supplies last.

Homeschool Morning Craft Hour

Thursday, April 18, 10:30-11:30 am

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

Red Cross Youth Club 2-Mile Walk Fundraiser

Saturday, May 4, 10:30 am

Start anytime between 10:30 and 11 at the library! Loop back to the library (there will be an assigned route) and be entered to try and win a prize basket. Registration fee is \$5.00, those 5 and under are free. A waiver form must be completed.

Food Truck Rally

Sunday, May 5, 11 am-3 pm

Support the library and eat some delicious food! All food trucks will be at the library, and a percentage of their proceeds will go towards the library.

SDM Harmony & Consolidated Art Show Open House

Tuesday, May 7, 4:30-6:30 pm

Stop by the library to view some fantastic artwork created by the students of Harmony & Consolidated Elementary Schools.

Homeschool Board Game Social Hour

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

All homeschooling families are invited to an hour of board game fun! The library will provide several family-friendly games, but you're more than welcome to bring your own. *No registration required.*

Gardening Webinars with Melinda Myers

Join Melinda Myers, Wisconsin gardening expert, for two informative webinars to help you make the best garden year round. Registration required to join.

**Container Gardening
Throughout the Year**
Wed., April 10, 6:30 pm

Scan this QR Code to register for this FREE webinar!



**Ornamental Fruits
and Vegetables**
Wed., May 1, 6:30 pm

Scan this QR Code to register for this FREE webinar!



Recurring Programs

Grief Monster

**2nd Monday of the Month,
5 pm**

April 8, May 13

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

Palabras: Spanish Conversation Group

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

April 11, May 9

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**

April 21, May 19

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.*

Milton Community French Club

**3rd Tuesdays of the Month,
6:30 pm**

April 16, May 21

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. *No registration required.*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS Ages 8 & Under



Lucky Sevens Reading Challenge

Visit us to learn more about a new reading challenge just for kids in first and second grade.

Family Story Time

Mondays, 5:30 pm & Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Stories, finger plays, rhymes, and songs! Both sessions are the same. **NO STORY TIME MONDAY MAY 20 through 29.**

Bedtime Story Time

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

Bring your stuffies, wear your PJs, and calm down for bedtime.

Baby & Me

1st & 3rd Thursday of Each Month, 11 am

Enjoy 15 minutes of rhymes, stories, and music with your baby, followed by free play time. For ages 1-18 months. *No registration required.*

Pre-Eclipse Crafternoon

Monday, April 1, 3:30-4:30 pm

Get psyched for the upcoming eclipse with intergalactic space crafts. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

MPD Reads!

1st Friday of the Month, 10:30 am

April 5, May 3

Listen to our local police officers read stories, and then enjoy a fun craft! *No registration required.*

Read with Jasmine the Therapy Dog

2nd Fridays of the Month from 4-5 pm
April 12, May 10

Reserve your 15-minute time slot with Jasmine, the cuddliest therapy dog. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Drop Everything and Read

Friday, April 12, 4-5 pm

Drop everything, and head to the library to read books, enjoy book-themed activities, and eat snacks. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Tweet Spring Craft

Wednesday, April 17, 11-11:30 am

Come on over for a tweety bird craft! For ages 5 & under. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Fruit Salad Walk

Monday, April 22, 4-5 pm

Celebrate Earth Day with a StoryWalk® and fruit salad prep in our gazebo. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Star Wars Day Craft Takeout

Saturday, May 4

"Disappointed with this craft bag, you won't be." -Yoda. Pick up a to-go bag from the library while supplies last.

If You Give A Mouse A Cookie

Monday, May 6, 4-5 pm

Members of the Teen Advisory Board want to share one of their favorite childhood books, If You Give a Mouse A Cookie! Teens will lead participants through the StoryWalk® in Story Gardens, and then we'll decorate cookies and do a craft! *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Jelly Bean Bash

Monday, May 20, 5:30-6:30 pm

Pay homage to the jelly bean with games, STEM exploration, and a taste test! *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

TWEEN PROGRAMS Ages 9-12

The SPARK @ MPL: MineCRAFT

Mondays

Mondays, April 1, 15, 29 & May 13, 3:30-4:30 pm

Every other Monday come to The SPARK and do some MineCRAFTS. Every time you attend you will be entered for a chance to win a Minecraft book bundle! Winner will be chosen after the last session. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*



Do you love the library? Want more programs you are interested in? Wish your favorite book series were on the shelf? If that is you, come check out what our Board of Library Tweens has to offer. Tweens (parents welcome too) can drop in for an open house style informational meeting where you can learn more, ask questions, have snacks, and pick up or drop off an application.

BLT (Board of Library Tweens)

Open House

Saturday, April 13, 11 am &

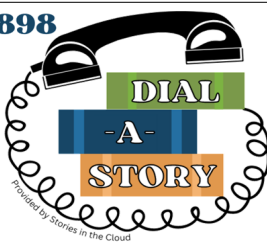
Monday, May 6, 5:30 pm

Tween Take-out Kits

Keep your eyes and ears ready, and waiting, to pick yours up when they are dropped each month.

608-898-6898

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



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](#) to-



Biblio Explorers Tween Reading Program

Tweens 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.

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TEEN PROGRAMS

Grades 7-12

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. They ensure 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-Eared: An Animal Lover's Book Club

4th Monday of the Month, 6 pm

April 22, May 28 (please note date change for May)

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

Red Cross Youth Club Bingo & Slime

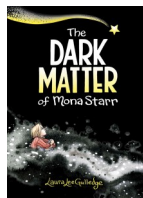
Wednesday, April 24, 4-5 pm

Play bingo, learn some interesting facts about blood, win prizes, and make some blood slime! Snacks and beverages also provided. Hosted by the Red Cross Youth Club. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Lighted Concrete Moon

Monday, April 8, 5-6 pm

You just saw a solar eclipse, now make a unique lighted moon with a pie tin, concrete patching compound, and a string of lights. Space is limited. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*



Finding What Matters: A Mental Health Graphic Novel Book Discussion

For Mental Health Awareness Month, join others in reading the graphic novel, *The Dark Matter of Mona Starr*, by Laura Lee Gulledge. Space is limited, registration is required, and participants are highly encouraged to attend both meeting. Supported by the Milton Youth

Coalition. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Tuesday, May 7, 4-5 pm - Discuss what matters to you, get some background information on the book and the author, and get your own copy of the book to keep.

Tuesday, May 21, 4-5:30 pm - Come back to discuss the book to meet the author, Laura Lee Gulledge, virtually! Laura will guide participants through the creation of their own self care plan.

The SPARK @ MPL: Sunshine in a Bottle

Tuesday, May 14, 4:30 pm

Make your own little bottle full of sunshine for those gloomy days. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

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.



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 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: DIY Moon Dreamcatcher

Tuesday, April 2, 6 pm

Adults, sign up to create a whimsical crescent moon dreamcatcher! All supplies provided. Space is limited. *Call 608-868-7462 or go online to register.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Social Artworking

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6 pm April 9, May 14

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 April 17, May 15

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.

Jigsaw Puzzle Night

Friday, May 10, 6-8 pm

Race against the clock (and other teams) to complete an entire jigsaw puzzle. This time, each team will have a different puzzle to put together. Register your team of 4 by Tuesday, April 30. Space is limited. For ages 16 & up only. *Call 608-868-7462 or go online to register.*

House Plant Swap

Saturday, May 11, 1-3 pm

Too many plant babies in your house? Looking for new plants? Participate in our House Plant Swap. Contact the library for more information.

SeniorCareRX Information Session

Tuesday, May 14, 11 am

Drop in for an educational event on WI SeniorCare RX, where we'll demystify the benefits and application process of this vital prescription drug assistance program tailored for seniors 65 and older. Discover how to significantly reduce your medication costs and ensure your health needs are met affordably and efficiently. No registration required.

The SPARK @ MPL: Rosemaling

Monday, May 20, 6 pm

Adults, it's your turn! Ella B. is back to give an introduction to the Norwegian artform, rosemaling. Learn the history of this decorative painting style and try it yourself! Space is limited. *Call 608-868-7462 or go online to register.*

ONLINE RESOURCES

All of our online resources are free to use from home with a library card. Visit the Online Tools section of our website today to get started!

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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.

- **4/16** *Clouds of Witness*, by Dorothy Sayers
- **5/21** *A Death in Door County*, by Annelise Ryan

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 topic and participate in the discussion. Contact the library for reading suggestions or check our website. Remote participation available.

- **4/9** *Exploring the West with Lewis & Clark*
- **5/14** *The Earth Shall Weep: A History of Native America*

Dog Eared: An Animal Lover's Book Club

Every Fourth Monday at 6 pm

In this book club, open to teens and adults, we'll read a variety of fiction and nonfiction books about animals.

- **4/22** *The Soul of an Octopus*, by Sy Montgomery
- **5/28** **Please note date change for this month!** *Thunder Dog* by Michael Hingson



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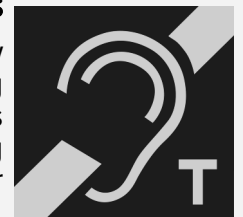
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HEARING LOOPS


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.

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 to sign up through the calendar OR you can scan the QR code to go directly to LocalHop to register there too!

