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SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE June-August 2024

ALL AGES

Recurring Programs

Running Club

Wednesdays, 6 pm

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. For all ages. *No registration required.*

Sunday Chess Club

Sundays, 1-3:30 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.*

Grief Monster

2nd Monday of the Month, 5 pm

June 10, July 8, August 12

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

June 18 at 6:30-special date & time

July 11, August 8

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.*

Milton Community French Club

3rd Tuesdays of the Month, 6:30 pm

June 18, July 16, August 20

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.*

Library Lope: Let's Dash for Books!

After seven years, the Teen Advisory Board's fun run is moving to completely virtual. But that means you can run anywhere and anytime and still support the library's teens! All participants get a medal, a sticker, and the opportunity to purchase past Lope swag. And join the Library Lope: Let's Dash for Books running group and community on Facebook to share your runs! Register on our website starting June 1st.

Adventure Begins At Your Library: Summer Library Challenge

June 10-August 10

Pick up your activity log and do a combination of reading 20 minutes a day, visiting the library, or attending library programs for 30 days to receive a prize pack and pick out a FREE book.

Summer Kickoff

Monday, June 10, 1-3 pm

Help us start summer with a bang! Pick up your reading challenge bookmark, bring a blanket and your lunch for a picnic on the lawn, and enjoy some fun activities at the library. Kona Ice will also be serving cool treats! *No registration required.*

Let's Rock!

June 10-July 31

We love a good rock here at Milton Public Library. As you are out on your outdoor summer adventures, either near or far, keep an eye out for really good rocks. Collect the rock – only if it's okay to do so! – and bring it back to the library. We'll put all the rocks on display through the month of August and staff will pick their favorite one.

Read or Relax with Aoife the Therapy Dog

3rd Friday of the Month, 4-5 pm

June 21, July 19, August 16

Sign up to read or relax with Aoife (ee-fuh), a Field Spaniel therapy dog. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register for a 15-minute time slot.*



Milton Mayhem Saturday, June 22, 9:30 am-12 pm

Get your bikes, put on your helmets, and explore Milton. Our hunt starts and ends at the library. Solve clues that take you to places around the city. At each location, collect a bead for a necklace. Bring your filled necklace back to the library to be entered in a prize drawing. Hunt solo or with a group. Short and long routes are available. *Registration is required, and all participants must sign a waiver. Call 608-868-7462 to register.*

Friends of MPL Book Sale

July 1-31, Open Hours

Important Dates:

FRIENDS ONLY DAYS: July 1-2:

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

\$2 BAG SALE: July 29-31—Fill a bag for only \$2.00!

Sun Prints in the Story Gardens Monday, July 22 11 am-12 pm

All ages are invited to join nature enthusiast Sarah Stuckey in Story Gardens to create art pieces using plants and the sun! All supplies are provided. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Food Truck Rally

Sunday, August 25, 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.

Amateur Photo Contest: Coming this Fall!

Start snapping those photos now for our Amateur Photo Contest this Fall. There will be one winner in each age group, one special themed category winner, as well as one fan favorite winner. This year's special theme is *ghosts*. Stop by the library for the official entry form and rules. Entries will be accepted beginning September 3, 2024.



FAMILY-FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE SERIES



**Thursday, June 13
10:30 am**

Slither into the world of reptiles and learn what species call Wisconsin home. Plus, meet a few exotic animals.



**Thursday, June 20
10:30 am**

During this event, experiments demonstrating the principles of air and pressure will captivate the audience. Prepare to be 'blown' away!



**Thursday, June 27
10:30 am**

Folk music for the whole family! Kids get to sing, clap, dance, and play rhythm instruments. Adults are encouraged to clap and sing along.

All ages welcome!
Registration required for all performances.



**Thursday, July 11
10:30 am**

Prepare to be entertained with an unforgettable performance full of comedy, visual magic, mentalism, escape artistry, and sleight-of-hand.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS Ages 8 & Under

Family Story Time

**Mondays, 5:30 pm & Wednesdays, 10:30 am
June 3-August 14**

Stories, finger plays, rhymes, and songs! Both sessions are the same. **NO STORY TIME MONDAY JUNE 17 & 19.**

Bedtime Story Time

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

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

Baby & Me

**Select Thursdays, 10:30 am
June 6, July 18, August 1 & 15**

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

MPD Reads

July 5 & August 2, 10:30 am

Come listen to our local police officers read stories. *No registration required.*

Read with Jasmine the Therapy Dog

Select Fridays, 4-5 pm

June 14, July 12 & August 9

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

Craft Takeout

Tuesdays, June 11-August 6

A new take-and-make craft will be available each Tuesday while supplies last. *No registration required.*



Albert's Excellent Adventure

June 10-August 10

Albert (our SPARK resident) would like to tag along on some of your summer adventures! Visit the library to find out how you can make that happen.



Library Camp

**Select Mondays, 2-3 pm
June 24, July 1, 8, 15 & 22**

Each week we'll explore a new theme...everything from painting to pirates! There will be crafts, activities, stories, and snacks. For those ages 5-12. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Youth Programs

Ages 12 & Under

TWEEN PROGRAMS Ages 9-12

Tween Movie Mondays

Mondays, 5-7 pm

June 10th-Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie

July 8th-Elemental

August 5th -The NeverEnding Story

Get out of the heat and enjoy some movies and snacks with Marijka. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

BLT (Board of Library Tweens)

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 4 pm

June 12, July 10, August 14

BLT members join us to brainstorm and have some fun at the library!

Board Game Drop-In

2nd Sundays, 1:30-3 pm

July 14, August 11

Come in. Play some games. Have some fun! If you have a board game you would like to play, feel free to bring that along. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Tween Take-out Kits

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

Be Creative: A Trailtessa/Ice Age Trail Alliance Event

Tuesday, August 20, 4-7 pm

Ignite your artistic abilities to support pollinators. Create little clay stones/water vessels with local artist Heather Hansen and paint a large-scale mural with local artist Kegane Rynes to celebrate bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and fireflies – delightful and crucial pollinators. The mural will be put on display in Story Gardens and the clay stones will be available for purchase during the library's Monarch Festival. This event is open to young girls, ages 9-18, and space is limited. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

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.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Every Other Tuesday, 4-5 pm-Beginning June 11

We're reading graphic novels this summer! Join us every other Tuesday to discuss a new graphic novel. Snacks and a small activity will also be provided. Get a copy of the first book, *Pumpkinheads* by Rainbow Rowell, now available at the library.

GSA

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 3-4 pm

June 12, July 10, August 14

The GSA brings together LGBTQI+ and straight teens to support each other and provide a welcoming place to socialize. Also enjoy crafts and games! *No registration required.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Tiny Bottle Houses

Monday, June 24, 4-5:30 pm

Using air-drying clay, a glass bottle, unique craft supplies, and your imagination create a unique house! Let your house dry at the library and come back anytime to use paints in The SPARK. A special display case will be set up for those who wish to have their houses on display during the month of July. Also, a limited number of Craft Takeout Kits will be available for those who cannot make the program. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Teen Read-In

Thursday, June 27, 6-7:30 pm

Come to the library and just read! Grab a book, find a comfortable spot, and settle on in to read for about 90 minutes. Enjoy some snacks, beverages, and prize drawings throughout the night. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*



SPARK Buddies

Mondays, July 8 & 15, 4-5:30 pm

SPARK Buddies pairs up a teen with a curious kid in grades K-2 for STEM activities in The SPARK. Each meeting, the pairs will work together to complete two different STEM-related activities. Space is limited to 8 pairs and participants are HIGHLY encouraged to attend both meetings. Sponsored by PBS Kids. *Call 608-868-7462 to register.*

Charlie's 15th Birthday

Thursday, July 11, 4-5:30 pm

Ashlee's cat, Charlie, is turning 15! To celebrate, join Ashlee for a variety of cat-themed activities and snacks. Space is limited. Charlie not included (he's too scared). *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Just Dance! Glow Party

Monday, July 15, 6-7 pm

Show us your moves in a fun hour of Just Dance! We're watching YouTube videos and having our own glow dance party. Space is limited. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Once Upon A Murder: Murder Mystery Night

Thursday, July 25, 6-7:30 pm

Join other teens for a timeless tale of treachery and treason. A murder is committed in a kingdom far, far away and it's up to you to uncover the culprit! Get assigned a character and see if you can figure out who is the murderer. Food and beverages will be provided and costumes are encouraged. Registration required. Sponsored by the Teen Advisory Board. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

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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: Altered Book Junk Journals

Tuesday, June 4, 6 pm

Turn an old book into a unique junk journal. Take home additional supplies in order to record your adventures throughout the summer. Space is limited. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Social Artworking

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6 pm

June 11, July 9, August 13

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. *No registration required.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Social Lingo Party

Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 pm

Adults, join members of our French and Spanish clubs for a casual gathering to celebrate language! Learn basic words and phrases, play games, read stories and socialize. There will be snacks and prizes too. *No registration required.*

Tasty
EXPLORATIONS **Tasty Explorations**
COOKBOOK CLUB **Cookbook Club**
4th Tuesday of the Month, 6 pm

June 25-Diasporican: A Puerto Rican Cookbook, by Illyanna Maisonet

July 23-Maangchi's Real Korean Cooking, by Maangchi

August 27-Real Irish Food, by David Bower

Take your tastebuds on a journey with this special summer cookbook club! Check out this month's book, prepare a recipe and bring the dish to share while we discuss the book. Get a copy of the month's book at the library. *No registration required.*

ADULT PROGRAMS Cont.

Silent Book Club

Sunday, July 14, 11 am-12 pm

Want to discuss your latest read without the pressures of a typical book club? Join us at Good Works Brewing Company for a relaxing time of reading in comfortable silence. Bring your book, share what you are reading, then stay after and socialize if you'd like. Beverages available for purchase. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Smart Travel Tips

Monday, July 29, 6 pm

Love to travel? Want to learn some expert tips, like when to start planning, documents needed, where to go and what to pack? Then join TravelEnvy local agents, Bonnie and Lori, for a special presentation to prep you for the adventure of a lifetime, no matter the destination. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Chicken Wire Suncatcher

Tuesday, August 6, 6 pm

Turn a frame into a pretty suncatcher using beads and chicken wire. Space is limited. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*



Under-Appreciated Pollinators Webinar

with Wisconsin gardening expert **Melinda Myers**

Wednesday, June 5, 6:30 pm

Scan with phone camera 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.

- **6/18** *Under the Cold Bright Lights*, by Garry Disher
- **7/16** *Killers of a Certain Age*, by Deanna Raybourn
- **8/20** *The Kingdoms of Savannah*, by George Dawes Green

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.

- **6/11** *The Empire Builders: Jay Gould, Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, Robert Moses, and Steve Jobs*
- **7/9** *Desegregation of the U.S. Military (Executive Order 9981) and Beyond*
- **8/13** *A Look at American History Through Major Social Movements*

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.

- **6/24** *King of the Wind*, by Marguerite Henry
- **7/22** *Saving Sorya: Chang and the Sun Bear*, by Trang Nguye
- **8/26** *What Elephants Know*, by Eric Dinerstei



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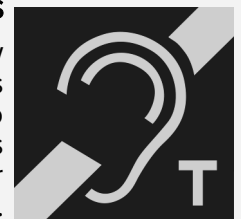
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