



SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE

April-May 2025

ALL AGES



MPL Walking Club

**Mondays, 5:30 pm &
Saturdays, 9:30 am**

We're excited to offer a walking club as a way for people to meet, explore Milton, and get moving outdoors! Please note that a library staff member **WILL NOT** be leading the walk. We are just a safe space to start. Those who are walking can choose how long and where they walk as a whole group or separate smaller groups. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Join the MPL Walking Club Facebook group to further connect.

Poetry Walk

April 1-30

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

One Seed, One Community

Beginning April 1, while supplies last

Bring a bit of our Story Gardens home with you! Stop in and pick up your package of Echinacea seeds, collected from our pollinator garden. Grow your own purple coneflowers and entice pollinators to your yard. Limit one per family please.

Peeps® Diorama

Peeps Pick-Up Begins March 24

Submissions Due: April 7-9

Voting & On Display: April 10-17

Winners Announced: April 18

Get creative with Peeps® and make a unique diorama. Participants may use supplies in The SPARK if needed. Two winners (fan favorite, staff favorite) will be announced April 18. To keep your diorama, please pick it up on April 17 or 18. All dioramas will be thrown out on April 18 at end of day.



Gear Swap with the Ice Age Trail Alliance-Rock County

Saturday, April 5, 10 am-1pm

Bring your new and/or gently used outdoor gear and swap it for new-to-you equipment. The library will accept items April 2-4. On day of swap, between 10 am and 12 pm, please follow a 1:1 swap etiquette and take an item for every item you bring. An item to swap will not be needed to get items between 12 and 1 pm. This event is offered in partnership with the Ice Age Trail Alliance-Rock County. For guidelines, please visit the library's website at www.miltonpubliclibrary.org.

Graphic Novel Book Club Craft Bash & Bake Sale

**Saturday & Sunday, April 5 & 6,
Open Hours**

The Graphic Novel Book Club, a partnership with the Milton Public Library and Milton High School Library Media Center, is raising funds for club t-shirts! Come purchase a variety of handmade items and baked goods.

The SPARK @ MPL: World Art Day

Tuesday, April 15, Open Hours-

Giant Flower Vase

Celebrate World Art Day in The SPARK! Become inspired by different artists and create big flowers to fill our giant "vase."



MPL Running Club

**Wednesdays, 6 pm-Beginning
April 16**

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.

Red Cross Youth Club Blood Drive

Friday, April 18, 10 am-2 pm

at Milton City Hall (710 S. Janesville St.)

Donate blood and save lives! To make an appointment, visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>.



seeking artists, makers, designers, and hobbyists of all types to apply for our 3-week residency to be held July 6 through July 26, 2025. The goal of this residency is to nurture learning and creativity while providing an opportunity for artists to increase their presence in the community. Fill out the application [HERE](https://www.miltonpubliclibrary.org/the-spark-maker-residence).

Applications

Due by April 18

The Milton Public Library's makerspace, The SPARK, is



Project Stitches Blanket Fundraiser

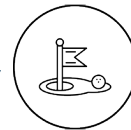
April 21-May 10

Purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win a handmade blanket! Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Funds from the sale will go towards the purchase of a drop spindle kit, yarn ball winder and more for The SPARK Makerspace.

Harmony & Consolidated Art Open House

Tuesday, April 22, 4-6 pm

Stop in to see the amazing artwork from the students at Harmony & Consolidated Elementary Schools. Artwork will be on display at the library through Wednesday, May 14.



Mini Golf in the Library: A Milton Public Library Foundation Fundraiser

Saturday, April 26, 6-7:30 pm

Come to the library for a night of mini-golf fun in this adult-only night of supporting the library. Golf an 18-hole, creatively constructed mini-golf course, practice your putting, and enjoy beverages from Northleaf Winery and Good Works Brewing Company. Admission is \$10 or \$15 per couple. Must be 21 or older. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Red Cross Youth Club 2-Mile Walk Fundraiser

Saturday, May 3, beginning at 9:30 am

Start anytime between 9:30 and 10:00 at the library! Loop back to the library (following an assigned route) and be entered into a drawing to win a prize basket. Registration fee is \$5, those 5 and under are free. A waiver form must be completed. Money raised will go to the Red Cross.

Author Visit: Tracey Atkinson

Saturday, May 3, 11 am-12 pm

Local author Tracey Atkinson has published two youth books focused on the topic of mental health. Her third book is in the publishing process! Tracey will talk about her books, her writing process, and her desire to be a part of the change in reducing the stigma around mental health. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*



MPL Food Truck Rally

Sunday, May 4, 11 am-3 pm

Enjoy a variety of food trucks, live music, and the Story Gardens! A percentage of proceeds from each truck will support the library.

Itty-Bitty Art Show

Entry Forms Available May 28

Artists, get ready to participate in our tiny art show this fall! Start working on your little masterpieces and pick up the rules and entry form beginning May 28. Completed entries must be returned by Friday, August 29. For ages 9 & up.

Recurring Programs

Grief Monster

2nd Monday of the Month,
5 pm
April 14, May 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
April 10, May 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.*

Sunday Chess Club

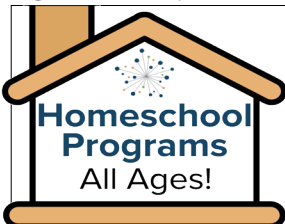
3rd Sunday of the Month,
12-3:30 pm
May 18

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 15, May 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.*



Homeschool STEM Social Hour

Thursday, April 17, 10:30-11:30 am

All homeschooling families are invited to an hour of fun with various STEM building challenges. Legos, wooden blocks, magnetic tiles, and more! What can you build? *No registration required.*

Homeschool Craft Hour

Thursday, May 15, 10:30 am or 12 pm

Homeschooling families are invited to an hour of crafting. Supplies will be available for craft that can be done by all ages. Each session is the same craft. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*



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.

Craft Takeout

1st Tuesday of the Month

A new take-and-make craft will be available each month while supplies last. Ages 4-8. *No registration required.*

TWEEN PROGRAMS Ages 9-12

Movie Mondays

1st Monday of the Month, 3:30-5:15 pm

April 7— *The Wild Robot*

May 5— *Wonka*

Join Marijka in watching some movies that got their start as books! Snacks provided. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

BLT (Board of Library Tweens)

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 4:30 pm

April 9, May 14

BLT members join us to brainstorm and have some fun at the library! Interested in joining? Talk to Marijka at the library!

Silent Reading Party

Friday, April 18, 1-2:30 pm

Time for another silent reading party! Bring your book or check out one of ours. We will be taking reading breaks with fun games, activities, and book giveaways! Snacks will be provided. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Spring Art Lab

Friday, April 18 1-2 pm

Try a variety of spring-inspired crafts. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Little Hands, Big Art

Thursday, May 8, 10:30-11 am

We invite our young artists to explore and unleash their creativity. For those ages 4 and under. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Youth Programs

Ages 12 & Under

Read with Jasmine the Therapy Dog

Select Fridays, 4-5 pm

April 11, May 9

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

The SPARK @ MPL: UW-Whitewater Art Projects

Tuesday, April 22, 6 pm—*Exploding Shapes*

Art education students from UW-Whitewater are back and ready to do more art! Check our Facebook to see what each session's project will be. For those Kindergarten through 5th grade. All supplies provided. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

LEGO Party

Monday, April 28, 4-5 pm

Enjoy building with LEGOs, eating snacks, and playing games. For ages 7-10. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Shrinky Dinks

Monday, May 12, 4-5 pm

Come make cute, tiny things! *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

TEEN PROGRAMS Grades 7-12

Stay Grounded & Find Your Place

We're partnering with Sharla's Coffee Stop and the Milton Youth Coalition to highlight safe spaces for teens in Milton! Grab yourself a punch card at either the library or Sharla's. Visit each location at least five times (on specific days of the week) to do homework, to read, to be creative, or just to quietly hang out with friends to earn a punch-card reward: either a free drink or a free book! Snacks will be provided by the Milton Youth Coalition! For those in middle and high school.

Red Cross Youth Club (RCYC)

2nd Tuesday of the Month, 5-6 pm

April 8, May 13

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. If interested in joining, please contact Ashlee at kunkel.ashlee@miltonpubliclibrary.org.



TAB (Teen Advisory Board)

4th Tuesday of the Month, 4-5 pm

April 22, May 27

TAB has openings! The mission of TAB is to encourage students in grades 7 through 12 to become life-long library users through the promotion of reading, volunteerism, and participation in the library, and to assist the library both in developing and implementing programs which serve local teens. TAB is a perfect way to earn volunteer credit and be involved in the library. Come to a meeting to learn more!

TAB
TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

ADULT PROGRAMS Ages 18 & Up

1-on-1 Tech Time

Mondays 2-4 pm & Fridays 10 am-12 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

April 8, May 13

Meet, chat, and work with other artists and makers while getting creative! Bring a current art project and supplies to create in the SPARK. All mediums are encouraged. *No registration required.*

Scrabble® Sunday

Sunday, April 13, 1-3 pm

Meet up with other word enthusiasts at the library for a game of Scrabble®! Boards and tiles will be provided. Dictionary available to settle friendly disputes. All skill levels welcome. *No registration required.*

The SPARK @ MPL: DIY Secret Storage Box

Tuesday, April 29, 6 pm

Use old books and other materials to create a secret storage box for your bookshelf. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

SPARK JOY: Shrinky Dinks

Tuesday, May 6, 6 pm

Adults, join us for a new series of programs in The SPARK meant to bring some fun nostalgia into your life. This time, we will create Shrinky Dink charms. All supplies provided. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

GARDENING WEBINARS WITH MELINDA MYERS

Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 6:30 pm

Container Gardens for Sun and Shade

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 6:30 pm

Vertical Gardening



REGISTER

The SPARK @ MPL: Found Word Buttons

Monday, April 21, 3-4 pm

Using word from book pages, paints, and your creativity, make a unique and wearable piece of art. All supplies are provided. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Mental Health Monday: Yoga with Flo & Co Wellness Studio

Monday, May 19, 4-5 pm

Come relax your body and mind and learn some yoga basics from a certified instructor from Flo & Co Wellness Studio.

Supplies will also be provided to make your own breathing stick for those moments when you need to quickly center yourself. Bring a mat or towel (a few will be available). Space is limited.

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

Trivia (Taylor's Version)

Thursday, May 22, 6-7 pm

Are you ready for it? Test your Taylor Swift knowledge during a night of Swifties comradery, friendship bracelets, and mocktails. For teens and adults. Space is limited. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

Creating Your Own Story: Story Telling Workshop

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, & 20, 5 pm

Each one of us is made up of a million moments...a million stories. Learn how to tell your story with Jen Rubin, Executive Producer of Love Wisconsin. In this three part workshop, participants will learn how to find, frame, and tell stories. By learning the dynamic storytelling elements, participants will gain the tools to pull stories out of everyday life. These will be interactive workshops with a mixture of mini-lecture, 1:1 dialogue, and small group work. Participants are encouraged to attend all three workshops for the full experience. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*



House Plant Swap

Saturday, May 10, 11 am-1 pm

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

Gourd-geous Viny Veg

Monday, June 2, 6 pm

Join us for an engaging gardening presentation designed to help you successfully grow your viny vegetables (think cucumbers, squash and gourds) this year. Learn how to choose the best crops, prepare the ideal planting site, care for your crops throughout the growing season, and tackle challenges. Presented by Julie Hill from UW-Madison Division of Extension. No registration required.



Trivia (Taylor's Version)

Thursday, May 22, 6-7 pm

Are you ready for it? Test your Taylor Swift knowledge during a night of Swifties comradery, friendship bracelets, and mocktails. For teens and adults. Space is limited. *Call 608-868-7462 or use LocalHop online to register.*

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.

- 4/15 *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger
- 5/20 *Flags on the Bayou* by James Lee Burke

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.

- 4/8 *World War I and the Roaring 20s - 1914 - 1929*
- 5/13 *Depression & World War II - 1929 - 1945*

Tasty Explorations Virtual Cookbook Club

Take your tastebuds on a journey with this virtual book club! Each month, be on the lookout for a video review. Contact the library to borrow a copy of the book.

- April *Tasting History* by Max Miller
- May *Fresh Midwest* by Maren King



GET OUR E-NEWSLETTER!

Sign up to for adult and/or youth news! Get information about monthly programs, book releases, library services, and more. Click [HERE](#) to sign up today, give us a call, or scan the QR code!



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!

ancestry library edition

Ancestry Library Edition is a library database that is powered by the popular genealogy research website Ancestry.com. *In-house use only.



Instantly borrow eBooks, audiobooks, comics, music, movies & TV – 24/7 and FREE on your phone or tablet.



Kanopy offers more than 30,000 films, including critically acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning foreign films, and the Great Courses.



Libby.

Discover ebooks, digital magazines, and audiobooks from Wisconsin's Digital Library with Libby. You can borrow instantly or place a hold on 1,000s of items.

LinkedIn LEARNING

Thousands of video tutorials taught by industry experts allow you to acquire software, creative, and business skills.



MANGO

A language learning website for adults and children with resources to learn over 70 languages!

New in 2025!



REGISTER ONLINE OR RESERVE A ROOM!

Scan the QR code to register for any of our programs or to reserve any of our study or meeting rooms, all for FREE!



Milton

PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

mpl@miltonpubliclibrary.org

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Tuesday 9 am-8 pm
Wednesday-Thursday 9 am-6 pm
Friday 9 am-5 pm
Saturday 9 am-2 pm
Sunday 12 pm-4 pm

CONNECT WITH US

Facebook

Milton Public Library-Wisconsin

Instagram

[mplwisconsin](#) & [mplteens](#)

Goodreads

Milton Public Library

Pinterest

Milton Public Library

TikTok

[mpl_wi](#)

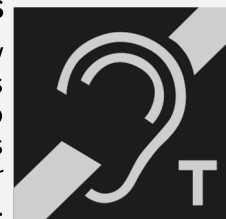
www.miltonpubliclibrary.org



Download our app,
SHARE Anywhere,
in your app store!

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.