

SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE

June-August 2025



ALL AGES

Run Club

Wednesdays, 6 pm

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.

Itty Bitty Art Show

Entry Forms Available Now, Show Begins September 3

Participate in our tiny art show this September. Pick up the rules and entry form and start working on your little masterpiece now. Completed entries may be returned between Monday, August 11 and Friday, August 29. For ages 9 & up.

School Supply Swap

Donation Drop Off-June 1-14, Open Hours

Distribution Event-August 7-10, Open Hours

Have extra school supplies at the end of the school year?! Donate your new or gently used items for a community school supply swap! We'll collect items June 1-14 during library hours. And just before the new school year, the distribution event will occur August 7-10, or while supplies last. For guidelines on what to bring, please visit our website or stop in at the library.



Color Our World: Summer Library Program

June 9-August 3

Pick up your activity log, or use [Beanstack](#) to track online, and do a combination of reading 30 minutes a day and/or being creative for 30 days to receive a FREE book. Completed challenge must be turned in by August 3.

Summer Kickoff

Monday, June 9, 5-6:30 pm

Start your summer off right...with a visit to MPL. Pick up a reading challenge bookmark, enjoy live entertainment, and a couple food trucks! All ages are welcome. *No registration required.*

REGISTER ONLINE!

Sign-up for all of our programs AND reserve our meeting rooms online through LocalHop! Scan the QR code today!



RECURRING PROGRAMS

Grief Monster

2nd Monday of the Month,
5 pm

June 9, July 14, August 11

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 12, July 10, August 14

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

June 15, July 20, August 17

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

June 17, July 15, August 19

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.*



Milton Mayhem

Saturday, June 14, 9-11:30 am

Grab your bike and helmet then enjoy a fun-filled ride to solve clues that will lead you to different locations across Milton. At each stop collect a bead and follow the next clue. When you've solved them all, head back to the library for a chance to win some prizes! This event is great for riders of all ages-whether you go solo or team up with a group. Please [sign a waiver](#) before hitting the road. For more details, call or stop by the library!

Art Alfresco: Watercolors

Monday, July 7, 11 am-12 pm

Join Sarah Stuckey in Story Gardens for an hour of colorful fun by exploring different watercolor techniques. Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online 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!

Food Truck Rally

Sunday, August 3, 11 am-3 pm

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

Art Walk Artists Reception

Friday, August 1, 5-6 pm

Come meet and celebrate the artists who created the crescent moons in the Story Gardens! Light refreshments will be provided.



Art Walk

August 1-September 9

We're excited to host our second annual Art Walk and showcase talented local artists in

our Story Gardens. This year's theme is the crescent moon! All pieces will be on display along our Story Gardens pathway during the month of August. All pieces will be up for auction on Tuesday, September 9, starting at 5:30, with funds raised going towards the continued development and maintenance of Story Gardens.



FAMILY-FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE SERIES

All ages welcome!
Registration required for
all performances.



Thursday, June 19, 10 am
Awe at modern circus acts like German Wheel, Slack Line, and Juggling. No animals. Our workshops and try-its allow hands-on experience of the circus arts!

Thursday, June 26, 10 am
Enjoy a unique combination of dances and stories that includes cultural stories, vivid visuals, engaging facts, and a fun dance that enacts all of their learnings about the Holi Festival.

Thursday, July 17, 10 am
Slither around the world to meet reptiles from every continent. Learn what a Legless Lizard is, meet a rare species of snake up close, touch a gecko, hold a large boa constrictor, watch a snake eat, and more!

Thursday, July 24, 10 am
Join Science Heroes on our mission to turn science into an adventure! Discover how fun and colorful science can be through hands-on experiments. Don't miss this exciting and interactive STEM learning adventure!

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.

The SPARK @ MPL: Little Hands, Big Art

Second Thursday of the Month, 11-11:45 am-June 12, July 10
Art exploration stations for ages 4 and under. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

Craft Takeout

Fourth Tuesday of the Month-June 24, July 22
A new take-and-make craft will be available each month while supplies last. Ages 4-8. *No registration required.*

Touch-A-Truck

Wednesday, July 16, 10-11 am
Ever want to touch a police, fire, or city truck? This is your chance! Drop in to touch and see unique vehicles up close! *No registration required.*



Wise Owl/Little Owl

Applications available Sunday, June 1
Applications due Monday, June 16
Launch Party-Thursday, June 19, 5 pm

This award-winning program is back for the 12th year! Teens in grades 7-12 are paired up with younger readers in grades 1-3 for weekly one-on-one reading.

Pairs will also have the opportunity to work on their own picture ebook. Teen participants will earn volunteer hours.

TWEEN PROGRAMS Ages 9-12

T & T Crochet Club

Third Friday of the Month, 3-4 pm
June 20, July 18, August 15
Twins and teens, this is your chance to connect with other crochet enthusiasts! Bring your current crochet project, or start something new, and share your love for crochet in a fun, social setting. Knitters also welcomed! Please note, participants should have a solid understanding of basic crochet techniques. For those in grades 4-12. *No registration required.*



Comic Book Drawing 101

Monday, June 30, 5-6:30 pm
Chris Ramos, author and artist, will provide an introductory workshop on comic book drawing! Learn a bit about color in comics and try your hand at creating your own panels. For tweens and teens, ages 9-18. Snacks will be provided. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*



BLT (Board of Library Tweens)

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 4:30 pm
June 11, July 9, August 13
BLT members join us to brainstorm and have some fun at the library! Interested in joining? Talk to Marijka at the library!

Youth Programs

Ages 12
& Under

Read with Jasmine the Therapy Dog

Friday, June 13, 4-5 pm
Reserve your 15-minute time slot with the cuddliest therapy dog. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

Lego Lounge

Select Thursdays, 3-4 pm-June 19, July 3 & 17
Join Jayme and Marijka in the Lego Lounge. In the Lego Lounge you can build, enjoy snacks, and games. Every lounge you attend will gain you an entry to win a Lego prize at the last meet up. For ages 6-11. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

Movie Mondays

Select Mondays, 3:30-5:15 pm
June 16, 23, 30, & July 7, 14, 21, 28
Come relax with a movie and snacks. For families with kids ages 12 & under. *No registration required.*

Library Camp

Select Tuesdays, 2-3 pm-June 17, 24 & July 8, 15, 22
Each week, we'll dive into a different art theme, featuring unique crafts and hands-on activities! For ages 5-12. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Bug Builders Workshop

Wednesday, June 25, 2-3 pm
Enjoy creepy, crawly crafts to celebrate Insect Week. Ages 5-12. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Shark'n'Art

Wednesday, July 9, 2-3 pm
Make some FIN-tastic crafts to celebrate Shark Week. Ages 5-12. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

Mad Hatter Tea Party

Monday, August 4, 5-6 pm
Join us for a whimsical Mad Hatter Tea Party at the library, where curiosity and imagination reign! This fun and colorful event will feature quirky games, funky hats, and, of course, tea and treats. Embrace the world of Wonderland with friends and enjoy silly conversations. Everyone is welcome to come dressed as their favorite Wonderland character—let's make this tea party one to remember! For ages 5 to 17. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

TEEN PROGRAMS Grades 7-12

Middle School Reading Challenge

Middle schoolers, this challenge is just for you! Challenge yourself to read 20, 30, or 40 books while in 7th and 8th grade. Read 20 books and get name recognition in the teen area, read 30 and/or 40 books and add to your spot on the wall! At each tier, you'll also earn a small prize. Get started via Beanstack [HERE](#).



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 via the Beanstack app. Those who complete the challenge get a medal and recognition in the teen area. This opportunity is open to students currently in high school and students who just finished 8th grade. Get started via Beanstack [HERE](#).



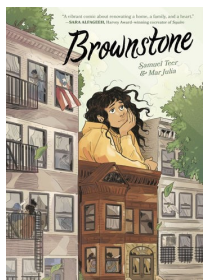
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Graphic Novel Book Club

Every Other Tuesday, 4-5 pm

Begins June 10

We're reading award-winning 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, *Brownstone* by Samuel Teer, now at the library. *No registration required.*

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Teenage Kindergarten

Friday, June 27, 3-4:30 pm

Revisit your not-so-distant past with some favorite activities, including story time, show-and-tell, finger painting, PBS videos, scavenger hunts, hide and seek, milk and cookies, and more! *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

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Rock Painting

Friday, July 11, 2-3 pm

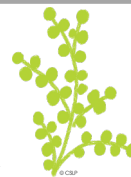
Join TAB member Natalie for rock painting. Whether you want to create positive messages or simply enjoy a relaxing artistic activity, this program offers a great way to unwind and connect with others. You can even leave your mark in the community as we'll create rocks to hide around Milton! *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

Murder Mystery Night:

A Knight of Murder

Thursday, July 17, 6-7:30 pm

Join other teens for a night of medieval madness. A murder is committed during a noble marriage celebration, and it's up to you to find the culprit! Get assigned a character and see if you can uncover the murderer. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Costumes are encouraged. Sponsored by TAB. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*



Art Alfresco: Beaded Plants

Tuesday, July 22, 6 pm

Let's get crafty in Story Gardens and be inspired by the colors and plants around us! With all the supplies provided, learn some basic beading techniques and leave with a beautiful, handmade miniature plant that lasts forever. For teens and adults! *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*



The SPARK @ MPL: YouPaint

Wednesday, July 30, 3-4:30 pm

With a blank canvas in front of you and a variety of paint colors, follow along with a YouTube video to create a work of art. Also enjoy a beverage themed around that day's painting. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*



Dungeon and Dragons DM 101

Saturday, August 2,
11 am-12 pm

Lily, Teen Advisory Board member and Dungeon Master extraordinaire, will provide some tips and tricks on becoming a DM so you, too, can lead

exhilarating and thrilling campaigns for your friends. Space is limited and registration is required. Snacks will be provided! *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 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.*

Gourd-geous Viny Veg

Monday, June 2, 6 pm

Join us for a gardening presentation designed to help you successfully grow your viny vegetables (cucumbers, squash, 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.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Social Artworking

2nd Tuesday of the Month, 6 pm

June 10, July 8, August 12

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



The SPARK @ MPL: Book Cover Bedazzle Party

Tuesday, June 24, 6 pm

Try your hand at this new trend! Bring your own book (a hardcover with a book jacket is best!) and we'll supply the rest. Adults only. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

ADULT PROGRAMS Continued

Silent Reading Party

Sunday, July 13, 11 am-12 pm at Sharla's Coffee Stop (525 College Street)

Want to discuss your latest read without the pressures of a typical book club? Join us at Sharla's Coffee Stop 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. *No registration required.*

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The SPARK @ MPL: Paint Your Partner Party

Tuesday, July 29, 6 pm

Bring your partner, spouse, or best friend and get ready to paint each other's portrait. Paint a masterpiece or a stick figure. The only rule: no peeking until the big reveal! Adults only. Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.

Are you an adult who loves to read?

Join the Page Turners Adult
Reading Challenge!

Track and read 50 books online with
the Beanstack App or with our
bookmark log for recognition and
prizes at MPL!



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.

- 6/17 *Moonflower Murders* by Anthony Horowitz
- 7/15 *The Mystery Writer* by Sulari Gentill
- 8/19 *Sleepless City* by Reed Farrel Coleman

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.

- 6/10 *In One Era and Out the Other: Post-War / Cold War - 1945 - 1960*
- 7/8 *In One Era and Out the Other: Bay of Pigs to Watergate - 1960 - 1974*
- 8/12 *End of the "National Nightmare" to the Fall of the Wall - 1974 - 1988*

Tasty Explorations Virtual Cookbook Club

Take your tastebuds on a journey with this virtual book club! Each month, be on the lookout for video reviews on Facebook and YouTube.

- June *Cook It Wild* by Chris Nuttall-Smith
- July *Will it Waffle?* by Chris Daniel Shumski
- August *Arty Parties* by Julia Sherman



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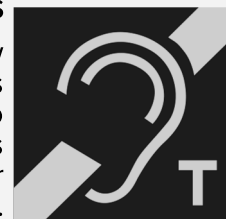
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