



FALL PROGRAM GUIDE

September-December 2025

ALL AGES

Library Card Sign-Up Month

The Month of September

We're encouraging everyone who doesn't yet have a library card to come get one. It's free, easy, and comes with a welcome gift! Check out this link [HERE](#), to see what you need to get a MPL library card.

Ink & Imagination Passport Program

September 2-November 30

Visit any Prairie Lakes Library System library between September 2 and November 30 to collect passport stickers. For every 5 libraries you visit, you'll get one entry into a prize drawing. Visit all 22 libraries and earn a bonus entry! One passport per person. Turn in your entries by November 30. Winners will be notified by December 12. Stop into any participating library for a passport or print your own [HERE](#).

Itty Bitty Art Show

September 3-30

Stop by the library and see the tiny masterpieces created by local talent. Be sure to vote for your favorite one!

The SPARK @ MPL: Wooden Cactus Magnets

Saturday, September 6, 10-11 am

Paint your own adorable, layered succulent and cactus magnets in this hands-on workshop lead by Monica Fauchaux, owner of Ellie Joe Design Co.! Customize and take home 3 wooden magnets, designed with stackable layers for creative color combos. Perfect for beginners and seasoned artists alike. For ages 9 and up. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

Friends of Milton Public Library Business After 5

Tuesday, September 9, 5-7 pm

The Friends of Milton Public Library are hosting a Milton Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Five event! Come learn all about the Friends and how they support the library.

Art Walk Auction

Tuesday, September 9, 5:30 pm

You could be a proud owner of an amazing piece of art! The 18 crescent moons created by local artists for our 2nd Annual Art Walk are going up for auction as a fundraiser for Story Gardens! Call the library at 608-868-7462 for more details.

Friends of MPL Book Sale

November 1-30, Open Hours

Important Dates:

FRIENDS ONLY DAYS:

November 1-2: Members of the Friends of MPL get a first look at the sale!

\$2 BAG SALE: November 26 & 29-30—Fill a bag for only \$2.00!

The SPARK @ MPL: National Day of Encouragement Crafts

Friday, September 12, 12-4 pm

Celebrate kindness with washi tape creations and handmade encouragement cards. Drop in any time between 12 and 4 pm to participate. *No registration required.*

Halloween Costume Collection & Distribution at MPL

Costume Collection: September 15-28

Costume Distribution: Sept. 29-Oct. 11

Recycle old costumes and help local families in need. Donate new or gently used, clean Halloween costumes for babies and youth. All children are invited to choose a costume during our distribution event. Contact the MPL with questions or for guidelines.

Homeschool Craft Hour

Thursday, September 18, 10:30 am & 12 pm

Thursday, November 20, 10:30 am & 12 pm

All homeschooling families are invited to a morning of crafting. Supplies will be available for crafts that can be done by all ages. Each session is the same, so please only register for one. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

Book Crawl

Sunday, September 28, 12-3:30 pm

Tried a Wine Walk or a Poker Run? Try a Book Crawl! MPL is partnering with local businesses for this special event. Start at the library to pick up a punch card, then grab your book and head out to read for a while at each stop. Return your completed card for a chance to win! More details available on the library's website. *No registration required.*

Puzzle Swap

Sunday, September 28, 1-3:30 pm

Clean out your puzzle stash and get some new to you. All items should be in good condition, and all pieces should be included. Just want to donate? You are welcome to drop your puzzles off before the swap. In partnership with the Milton/Janesville Puzzle Exchange Group. *No registration required.*

History Hike

Saturday, October 11, 10 am-12 pm

In partnership with the Ice Age Trail Alliance to highlight their Mammoth Hike Challenge, enjoy a History Hike through Milton's own Ice Age Trail! Start at the library to learn some library history. Then head to Main Hall for a brief history of Milton College before walking to the Milton House Museum for a brief history of Milton's role in the underground railroad. Continue on your way to collect those Mammoth Hike Challenge miles or head back to Sharla's Coffee Stop, Good Works Brewing, and/or Rubber Ducky Winery for a discounted beverage! *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Grief Monster

2nd Monday of the Month, 5 pm

Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8

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. *No registration required.*

Palabras: Spanish Conversation Group

2nd Thursday of the Month, 4:30 pm

Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

Join Palabras! Build your confidence with other practicing 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

Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

Join retired French teacher Michele La Pean-Usher, for an informal French club for conversations, study help, activities, and more. Virtual option available. *No registration required.*

Sunday Funday: Games & Puzzles

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

Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21

Join others of all ages for board games, puzzles, and classic favorites like chess. Whether you're a grandmaster in the making of just in it for the fun, there will be something for everyone to enjoy! You are more than welcome to bring your own games and puzzles or grab any from the library's collection. *No registration required.*

Homeschool STEAM Hour

Thursday, October 16, 10:30 am

Homeschooling families are invited to an hour of STEAM building fun! The library will provide several family-friendly building and engineering games. *No registration required.*

The SPARK @ MPL:

National Pickle Day

Friday, November 14, 10 am-5 pm

Pop in for silly pickle-themed crafts and maybe even try a pickle treat. Treats are available while supplies last. Drop in any time between 10 am and 5 pm to participate. *No registration required.*

The SPARK @ MPL:

National Park Appreciation Crafts

Monday, December 22, 12-4 pm

Celebrate the beauty of America's parks with nature-inspired crafts. Drop in any time between noon and 4 pm to participate. *No registration required.*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS Ages 8 & Under



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. This will help your child will be better prepared for school and more likely to love books and reading. Sign up at the library or [HERE](#) online.



Lucky Sevens Reading Program

It's a reading challenge designed just for kids in 1st and 2nd grade. This fun program challenges kids to log their reading in seven increments of seven books. When all logs have been completed, your child will have read 49 books! Get started by picking up a log at the library or through Beanstack [HERE](#).

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 OCT. 20 & 22, NOV. 10, DEC 22 & 29.

Bedtime Story Time

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
Bring your stuffies, wear your PJs, and calm down for bedtime. NO STORY TIME DEC 23 & 30.

The SPARK @ MPL: Farm STEAM

Friday, September 11, 10-10:45 am
Farm-themed hands-on fun just for little learners. For those ages 4 and younger. Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.

Book Carnival

Saturday, September 27, 10:30-11:30 am
A book-themed celebration with games, activities, and snacks. Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.

Adoption Pawty

Friday, October 24, 2-3 pm
Celebrate animal adoption with pet-themed games, crafts, and a visit from our furry friends, Jasmine, Gus, and JJ! Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.

The SPARK @ MPL: DINovember STEAM

Thursday, November 6, 10-10:45 am
Enjoy National STEM/STEAM Day with dinosaur-themed science and art activities. For those ages 4 and younger. Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.

Make & Take Treats

Monday, December 8, 3:30-4:30 pm
Whip up dipped pretzels and "goofballs" to take home or share! Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.

Youth Programs

Read with Jasmine the Therapy Dog

Friday, September 12, 4-5 pm
Friday, November 7, 4-5 pm
Reserve your 15-minute time slot with the cuddliest therapy dog. Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.

The SPARK @ MPL: Creepy Crafts

Monday, October 6, 3:30-4:30 pm
Craft haunted houses, spooky characters, and more! For those ages 5-12. Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.

Wicked Good Party

Monday, November 10, 5-6:30 pm
Celebrate the world of *Wicked* with an Oz-some afternoon of crafts, games, and snacks! Witches, wizards, and Ozians welcome! For ages 5-12. Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.

Lego Lounge

Wednesday, November 26, 2-3 pm
Monday, December 22, 2-3 pm
Join us in the Lego Lounge. Build, snack, and play games. For ages 6-11. Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.

TWEEN PROGRAMS Ages 9-12



BiblioExplorers: Reading Program

Biblio Explorers is a reading passport program for 9-12 year olds. Work to complete all the pages of a passport with help from guided reading suggestions. Use this passport to explore many different genres. Read, get some awesome prizes, and name recognition in the Tween Area of the library. Learn more by stopping in or visiting our website [HERE](#).

Movie Mondays with Marijka

Third Monday of the Month, 3:30-5:15 pm
Sept. 15: *The Amazing Maurice*
Oct. 20: *Coraline*
Nov. 17: *Open Season*
Dec. 15: *The Santa Clause*
Join Marijka in the lower-level break room for a relaxing movie afternoon! Enjoy great films, tasty snacks, and cozy vibes — everything is provided, but feel free to bring a comfy blanket or pillow to make yourself at home. No registration required.

BLT (Board of Library Tweens)

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 4:30 pm
Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10
BLT members join us to brainstorm and have some fun at the library! Interested in joining? Talk to Marijka at the library!

Book Explorers

Third Thursday of the Month, 4:30-5:15 pm
Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18
Calling all curious readers! Join our new Tween Book Club, Book Explorers, for monthly fun with a different theme each time. Explore both fiction and non-fiction books—check out one of our picks or bring your own! Each meeting includes a theme-based activity to bring the books to life. Let the adventure begin! Pick up September books beginning Sept. 2. Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.

T & T Crochet Club

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month, 4-5 pm
Tweens and teens, this is your chance to connect with fellow 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! For those in grades 4-12. No registration required.

MPL Youth Book Awards: Launch Meeting

Monday, September 22, 5 pm
We're highlighting and celebrating the top fiction, nonfiction, and graphic novels read by tweens and teens in the last 12 months — and we're looking for youth to be on committees to help us make that happen! As a member of a committee, you'll read 4 selected books over the course of three months, discuss the books with other committee members, and choose a winner using a scoring rubric. During the Launch Meeting on September 22, we'll determine the five books in each category and discuss the review process. All winners will be announced in January of 2026 and copies of each winning title will be available as a giveaway.

Silent Reading Party

Friday, October 24, 2-4 pm:
Spooky Halloween Edition
Tuesday, December 23, 2-4 pm:
Festive Holiday Edition
Back by popular demand join us for, not one, but *two* chances to enjoy the magic of reading in silence - with a festive twist! Cozy up with a good book, enjoy themed snacks, play games, and celebrate the season with fellow book lovers. 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](#).

Red Cross Youth Club

Second Tuesday of the Month, 5-6 pm
Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9

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.

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The SPARK @ MPL: UW-Whitewater Art Class

Select Tuesdays, 5:30 pm
Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9

Art education students from UW-Whitewater are back to do more art! Check out Facebook to see what this session's project will be. Open to Middle School and High School students. All supplies provided. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

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Bracelet Exchange Club

Fourth Wednesday of the Month, 4-5 pm
Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 26

Are you tired of the same bracelets and want to find a crafting community? Be a part of the Bracelet Exchange Club, lead by Teen Advisory Board member, Emma! Make bracelets, exchange bracelets, learn some bracelet making skills, and just have fun. The club will also connect with the community through various events where bracelets will be sold as a library fundraiser. *No registration required.*

Books & Boba: *Better than the Movies* by Lynn Painter

Friday, October 24, 1-2 pm

Teen Advisory Board member, Melody, is leading a book discussion this fall! Grab a copy of *Better than the Movies* by Lynn Painter, read it, and come discuss it at the Ice ShanTea. All participants will receive a free small boba and a chance to win a prize basket featuring the follow up book, *Nothing Like the Movies*. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

Teen Board Game Night

Friday, November 14, 5-6:30 pm

Celebrate International Games Month with a night of playing board games at the library! The library will have a number of board games available, but you can certainly bring your own. Pizza and beverages will also be provided. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

ADULT PROGRAMS Ages 18 & Up



Page Turners Reading Program

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 [HERE](#) or get a bookmark tracker at the library.

1-on-1 Tech Time

Mondays 2-4 pm & Fridays 10 am-12 pm

We offer 30-minute time slots each month for 1-on-1 tech support. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

Prairie Lakes Puzzle Masters Tournament:

Local Competition

Thursday, September 18, 6 pm

Get your team together and complete a 500 piece puzzle the fastest to earn a spot at the Rock County semi-final puzzle competition. Contest held at the Milton Public Library. Competition begins promptly at 6. Teams of 2 to 4 players. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

Social Artworking

2nd Tuesday of the Month, 6 pm

October 14, November 11, December 9

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

Canva 101

Tuesday, September 30, 6 pm

Learn the popular online platform for creating versatile, user-friendly graphic design-Canva! Learn how to use this tool with a useful demonstration. Please bring your personal device with if you can. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

The SPARK @ MPL: Zombie Nutcrackers

Tuesday, October 7, 6 pm

Time to have some spooky fun! Paint and sculpt your own creepy nutcracker. For adults only. All supplies provided. *Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.*

Houseplant Swap

Sunday, October 12, 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. *No registration required.*

Paying for College: What's Changing & What You Can Do

Wednesday, October 15, 6 pm - Online Only

This virtual workshop will explore recent changes in financial aid that may impact how much parents will pay for college and how they can adjust. Actionable strategies to reduce costs and make informed decisions based on each college's financial aid formulas will be shared. Parents will leave with tools to predict their financial aid outcomes, avoid excess debt, and better navigate the evolving of higher education financing. Parents of middle and/or high school students are encouraged to attend. Register [HERE](#).

ADULT PROGRAMS Continued

Sip & Listen: Adult Storytime -Spooky Edition

Thursday, October 23, 6 pm at Rubber Ducky Winery (232 S Janesville Street)

Who says stories are just for kids? Come and listen to some local talent read short spooky narratives while enjoying the relaxed atmosphere of Rubber Ducky Winery. Beverages will be available for purchase. Please register by October 21. Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.

The SPARK @ MPL: Faux Neon Sign Painting

Tuesday, November 4, 6 pm

Brighten up your space by painting your own faux neon sign. All supplies provided. Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) online to register.

The SPARK @ MPL: Greeting Card Keepsake Album

Tuesday, December 2, 6 pm

Use old books and scrapbook paper to create a greeting card keepsake album. Perfect for those special occasion cards that are too precious to recycle. Feel free to bring your cards in order to create the correct size. Call 608-868-7462 or use [LocalHop](#) 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.

- 9/16 *Daughter of Mine* by Megan Miranda
- 10/21 *Smilla's Sense of Snow* by Peter Hoeg
- 11/18 *Death on a Winter Stroll* by Francine Mathews
- No December Meeting

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.

- 9/15 **Please note date change!** *Supreme Rule: Landmark Supreme Court Decisions*
- 10/14 *Kings (and a Queen) of the Hill: Speakers of the U.S. House*
- 11/11 *Presidents on the World Stage: Presidents and Autocrats*
- 12/9 *Presidents on the World Stage: Wartime Presidents*

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.

- September *Salad Lab* by Darlene Schrijver
- October *Sea Salt and Honey* by Olivia Tsakiris
- November *Everyday Delicious* by Rocco DiSpirito



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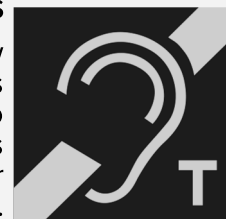
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