



WINTER PROGRAM

GUIDE

January-March 2026

ALL AGES

3rd Annual Button Bonanza

Submissions due March 31

Submit your digital design for a 2-inch button by March 31. All designs will be on display at the library throughout April for the community to vote on their favorite. The winning design will be revealed at the May 3rd Food Truck Rally, when buttons will be available for purchase.

For design guidelines, visit the library or our website.

Rubber Ducky Contest

January 2-12

January 13th is National Rubber Ducky Day! Grab a rubber ducky at the library starting January 2, dress it up, create a scene, give it personality, and return it by January 12 to be put on display. Available while supplies last. Age group winners will be selected.

Short Story Contest

January 5-February 6

Use your creativity to craft a story or let our theme, *The Secret Shelf*, guide you. All entries are due by February 6. Stories will be on display through March 6. Winners announced March 2!

Jigsaw Puzzle & Board Game Swap

Sunday, January 18, 12-3 pm

Clean out your puzzle and game stash, bring them in, and get something new to you. All items should be in good condition and all pieces should be included. Only want to donate? Drop your puzzles or games off before the swap.

Craft Supply Remix

Donations: January 25 - 29, Open Hours

Distribution: January 30 - February 1, Open Hours

Declutter your craft stash! Donate new and gently-used art supplies and keep them out of the landfill! Please, no broken items, hazardous materials, open paints, or small fabric scraps. Contact the library for full list of acceptable items.

RECURRING PROGRAMS All Ages

Grief Monster

2nd Monday of the Month, 5 pm
Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Join our grief support group. The facilitator is not a mental health professional, but guides the conversation and provide a safe place.

Milton Community

French Club

3rd Tuesday of the Month, 6:30 pm
Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17

Join retired French teacher Michele La Pean-Usher, for an informal French club for conversations, study help, activities, and more. Virtual option available.

Palabras: Spanish Conversation Group

2nd Thursday of the Month, 4:30 pm
Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12

Build your confidence with other practicing Spanish while enjoying conversations, and culture. Any level speaker is welcome.

Sunday Funday

3rd Sunday of the Month, 12-3:30 pm
Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15

Join others of all ages for board games, puzzles, and favorites like chess. Whether you're a grandmaster in the making or just in it for the fun, there will be something for everyone to enjoy!



Check It Out Challenge

The Month of February

Get a bookmark then complete some challenges for a chance to win a prize basket!

Year of the Horse Coloring Contest

February 1-20

Pick up a coloring page starting Feb. 1; return it by Feb. 13. Winners will be announced on Feb. 20.

Love Your Library Scavenger Hunt

February 1-7

Search for hidden hearts in the library and win a prize!

Friends of MPL Book Sale

March 1-31, Open Hours

Important Dates: FRIENDS ONLY DAYS: March 1-2: Members of the Friends of MPL get first look at the sale! \$2 BAG SALE: March 29-31—Fill a bag for only \$2.00!

School District of Milton Art Show Reception

Tuesday, March 17, 4-6 pm

Stop in to see all of the artwork created by students. Artwork will be on display through Thursday, April 16.

Peeps® Diorama

Peeps Pick-Up: March 2-7

Drop Off: March 18-20

Voting & On Display: March 23-31

Winners Announced: April 1

Get creative with Peeps® making a diorama. Use supplies in The SPARK if needed. There'll be two winners (fan favorite & staff favorite).



HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS All Ages



Homeschool Craft Hour*

Thursday, January 15, 10:30 am or 12 pm
Thursday, March 19, 10:30 am or 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; please only register for one time.



Homeschool Trinket Bingo!*

Thursday, February 19, 10:30 am

Homeschooling families, let's play bingo! For an added level of fun and community, bring a little trinket from home to add to our prize pile. Snacks also provided!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS Ages 8 & younger

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 MARCH 16-25.

Bedtime Story Time

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

Bring your stuffies, wear your PJs, and snuggle in for bedtime. NO STORY TIME MARCH 16-25.

Drive-In Movie*

Thursday, January 22, 10-11 am

Create your own cardboard "car" to sit in, then enjoy a short, kid-friendly movie from your new ride!

For those 5 & younger.



Youth Programs

Ages 12
& Under



Shrinky Dinks*

Friday, January 2, 2 pm

Come to The SPARK for some shrinky dink fun. All supplies provided.

Read with Jasmine the Therapy Dog*

Second Friday of the Month, 4-5 pm

January 9, February 13, March 13

Reserve your 15-minute time slot with the cuddliest therapy dog.

Stuffed Animal Yoga*

Tuesday, March 10, 10-10:30 am

Bring your favorite stuffed animal and join us for a playful stuffed animal yoga session! For ages 5 & younger.



The SPARK @ MPL: UW-Whitewater Art Class*

February 10, 5:30 pm-Yarn Weaving

March 10, 5:30 pm-Folded Paper Sculptures

Art Education students from UW-Whitewater are back and ready to teach art! Open to kids in K-5th grade.

Lego Lounge*

Friday, March 6, 2 pm

Get creative with the library's collection of LEGO bricks! For ages 5-12.

TWEEN PROGRAMS Ages 9-12

T & T Crochet Club

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 4-5 pm

Tweens and teens, connect with fellow crochet enthusiasts! Bring your current project, or start something new. Knitters also welcomed!

Hello! monday

The SPARK @ MPL: Manic Monday*

Second Monday of the Month

3:30-4:30 pm

January 12, February 9, March 9

Get together with your friends for activities and crafts with a new theme every month.

The SPARK @ MPL: Button Making*

Saturday, February 14, 10:30-11:30 am

Create your own buttons to keep or give away.

Silent Reading Party*

Friday, March 27, 2-4 pm

Shhhhhh! We're having a party. Put on your vacation clothes and come to MPL. Snacks, drinks, and fun provided.

BLT (Board of Library Tweens)

Second Wednesday of the Month, 4:30 pm

January 14, February 11, March 11



BLT members join us to brainstorm about tween library services! Interested in joining? Talk to Marijka at the library!

TEEN PROGRAMS Grades 7-12

T & T Crochet Club

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 4-5 pm

Tweens and teens, connect with fellow crochet enthusiasts! Bring your current project, or start something new. Knitters also welcomed!

Red Cross Youth Club

Second Tuesdays, 4-5 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 volunteering for the good of our community.

Bracelet Exchange Club

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 4-5 pm

Want to learn a new skill? Come join 2 members of the Bracelet Exchange Club, both TAB members, Emma! Make them, exchange them, learn some bracelet making skills, and have fun!



Red Cross Youth Club Pop Up Book & Bake Sale

January 3 and 4, Open Hours

The Red Cross Youth Club is raising funds for the Red Cross. Shop a variety of books, puzzles, and DVDs for all ages and grab a sweet treat (or two!). Sale open during library hours.



Spread the Love Fundraiser

January 26-February 8

The Red Cross Youth Club is selling handmade, crocheted hearts as a fundraiser for the Red Cross. Purchase hearts in the library to give away and/or hide to spread the love! Hearts are 50 cents each or 5 for \$2.00.

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 for 1-on-1 tech support.

Short Story Night

First Tuesday of the Month at 6 pm

January 6, February 3, March 3

Read the selected short story beforehand, then join us for a brief, fun literary discussion. Contact the library to get a copy of this month's story.

The SPARK @ MPL: Reverse Appliqué*

Tuesday, January 27, 6 pm

Upgrade an old sweatshirt or t-shirt with layers of fabric and embroidery thread! Bring a cotton sweatshirt or t-shirt; all other supplies provided.

The SPARK @ MPL: Blind Date with a Canvas*

Saturday, February 14, 12:30 pm

Bring your Valentine, or treat yourself, to a relaxing hour of painting. Each canvas will be pre-drawn with an image, but which one you get is a surprise! All supplies provided.

Scam Awareness*

Monday, January 26, 5:30 pm

Carol Green, BSA Officer at First Community Bank, will be presenting a session on fraud prevention, specifically aimed at teens. With over 6 years of experience combatting fraud and protecting consumers, Carol brings insight into the latest fraud trends. This educational opportunity aims to increase awareness of the most active threats today and provide practical strategies to help you safeguard yourself from becoming a victim. Pizza will be provided!

Blind Date with a Book

February 7-13

Visit our Blind Date display in the teen area and grab a book based on only the first line – no cover, no titles, no peeking. Read the book, write a quick review and let us know if it was true love or a total flop, and return your review to be entered into a book lover's prize basket.

Valentine's Day Escape Room*

Friday, February 13, 5 pm

Join us for a Valentine's Day-themed escape room designed by TAB member, Theo! Solve puzzles, find clues, and work together to "break out" before time runs out in this fun and festive challenge. Refreshments will be provided.

Books & Coffee Discussion Group*

Friday, March 6, 12 pm

Grab yourself a copy of *Places We've Never Been* by Kasie West, read it, and come discuss it with others at Sharla's Coffee Stop! Each participant will get a free small drink.

Scam Awareness and Prevention*

Tuesday, February 24, 11 am or 6 pm

With over 6 years of experience protecting consumers, Carol Green of First Community Bank brings insight into the latest fraud trends. This seminar aims to increase awareness of the most active threats and provide strategies to help safeguard yourself from becoming a victim. Both sessions are the same.

Social Lingo Party

Thursday, March 12, 4:30 pm

For National Foreign Language Month, the library's Spanish and French Clubs invite you to a social language party! Join us for fun, food, and speaking practice as we celebrate all world languages.

ONLINE RESOURCES



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

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MANGO



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MONTHLY BOOK CLUBS

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.

- **1/13** A Novel Look at America Through a Racial Lens
- **2/10** A Novel Look at America at War
- **3/10** A Novel Look at the American Experience

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.

- **1/20** Northern Spy by Flynn Berry
- **2/17** Echo by Tracy Clark
- **3/17** The Wife, the Maid, and the Mistress by Ariel Lawhon

Tasty Explorations Virtual Book 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.

- **January** Soup Club by Caroline Wright
- **February** Pretty Delicious by Alia Elkaffas
- **March** Eating Out Loud by Eden Grinshpan



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

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