



# SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE

April-May 2026

ALL AGES

## The SPARK @ MPL: Paint Sample Poetry

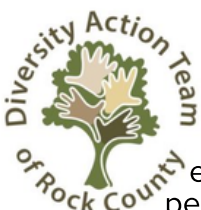
Wednesday, April 15, Open Hours

Stop in during library hours to celebrate World Art Day and National Poetry Month by writing your own poem on a paint color sample. Add them to our display for all to read and enjoy. Available while supplies last.

## MPL Running Club

Wednesdays, 6 pm, Beginning April 15

Join us for 3-mile routes around Milton! Walkers and runners of all levels are welcome. Make sure you join our Facebook group, MPL Running Club, to stay up to date on routes and other fun things! Participating for the first time? Make sure you sign a waiver form first!



## Ability in Action\*

Monday, April 20, 6 pm

The Diversity Action Team of Rock County is presenting a family focused, hands-on event on Ableism. It will emphasize seeing people with disabilities as individuals first—not defined by their disabilities. Societal perceptions often limit their ability to reach their full potential. Come, learn ways to interact positively with those who have different abilities.

## Homeschool Bingo!\*

Thursday, April 23, 10:30 am

Homeschooling families, let's play bingo! Snacks also provided.



## Audio Amble\*

Sunday, April 26, 10:30 am

Bring your current audiobook, listening device, and earbuds and join us for a leisurely stroll in Milton. The walk will start at the library, eventually ending at Sharla's Coffee Stop, where you can purchase refreshments. All participants must sign a waiver form before beginning. Walk begins promptly at 10:40 am.

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

## RECURRING PROGRAMS All Ages

### Grief Monster

2nd Monday of the Month, 5 pm  
April 13, May 11

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  
April 21, May 19

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  
April 9, May 14

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  
April 19, May 17

Join others of all ages for board games, puzzles, and 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!

## Harmony & Consolidated Artists Reception

Tuesday, April 28, 4-6 pm

Stop in and see the amazing artwork from the students at Harmony & Consolidated Elementary Schools. Artwork will be on display at the library through Wednesday, May 20.



## MPL Food Truck Rally

Sunday, May 3, 11 am-3 pm

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

## Plant Swap

Saturday, May 9, 11 am-1 pm

Too many plant babies in your house? Looking for new plants? Participate in our House Plant Swap.

## The SPARK @ MPL:

### Spring Flora in Wisconsin\*

Saturday, May 9, 1:30 pm

Join Sarah Stuckey at the library for a talk on Spring flora, then head to the Bowers Lake segment of the Ice Age Trail for the opportunity to use your new knowledge. Please note that the library will not be providing transportation.

## Red Cross Youth Club Bingo\*

Monday, May 18, 5 pm

The Red Cross Youth Club is hosting a fun, informational bingo night. Learn fun facts about blood and the Red Cross, play bingo, and win some awesome prizes!



Applications Due by April 27

The Milton Public Library's makerspace, The SPARK, is seeking artists, makers, designers, and hobbyists of all types to apply for our summer Maker-in-Residence position. This residency is open to individuals age 16 and older. The goal of this residency is to nurture learning and creativity while providing artists with an opportunity to increase their presence in the community. Get the application on our website or in the library.

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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS Ages 8 & younger

### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Read 1,000 books with your baby, toddler, or preschooler before they start kindergarten. Early reading builds school readiness and a lifelong love of books. Sign up at the library or on our website.

### Lucky Sevens Reading Challenge

A fun reading challenge for 1st and 2nd graders! Log your reading in sets of seven books and earn a new treasure with each completed log.

### 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 MAY 27-JUNE 3.

### Bedtime Story Time

**Tuesdays, 6:30 pm**

Bring your stuffies, wear your PJs, and snuggle in for bedtime. NO STORY TIME MAY 26 & JUNE 2.

### Doggie Crafts with Jasmine the Therapy Dog

**Second Friday of the Month, 4-4:45 pm: April 10, May 8**  
Snuggle with our favorite dog, and do a dog-themed craft. Ages 12 & younger.

### The SPARK @ MPL: Snails in Mini Worlds

**Friday, April 17, 10 am**

Shape a snail from clay, and build it a unique home.



### Babylegs Classic\*

**Saturday, April 18, 10:30 am**

Kick off Spring with a lap around our Story Gardens path. Each entrant will receive a medal for finishing! For ages 4 & younger.

### The SPARK @ MPL: Fruity Fun Paint Day

**Monday, May 4, 4 pm**

Join us for a step-by-step painting session where you'll create a watermelon on canvas.



### The SPARK @ MPL: UW-Whitewater Art Class\*

**Tuesday, April 14, 5:30 pm-Painting**

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

Youth Programs

Ages 12 & Under

## TWEEN PROGRAMS Ages 9-12

### Biblio Explorers Tween Reading Program

Complete all the pages of a reading passport while having fun reading different kinds of genres! After finishing a page, bring your passport in to get it stamped, or submit via Google form on our website. Win prizes and get some name recognition in the Tween Area of the library.

### T & T Crochet Club

**Every 3rd Wednesday, 4-5 pm**

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



### Drum Roll Please: A Drama Club

**Every 2nd and 4th Monday, 4-6 pm**

Drum Roll Please is a youth-led club, that empowers young people to take the stage as leaders, directors, and performers while building confidence, creativity, and teamwork. Through collaborative rehearsals and performances, members bring stories to life and make the library a hub for artistic expression.

### The SPARK @ MPL: Shrinky Dinks\*

**Monday, April 13, 3:30 pm**

Create art then shrink it! It's that easy and tons of fun!

## TEEN PROGRAMS Grades 7-12

### 100 Books Before Graduation

Read 100 books before you graduate high school! Finish the challenge to receive a medal and be recognized in the Teen Area. Open to current high school students.

### Middle School Reading Challenge

A reading challenge for middle schoolers! Read 20, 30, or 40 books during 7th and 8th grade. Hit 20 books to get your name featured in the teen area, then read 30 or 40 to add to your spot on the wall! Plus, you'll snag a prize at every level!

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The Milton Red Cross Youth 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.



### Uno No Mercy\*

**Thursday, April 16, 6 pm**

Join us afterhours for a night of Uno – but make the stakes higher and the competition crazier. There's no holding back with Uno No Mercy! Pizza and beverages will be provided.

## ADULT PROGRAMS Ages 18 & up



### Page Turners Reading Challenge

Need a little motivation to read more? Want to earn a free book and receive public recognition at the library? Sign up through the Beanstack Reading Tracker app from our website or stop in for a bookmark tracker.

### 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.

### I-Pass Trade-In Event

**Monday, April 13, 4-7 pm**

Employees from the Illinois Tollway will be here to help you get setup with the I-Pass sticker. Trade-in your old transponder and get \$10 transferred into your current I-PASS prepaid toll account.

### Kate Winn Author Visit

**Saturday, April 25, 11 am**

Meet Wisconsin author Kate Winn and learn about her book *Reliance Road*, a hopeful memoir about farm life, the White House, and a mother's love.

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**Monday, May 11, 3:30 pm**

Make art by melting beads together with an iron!

### BLT (Board of Library Tweens)

**Second Wednesday of the Month, 4:30 pm**

**April 8, May 13**

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

### Canva 101\*

**Tuesday, April 28, 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.



### The SPARK @ MPL: Gardening for Hummingbirds\*

**Monday, May 18, 6 pm**

Join Julie Hill, Rock County Horticulture Specialist, to discover the secrets of attracting the "jewels of the garden." We will explore the challenges facing hummingbirds and learn how to make your yard hummingbird friendly. We will also get hands-on by creating a hummingbird perch for your yard.

### Danielle Hayter-Johnson Author Visit

**Saturday, May 30, 9:30 am**

Danielle Hayter-Johnson is a Minnesota-based author, speaker, and creative entrepreneur. Her book, *River Shark*, is a memoir that chronicles her journey through grief, childhood trauma, addiction, and the long, uneven path toward healing.

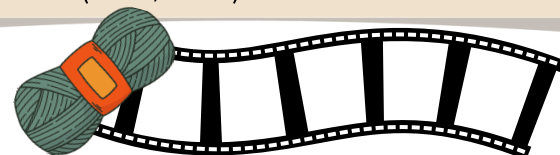
### Screens & Skeins\*

**Saturday, April 11, 11 am-1:30 pm**

**at Edgerton Performing Arts Center**

**(200 Elm High Dr, Edgerton, WI 53534)**

Join Edgerton Public Library and Milton Public Library at the Edgerton Performing Arts Center for a morning of needlework and a movie. We'll watch a 2005 film based on a Jane Austen novel while working on knit, crochet, or other needlework projects. Bring your handiwork with you to work on and show off to fellow enthusiasts -- but mind you don't become too prideful! (Wink, wink!). For teens and adults!



Look up for an exciting event!



### The SPARK @ MPL: Making It Mini!\*

**Friday, April 17, 1-2:30 pm**

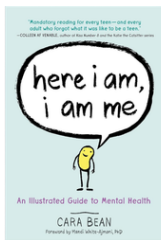
Join Teen Advisory Board member Lilly to learn the art of creating and painting miniatures! This is a program meant for both the artsy and nerdy individuals as miniatures can be used in your D&D campaign or as a fun display piece. All supplies will be provided.



### The SPARK @ MPL: Art Roulette\*

**Saturday, May 2, 11 am**

Come for a fun, silly, and collaborative morning of art in The SPARK! Everyone starts by creating their own original painting, but then have to pass it on to the next person. Paintings will rotate every 8 minutes! What will your piece look like when it gets back to you?! Snacks provided.



### Here I Am, I Am Me Book Discussion\*



- **Tuesday, April 21, flex period at the Milton High School**
- **Monday, April 27, 4:30-5:30 pm at Milton Public Library (we're playing Kahoot!)**
- **Thursday, May 7, during lunch at Milton Middle School**

In collaboration with the Milton Youth Coalition, we're reading and discussing *Here I Am, I Am Me: An Illustrated Guide to Mental Health*. There are three opportunities to discuss the book. For every book discussion you come to, you'll be entered into a prize basket featuring a cozy blanket, mindfulness cards, snacks, and books. Every participant will also receive their own copy of the book to keep. To claim a copy of a book and to register for a discussion time, please visit: <https://forms.gle/GbM7t6CJSC2bKnTu7>

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## MONTHLY BOOK CLUBS



### Short Story Night

**First Tuesday of the Month at 6 pm**

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.

- 4/7 *A Good Man is Hard to Find* by Flannery O'Connor
- 5/5 *No Me Dejas* by Mark Oshiro

### 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.

- 4/14 *Revolutionary (War) Espionage*
- 5/12 *Spies of the Civil War*

### 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.

- 4/21 *The Tainted Cup* by Robert Jackson Bennett
- 5/19 *Captain's Tale* by Danielle Hanna

### 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.

- **April** *Made in India* by Meera Sodha
- **May** *Art of the Chicken* by Jacques Pepin



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