



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE MPL SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE

ALL AGES

June-August 2026



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Join us for a Community Summer Read of *The Wizard of Oz!* We are celebrating the land of Oz this summer with free copies of the books, related events, and book discussions! The community read is made possible thanks to the Prairie Lakes Library System.

Running 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.

One Skein Yarn Show

Entry Forms Available June 1
Show Begins September 3.
What can you make with only one skein of yarn? Knit, crochet, weave, twist, braid, or whatever to make a masterpiece. Pick up the rules and entry form at the library. Completed entries may be returned between August 24 and September 2.

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Summer Library Program
June 8-August 8
Get a bookmark, set your reading goal, and down the yellow brick road you go! Complete your goal and get a free book!

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Summer Kickoff
Monday, June 8, 1-3 pm
Start your summer off with a visit to MPL. Pick up a reading challenge bookmark, complete a scavenger hunt, purchase Luke's Shaved Ice, and more!

Wizard of Oz Coloring Contest

June 8 – June 26
On Display & Voting: The Month of July
Winners announced: July 17
Bring the magical land of Oz to life. All coloring sheets due by June 26. There will be age group winners and a fan favorite.



Jim Lyke Original Story

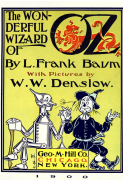
Reading
Tuesday, June 23, 6:30 pm
Local playwright and self-proclaimed *Wizard of Oz* enthusiast, Jim Lyke, has created an original story in which the Wizard time travels to Milton. Join Jim in the Story Gardens for a reading of his story and for the chance to purchase a copy of his story with original illustrations by Alison McDole.

There's No Place Like Milton Passport Adventure

July 1-31
Pick up a passport at the library starting July 1 and visit select Milton businesses from July 1–31 to collect *Wizard of Oz*-themed stamps and be entered in prize drawing.

Friends of MPL Book Sale

July 1-31, Open Hours
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!



The Wizard of Oz Book Discussions

~ **Saturday, June 20, 11 am to 12 pm** at **Sharla's Coffee Stop (525 College Street)**
~ **Thursday, July 16, 5:30 to 6:30 pm** at **Elmside Goods - Wear costumes! (229 Parkview Dr)**
~ **Sunday, August 9, 2-3 pm** at **Sunny + Olive (613 W. Madison Ave)**

Join us for friendly and engaging discussions of *The Wizard of Oz*, where we'll explore its unforgettable characters and timeless themes. Whether you're revisiting the classic or discovering it for the first time, come share your thoughts, favorite moments, and a little bit of courage, heart, and brains!

Touch-A-Truck

Wednesday, July 15, 10-11 am
Get an up-close look at the vehicles that help keep our community running!



Sensory Oz Jars & Watercolor Art in the Gardens*

Friday, July 24, 10-11 am
Over the rainbow in Story Gardens, make your own Oz-themed ruby and emerald sensory jars. Watercolor painting supplies will also be provided.



3rd Annual Art Walk

July 31-September 8
Auction: Tuesday, September 8, 5 pm
We're excited to host our 3rd annual Art Walk and showcase local artists in our Story Gardens. This year's shape is a poppy, inspired *The Wizard of Oz!* All artwork will be on display in our Story Gardens during the month of August. Nineteen youth division poppies will be displayed throughout the library too! Auction funds go towards the continued development and maintenance of the Story Gardens.

Art Walk Artists Reception

Friday, July 31, 5-6 pm
Come meet and celebrate the artists who created the poppies in Story Gardens and inside the library! Light refreshments will be provided.



MPL Food Truck Rally

Sunday, August 23, 11 am-3 pm
Enjoy a variety of food trucks and Story Gardens! A percentage of the proceeds will support the library.



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FAMILY-FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE SERIES For all ages. Registration required.



Tuesday, June 9, 1:30 pm
Unearth the secrets of the prehistoric world! Join Nick Wiersum, Curator at the Dinosaur Discovery Museum in Kenosha, for an action-packed journey into the world of paleontology.



Tuesday, June 16, 1:30 pm
The Rope Warrior is a high-energy jump rope powerhouse who holds three Guinness World Records. Get ready to be amazed by this fitness superhero and his jaw-dropping rope tricks!



Tuesday, July 7, 1:30 pm
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!



Na Hale Studios

Tuesday, July 14, 1:30 pm
Native-Hawaiian, Malia Chow, brings the Hawaiian culture to life with lava rocks, sea turtle shells, and traditional Hawaiian dance implements as a hands-on catalyst for education, fun, and traditions.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS Ages 8 & younger



Little Owl/Wise Owl*

June 11-August 11; Launch Party: Thursday, June 11, 5 pm

This award-winning program is back for its lucky 13th 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. *Applications will be available at the library starting May 18th and are due Sunday, June 7.*

Family Story Time

Mondays, 5:30 pm & Wednesdays, 9:30 am or 10:30 am
Stories, finger plays, rhymes, and songs! All sessions are the same. June 29 & July 1 story times will be a sock hop! NO STORY TIME JUNE 1-3, JUNE 22 & 24, and AUGUST 24-SEPTEMBER 2.

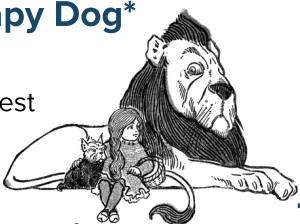
Bedtime Story Time

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
Snuggle in for bedtime with books, songs, and rhymes. NO STORY TIME JUNE 2 & 23, AUGUST 25, and SEPTEMBER 1.

Read with Jasmine the Therapy Dog*

2nd Friday of the Month, 4-5 pm
June 12, July 10

Reserve a 15-minute slot with the cuddliest therapy dog.



Oz in the Park

Select Wednesdays, 1:30-2 pm

~**June 17 @ Harmony Elementary Playground (4243 E Rotamer Rd, Janesville, WI 53546)**
~**July 8 @ Railroad Park (202 Front St)**
~**July 22 @ Bendlin Prairie @ Tower Hill Park (E St Mary St)**
~**August 5 @ Lamar Park (110 Crescent Dr)**

Enjoy a read aloud of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* picture book and enjoy mobile checkouts at Milton-area parks.

The SPARK @ MPL: Munchkinland Crafts*

First Thursday of the Month, 10:30-11 am
June 11, July 9, August 6

Listen to a story and try an Oz-themed craft! For ages 4 & younger.

Munchkinland Sock Hop

Monday, June 29, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, July 1, 9:30 am or 10:30 am

Wear your crazy socks and dance to music from *The Wizard of Oz* and *Wicked*. For ages 5 & younger.



Library Camp*

Select Mondays, 2-3 pm
June 29; July 6, 13, 20 & 27

Each week we'll try new crafts and activities based on themes from *The Wizard of Oz*. For ages 5-12.

Tea Party in Emerald City*

Thursday, August 6, 2-3 pm

Step into the streets of Emerald City and sip tea with your friends at a whimsical *Wizard of Oz*-themed tea party at the library featuring enchanting décor, treats, and magical fun. For youth ages 5 and up.

Youth Programs

Ages 12 & Under



TWEEN PROGRAMS Ages 9-12



The SPARK @ MPL:

Wizard Egg Drop*

Thursday, June 18, 2-3 pm

Use items from The SPARK to build the wizard a balloon carriage to make it back home.



Tween *The Wizard of Oz* Book Discussion*

Thursday, July 23, 11 am

Pick up a copy of *The Wizard of Oz* at MPL, then join Marijka to discuss one of her favorite books. Snacks and crafts provided.

Bingo*

Tuesday, August 4, 2-3 pm

B-4 you make other plans, sign up for a few games of bingo! Prizes for the winners and snacks provided.

BLT (Board of Library Tweens)

Second Wednesday of the Month, 4:30 pm
June 10, July 8

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

Movie Afternoon

3rd Friday of the Month, 3-4:30 pm

June 19: *Chicken Little*

July 17: *The Wizard of Oz*

August 21: *Holes*

Get out of the heat and sun and cool off with a classic book-to-movie. Movies will be in the lower level of the library so it's sure to be a nice cool retreat. Snacks provided.

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TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMS Grades 4-12

Rainbow Crafts*

Monday, June 15, 3 pm

Join us for an afternoon of rainbow crafts! A variety of projects will be available and all the supplies will be provided.



Drum Roll Please: A Drama Club

Every 2nd and 4th Monday, 4:30-6:30 pm

A youth-led club, that empowers young people in all areas of theater 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.

Pottery Painting*

Friday, June 19, 1-2 pm at Maddie Strong Studios (209 Parkview Dr)

Let's paint a keepsake inspired by *The Wizard of Oz* at Maddie Strong Studios. Bring your creativity and add your own colorful and whimsical twist to create a lasting keepsake as we celebrate the timeless adventure in a fun way!

Summerween*

Friday, July 31, 1-2:30 pm

Let's celebrate the wonderfulness of Halloween under the scary sun of late July. Costumes welcome, snacks, crafts, and activities provided.



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THE SPARK MAKER RESIDENCE Youth Fairy or Gnome Garden Workshop*

Friday, August 14, 10 am-12 pm

Join Monica Faucheux, owner of Ellie Joe Design Co., our 2026 Maker-In-Residence in for this hands-on workshop! Young creators will design and build their own fairy or gnome garden. This is an open-ended, creativity-first experience—no two gardens will look the same.

TEEN PROGRAMS Grades 7-12



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Graphic Novel Book Club

Every Other Tuesday Starting June 16, 4-5 pm

Join us every other week to discuss a new graphic novel. Snacks and a small activity will also be provided. Get a copy of the first book, *Hunger's Bite* by Taylor Robin, now available at the library.

TAB Craft Lab: Book Edge Painting*

Tuesday, June 30, 5 pm

Join Lilly for a workshop where you'll transform the edges of your book pages into works of art inspired by the popular "sprayed edges" trend. Using paint and stencils, design and decorate your own custom book edges to give your favorite reads a beautiful, personalized look.

TAB Craft Lab: Rock Painting*

Thursday, July 9, 3-4 pm

Join Natalie for an hour of rock painting. It's a great way to unwind and connect with others. You can even leave your mark in the community and create rocks to hide around town!

TAB Craft Lab: Terrariums*

Friday, July 10, 2-3 pm

Join Kat to create your own tiny ecosystem in a jar! In this hands-on workshop, participants will design and assemble simple terrariums using mason jars, soil, plants, and additional elements to take home and enjoy.



Crow Party: The Wizard of Oz Book Discussion*

Friday, July 17, 3-4 pm

Dress in black, bring trinkets to trade, and come ready to discuss *The Wizard of Oz*!



SPARK Alfresco: A Shaker of Flowers*

Monday, July 20, 6 pm

Create a flower bouquet using a salt shaker, buttons, and wires. For teens and adults.



Teen Murder Mystery Night*

Friday, July 24, 5-7 pm

During a night of high stakes in Las Vegas, a casino guest is murdered. Can you figure out who did it?! Join us for the Teen Advisory Board's annual murder mystery night, where everyone is assigned a character and you try to figure out who is the murderer. Dressing up is encouraged! Pizza and beverages provided.



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.



Fundraiser at Tattoo Obscura

Saturday, June 6, 12-4 pm at Tattoo Obscura (114 S Franklin St, Janesville, WI 53548)

We're partnering with Tattoo Obscura for a tattoo fundraiser! Library and *Wizard of Oz*-themed tattoos will be available first-come, first-served for \$80, with half benefiting the library. Can't attend? Book a tattoo from the flash sheet in June, July, or August, and a portion of the cost will still support the library.

SPARK Alfresco: Candy Box Junk Journal*

Tuesday, June 30, 6 pm

Satisfy your sweet tooth and turn movie theatre candy boxes into little journals! We'll supply different candy to choose from or bring a small box of your favorite.



SPARK Alfresco: A Shaker of Flowers*

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Pottery Painting*

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THE SPARK Adult Fairy or Gnome Garden Workshop*

MAKERz RESIDENCE Monday, August 17, 6-8 pm

Join Monica Faucheux, owner of Ellie Joe Designs Co., our 2026 Maker-In-Residence! In this hands-on workshop! Design and build your own fairy or gnome garden. This is an open-ended, creativity-first experience to make a unique garden.

SPARK Alfresco: Layered Collage Painting*

Tuesday, August 25, 6-7 pm

Try your hand at reverse painting/collage! We have all the supplies, and even some images you can trace if you are unsure of what to paint.

LANGUAGE LEARNING @ MPL



Learn vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and culture through every-day conversations for over 70 world languages for FREE with your library card and the Mango Languages App!

Milton Community French Club

3rd Tuesday of the Month, 6:30 pm

June 16, July 21, August 18

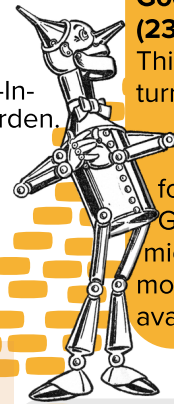
Join retired French teacher Michele La Pean-Usher, for an informal French club for conversations, study help, activities, and more. Virtual option available.

Palabras: Spanish Conversation Group

2nd Thursday of the Month, 4:30 pm

June 11, July 9, August 13

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



The Wizard of Oz Trivia @ GWBC

Thursday, August 6, 7-8 pm at Good Works Brewing Company (237 Parkview Dr)

Think you know every twist, turn, and detail of *The Wizard of Oz* book? Gather your friends and family and come for a night of friendly trivia at Good Works Brewing Co. We might just even throw in some movie trivia as well! Beverages available for purchase.



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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.

- **6/2** *The Swimmer* by John Cheever
- **7/7** *The Egg* by Andy Weir
- **8/4** *Yellow Tulips* by Nathan Curtis Roberts

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.

- **6/9** Happy Birthday America
- **7/14** The Uneven Struggle for Liberty and Justice for All (Part 1)
- **8/11** The Uneven Struggle for Liberty and Justice for All (Part 2)

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.

- **6/16** *You Know What You Did* by K.T. Nguyen
- **7/21** *The Confessor* by Daniel Silva
- **8/18** *All the Sinners Bleed* by S.A. Cosby

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.

- **June** *Salad Freak* by Jess Damuk
- **July** *Salsa Daddy* by Rick Martinez
- **August** *Food Truck Road Trip* by Kim Pham

