



FALL PROGRAM GUIDE

September-December 2026

ALL AGES



Library Card Sign-Up Month

This month we're encouraging kids and families who don't have a library card to come in and sign up. It's free, easy, and comes with a small surprise!

Running Club

Wednesdays, 6 pm - Through mid-October

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.



3rd Annual Art Walk Auction & Friends of MPL Business After 5

Tuesday, September 8, 5 pm

Get to know the Friends of MPL and how they support the library, then purchase your favorite poppy from our Art Walk! Funds raised will go towards the continued development of the Story Gardens.

One Skein Yarn Show

September 9-30

Stop by the library and see the creations made of only one skein of yarn. Be sure to vote for your favorite one!

Prairie Lakes Puzzle Master's Tournament: Local Competition*

Saturday, September 26, 2 pm

Get a team together to complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. Be the fastest to earn a spot in the Rock County semi-final competition. Contest held at the Milton Public Library. Competition begins promptly at 2 pm. Teams of 2 to 4 players. At least one adult per team.

Book Crawl

Sunday, September 27, 12-3 pm

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 by 4 pm for a chance to win a prize basket! More details available on the library's website.

Hikers' Social Hour

Saturday, October 3, 10-11 am

Join fellow hikers and outdoor enthusiasts for a casual social hour to share trail stories, swap hiking tips, and connect with others who love exploring the Ice Age Trail—all while enjoying Milton's Hometown Highlight, Milton Public Library's Story Gardens! Whether you're a seasoned backpacker or just beginning your hiking journey, you'll learn about the Ice Age Trail's unique history, discover opportunities to hike and volunteer, and enjoy coffee and a simple craft before heading out on a solo or group hike to start earning miles for the Mammoth Hike Challenge.



Homeschool Craft Hour*

Thursday, October 15, 10:30 am & 12 pm

All homeschooling families are invited to a morning of crafting. Supplies will be available for a craft that can be done by all ages. Each session is the same craft, so please only register for one.



Storybook Pumpkin Patch

- **Oct 15-17**-Pick up your pumpkin while supplies last.
- **Oct 18-24**-Drop off your completed pumpkin.
- **Oct 25-31**-Pumpkins on display. Come vote for your favorite!

Make a pumpkin look like your favorite book character and win prizes for being the most creative one in the patch. For full rules and entry forms, visit the library.

World Kindness Day Drop-In

Friday, November 13, 9 am-5 pm

Let's celebrate the spirit of Mr. Rogers...Wear your cardigan to the library to receive a coupon for a free book from our book sale. Fill out a kindness tip to be entered in a drawing for a Mr. Rogers prize pack.

Puzzle Swap

Sunday, November 15, 1-3 pm

Clean out your puzzle stash, bring your puzzles and get something new to you. All items should be in good condition, and all pieces should be included. Just want to donate? You are more than welcome to drop your puzzles off before the swap.



Homeschool Board Game Social Hour

Thursday, November 19, 10:30-11:30 am

Hey homeschooling families! We invite you to the library for a fun hour of playing a variety of board games. We'll set out everything we have and provide some snacks.

RECURRING PROGRAMS All Ages

Grief Monster

2nd Monday of the Month, 5 pm

September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14

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.

Palabras: Spanish Conversation Group

2nd Thursday of the Month, 4:30 pm

September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10

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

Milton Community French Club

3rd Tuesday of the Month, 6:30 pm

September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15

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

Sunday Funday

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

September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20

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!



SCAN TO REGISTER!

(*) Asterisk Indicates Program Requires Registration

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



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS Ages 8 & younger



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. NO STORY
TIME SEPTEMBER 2-9, OCTOBER 12 &
14, OCTOBER 21, NOVEMBER 23 & 25,
DECEMBER 21-30.

Bedtime Story Time

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

Snuggle in for bedtime with books, songs, and rhymes. NO
STORY TIME SEPTEMBER 1 & 8, OCTOBER 13, NOVEMBER
24, AND DECEMBER 22 & 29.

Craft Takeout

First Monday of the Month

September 8, October 5, November 2, December 7

Stop by the library on the first Monday of each month to pick
up a take-home craft bag. Kits available while supplies last.

The SPARK @ MPL: Art Lab for Toddlers

(& Their Grown-Ups)*

Friday, September 18, 10:30-11 am

We'll set out lots of art supplies, and you'll get creative (no set
projects) with your little one. For ages 4 & younger.



The SPARK @ MPL: UW-Whitewater Art Classes*

Select Tuesdays, 5:30 pm-September 29, October 27, December 1

Art education students from UW-Whitewater are back and ready to do more art! Check out Facebook
to see what this session's project will be. Open to all elementary, middle, and high school students. All
supplies provided.

Storytime with Splash:

Little Readers, Future Protectors!

**Tuesday, October 6, 3-4 pm &
Thursday, October 22, 3-4 pm**

Protect Wisconsin Waterways is hosting a fun,
interactive "Storytime with Splash" event to
inspire the next generation of watershed
protectors. Children and families can join the
organization's friendly mascot, Splash, for an engaging
storytelling session centered on water conservation, local
wildlife, and simple ways to prevent stormwater pollution.



Kid's Halloween Hustle*

Saturday, October 24, 10-11 am

For families with kids ages 6 & under. Warm up
with a Halloween story and some songs. Then,
kids will "race" around the outdoor pathway
and receive a treat bag and medal as they cross
the finish line. There will be two heats: ages 3 &
under; ages 4-6. Costumes are encouraged but
not required.

The SPARK @ MPL: Shrinky Dinks*

Monday, December 21, 1:30-2:30 pm

Kids ages 5-8 can make Shrinky Dinks to keep or gift for the
holidays.

TWEEN PROGRAMS Ages 9-12

Period Party*

Saturday, October 10, 10:30-12:45 pm

A welcoming, judgment-free program lead by Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin where tweens (9-12) and their
menstruating mentor learn about periods together. We will learn about our reproductive system, why we get periods,
what to expect, and different products available. Each tween will get to put together and take home a free period kit.
Snacks and drinks will be provided. Registration for tween and mentor(s) required.

Tween Take-N-Make

Second Monday of the Month

Each month will be a different craft with all supplies provided
inside. Available while supplies last.

BLT (Board of Library Tweens)

Second Wednesday of the Month, 4:30 pm

September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9

BLT gives tweens an opportunity to discover their voice, share
ideas, and take action. It provides a welcoming space where
young people can build confidence, develop leadership skills,
and learn how to turn their ideas into results benefiting the
library and their peers.

The SPARK @ MPL: Shrinky Dinks*

Friday, September 18, 3-4:30 pm

Let's celebrate finishing the first full week of school with
some Shrinky-Dinks and snacks! Feel free to drop in anytime
to relax, enjoy and create.

The SPARK @ MPL: Windchime*

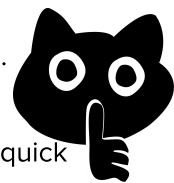
Monday, November 23, 4-5 pm

Join Marijka and create some colorful windchimes.

Silent Reading Party*

Monday, December 28, 2-4 pm

Let's celebrate the season with reading and short quick
game breaks. Snacks provided.



ONGOING READING INCENTIVE PROGRAMS



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

For kids from birth to
kindergarten!



Biblio Explorers Tween Reading Challenge

For kids ages 9-12 years
old!



100 Books Before Graduation

For those in high school!



Lucky Sevens Reading Challenge

For kids in 1st and 2nd grades!



Middle School Reading Challenge

For kids in 7th and 8th
grades!



Page Turners Adult Reading Program

For any adult 18 and
older!

TEEN PROGRAMS Grades 7-12

Teen Make & Takes

Third Monday of the Month

Teens, explore your creativity with monthly take-home craft kits! Each kit includes materials and instructions (including a video) for a unique, hands-on project you can complete at your own pace. Available while supplies last.



Red Cross Youth Club

Second Tuesday of the Month, 5-6 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 overall volunteering for the good of our community. Through our mission-related activities, we strive to make our community a better place. If interested in joining, please contact Ashlee at

kunkel.ashlee@miltonpubliclibrary.org

Teen Puzzle Club

Third Wednesday of the Month, 4-5 pm

Work together to complete a jigsaw puzzle while enjoying conversation with others in a relaxed, welcoming space. Whether you're a puzzle pro or just looking to unwind and meet new people, Puzzle Club is the perfect place to connect one piece at a time. Snacks provided.

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Teen Lit Club: I Love You So Mochi

Mochi Workshop-Monday, October 5, 4-5 pm*

We're reading and discussing *I Love You So Mochi*, by Sarah Kuhn, but first, we're making our own mochi! Join Ashlee for a mochi-making workshop and get your very own copy of *I Love You So Mochi* to read and discuss later in the month. Those who attend the mochi workshop should commit to attending the book discussion on October 26 or participating with our online discussions through the Band app.

Book Discussion-Monday, October 26, 4-5 pm

It's time to talk about *I Love You So Mochi*! Participants will share their thoughts on Kimi's journey of personal growth, the novel's heartfelt relationships, and the way it blends humor, romance, and Japanese culture into an engaging coming-of-age story. A craft will also be provided. Participants will receive their own copy of the *Mochi Magic* cookbook from the mochi workshop.

Space is limited and registration required. Teen Lit Club is made possible thanks to a grant from the East Asian in Wisconsin Library Program from the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Center for East Asian Studies.



The SPARK @ MPL: Museum of You*

Tuesday, October 13, 6 pm

Turn a shadow box frame into a miniature museum celebrating you! Participants may bring their own small photographs if they choose, but all other supplies provided. Open to teens and adults. This program is sponsored by the Milton Youth Coalition.

PowerPoint Presentation Party*

Friday, December 11, 5:00-6:30 pm

Shake off the winter humdrums with a silly night of PowerPoint presentations. Create a presentation (with all the animations and transitions that you desire) about a super-serious or utterly absurd topic that is very important to you. Deep into a conspiracy theory? Let's hear about it! Passionate about something that is oddly specific? Tell us everything. Participants will vote on their favorite presentation, with the winner receiving a trophy. Pizza and beverages provided.

The SPARK @ MPL: Altered Playing Card Deck*

Monday, December 14, 6 pm

Come and transform ordinary playing cards into funky pieces of mixed media art. All supplies provided. For teens & adults.



ADULT PROGRAMS Ages 18 & up

Adult Take & Make

Fourth Monday of the Month

Stop in and pick up a simple craft to take home and make. One per adult. Available while supplies last.

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.

Good Death, Good Life Café

Meet at the library for an open, respectful conversation about death, dying, and living your best life. Conversations will be led by certified Death Doula, Dorothy Fischer. *No registration required.*

- **Thursday, September 17, 4:30 pm**
How Did We Get Here? - Death Throughout History
- **Thursday, October 15, 4:30 pm**
Preparing for Longer Life Spans
- **Thursday, November 19, 4:30 pm**
Three Phases of End-of-Life Care
- **Thursday, December 17, 4:30 pm**
Common Diseases at End-of-Life



Learn & Play Mahjong Night*

Tuesday, September 29, 6 pm

Want to learn how to play American Mahjong? Sign up for this special night, led by local Mahjong player, Donna Love. This program is possible thanks to a grant from the Center of East Asia Studies at UW-Madison.



House Plant Swap

Sunday, October 11, 1-3 pm

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

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ONLINE RESOURCES



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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.

- **9/14 *Note Day Change*** *The Naturalists*
- **10/13** *Creators of America's Built Environment*
- **11/10** *The Artists*
- **12/8** *The Photographers*

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.

- **9/15** *To Slip the Bonds of Earth* by Amanda Flower
- **10/20** *The Lantern's Dance* by Laurie R. King
- **11/17** *Dead Simple* by Peter James
- **No December Meeting**

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.

- **September** *Plenty: Vibrant Vegetables* by Y. Ottolenghi
- **October** *Mother Sauce* by Lucinda S. Quinn
- **November** *Sweet Farm!* by Molly Yeh
- **No December Book**



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Friday 9 am-5 pm
Saturday 9 am-2 pm
Sunday 12 pm-4 pm

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