



Events Guide

MARCH - APRIL - MAY | 2025



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MURDER MYSTERY AT THE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 6PM

You are formally invited to an evening of mystery at the Manitowoc Public Library Foundation's Fundraiser! Step into the glamour and intrigue of the Roaring '20s at this interactive, theatrical experience. Dress to impress in your best 1920s-themed attire and get ready for an unforgettable night of suspense, excitement, and entertainment!

TICKETS ALL-INCLUSIVE: \$100/PERSON

Your ticket includes: Theatrical Performance, Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Alcoholic & Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Live Music, Costume Contest, Raffle Drawing, Valet Parking

**PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE LIBRARY (CASH OR CHECK ONLY)
OR ONLINE (CREDIT/DEBIT) BY SCANNING THE QR CODE**



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Something For Everyone

Drop-In Chess Club (Ages 6+)

First Wednesday Each Month, 6PM

Improve memory, concentration, and logical thinking with chess! Chess boards provided.

MPL Insider: Beyond the Books

Third Thursday Each Month, 12PM

Join Tim & Emily for a behind-the-scenes look at MPL, live on Facebook & YouTube!

Bookmark Art Contest

April 14-May 1

Pick up a blank bookmark at MPL to decorate at home. Return to MPL by 5PM on May 1 to enter the contest. Designs will be displayed on May 3 during Comic Book Day.

BEAT THE WINTER BLUES

**POP-UP
USED
BOOK
SALE**

MARCH 10-15 | MAIN FLOOR

COMIC BOOK DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 9AM-1PM



Join us at MPL to celebrate National Comic Book Day! Come dressed as your favorite comic book character, participate in fun activities, and receive a free comic book!

Activities:

- Free Comic Book Giveaway (while supplies last)
- Scavenger Hunt
- Raffle Prizes
- Costume Contest
- Superhero Mask Creation in the Youth Services Department
- Bookmark Art Contest Display (vote for your favorite!)

All ages are welcome, so whether you're new to comics or a lifelong fan, stop by for some fantastic comic fun.

**ALL
AGES!**



Genealogy Help

Every Tuesday, 3-5PM

Get help with your genealogy research with the Manitowoc County Genealogical Society!

Great Decisions 2025

Mondays, Through March 24, 6PM

Mar 3: AI and American National Security

Mar 10: U.S.-China Relations

Mar 17: India: Between China, the West, and the Global South

Mar 24: American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads

5th Annual Seed Swap

Saturday, March 1, 9AM-12PM

Join the Lakeshore Seed Collective to share or find free seeds for your garden!

Whatcha Watching?

Thursday, March 6, 6PM

Join MPL's Matt, Tim, and Lisa D. for a lively chat on this year's Academy Awards winners and losers, live on Facebook and YouTube!

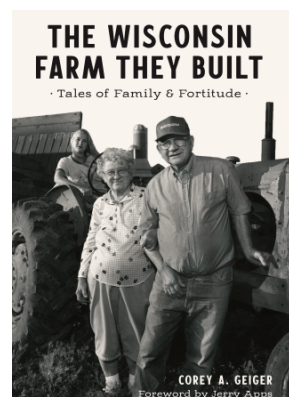
Tai Chi for Beginners: The Art of Balance

Wednesday, March 12, 6PM

Mr. Ray Gates, founder of the Wisconsin Tai Chi Academy, will teach a one-hour class for beginners. **Registration required.**

"The Wisconsin Farm They Built"

Author Event with Corey Geiger



Thursday, March 13, 6PM

When his wife's father passed, city boy Elmer Pritzl stepped in to help—and his whole life changed. Author Corey Geiger blends rural roots with storytelling to capture life in America's Dairyland.

Book Discussion

March 20, 6PM: *Simon Sort of Says*, by Erin Bow

May 15, 6PM: *Northwoods*, by Amy Pease

Join fellow book lovers for lively discussions. Books are available for checkout a month in advance.

Learn About Libby

March 24 & May 21, 10AM

Libby gives you access to thousands of free digital eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines.

The Flag of Company A: A 100th Anniversary Reenactment

Thursday, March 27, 6PM

In 1861, Manitowoc County women crafted a flag for Company A, which our soldiers carried into the Civil War. Gifted to Manitowoc Historical Society in 1925, that flag is the focus of the program featuring a dramatic reading and a replica flag on-display.

Movie Nights at the Library

Thursday, April 10, 4PM: *Oppenheimer*

Join MPL's Matt for a movie at the library! Snacks provided. Movie rated R.

A Saturday Conversation with Bill Jartz

Saturday, April 12, 1PM

Join the "Voice of Lambeau" and WBAY-Channel 2 News Anchor for a casual afternoon conversation focusing on his career in the public eye.



Judy Blume Book Club

Thursday, April 17, 6PM

Explore Judy Blume's standout books! This month: *Tiger Eyes*.

Cats on Mats with Kate Casey

Wednesday, May 21, 5:30PM

Join Kate Casey and residents of Lakeshore Humane Society for an evening of fun and relaxation. **Registration required.**



Job Seekers Corner



DWD Employment Assistance & Career Counseling

Every Tuesday, 9AM-4PM

Get assistance with resumes, online applications, and more. *Spanish-speaking staff available.

Bring the Family



**Read to Certified
Therapy Dogs (Ages 5-11)**
**March 11, April 15, & May 13,
6:30PM**

Studies show, reading to animals boosts children's confidence and reading skills. **Registration opens two weeks before each event.**

Messy Marvin's (Ages 0-3)

March 21 & May 16, 10AM

It's baby art studio morning! We provide the supplies; you supply the creativity!

Tech Toy Tinker Time (Ages 5-11)

Wednesday, April 23, 1-3PM

Dive into the library's coolest tech toys—explore, play, and tinker your way to fun!



Little Steps - Brush Your Teeth! (Ages 3-5)

Friday, March 14, 10:30AM

Join Little Steps, a program that simplifies everyday tasks for preschoolers! Through fun stories, catchy songs, and hands-on activities, children will learn how to brush their teeth effectively.



COSMIC CLUE CHASE

APRIL 21-27

Celebrate the Lyrids Meteor Shower with our Solar System Scavenger Hunt! From April 21-27, stop into the Youth Services Department anytime and enjoy a self-directed adventure solving riddles about the planets, moon, and stars. Uncover each clue and discover the wonders of our solar system to reveal our secret word. It's a stellar way to learn and celebrate this cosmic event!

Geared towards children in the 3rd grade and up.

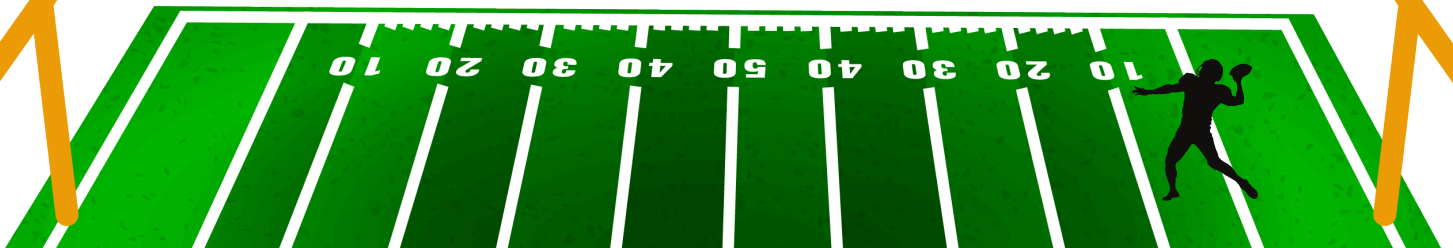


FOOTBALL FRENZY

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 6PM

Kick off NFL Draft Week with an evening of football-themed, family friendly fun. We're taking the tailgate indoors with games, trivia, photo-ops, tailgate treats, and door prizes--all ages invited!

Wear your favorite jersey to get into the spirit! Touchdown!



Family Activity Night



Select Tuesdays at 6:30PM

MARCH 4

4-H Fun with Animals (Ages 3-11)

Have an up-close experience as local 4-H members share their project animals.

MARCH 18

Play Around with Treehouse Theater (Ages 5-11)

Join us for theater games and explore storytelling, character development, and behind-the-scenes roles at Treehouse!

APRIL 8

The Sky's the Limit! Peeps Tower Challenge (Ages 5-11)

Use your engineering skills and MPL Bucks to build a tall tower for a Peeps nest. The tallest wins a "tweet" prize!

MAY 6

Spring Into Wellness: Family Yoga (Ages 3-11)

Join Yoga Instructor, Lauren Philippsen, for a spring-themed Family Yoga session, with fun poses and games.

MAY 20

What's the Buzz? (Ages 5-11)

Join local beekeeper, Steve Massey, as he shares the sweet details about honeybees. Live bees will be present in a safely contained observation frame.

STORYTIMES

Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2)

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 9:30AM

Baby Storytime is 20 minutes of stories, songs, rhymes, bounces, parachute activities, and bubbles, followed by 20 minutes of playtime!

SENSE-ational Storytime (Ages 0-2)

Tuesday, March 25, 10:30AM

If Baby Storytime feels overstimulating, this sensory-friendly program with stories, songs, and bounces may be the perfect match!

Preschool Storytime (Ages 2-5)

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10:30AM

Preschool Storytime focuses on concepts such as life skills, counting, colors, emotions, patterns, and the alphabet.



Storytime Break

May 18 - 31

Storytime will be on a short break while we gear up for the Summer Reading Program!

Teen Hang-Out

Space to Write (For Teens & Adults)

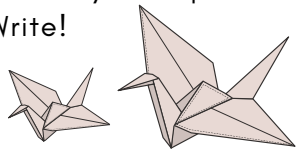
Second & Fourth Tuesday Each Month at 5:30PM

Do you have a novel or short story you want to write? A screenplay or a memoir? Poetry? Graphic novel? Then you need - Space to Write!

ArtLab - Origami

Thursday, March 13, 6PM

Join us for a hands-on journey into the unique world of origami! We'll be working together to transform simple sheets of paper into stunning creations.



Liverpool Rummy: Shuffle, Deal, Conquer!

Thursday, April 10, 6PM

Liverpool Rummy - also called Progressive Rummy - is a fun card game for three or more players. Grab some friends (or some frenemies) and get competitive!

ArtLab - #MPLRocks

Thursday, May 8, 6PM

Each person will get two rocks to paint - one to keep and one to hide somewhere around Manitowoc.

Idea Box Classes

Open Sew & Badging with Betty

(Ages 13+)

March 10 & May 12, 2PM

Get your questions answered and get badged on the sewing machine. No registration required.

Cricut Badging (Ages 18+)

March 26, 5:30PM & April 25, 2PM

Learn how to use the Cricut, a machine that cuts & scores a variety of materials for hobby crafting.

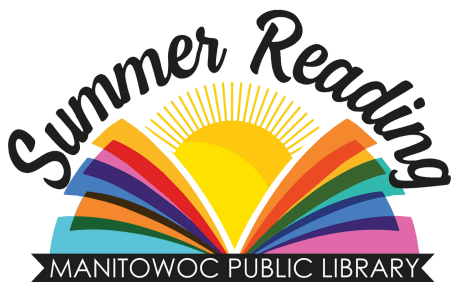
Registration required.

Glowforge Badging (Ages 18+)

March 25, 6PM, April 9, 5PM, & May 13, 6PM

Learn how to use our Glowforge, a 3D laser cutter used to cut and engrave. **Registration required.**

Coming Up!



June 16 - August 9 | Free | All Ages

Pre-Registration Opens June 2

Earn weekly prizes just by reading! Log your reading with the Beanstack App or pick up a paper tracker at any Service Desk. Read or be read to a total of 30 days to complete the program (any time spent reading, counts as a day of reading). Every six days read earns you a prize!



For more event details and information, visit: manitowoclibrary.org/events

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Monday - Thursday 9AM-8PM

Friday 9AM-6PM

Saturday 9AM-3PM

Sunday Noon-4PM

(Closed Sundays, Memorial Day thru Labor Day)

Individuals requesting accommodation for disabilities should contact the Library's ADA Manager Stacey Bialek at 920-686-3008 or sbialek@manitowoc.org. Reasonable accommodations will be made as quickly as possible, often within a week.