

Drop-in Storytimes, Playgroup & Programs for Preschoolers

Playgroup

Newborn-preschool ages with an accompanying adult.

New Time! Fridays, 10:00 a.m.-noon, September 11 – November 20

(No Playgroup on October 30)

Informal gathering for families. Simply drop-in and you will find toys to play with and books to read.

PajamaRama!

Wednesdays, 7:00-7:30 p.m., September 16 – November 18

Bedtime stories with Miss Kathy. PJs, pillows and fuzzy slippers are optional.

Stories Alive & Around the World Storytime

Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. OR 10:30-11:00 a.m.

September 15 – November 24

All ages welcome. Drop-in Storytimes.

September 15 – October 27 Stories come alive in this fun and active storytime. Storytellers encourage children to use their imagination through the use of puppets, songs, fingerplays and a variety of creative activities.

November 3 – 24 Celebrating cultures, languages & children from all over the world! Explore the stories, language, games and foods of different countries through fun activities.

Saturday Storytime

All ages welcome.

10:00-10:30 a.m., September 26, October 31 & November 21

Join storyteller Kathy Luck and her lovable puppet friends for a half hour of stories, songs and more!

Yoga Storytime

Ages 3 years & up with parent or caregiver.

Mondays, 10:00-10:30 a.m., November 2–30

Join us for a literary journey through breathing exercises, stretching, stories and songs. Please bring a mat or blanket with you.



Veteran's Day Storytime & Activity

Wednesday, November 11, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite Veteran or meet one at this special program that honors and give thanks to those who have served or are serving in the military. Listen to children's stories read by veterans and make craft activities.

"Give Thanks" Family Storytime & Activity

No registration required.

Wednesday, November 25, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving stories and songs, craft activities and a special snack. The whole family is welcome!



Music Celebration

All ages welcome. No registration required.

Saturday, December 5, 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Billy is an award-winning singer song ROCKER that offers original and classic rock songs for kids and families with a blast of clever humor. His programs are highly interactive, educational, upbeat and just plain fun. Great for kids (and families) of all ages!

Families of children who are in, or have participated in the **1000 Books before Kindergarten** program are invited to join us for a celebration. We will honor those children who have finished the program.

Registered Storytimes & Preschool Programs

Baby & Me

Babies & one year olds with an accompanying adult.

Registration begins August 31.

Mondays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. OR 10:30-11:00 a.m.

September 14 – October 26

Have fun with your baby and make new friends as you learn action rhymes, bounces, songs and listen to books that are perfect for this age group.

Rhythm & Rhymes for 2's & 3's

Registration begins September 8.

Thursdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. OR 10:30-11:00 a.m.

September 24 – November 19

Enjoy a morning with your 2 or 3 year old filled with stories, singing, dancing & more!



Preschool FUN Day

Ages 3-4 years with an accompanying adult.

Registration begins August 31 for all classes.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Enjoy a fun-filled morning of stories and early literacy activities with your child.

September 16-30, Narrative Skills

October 7-21, Letter Knowledge

October 28 – November 11, Print Motivation

Drive-in Movie (make your own car!)

Registration begins November 2.

Wednesday, November 18, 9:30-10:00 a.m. followed by a movie

Come in, listen to a story, build your own car, park it in our Children's program room, munch on popcorn and sit back and enjoy a movie.

Holiday Storytime

All ages welcome. Registration begins November 16.

Sunday, December 6, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Escape the hustle & bustle of the season and enjoy a storytime featuring seasonal stories, songs and cookie decorating.

Teen Zone

Fall Library Programs 2015

Teens in grades 7–12 are welcome.

Snacks will be provided for each event!

All events will be held in the Teen Zone, unless otherwise noted.

Teen Events

September 8

Super Smash Bros. Wii U and Nintendo Land @ 3:30 p.m.

October 13

Fantasy Maps @ 3:30 p.m.

October 27

The Wizard's Guild Poetry and Short Story Slam @ 6:00 p.m.

November 10

Mario Kart Tournament @ 3:30 p.m.

Teen Clubs

Teen Clubs meet in the Community Room.

Teen Manga & Anime Club: Third Tuesday of the month @ 5:00 p.m.

Teen Advisory Group: Last Tuesday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. (January- November)

Teen Book Club: Last Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 p.m. (January- November)

Friends of Waukesha Public Library

Many of the programs offered in this brochure are made possible through the generous support of the Friends of Waukesha Public Library. Friends receive funds through membership dues, merchandise sales and donations. If you are interested in joining the Friends, pick up a brochure at the library or visit the library website.

WPL is committed to providing the highest degree of accessibility within its means. Please call 262-524-3746 at least two weeks prior to an event with any disability-related accommodation requests. Every attempt will be made to honor all requests.



Waukesha Public Library

321 Wisconsin Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53186

Children's Services: (262) 524-3692

Adult & Teen Reference: (262) 524-3682

HOURS Monday–Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Labor Day – Memorial Day)

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Summer)

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (October – April)



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Programs for Children & Families



I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book.

—J.K. Rowling

School Age Programs

4th/5th/6th Grade Book Discussions Wednesdays, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

October 7 *(Registration begins September 21)*

November 4 *(Registration begins October 7)*

Books are provided by the Friends of Waukesha Public Library and are yours to keep after you join us for the discussion. Hurry! These discussions fill up fast.



Chess Club/Open-Play

Tuesdays, October 20 – November 17

3rd-6th Grade: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

No registration required for open-play. Emphasis is on fun rather than competition. Boards and pieces will be provided.

Chess Tournament

Tuesday, November 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Register at one of the weekly open-plays.

LEGO™ Club

Ages 5 years and up. No registration required.

Thursdays, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22,

November 5 & 19, December 3 & 17

Meet in the Children's Program Room to create, build and make new LEGO loving friends.

LOL! Improv Comedy & Theatre Games

Ages 6-8 years *Registration begins September 1.*

Mondays, 6:30-7:15 p.m., September 28 – October 12

Children will have a blast expressing themselves creatively, using their imaginations and learning to work together.

Ages 9-12 years *Registration begins October 19.*

Mondays, 6:30-7:15 p.m., November 2-16

Improvisation is all about having fun and learning to think on your feet!

It is the coolest way to develop Creativity (writing and thinking), Community (team, listening and respect) and Leadership (public speaking, self-confidence, eye contact). No experience is needed, just a willingness to have fun...and laugh a lot, too!

Minecraft Club ~ Survival Mode

2nd-6th Grade. Registration begins September 1 for all four classes.

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., September 22 – October 13

Children will be encouraged to explore new worlds and build things in survival mode. iPads provided.

Read to Rover

Ages 4-10 years. First registration begins August 31.

Curl up with a dog & a good book! Register for a 15-minute time slot with one of our loveable volunteer therapy dogs and their owner/handlers. Registration for the later classes begins the day of the prior class.

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-noon

September 12 & 26, October 10 & 24,

November 7 & 21, December 12



Scary Stories AFTER DARK

2nd-6th Grade. Registration begins October 12.

Wednesday, October 28, 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Children and their parents are welcome to join us in the "HAUNTED" Library for scary stories & activities that are sure to give you a fright! BOO!



Programs for All Ages

Fantastic Flicks!

All Ages. No registration.

Saturdays, 2:00 p.m.

September 5 & 19, October 17 & 31, November 7 & 28, December 19

Join us in the Children's Program Room for popular and new DVD releases.

Game Days & Open Minecraft Play

All ages welcome. No registration required.

Tuesdays, 4:00-5:30 p.m., September 8 – November 24

Schools Out: November 27, December 28, 29, 30, 10:00 a.m.-noon

We've got the board games and Wiis...you just need to come for the fun!

We have twenty iPads with the pocket edition of Minecraft available to children on a first come, first served basis.

Think-Build-Create

All Ages. No registration.

Thursdays, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

September 17, October 1 & 15 & 29, November 12, December 10

The Children's Program Room will be turned into a maker space with materials available for children to explore, think outside the box, build and create. This is a drop-in program.



Star Wars Read Day

No registration required.

Saturday, October 10, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Star Wars Read Day is an international event that celebrates reading and Star Wars. Stop by the Library anytime between 9:30 a.m.-

noon and enjoy a day of fun. Activities include a light-saber joust, Death Star bean bag toss, movies and themed crafts. Come dressed in your favorite Star Wars costume!



Halloween Hop ~ Holiday Dance Party

All ages welcome. Registration begins October 12.

Friday, October 30, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Listen to kickin' tunes for kids. Learn silly dance moves! Light refreshments served. Costumes welcome.

Gingerbread Houses

Registration begins November 16.

Begin a holiday tradition by building a house that even Hansel and Gretel would be tempted to eat! Supplies provided.

Families with children in 5K or younger

Tuesday, December 1

9:30-10:30 a.m. OR 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Children 1st-6th Grade

Tuesday, December 8, 4:15-5:15 OR 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Dads & Kids Activity Night

No registration required.

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., December 2–16

Kids of all ages...bring your Dad, Grandfather or Uncle with you to the Library for an evening of stories, games and activities!



The Wisconsin History Tour is a traveling exhibit crossing the state to bring history to life near you. Enjoy programming for all ages by genealogists, historians and authors.

Exploring Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes

Tuesday, September 15, 4:00 p.m., Community Room

Crafting History: Make a Mary Nohl-Inspired Sculpture

Thursday, September 17, 10:00 a.m., Children's Program Room

Guitar Wizard: A Les Paul Journey with Bob Jacobson

Saturday, September 19, 11:00 a.m., Children's Program Room

Parents & Educators

Bright Beginnings ~ Books Too Good to Miss!

Saturday, November 14

Registration for one or both classes begins October 19.

Register online or call 262-524-3692. Continuing Education Hours available.

Books and Activities for:

New time! 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Preschool & Early Elementary Age Children
1:30-3:30 p.m. – Babies & Toddlers

This workshop will be devoted to sharing new and can't miss books for young children. Library staff will present innovative and practical ways to use the best of this year's children's books, as well as some old favorites for curricular connections, and sharing one-on-one with children. The presentations will be geared toward teachers, early childhood educators, and parents who are interested in encouraging life-long reading skills in children.

Apps & Appetizers

Monday, November 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Registration begins November 2. Continuing Education Hours available.

Librarians will share some of the best new educational apps to use with your children and students. Don't worry...we'll leave time at the end for you to play a little. Adults only please.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Reading Program

Reading with your child will build a solid foundation of pre-reading skills that will ensure your child enters 5K ready to succeed in school. Babies and children not yet enrolled in Kindergarten are encouraged to sign up for the *1000 Books before Kindergarten Reading Program*.

Stop by the Library to receive your reading log and learn more about the exciting early literacy activities that we have planned for you and your child. For more information, inquire at the Children's Reference Desk.



WAUKESHA Reads

THE BIG READ

Ursula K. Le Guin's classic coming-of-age novel A Wizard of Earthsea is this year's Waukesha Reads community-wide event.

Originally published as a young adult fantasy novel in 1968, Le Guin's adventure tale proved so imaginatively engaging and psychologically profound, that it captivated readers of all ages. The Children's Department hopes to inspire young readers to join in the fun!

Raptor Program ~ Schlitz Audubon Nature Center

All ages welcome.

Saturday, October 3, 10:00 a.m.

Ged acquired his nickname, "Sparrowhawk", as a child. The name, which he used when he wanted to keep his true name secret, was given to him because other children often saw him summoning birds of prey. This program will allow you an opportunity to experience the "wow" of seeing these beautiful birds up close and to hear their unique stories. Birds of prey include eagles, owls, hawks and falcons.

Wizards, Familiars, and You

All Ages. No registration required.

Thursday, October 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

What is a familiar and why do wizards need them? Find out and craft your own familiar.

Family Book Discussion ~ A Wizard of Earthsea

4th, 5th, & 6th graders with your favorite adult.

Register for the discussion and pick up books beginning September 8 at the Adult or Children's Reference Desks.

Thursday, October 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

One of the greatest pleasures of a good book is discussing it with fellow readers and reading books as a family can be even more rewarding. Pick up a copy or two of *A Wizard of Earthsea*, read the book together and then join us as a family in the Children's program room to discuss.

Dragonology

All Ages. No registration required.

Saturday, October 17, 10:00-10:45 a.m.

Learn about dragons and their habitats. Make a dragon-related craft.

Magic Classes

2nd–6th Grade. Registration begins September 28.

Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., October 19 & 26

Calling all aspiring young magicians! Mr. Chris, our very own Library Magician will share some basic "tricks of the trade." Learn simple card tricks, how to make objects vanish and other magic to amaze your friends and family in these two classes.

Wizard School

All Ages. No registration required.

Thursday, October 29, 1:30-2:15 p.m.

Learn the magical arts and earn your Wizard Certificate.

Secrets of Dragons

All Ages. No registration required.

Friday, October 30, 1:30-2:15 p.m.

Discover the secret magic of dragons and create a magical item.