



# THE READING WITHOUT WALLS CHALLENGE

*"Reading is a fantastic way to open your minds and hearts to new people, places, and ideas.  
I've met new friends, learned new facts, and become a better person."*

—GENE LUEN YANG, former National Ambassador for Young People's Literature

Following Yang's philosophy, we invite you to take the "Reading Without Walls challenge!"

1. Read a book about a character who doesn't look like you or live like you.
2. Read a book about a topic you don't know much about.
3. Read a book in a format that you don't normally read for fun — a chapter book, a graphic novel, a book in verse, or an audio book.

Register for this simple, but rewarding reading challenge!

Each time you complete the three challenges listed above, enter your name into a monthly prize drawing thru May 2019.

## Drop-in Storytimes, Playgroup & Programs for Pre-schoolers

### Baby & Me

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

March 4 – April 15

Babies and toddlers not yet 2 years old with an accompanying adult.

Baby & Me is a special storytime for our youngest "readers." Infants and toddlers and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, rhymes, fingerplays — and other fun and age-appropriate activities that help foster a love of reading.

### PajamaRama!

Wednesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.

January 23 – March 27

Bedtime stories with Miss Kathy and her lovable puppet friends. PJs, pillows and fuzzy slippers optional.

### Playgroup

Fridays, Drop-in between 10 a.m.-noon

January 4 – April 26

Babies and preschoolers with an accompanying adult.

Informal gathering for families. Simply drop-in and enjoy a room filled with toys, music, and of course, books.

### Stories Alive

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

January 22 – April 9

Stories come alive in this fun and active drop-in storytime for children of all ages. Storytellers encourage children to use their imaginations through the use of puppets, songs, fingerplays and a variety of creative activities.

## Registered Storytimes & Preschool Programs

### Preschool FUN Day

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

January 16 – March 20

Ages 3-4 years with an accompanying adult.

Registration begins January 2 for all classes.

Enjoy a fun-filled morning of stories and early literacy activities with your child. Focus is on the five key early literacy skills: READ! TALK! SING! WRITE! PLAY!

### Rhythm & Rhymes for 2's & 3's

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

January 24 – April 11

Registration begins January 2.

(Sweetheart Dance replaces both storytimes on Feb. 14)

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



## 1000 Books before Kindergarten Reading Program

For children who have not yet entered 5K

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 1,000 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.



## TEEN EVENTS

WINTER/SPRING 2019

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited.

All events will be held in the Teen Zone, unless otherwise noted.  
Snacks will be provided at all events and club meetings.

- December 11: Cookie Decorating @ 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room
- January 8: Felt Plushies @ 3:30 p.m.
- January 21: MLK Day Event: Unity Circles @ 3:00 p.m.
- January 21: MLK Day Event:  
*The Blood is at the Doorstep* Viewing and Discussion\* @ 6:30 p.m. at Waukesha Civic Theatre  
(\*This program is open to teens and adults.)
- February 12: Anti-Valentine's Day Party @ 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room
- March 12: Wii U Game Day @ 3:30 p.m.
- March 14: Pocket Green Screens @ 3:30 p.m.
- April 9: DIY Book Bags @ 3:30 p.m.
- May 4: Teen Manga Festival @ 1 p.m. in the Community Room
- May 14: Wii U Game Day @ 3:30 p.m.



Waukesha Civic Theatre

## TEEN CLUBS

(All clubs meet in the Community Room.)

### Teen Manga and Anime Club

Third Tuesday of every month @ 5 p.m.

### Teen Advisory Group

Last Tuesday of every month (Jan.-Nov.) @ 6 p.m.

### Teen Book Club

Last Tuesday of every month (Jan.-Nov.) @ 7 p.m.

## Friends of the 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, information can be found in one of the brochures at the reference desks or on the library website.

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

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

## TO REGISTER:

Online – Go to the Library's event calendar,  
[www.waukeshapubliclibrary.org](http://www.waukeshapubliclibrary.org) and click on the day of the event.  
Come to the Library OR Call 262-524-3692



WPL is committed to providing the highest degree of accessibility within its means.  
Please call 262-524-3695 at least two weeks prior to an event with any disability-related accommodation requests. Every attempt will be made to honor all requests.

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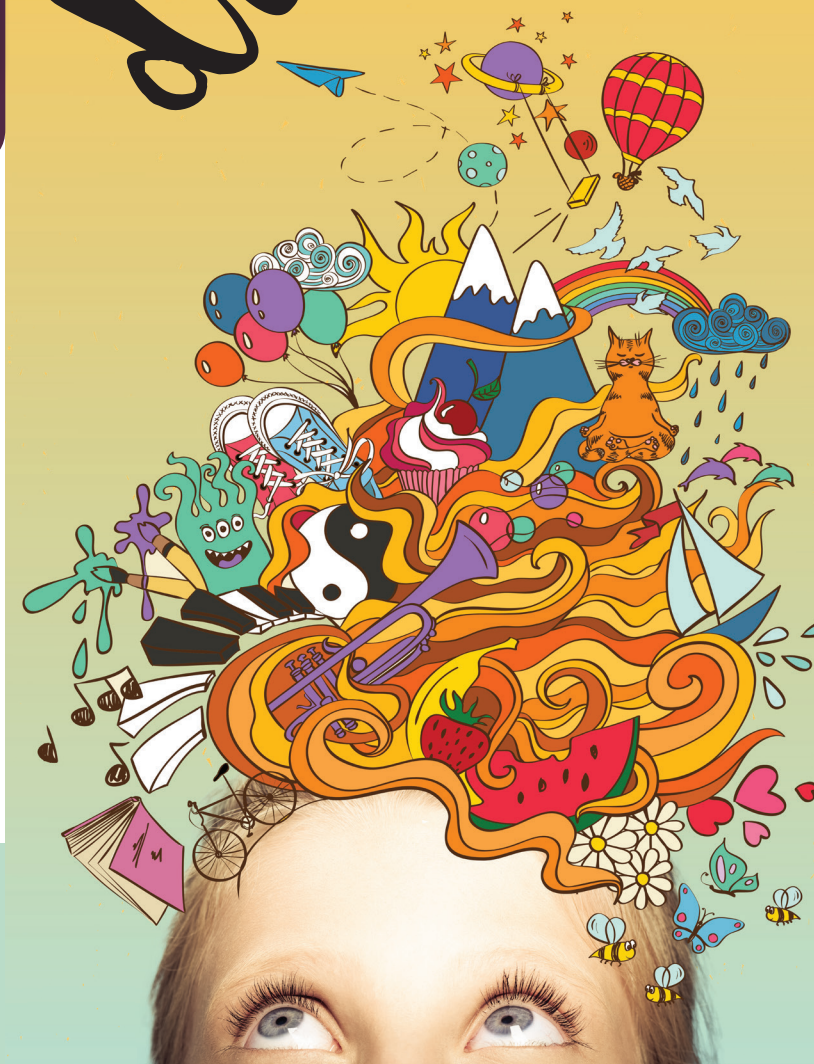


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## Programs for Children & Families

WINTER/SPRING 2019

What's your  
dream?





# WAUKESHA JANBOREE

**Saturday, January 26**

The library is joining in the fun! No registration required. Programs will be held at the Waukesha Public Library in the children's program room.

**Miller & Mike ~ Interactive Comedy Juggling Show**  
Three performances to choose from: 10:00/10:45/11:30 a.m.  
Former Ringling Brothers circus clowns Miller and Mike bring their "carnival" act to the Waukesha Public Library for three performances! This high energy, fast paced comedy show will please the entire family!



**Library Carnival (Drop in anytime between 1:30-3:30 p.m.)**  
Join us for an afternoon of games and activities as the children's program room is turned into a Carnival for children and their families. Try your hand at Ring Toss, Pick-a-Duck, and other traditional Carnival games! Create a clown craft or carnival animal, and be sure to bring your camera or phone! We'll have photo props available.

## MLK Day Monday, January 21

Join us for an all day, library-wide celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy. Enjoy activities and help create a unifying art project to be displayed in the library!



**Storytime**  
(9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 6:30 p.m.)  
All ages. No registration. Join us for a half hour storytime about the heroes of the Civil Rights movement.

**Movie Screening**  
(Noon-2:00 p.m.)  
All ages. No registration. Bring your own lunch and watch a movie (TV-PG) about a heroic young girl who faces hate when she attends a public elementary school during the Civil Rights Movement.

**4th-6th Grade Book Discussion – Multiple Titles**  
(3:15-4:15 p.m.)  
*Registration begins Wednesday, January 2.*  
In this discussion we'll explore and discuss some of the wonderful books written about Martin Luther King Jr., the Civil Rights Movement, and Dr. King's impact today. We'll have a list available to help you choose and check out a book to discuss when you register at the Children's Desk!

## Fun for All Ages

*Activities for all ages. No registration required.*

**Art Sundays**  
Sundays, drop-in between 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Drop in for informal art exploration and activities for the entire family! Come for 30 minutes or stay for two hours. Each week we will focus on a different art style. All supplies provided.

**Bunny Hop Family Dance Party**  
Tuesday, April 16, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
Get out of the house and get hopping to groovy tunes! Kids of all ages, bring your family for a morning of dancing and fun. Refreshments served.



**Card Game Saturday**  
Saturdays, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
January 12, February 9, March 30  
Bring your deck for Pokemon or your favorite trading card game and play.

**El Día de los Niños**  
Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.-noon

Día de los Niños is a national initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for children from all backgrounds. It is a daily commitment to linking children and their families to diverse books, languages, and cultures. Help us celebrate this annual event with fun stories, activities, entertainment, and foods that highlight Hispanic culture!

**Game Days**  
Thursdays, 4-5:30 p.m.  
January 10 & 24, February 28, March 14 & 28  
We've got the board games and Wiis...you come for the fun! Twenty iPads with the pocket edition of Minecraft available to children on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Homeschool Hangout**  
Mondays, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6  
Connect with other homeschooling families while participating in activities ranging from art history to technology to library services!

**Trinity Irish Dancers**  
Saturday, March 16, 10:00 a.m.  
Come enjoy the art of Irish dance with the Trinity Academy of Irish Dancers, complete with colorful costumes and festive dances. Enjoy a traditional Irish Jig, rhythmic, and traditional dances.

## School Age Programs

**Book Discussions for Grades 1, 2 & 3**  
Wednesday, February 27, 4:15-5:15 p.m.  
*(Registration begins February 4)*  
**SPRING BREAK: Wed., March 27, 2-3 p.m.**  
*(Registration begins February 27)*

We'll explore a different topic/genre each month. A list of titles is available to help you choose and check out a book to discuss when you register at the Children's Desk!

**Book Discussions for Grades 4, 5 & 6**  
Wednesdays, 4:15-5:15 p.m.  
February 20 *(Registration begins January 28)*  
March 27 *(Registration begins February 20)*  
The books are generously provided by the Friends of the Library and are yours to keep after you join us for the discussion. Pick up your book at the time of registration.

**Chess Club/Open Play**  
Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., April 2-30  
*Ages 5-12. No registration required.*  
Emphasis is on fun rather than competition. Boards and pieces will be provided.

**LEGO™ Club**  
Thursdays, 4-5:30 p.m.  
January 3 & 17, February 7 & 21, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18  
*Age 5 and up. No registration required.*  
Meet in the children's program room to create, build and make new LEGO-loving friends.

### Little Sweetheart Dance Thursday, February 14 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Dance the morning away with your little sweetheart at this special event in the children's program room. Learn family-friendly dances and enjoy light refreshments. Be sure to bring your camera or phone! We'll have photo props available.

### Valentine Marshmallow Pops Thursday, February 14 4:15-5:15 p.m.

*Ages 7-12. Registration begins Jan. 28.*  
Make and enjoy a tasty treat! Decorate your chocolate-covered marshmallow pop with red, pink and white candy sprinkles. All supplies provided.

## Youth Art Month – March

Student art from the Waukesha School District will be featured in the library during the month of March. Help us celebrate the creativity of these young artists and their teachers at a special reception on: **Wednesday, March 13, 4:00-6:00 p.m.** Enjoy music and refreshments during the reception. Those attending the reception will also have an opportunity to create an art piece to take home.

**LEGO™ Mindstorms Robotics – Build A Robot!**  
Mondays, 4:30-5:30 p.m., March 4 – April 1

*3rd-6th grade. No registration required.*  
Join us to learn the basics of robotics in a non-competitive, team environment using LEGO Mindstorms kits provided by the Library.

**LOL! Improv Comedy & Theatre Games**  
Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
February 4, 11, 18, 25

*Ages 8-12 years. Registration begins January 14.*  
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!

**Make Your Own Fairy House**  
Wednesday, March 27, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

*Ages 5-12 years. Registration begins March 11.*  
Do you have fairies living nearby? Come and listen to magical stories and learn the rules of the forest, and then build a fairy house fit for a queen, elf or gnome. Recycled and natural materials provided, plus a little sparkle.

**Open WIDE! What's Inside?**  
Saturday, February 16, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

*Ages 7-12 years. Registration begins January 28.*  
How do everyday things work? Take apart computers, small appliances and other electronics to peek inside! Bring your own screwdrivers.

**What the Tech?!**  
Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Jan. 29 – March 19  
School's Out: 2-3 p.m., Jan. 22, March 26 & 29

*Ages 7-12 years. No registration required. Each class is different...come when you can!*  
Each week we will give kids an opportunity to explore a different type of technology including 3D printing, Ozobots, littleBits, Scratch Jr., Stop Motion Animation & More!

## Parents and Educators

**Bright Beginnings – Books Too Good to Miss!**  
Saturday, March 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

*Registration begins February 18. Online: [www.waukeshapubliclibrary.org](http://www.waukeshapubliclibrary.org) (go to the calendar and click on March 2) or call 262-524-3692. Continuing education hours available.*

Early childhood care and education providers have a tremendous impact on children's language and literacy development. The Waukesha Public Library children's staff will share innovative and practical ideas to use with this year's best children's books. The presentation will be geared toward teachers, early childhood educators, and parents who are interested in encouraging life-long reading skills in children.