

COLOR OUR WORLD™

Kids & Teens

SUMMER PROGRAMS 2025



Summer Library Program

June 1 - August 1

This summer, color your world with a book! All ages can join our Summer Library Program on WaukeshaPublicLibrary.beanstack.org or by downloading the Beanstack Tracker app. If you prefer, a paper reading log can be picked up at the Library. Don't miss out on the chance to win free books, coupons to local businesses, and entries into our Grand Prize Drawing! Sign up starting June 1. Entries accepted until August 1. Happy Reading!



Scan the QR code to learn more about this year's Summer Library Program!



WaukeshaPublicLibrary.org
321 Wisconsin Ave.
Waukesha, WI 53186
262-524-3692

Thanks to the Friends of Waukesha Public Library for their support! For information about joining, please visit the Library's website.

WPL is committed to providing the highest degree of accessibility within our means. Please call 262-524-3695, or email refemail@waukesha-wi.gov, two weeks prior to any event to ensure adequate time for accessibility accommodation requests to be explored.

Follow us on Facebook!

Registration is not required for summer programs, unless otherwise indicated. Register using our online event calendar on WaukeshaPublicLibrary.org. Registration opens four weeks prior to each program.

Learn & Grow: Preschool Programs

1000 Books before Kindergarten

Reading with your child builds a solid foundation of pre-reading skills, ensuring they enter 5K ready to succeed. Babies and children not yet enrolled in kindergarten are encouraged to sign up. Stop by the Library to receive your reading log or sign up using the Virtual Reading Programs tab on our website.



Colorín Colorado:

Cuentos en la Biblioteca

Los lunes a las 11:00 AM

El 16 y 23 de junio

El 7, 14, 21, 28 de julio

En la Sala de Programas para niños y niñas

¡Vengan a disfrutar de cuentos, actividades, y una paleta helada con toda la familia! Este programa ha sido diseñado para las familias hispanohablantes con niños pequeños. No es necesario inscribirse con anticipación. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!



Buchnerfest

Saturday, June 7

10:00 AM-12:00 PM • Buchner Park

Help us kick off our Summer Library Program and the opening of Buchner Pool! Enjoy storytimes, the Fairy Godmother Sisters, and activity stations. Done in partnership with the Waukesha Parks, Recreation & Forestry Dept. and the Waukesha Co. Dairy Promotions Committee.



Outdoor Storytime

Tuesday & Fridays @ 11:00 AM

June 17-Aug. 1 (Cutler Park)

July 8 (Children's Dept.)

July 1 & 4 (No Storytime)



Join us for a drop-in Storytime for kids of all ages! Bring a blanket and your lunch. During bad weather, storytime will move into the Children's Dept.

June 20 @ 11:00 AM • Cutler Park

Celebrate a special storytime in cooperation with the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. Listen to stories, decorate a tote bag, and try a literacy themed obstacle course.

Book Bike

WPL's Book Bike will be visiting local parks and community events this summer. Watch for us to roll into your neighborhood with fun giveaways and lots of Library information.

Studio 321

Regular Open Studio Hours:

Monday-Wednesday, 12:00-6:00 PM

Thursday, 12:00-8:00 PM, Friday, 12:00-5:00 PM

Equipment Training: Learn how to use the Glowforge Laser Cutter, 3D Printers, and the Cricut Maker 3. Please contact Studio 321 staff to set up an appointment.

Email Studio321Help@waukesha-wi.gov or call 262-524-3746.

All ages are welcome. Makers under age 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Messy Masterpieces

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25
11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Children's Dept.

Let your child explore art without the pressure of making anything specific. Kids will be encouraged to experiment, play, and discover their own artistic style.

Think, Build, Learn, & Create: School-Age Programs

All Ages Tie Dye

June 12 • 2:00-4:00 PM • Cutler Park

Kids of all ages can color their world at this tie-dyeing event! Bring your own t-shirts and dyeable items. If you forget, we'll have cloth squares available (while supplies last).



Kids in the Kitchen

July 9 & 23 • 4:30 & 6:30 PM • Program Room A/B

Learn about cooking and sample a tasty treat. Kids ages 5-12 are welcome to participate. Registration is required.

Kidz Fun Zone

Thursdays, July 10-31 • 10:00 AM-4:00 PM • Children's Dept.

Experience something new each week! Drop in when you can, leave when you'd like.

July 10: Spy Camp

July 24: Rainbow of Animals

July 17: Mini Golf

July 31: Art Lab



Art Explorers • July 16 & 30 • 4:30-5:30 PM • Studio 321

Color your world with art projects inspired by the masters! Learn about the work of famous artists and create your own masterpiece to take home. Each child (ages 5-12) must have an adult with them when using the makerspace. Registration is required.



Farmers' Market Storytime

June 21 & July 26 • 9:30 & 11:30 AM • Waukesha Farmers' Market

Listen to stories, songs, and rhymes while enjoying your treats from the market. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on.



Family Fun: Programs & Activities for Kids of All Ages

Family Fun Days

Tuesdays, June 17-July 29 • 3:30-4:30 PM • Program Room A/B

IF IT'S A TUESDAY IN THE SUMMER, IT'S FAMILY FUN DAY! Join us for these family-friendly performances.

June 17: Snake Discovery*

Snake Discovery is bringing Snake, Rattle and Roll to WPL! Learn about reptiles and amphibians that call the Midwest home. We'll watch a salamander eat, debunk turtle myths, touch snakes, and more.

June 24: Circus Boy

As seen on TV's Ripley's Believe it or Not! Circus Boy Bobby Hunt delivers an action-packed show for all ages. Juggling, comedy, and audience participation included.

July 1: No Family Fun Day

July 8: James the Magician*

Enjoy a family magic show full of comedy and storytelling!

July 15: A Visit With Mr. Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln will be visiting WPL to teach us about the history of our nation.

July 22: Science Heros*

Learn about real-life science heroes who use STEM to add splashes of color to our world – from lighting designers to pyrotechnicians. Then, get hands-on with some experiments to help you discover your own science power!

July 29: Wildlife in Need

Meet animals up close while you learn how this wildlife rehabilitation center helps the creatures living in your own backyard.

*Sponsored by the Bridges Library System



Summer Celebration! Spoon Man

August 6 • 1:00-3:00 PM • Program Room A/B

Join us for a family-friendly performance by "Spoon Man" Jim Cruise at 1:00 PM. Then, stick around for pizza, ice cream, games, and more!

Programs for Teens

Teens going into grades 7-12 are invited to participate. Registration is required for all teen programs.



Nerf Wars

June 16 • 6:00-8:00 PM
Program Room A/B

It's ON! Join WPL and Milwaukee Area Nerf Outings for a Nerf War of epic proportions. Bring your own blaster or borrow ours. Leave your ammo at home; we'll provide the darts.

Set Apart Art – Turtles

June 24 @ 1:00 PM
Studio 321

Set Apart Art instructor Wendy McDonnell will provide step-by-step instructions for creating turtle paintings. Sponsored by the Bridges Library System.

Rainbow Cake in a Jar

July 8 @ 1:00 PM
Program Room A/B

Join us to make a colorful and delicious dessert.

Tabletop Terrariums

July 15 @ 1:00 PM
Program Room A/B

Let your creative side flourish as you put together a whimsical tabletop terrarium!

DIY Cosplay: Magic Staves and Wands

July 22 @ 6:30 PM
Studio 321

This class will teach you to make magic staves and wands from anime and movies. Then, feel free to design your own!

Water Blaster Spray Art

July 29 @ 1:00 PM
Meet in front of the Library

Use a water blaster to make your own unique artwork.