WAUKESHA PUBLIC LIBRARY

2025 Kids & Teens Fall Programs

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Programs are located in the Children's Program Room and do not require registration, unless otherwise indicated.

Learn & Grow: Preschool Programs



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1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Reading with your child builds a solid foundation of pre-reading skills that ensures they'll 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 register using the Virtual Reading Programs tab on our website.

Books for Babies

September 3, 10, & 17 @ 10:00 AM

Learn about the newest board books for babies, then stay for playtime! We'll introduce titles hot off the press, share literacy tips, and read a story or two. Afterward, enjoy social time and unstructured play with our developmental toy collection. Playtime is unsupervised.

Music Mondays

Sept. 22, Oct. 6 & 20, Nov. 3 & 17 @ 10:00 AM

Join us for 30 minutes of songs and rhymes to encourage singing, dancing, and playing. Nursery rhymes have never been so fun!

PajamaRama

Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM, Sept. 23 - Nov. 18

Join Miss Kathy and her lovable puppet friends for cozy bedtime stories. PJs, pillows, and fuzzy slippers optional.

Stories Alive

Sept. 29, Oct. 13 & 27, Nov. 10 @ 10:00 AM

Stories spring to life at these drop-in storytimes for children of all ages. Our storytellers will ignite young imaginations with puppetry, songs, interactive fingerplays, and imaginative activities. Join us and watch as the magic of storytelling comes alive!

Titles for Tots

September 5, 12, & 19 @ 10:00 AM

Discover exciting new children's books chosen to spark your child's imagination! We'll share valuable literacy tips and read a story or two. Afterward, stay to socialize while the kids explore toys that encourage creative, unstructured play. Playtime is unsupervised.

Wiggles & Giggles Storytime

Tuesdays @ 10:00 AM, Sept. 23 - Nov. 18 *There will be no Wiggles & Giggles on Oct. 28 Let's shake those sillies out with fun stories, singing, dancing, and more!

Preschool Fun Days

Thursdays @ 10:00 AM, Sept. 25 - Nov. 20

Prepare for school success at the Library! Children ages 3-4 and their caregivers are invited to join us for a fun-filled morning of stories and early literacy activities. We'll focus on the five key early literacy skills: READ! TALK! SING! WRITE! PLAY!

Baby & Toddler Storytime & Playgroup Fridays @ 10:00 AM, Sept. 26 - Nov. 21

Infants, toddlers, and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, fingerplays, and other activities that help encourage a love of reading. Storytime is followed by an informal playgroup for families. Simply drop in and enjoy a room filled with toys, puzzles, music, and (of course!) books.

Halloween Hop!

October 28 @ 10:00 AM • Program Room A/B
Dance the morning away at this spooktacular event! Costumes are encouraged,
and cookies and juice will be served.



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.

Studio 321

Open Studio Hours

Drop in and explore Studio 321 during open PUBLIC LIBRARY studio times. Supplies are available to craft, build, learn, and tinker. All ages are welcome. Makers under age 11 must have an adult with them when using the space.

Monday-Wednesday, 12:00-6:00 PM Thursday, 12:00-8:00 PM*

*Open Studio Hours are cancelled when there is a class in session.

Friday, 12:00-5:00 PM

Equipment Training

Learn how to use the Glowforge Laser Cutter, the 3D Printers, the Cricut, and our audio recording and video editing studios. Please contact Studio 321 staff to set up individual training sessions. Email Studio321Help@waukesha-wi.gov or call 262-524-3746.

Group training classes for the Glowforge Laser Cutter and the 3D printers will be held on the following Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM. Registration is required.

Glowforge: Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 **3D Printers:** Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20

Teen Activities

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to participate. Registration is not required.

Teen After-School Activities Teen Snack Hour

Every Tuesday & Wednesday September-November 2:30-3:45 PM • Teen Zone

*No teen activities on November 26. Join us after school for games, crafts, and other activities. The fourth Tuesday of the month will be Teen Snack Hour.

On October 22, Teen After-School Activities will be from 12:30-2:00 PM.

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

Kids in the Kitchen

Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 @ 4:30 PM Program Room A/B

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

LEGO® Club

Sept. 25, Oct. 9 & 23, Nov. 6 & 20 @ 4:00 PM

Kids ages 5-12 are welcome to play and meet other building buddies! LEGO® bricks are provided.

Chess Club

Sept. 18, Oct. 2, 16, & 30, Nov. 13 @ 4:00 PM

Kids ages 5-12 are invited to connect with other players and learn new skills! All skill levels are welcome. Play will start with a beginner lesson, with intermediate advice offered throughout.

Chess Tournament

December 4 6:00-8:00 PM

Kids ages 5-12 are invited to test their skills against their peers! Register in person at Chess Club.

Family Fun: Programs & Activities for Kids of all Ages

Homeschool Hangout

Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8 @ 11:00 AM Join other homeschool families for handson learning! All ages welcome. *The Dec. 8 Hangout will meet in Program Room A/B.

Holiday Storytime & Cookie Decorating December 6 @ 10:00 AM

Program Room A/B

Enjoy festive stories, songs, and decorate a tasty cookie!

Create a Gingerbread House

December 13 @ 10:00 AM (in Spanish) December 17 @ 4:30 PM (in English) Program Room A/B

Kids ages 5-12, create a gingerbread house while enjoying seasonal music. Registration is required for the Dec. 17 session.

Hello Saturday!

Saturdays @ 10:00 AM • Sept. 27-Nov. 22 Kick off the weekend with a smile! Each Saturday will feature an exciting new activity.

September 27

Cardboard Creations and Recycled Crafts

October 4

Shoebox Houses

October 11

Tea Party in Wonderland

October 18

A Wickedly Good Storytime

October 25

Star Wars Reads

November 1

Instrument Petting Zoo with White House of Music

November 8

National STEAM Day

November 15

Family Storytime with Miss Kelli

November 22

Critter Covers with Milwaukee County Zoo

Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25, Dec. 16 2:30-3:45 PM • Program Room A/B

Stop by to enjoy a snack from our Kitchen and play the Nintendo Switch. Snacks are available while supplies last.

Teen Library Con

Sept. 11 & Nov. 13 • 6:30-7:30 PM • Teen Zone

Celebrate a love for all things nerdy—and wear your cosplay! We'll do an art activity, eat Japanese snacks, play games, and talk about manga and anime.

Teen Halloween Party

October 21, 6:00-8:00 PM · Program Room A/B Come for a ghoulish time! We'll eat pizza, watch Scary

Stories to Tell in the Dark, and enjoy Halloween crafts and games. Costumes are welcome!

Teen Super Smash Bros Tournament

December 10 • 2:30-5:00 PM • Teen Zone

Battle for glory and gift cards! Choose your main and face your friends and foes in these 1v1 matches. Sign up from 2:30-3:00 PM during warm-ups. Then we fight for gold!