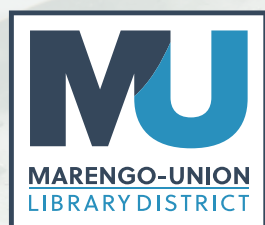


PROGRAM GUIDE

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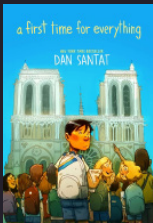
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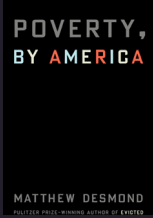
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R **ART AND ADVENTURES WITH AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR DAN SANTAT**

All Ages • Sat., May 3rd • 2 p.m.
Dan Santat is the author and illustrator of over a hundred books for young people. His latest works include the best-selling graphic novels, *The Aquanaut* and *A First Time for Everything*.



R **POVERTY: A DISCUSSION WITH MATTHEW DESMOND**

Ages 16+ • Tue., May 13th • 7 p.m.
Matthew Desmond is a professor of sociology at Princeton University and author of the award-winning book, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*.



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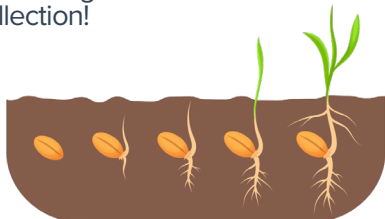
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SEED LIBRARY

Have you checked out our Seed Library?

Get ready for Spring with our Seed Library! Stop in and "borrow" any seeds you like. After your plants have bloomed, save some of those seeds and bring them in to add to the seed collection!



JOIN THE CLUB



We have fun monthly groups for youth and teens! Learn coding, enjoy video games, and make friends in one or more of our clubs.

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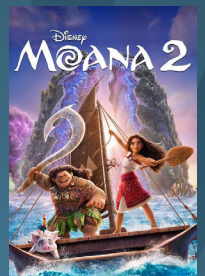
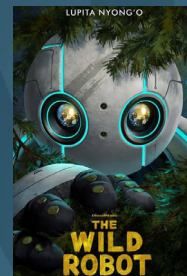


ONE-ON-ONE SESSION

Need to brush up on your computer skills? Have a new device that you need help with? Schedule a 30 minute one-on-one session with a specific tech related goal and we will do our best to assist you.

Register at muld.org/guru or call 815-568-8236

FAMILY FUN MOVIE



R **Friday, April 11th • 6-7:30 p.m.**

Enjoy our comfy chairs and big screen with *The Wild Robot* (2024, PG, 102 minutes, Universal Pictures).

R **Friday, May 9th • 6-7:30 p.m.**

Enjoy a craft and a movie with *Moana 2* (2024, PG, 100 minutes, Walt Disney Studios).



ALL AGES



R NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

April 1st-30th

Celebrate National Poetry Month at the Library! Branch out and add to our "Poe-tree."

APRIL FOOLS DAY

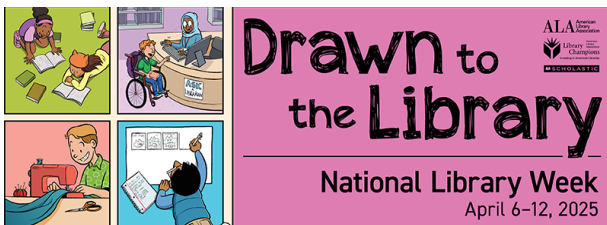
Tuesday, April 1st • All Day

Enjoy a goofy joke as you browse our shelves.

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

April 5th-11th

Create colorful heart decorations in celebration of Week of the Young Child.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 6th-12th

Celebrate National Library Week by checking out books, movies, activities, and more!

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Friday, May 9th • 6-7:30 p.m.

Moana 2 (2024, PG, 100 minutes, Walt Disney Studios)

R **READ TO A DOG**

Saturdays • 10 a.m.

April 26th & May 31st

Share your favorite book with our doggy visitor. Add to a stamp card with each visit to earn a prize with 5 stamps and a grand prize with 10 stamps. *Dogs are certified comfort dogs.*

R **PAWS TO READ: PETS CAUGHT READING**

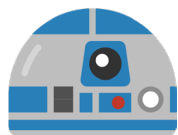
April 28th-May 31st

May is both photography and pet month, so we would love to display photos of your pet(s) reading. Please share photos with: muldevents@muld.org.

R **STAR WARS DAY**

Saturday, May 3rd • 10 a.m.

May the fourth be with you as we celebrate all things Star Wars with library-wide activities!



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ADULT PROGRAMS

AGES 18+

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R **CHAIR YOGA**

Thursday, April 3rd • 10 a.m.

Increase your mobility and calm your mind with this instructional program. Lead by certified yoga instructor, Karen Fotopoulou.

R **ADULT CRAFT NIGHT**

Tuesday, April 8th • 6 p.m.

Terrariums

Tuesday, May 13th • 6 p.m.

Button art



R **MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE PRESENTS: AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR STAN TEKIELA**

Wednesday, April 9th • 7 p.m.

Learn fascinating facts about the birds you see in your backyard and beyond from naturalist, photographer, and author, Stan Tekiela.

R **LITERARY CRUSTS, TASTY TALES**

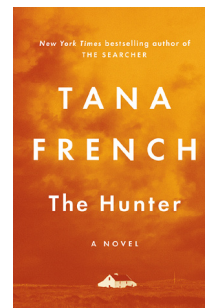
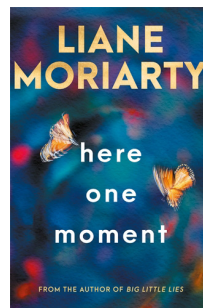
Join us at Niko's Pointer Saloon in this off-site book club!

Tuesday, April 15th • 6:30 p.m.

Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty

Tuesday, May 6th • 6:30 p.m.

The Hunger by Tana French



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING

April 16th & May 27th • 6:30 p.m.

R **SATURDAY BOOK CLUB**

April 19th • 1 p.m.

Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty

May 17th • 1 p.m.

The Hunter by Tana French

R **SELF-DEFENSE FOR ADULTS AND SENIORS**

Tuesday, April 22nd • 6:30 p.m.




Instructor Peter Honigmann will teach you how to gain situational awareness, de-escalate, and defend yourself against common attacks.


LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

April 22nd & May 27th • 7:30 p.m.

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APRIL 2025

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ADULT	NATIONAL POETRY MONTH All Ages • 04/01-04/30	APRIL FOOLS' DAY All Ages • All Day	R CODING CLUB Ages 8-12 • 4p.m.	TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 9:30a.m.	CLOSED FOR STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY	R WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD Youth All Ages • 04/05-04/11
YOUTH		R LITERARY CRUSTS, TASTY TALES Ages 18+ • 6:30p.m.	R HOMESCHOOLERS Youth All Ages • 10a.m.	R CHAIR YOGA Ages 18+ • 10a.m.		
ALL AGES			R CODING CLUB Ages 8-12 • 4p.m.	PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Ages 3-6 • 1:30p.m.		
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK All Ages • 04/6-04/12	R VIDEO GAME CLUB Ages 8-12 • 4p.m.	R ADULT CRAFT NIGHT Ages 18+ • 6p.m.	R MCC: STAN TEKIELA Ages 18+ • 7p.m.	TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 9:30a.m.	R FAMILY FUN MOVIE All Ages • 6-7:30p.m.	
				PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Ages 3-6 • 1:30p.m.		
				R ILP ALEXIS NIKOLE NELSON Ages 16+ • 7p.m.		
				TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 9:30a.m.	BABYTIME STORYTIME Ages 0-23 Months • 10a.m.	R SATURDAY BOOK CLUB Ages 18+ • 1p.m.
				PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Ages 3-6 • 1:30p.m.		
				TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 9:30a.m.	R YOUTH CRAFT Ages 5-11	
				R BMO HARRIS: MORTGAGES Ages 18+ • 11a.m.		R READ TO A DOG All Ages • 10a.m.
				R BOOKWORMS Grades 4-7 • 6p.m.		
						

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ADULT	<div>Sunday 1p.m.-3:00p.m. Monday-Thursday 9a.m.-8p.m. Friday-Saturday 9a.m.-5p.m. HOURS</div>			1 PAWS TO READ All Ages • 04/28-05/31 TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 9:30a.m. PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Ages 3-6 • 1:30p.m.	2 LATE START Library opens at 10a.m.	3 R STAR WARS DAY All Ages • 10a.m. R ILP DAN SANTAT All Ages • 2p.m.
YOUTH		5 R MINI CRAFTERS Ages 2-4 R VIDEO GAME CLUB Ages 8-12 • 4p.m.	6 R LITERARY CRUSTS, TASTY TALES Ages 18+ • 6:30p.m. R CODING CLUB Ages 8-12 • 4p.m.	7 R HOMESCHOOLERS Youth All Ages • 10a.m. R CODING CLUB Ages 8-12 • 4p.m.	8 TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 9:30a.m. PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Ages 3-6 • 1:30p.m. R LON HALDEMAN: CYCLING PIONEER Ages 18+ • 6p.m.	10
ALL AGES		11 R ART LAB Ages 5-11 • 4p.m.	12 R ADULT CRAFT NIGHT Ages 18+ • 6p.m. R ILP MATTHEW DESMOND Ages 16+ • 7p.m.	13 R CODING CLUB Ages 8-12 • 4p.m. R THE BLUE ZONE Ages 18+ • 6:30p.m.	14 TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 9:30a.m. R BMO HARRIS: RETIREMENT Ages 18+ • 11a.m. PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Ages 3-6 • 1:30p.m.	16 BABYTIME STORYTIME Ages 0-23 Months • 10a.m. R STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER Youth All Ages • 6p.m.
	18	19 R LEGO CLUB Ages 5-11 • 4p.m.	20 R STEAM Ages 8+ • 4p.m.	21 R CREATIVE TYKES Ages 2-4 • 11a.m. R CODING CLUB Ages 8-12 • 4p.m.	22 TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 9:30a.m. PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Ages 3-6 • 1:30p.m. R BOOKWORMS Grades 4-7 • 6p.m.	24
25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY 	27 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING 6:30p.m. BOARD MEETING 7:30p.m.	28 R CODING CLUB Ages 8-12 • 4p.m. R MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE Ages 18+ • 6p.m.	29 TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 9:30a.m. PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Ages 3-6 • 1:30p.m.	30 R YOUTH CRAFT Ages 5-11	31 R READ TO A DOG All Ages • 10a.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

AGES 18+

R BMO HARRIS PRESENTS: MORTGAGES AND HOMEOWNERSHIP

Thursday, April 24th • 11 a.m.

Home buying is a journey, but it doesn't have to be overwhelming. Whether you're a first-time buyer or an experienced homeowner, BMO Harris can get you into your new home.

R LON HALDEMAN: CYCLING PIONEER

Thursday, May 8th • 6 p.m.

Lon Haldeman will present his journey traveling throughout the United States on bike, winning championships, and all about his philanthropic events worldwide.

R THE BLUE ZONE

Wednesday, May 14th • 6 p.m.

This program developed by Joan Davis, RN, MS, introduces the latest evidence-based research on nutrition and longevity.

R BMO HARRIS PRESENTS: INVESTING AND RETIREMENT

Thursday, May 15th • 11 a.m.

BMO Harris will teach you how to review your retirement plans to help you achieve your financial goals.

R AFTER HOURS BINGO

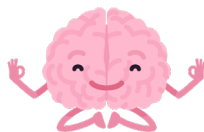
Friday, May 23rd • 6 p.m.

Play the exciting game of chance, BINGO!

R MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE

Wednesday, May 28th • 6 p.m.

The National Alliance on Mental Health will walk you through strategies to support mental health in the workplace on both the micro and macro levels.



HEROES AMONG US

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2025

Keep an eye out for our upcoming Summer Reading Program as we celebrate the heroes among us!

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YOUTH BOOK CLUB

R BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

Grades 4-7 • Thursdays • 6 pm

April 24th

Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly

May 22nd

Class Dismissed by Allan Woodrow



YOUTH PROGRAMS

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R HOMESCHOOLERS

Youth All Ages • Wednesdays • 10 a.m.

April 9th

All about Beatrix Potter

May 7th

History of trains

R ART LAB

Ages 5-11 • Mondays • 4 p.m.

April 14th

Frog craft

May 12th

May flowers

R STEAM

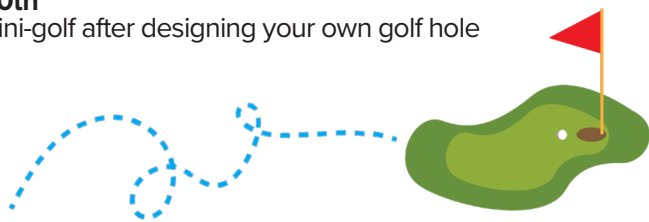
Ages 8+ • Tuesdays • 4 p.m.

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May 20th

Play mini-golf after designing your own golf hole



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R CREATIVE TYKES

Ages 2-4 • Wednesdays • 11 a.m.

Time for parents and children under five to engage in sensory activities.

April 16th

Easter Eggstravaganza

May 21st

Transportation

R MINI CRAFTERS

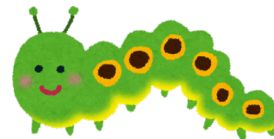
Ages 2-4 • Mondays • Online

April 21st

Clothespin rainbow color wheel

May 5th

DIY hungry caterpillar



Register early and pick up your kit starting the day of the program.

R LEGO CLUB

Ages 5-11 • Mondays • 4 p.m.

Let your imagination run wild with LEGO® building blocks. Join in monthly challenges and have time to free build.

April 21st

Build a trophy

May 19th

Blindfold build

R YOUTH CRAFT

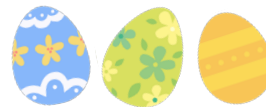
Ages 5-11 • Fridays • Online

April 25th

Styrofoam egg decorating

May 30th

Create a beautiful, fluttering clothespin butterfly



Register early and pick up your kit starting the day of the program.

R STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Youth All Ages • Fri., May 16th • 6 p.m.

Kids of all ages bring one stuffy to the library Friday evening at 6pm to check them in, read them a story, and say good night. Pick your stuffy up Saturday, May 10th to discover all of the fantastic sleepover fun they had!



BABYTIME STORYTIME

**Ages Birth to 23 months
Fridays • 9:30a.m.**

April 18th & May 16th

Join us for rhymes, books, and giggles.

TODDLER STORYTIME

Ages 2-3 • Thursdays • 9:30a.m.

Engaging finger plays, songs, & stories.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Ages 3-5 • Thursdays • 1:30 p.m.

New stories and a craft every week.

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April 1st - April 30th

Celebrate National Poetry Month by writing your own acrostic poem.

All month, stop by the library to add to our "Poe-tree."

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LIBRARY HOURS:

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MONDAY-THURSDAY

9:00a.m.-8:00p.m.

FRIDAY

9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

SATURDAY

9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

SUNDAY

12:00p.m.-3:00p.m.

LIBRARY CLOSURES

Friday, April 4th
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Sunday, April 20th
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Sunday, May 25th
CLOSED

Monday, May 26th
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