



Children's Events at the Downtown Library

April *Programs take place in the Children's Program Room unless otherwise noted.

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Wish Viewing Party

April 1 | 6–8 PM | Meeting Room 1B/C

Join us for a special movie night where we'll watch Disney's newest animated movie, *Wish*. All ages.

Preschool Storytime

April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 | 10–10:30 AM

Join in the fun with stories, songs, puppets, and more that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Ages 3–6.

Little Makers

April 2, 9, 16, and 23 | 10:45–11:30 AM

Explore your creativity with different materials and techniques at this fun, open-ended art experience. Dress to mess. Ages 3–6.

Wonderful Ones

April 3, 10, 17, and 24 | 9:30–10:15 AM

Families with newborns to 18 months play, sing, read, and talk together—then enjoy toy time.

Terrific Twos

April 3, 10, 17, and 24 | 10:30–11:15 AM

Families with babies ages 18 months to 3 years play, sing, read, and talk together—then enjoy toy time.

Tutoring at the Library April 3 and 10

5–7:30 PM | Check in at the Children's Desk

Come to the Downtown Library to get some extra help from IU service learning students for 40-minute sessions. Sign-ups open at 5 PM and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Ages 6–12. Please check in at the Children's desk; tutors will meet with children at the round tables near the windows in the Children's Department.

The Great MCPL Kids Bake Off: National Poetry Month Edition

Registration Begins April 4 | All MCPL Locations

Bakers will create a show-stopping treat with a special mystery ingredient that tastes very sweet! Select your preferred MCPL location to pick up your baking kit. One entry per household. *(description continued in next column)*

(description continued from previous column) Share a picture and description of your dish to jstevens@mcpl.info by April 25. The baker with the most scrumptious-looking and creative dish will win a gift card to a local bakery. Ages 7–12. Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.

Homeschool Recess

April 4, 11, 18, and 25 | 10:30–11:30 AM

Come to the Downtown Library to play a variety of games and hang out with other homeschoolers. Ages 6–12.

Mario Kart Tournament

April 4 | 3:30–5:30 PM | Meeting Room 1B/C

Calling all racers! Fans of *Mario Kart* are invited to register for a racing tournament. Participants will race one another in *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe*, but only one will be crowned the winner of the MCPL Grand Prix! The Junior Cup is for children ages 5–8 and begins at 5:30 PM. The Senior Cup is for tweens ages 9–12 and begins at 6:30 PM. Please arrive promptly, as we will set the tournament bracket upon your arrival. Ages 5–12. Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.

Kids LEGO® Masters

April 6 and 20 | 10–11:30 AM

Flex your building muscles in this fun and friendly competition to complete the monthly challenge and add your name to the MCPL LEGO® Wall of Fame! Please register at mcpl.info/calendar. Note: You may only register for one Kids LEGO® Masters program each month; the same monthly challenge is repeated to accommodate for limited space. Ages 8–12.

illuminating Apologues Featuring the Amity Trio

April 6 | 1–3 PM

Auditorium and Meeting Room 1B/C

Join us for a performance geared towards art, music, and science lovers alike. The Amity Trio will perform *illuminating Apologues*, a song cycle featuring anecdotal stories with animals. All ages. *This program is in partnership with The Amity Trio*

LEGO® Club April 7 and 21 | 2–3 PM

Unleash your imagination and creativity with fellow LEGO® builders! Ages 5–12.

Pajama Storytime April 10 | 5:30–6 PM

Wind down for the night with a special pajama storytime! We'll be reading books, singing songs, and watching felt stories to help us fall asleep. Ages birth–6.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

April 11 | 3–3:30 PM | Auditorium

What do stuffed animals do at night while you're sleeping? Bring your favorite stuffie to the Downtown Library for storytime and then leave them for a sleepover to find out! Ages 3–10. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**

Crafts in the Stacks

April 11 and 25 | 5:30–7 PM

Try out new hands-on, DIY projects as you learn new crafting skills each month. Supplies will be provided to complete each project. Ages 7–12.

Magic: The Gathering Meet-Up

April 13 | 2–3:30 PM

Drop in with your own *Magic: The Gathering* cards and decks to play against others, or use some of ours and learn the game. All skill levels are welcome. Ages 9–12.

Taste Testers: Hershey's Kisses Edition

April 14 | 1–2 PM | Auditorium

Come put your taste buds to the test in this Hershey's Kisses edition of Taste Testers! Ages 9–12.

Queer Kitties RPG

April 15 | 4–5 PM | Auditorium

In partnership with Middle Way House Queer Talk programs, join us for a magical tween-tailored role-playing game in which our kittens will support one another in getting out of Trash Town and safely to a meadow of delicious grass. Ages 8–12. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.** *This program is in partnership with Middle Way House.*

Nail Art Hangout April 18 | 4–6 PM

Join us for a nail polish party—try out nail wraps (no painting needed), pick out a fun color, or even bring your own! Ages 8–12.

Baby Play April 19 | 1:30–2:30 PM

Play, learn, and get to know other parents. We'll have sensory toys and other manipulatives to facilitate a fun time for all. Ages birth–2. *This program is in partnership with Tandem Birthing Center.*

National Dance Week Storytime & Dance Party

April 20 | 11 AM–12 PM

Join us for a special storytime with books, songs, and rhymes all about dancing. Ages birth–6.

Youth Orchestra Composition Workshop

April 20 | 11 AM–12 PM

Musicians of all levels are encouraged to bring their instruments and work with composers Maggie Olivo and Nur Slim for collective creative music making as an impromptu orchestra. Ages 8–18.

Poetry Palooza: Kids Open Mic Night

April 22 | 6–7 PM

Bring your original poetry or grab some classic favorites we'll have on-hand, and celebrate National Poetry Month by reading some verses and embracing your inner poet! Ages 6–12.

Bridges MAYO Youth Orchestras:

Playing for Nature

April 23 | 7:30–8:30 PM | Auditorium

Bridges MAYO chamber and philharmonic orchestras will perform works inspired by nature, including a commissioned work by composer Nur Slim. All ages. *This program is in partnership with Bridges MAYO.*

Tween Reads Book Club: *Pilu of the Woods*

April 27 | 2–3 PM

Meet and get to know other kids through crafts and activities in this book club just for tweens! This month, we'll read and discuss *Pilu of the Woods* by Mai K. Nguyen. Ages 8–12. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**

Día Day Celebration April 27 | 4–6 PM

Auditorium and Meeting Room 1B/C

Join the Downtown Library in celebrating El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), commonly known as Día. The event is a celebration of children, families, and reading. All ages.

Tween Interest Group (TWIG)

April 28 | 2:30–3:30 PM

Drop in and share your voice with the Downtown Library to help us plan the future of tween services. Ages 7–12.

Preschool Math & Science

April 30 | 10:45–11:30 AM

With hands-on workstations, your young scientist will strengthen their independent math and comprehension skills as you investigate science topics together. Ages 3–6.