



# Children's Events at the Downtown Library

## January

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**LIBRARY CLOSED (New Year's Day)**  
**January 1**



### Wonderful Ones

**January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 | 9:30–10:15 AM**

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

### Terrific Twos

**January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 | 10:30–11:15 AM**

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

### Homeschool Recess

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

Calling all elementary-aged homeschoolers—it's recess time! Come to the Downtown Library to play a variety of games and hang out with other homeschoolers. Ages 6–12.

### Preposterous Presentations

**January 6 | 2–3:30 PM**

Do you have opinions about animals? Do you need an audience to share them with? Join us for a hilarious night of silly PowerPoint presentations all about why your favorite animal should be everyone's favorite animal! Participants will have time to create or refine a presentation based on their special animal during the program. Light snacks will be provided. Ages 9–12. **Please register at [mcpl.info/calendar](http://mcpl.info/calendar).**

**LEGO® Club January 7 and 21 | 2–3 PM**

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

### Family Movie Night: *Trolls*

**January 8 | 5:30–7:30 PM | Auditorium**

After the Bergens invade Troll Village, Poppy, the happiest Troll ever born, and the overly-cautious, curmudgeonly Branch set off on a journey to rescue her friends. Their mission is full of adventure and mishaps, as this mismatched duo try to tolerate each other long enough to get the job done. All ages.

### Preschool Storytime

**January 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

**January 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.

### Tween D&D

**January 9, 23, and 24 | 5:30–6:45 PM**

**January 10 | 5:30–6:45 PM | Tween Space**

New to *Dungeons & Dragons*? Already a seasoned adventurer? Drop in for an ongoing D&D game at the Library. We'll make characters and go on new adventures every two weeks. Ages 9–12. **Please register at [mcpl.info/calendar](http://mcpl.info/calendar) for each session you'd like to attend, but please only register for one session per week.**

**Pajama Storytime January 10 | 5:30–6 PM**

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

### Crafts in the Stacks

**January 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.

### Kids LEGO® Masters

**January 13 and 27 | 10:30–11:30 AM**

Are you a LEGO® Master? 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](http://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.

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

### **Bloomington Peace Choir**

**January 15 | 11 AM–12 PM | Atrium**

All are welcome to listen to songs of peace sung by the Bloomington Peace Choir. The Bloomington Peace Choir is a community choir that brings people together for the joy of singing and sharing songs from around the world; they support singers of all skill levels, whether seasoned or new. All ages.

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### **African American Dance Company: *We Dance to Live***

**January 15 | 2–3:35 PM | Auditorium**

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the African American Dance Company will present *We Dance to Live*, a live performance for families and community. This interactive performance will engage its audience in meaningful and functional African and Contemporary works that will both educate and entertain. There will be two opportunities to see this performance—at 2 PM and 3 PM. All ages. *This program is in partnership with the IU African American Arts Institute.*

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### **Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Helping Hands January 15 | 3:30–4:30 PM Meeting Room 1B/C**

Drop in to help us put together self-care kits for community members in need. All ages.

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### **Board Game Night**

**January 16 | 6–8 PM | Hopscotch Kitchen**

It's game night! Join us to chat and play a fun selection of board games out in the community at Hopscotch Kitchen (235 W. Dodds Street, Bloomington). All ages. *This program is in partnership with Hopscotch Coffee and The Game Preserve.*

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### **Baby Play January 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. There will also be an opportunity to talk about baby health, safety, postpartum care, and literacy with Tandem Birthing Center's Blythe Angle. Ages birth–2. *This program is in partnership with Tandem Birthing Center.*

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### **Saturday Morning Cartoons**

**January 20 | 10:30 AM–12:30 PM**

Come in your coziest clothes to watch classic Saturday morning cartoons at the Downtown Library while munching on your favorite cereals! Ages 3–12.

### ***Magic: The Gathering* Meet-Up**

**January 20 | 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.

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### **Tutoring at the Library**

**January 24 and 31 | 5–7:30 PM**

#### **Check in at the Children's Desk**

Need some extra help with math, reading, or writing? 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.**

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### **Music & Movement January 27 | 2–2:45 PM**

Enjoy a fun-filled program of movin' and groovin' (and exploring some instruments)! Ages 18 months–5.

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### **Tween Interest Group (TWIG)**

**January 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. Tweens are invited to join TWIG to gather with like-minded peers to talk and plan all things tween Library-related. Ages 7–12.

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### **Preschool Math & Science**

**January 30 | 10:45–11:30 AM**

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

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