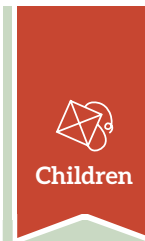
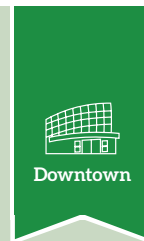




Children's Events at the Downtown Library

March

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Youth Art Month Contest

March 1–31 | All MCPL Locations

For Youth Art Month, we're challenging you to create and submit an original 2D work of art based on the theme of our upcoming Summer Reading Program: space! Draw your favorite planet or space-themed item—you can even make up your own.

The winning artwork will be made into a collectible summer reading prize bookmark. Entries should be 3x7 inches. Starting March 1, you can stop by any MCPL location to grab a template, if needed. When you're finished, drop your entry off at any MCPL location by March 31 to enter. Ages birth–12.

Sled Dog Storytime March 2 | 11–11:45 AM

In this special storytime, we'll read some new books, sing some favorite winter songs, and celebrate the incredible athletes that are sled dogs just in time for the start of the 2024 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race! All ages.

LEGO® Club March 3 and 17 | 2–3 PM

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

Snow Trails & Doggie Tails: An Evening with Iditarod Musher Matt Paveglio

March 4 | 6–7 PM | Auditorium

Come for an evening full of stories from the Iditarod Trail! 2022 Iditarod Finisher Matt Paveglio will be chatting with us all the way from Alaska where he will recount his experience competing in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race and how he started mushing. All ages.

Preschool Storytime

March 5, 12, 19, and 26 | 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

March 5, 12, and 19 | 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

March 5, 6, 19, and 20 | 5:30–6:45 PM

Drop in for an ongoing D&D game at the Library. Ages 9–12. Please register at mcpl.info/calendar for each session you'd like to attend, but please only register for one session per week.

Wonderful Ones

March 6, 13, 20, and 27 | 9:30–10:15 AM

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

Terrific Twos

March 6, 13, 20, and 27 | 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 March 6, 20, and 27 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.

Homeschool Recess

March 7, 14, 21, and 28 | 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.

Kids LEGO® Masters

March 9 and 23 | 10–11:30 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. 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.

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Family Movie Night: *Balto*

March 11 | 5:30–7:30 PM | Auditorium

In this beloved animated feature, a deadly diphtheria epidemic strikes the remote town of Nome, Alaska. With the life-saving medicine located hundreds of miles away, the residents decide to send out a sled-dog team. All ages.

Pajama Storytime March 13 | 5:30–6 PM

We'll be reading books, singing songs, and watching felt stories to help us fall asleep. Ages birth–6.

Crafts in the Stacks

March 14 and 28 | 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.

Baby Play March 15 | 1:30–2:30 PM

Play, learn, and get to know other parents. There will also be an opportunity to talk about baby health, safety, postpartum care, and literacy. Ages birth–2. *This program is in partnership with Tandem Birthing Center.*

Block Party at the Downtown Library

March 15 | 3–4 PM | Meeting Room 1B

Drop in at the Downtown Library to stack, build, and topple blocks! Ages 3–12.

Build Your Own Solar Eclipse March 15 | 4–5 PM

Join the Indiana University Department of Astronomy in building your own scale model of the solar eclipse. Ages 7–12. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.** *This program is in partnership with the Indiana University Department of Astronomy.*

Are You Smarter Than a Librarian?

March 16 | 2–3 PM

Are YOU smarter than a librarian? Put your expertise to the test in subjects like facts, brain puzzles, library skills, and general trivia! Ages 9–12. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**

Mosaic Madness March 18 | 5–6:30 PM

Learn about mosaics while experimenting with patterns, shapes, or images that you design and create! Ages 7–12. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**

Total Solar Eclipse 101

March 22 | 11 AM–12 PM

March 23 | 2–3 PM

Learn what to expect from the upcoming total solar eclipse (and the people coming to Monroe County to see it) on April 8, how eclipses occur, and how to view it safely. There will be eclipse-related crafts and activities. All ages.

Learn About the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse!

March 23 | 11 AM–12 PM | Auditorium

Join us as the IU Department of Astronomy provides us with all we need to know in order to enjoy the view. Q&A session to follow. All ages. *This program is in partnership with the Indiana University Department of Astronomy.*

Tween Interest Group (TWIG)

March 24 | 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

March 26 | 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.

Special Solar Eclipse Movie:

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

March 29 | 3:45–6 PM | Auditorium

Gear up for the total solar eclipse with Poe Dameron, Rey, and BB-8 as they battle Kylo Ren and the First Order in the sequel to *The Return of the Jedi*. This film is rated PG-13.

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

March 30 | 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.

Stages Bloomington Sneak Preview:

The Little Mermaid Jr.

March 30 | 2:30–3:15 PM | Auditorium

Join Stages Bloomington Theatre Company for a live preview of its next musical production. Watch as Ariel, Prince Eric, and all of your favorite characters come to life on stage—at the Downtown Library. All ages. *This program is in partnership with Stages Bloomington.*

**LIBRARY CLOSED (Spring Holiday)
March 31**



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