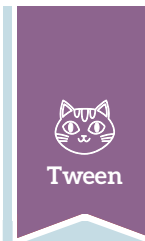
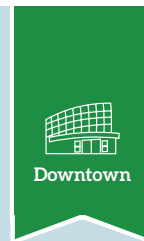




TWEEN EVENTS

at the **Downtown Library**
in **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! For this theme, 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 Paveglia March 4 | 6–7 PM | Auditorium

Come for an evening full of stories from the Iditarod Trail! 2022 Iditarod Finisher Matt Paveglia 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.

Tween D&D

March 5, 6, 19, and 20 | 5:30–6:45 PM

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 for each session you'd like to attend, but please only register for one session per week.**

Tutoring at the Library March 6, 20, and 27 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.**

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.

Family Board Game Night March 7 | 5–7 PM

Bring the whole family to the Downtown Library for a night of board game fun! Learn how to play a new game from friendly and knowledgeable MCPL staff members and local toy shop partner Mairzy Doats, or choose to play at your own pace with a favorite from the Library's growing board game library! All ages.

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.

All-Ages Day at The Ground Floor

March 10 | 12–6 PM | The Ground Floor

Curious about The Ground Floor teen space, but you aren't a teen? Patrons of all ages are invited to check it out this Sunday—there's a DIY design studio, video games, virtual reality, and more!

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

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. Balto—a half-wolf dog ignored by all except a goose, Boris, and two polar bears—is chosen to run but is disqualified by lead dog Steele. When the other dogs get lost in the snow, Balto risks his life to rescue them and deliver the medicine. All ages.

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.

Block Party at the Downtown Library

March 15 | 3–4 PM | Meeting Room 1B

Calling all budding architects and builders! 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

Interested in astronomy and want to learn more about how the upcoming total solar eclipse works? 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! Participants will choose from dozens of colorful tiles to arrange and design a mosaic square of their own. Ages 7–12. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**

Board Game Night

March 19 | 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.*

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

The total solar eclipse is just around the corner on April 8! Join us as the Indiana University 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. Tweens are invited to join TWIG to gather with like-minded peers to talk and plan all things tween Library-related. Ages 7–12.

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

Disney's *The Little Mermaid Jr.* is sure to melt your heart! 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



Celebrate the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse with the Library!

Learn more at mcpl.info/eclipse

