

Children's Events at the Downtown Library

January 2023

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



Monroe County
Public Library
Downtown Library
303 E. Kirkwood Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47408
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Library Closed

January 1



Preschool Storytime

January 3, 17, and 31 | 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 3, 17, and 31
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

January 4, 11, 18, and 25
9:30-10:15 AM

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

Terrific Twos

January 4, 11, 18, and 25
10:30-11:15 AM

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



Night Owl Storytime

January 4 | 6:30-7 PM

Listen to stories, sing songs, and do some yoga and mindfulness exercises to practice early literacy skills and wind down before bedtime. Feel free to come in pajamas. Ages birth-6.

All-Ages Day at The Ground Floor

January 8 and 28 | 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 on the second Sunday and fourth Saturday of the month—there's a DIY design studio, video games, virtual reality, and more!

Homeschool Art Hangout

January 9 | 11 AM-12 PM

Calling all homeschoolers! Creativity is messy and we've got your need to create covered. Explore different art media each month through unique projects like tempera paint, polymer clay, fabric arts, and more. Ages 5-12.*



Preschool Palooza Storytime

January 10 | 10-10:45 AM
Auditorium



A lively themed storytime filled with music, stories, films, and more for young children and their families. Preschool classes and other groups are welcome. Ages 3-6.

Prenatal Yoga

January 10, 17, 24, and 31 | 7-8 PM

Take care of your body and build strength before having your baby. This gentle exercise supports the changing body's needs and deepens awareness to the expectant person's mind, body, and connection with their baby. Yoga mats will be available for in-program use.



Tween D&D

January 11 and 25 | 5:30-6:30 PM
Meeting Room 1B/C

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.

Crafts in the Stacks

January 12 | 5:30-7 PM
The Tween Space



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.

Our Stories: A Panel on Diversity

January 16 | 10-11:30 AM
Auditorium

Everybody has a unique story to tell, but what can we learn from listening to each other's stories? Through intentional discussion, panel members will share authentic stories that provide insight into their lives and personal experiences. Respectful questions are encouraged at the end of the talks. All ages.

Bloomington Peace Choir

January 16 | 12-12:45 PM | Atrium



All are welcome to listen to a medley of songs sung by the Bloomington Peace Choir—a community choir that brings people together for the joy of singing and sharing songs from around the world. All ages. *This program is in partnership with the Bloomington Peace Choir.*

Board Game Night

January 17 | 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.*

Great MCPL Kid's Bake Off: Island Vacation Edition

January 18-February 15



For this winter's Kid's Bake Off challenge, it's time to create your best vacation-inspired, show-stopping dessert with our mystery ingredient! Register by January 18 and pick up your kit from the Children's Department. Then, pick an island vacation-themed dessert to create with the mystery ingredient. Send pictures of your creation to KidsBakeOff@mcpl.info by February 15 to win a gift card to a local bakery! Ages 7-12. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**

Baby Play

January 20 | 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.*

Preschool Math and Science

January 24 | 10-11 AM

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

Tween Maker Lab: DIY Snow Globes

January 26 | 5:30-6:30 PM

Create a cool project each month using science, tech, crafts, and more. This month, we'll be making our very own snow globes! Ages 8-12. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**



*Participants ages 5-7 may need help