



# Events Guide

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER-NOVEMBER | 2025



## BEST GIFT EVER *Book Drive*

**November 3 - December 5**

Help build a lifetime of reading enjoyment by giving the gift of reading! Owning something as simple as a book can have a tremendous impact on a child's self-esteem and help boost their spirits. Donate new, unwrapped books to the collection box near the First Floor Service Desk—anything a child or teen would enjoy. These books will be distributed to three local nonprofits to help brighten the season for young readers.

*Monetary donations of cash or check are also accepted. Checks should be made out to "Friends of Manitowoc Public Library." Please submit monetary gifts no later than November 24.*



# ..... Something For Everyone .....

## **Drop-In Chess Club (Ages 6+)**

**First Wednesday Each Month, 6PM**

Improve memory, concentration, and logical thinking with chess! Chess boards provided.

## **Space to Write (For Teens & Adults)**

**Second & Fourth Tuesday Each Month at 5:30PM**

Do you have a novel or short story you want to write? A screenplay or a memoir? Poetry? Graphic novel? Then you need – Space to Write!

## **September Writing Challenge**

**(For Teens & Adults)**

**September 1-30**

Always wanted to write, but never found the time? Pick up a tracking calendar at the Front Service Desk, starting August 18. Write daily all month and turn it in after September 30 for a prize. A grand prize goes to the writer with the most words!

## **Volunteer Fair**

**Wednesday, September 17, 2-5PM**

MPL invites service groups seeking volunteers to join this walk-in event! Prospective volunteers can meet groups, sign up, or grab info. To reserve a table, contact Lisa Devins-Horohoe at 920-686-3042 or ldevinshorohoe@manitowoc.org.

## **Miniature Locomotives, Mighty Memories!**

**Thursday, September 25, 6PM**

Local enthusiast, Leon Sigman, and special guests will discuss how model trains evolved from beloved toys to prized collectibles.

## **The Right Foot to Sewing Success (For Teens & Adults)**

**Monday, October 6, 6PM**

Curious about sewing machine feet? Learn what they do and how the right one can improve your sewing in this tip-filled program.

# Enchanted Evergleams at MPL

**November 26 - January 4, 2026**

See over 100 sparkling Evergleam trees in 40+ styles, sizes, and colors throughout downtown—plus a dazzling display in the Enchanted Evergleam Forest at Manitowoc Public Library!



# Bring the Family

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## Family Activity Night

**Family Activity Nights occur on select Tuesdays**

### **Kitty Party (Ages 3-11) September 9, 5:30PM**

Play, cuddle, and socialize with adoptable kitties from Lakeshore Humane Society.  
**Registration required.**

### **Pinch Pot Monsters (Ages 5-11) September 23, 6PM**

Sculpt quirky, one-of-a-kind pinch pot monsters from clay.  
**Registration required.**

### **Public Safety Storytime (Ages 3-11) October 7, 6:30PM**

Celebrate Crime Prevention Month with members of the Manitowoc Police, Fire, and Sheriff's Departments.

### **Dino-mite Terrariums (Ages 5-11) November 4, 6:30PM**

Roar into Dinovember by making your very own dinosaur terrarium.  
**Registration required.**

### **Fin-tastic Fish with Glaze & Paint (Ages 3-11) November 18, 6:30PM**

Red fish, blue fish, paint a new fish! Join Ms. Katie to create your own Dr. Seuss-inspired wooden fish.  
**Registration required.**

## STORYTIMES

### **Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2)**

**Wednesdays & Thursdays at 9:30AM**

Baby Storytime is 20 minutes of stories, songs, rhymes, bounces, parachute activities, and bubbles, followed by 20 minutes of playtime!

### **SENSE-ational Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2)**

**Select Tuesdays at 10:30AM (September 9, October 14, & November 11)**

Dim the lights and volume, and get ready for fun! If Baby Storytime is overstimulating, this sensory-friendly program of stories, songs, and bounces might be the perfect match!

### **Preschool Storytime (Ages 2-5)**

**Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10:30AM**

Preschool Storytime covers life skills, counting, colors, emotions, patterns, and the alphabet.

### **When Night Comes Calling: Storytime with Author, Cynthia Schumerth**

**Thursday, October 2, 6PM**

Join Wisconsin author, Cynthia Schumerth, for an evening storytime. We'll explore the night sky and nature, then take a short walk to experience them firsthand.





# Bring the Family

## Messy Marvins (Ages 0-3)

**September 12 & November 14, 10AM**

It's baby art studio morning! We provide the supplies; you supply the creativity!

## Read to Certified Therapy Dogs

**(Ages 5-11)**

**Select Tuesdays at 6:30PM (September 16, October 14, & November 11)**

Studies show reading to animals boosts children's confidence and reading skills! **Registration opens two weeks before each event.**



## Dance with a Donut!

**Wednesday, November 5,**

**10:30AM, and**

**Thursday, November 6,**

**10:30AM & 6PM**

Celebrate National Donut Day with a sweet-themed storytime featuring a life-sized dancing donut! Burn some calories, then enjoy a sweet treat!



## Big Emotions for Little People: Gratitude

**Tuesday, November 25, 10:30AM**

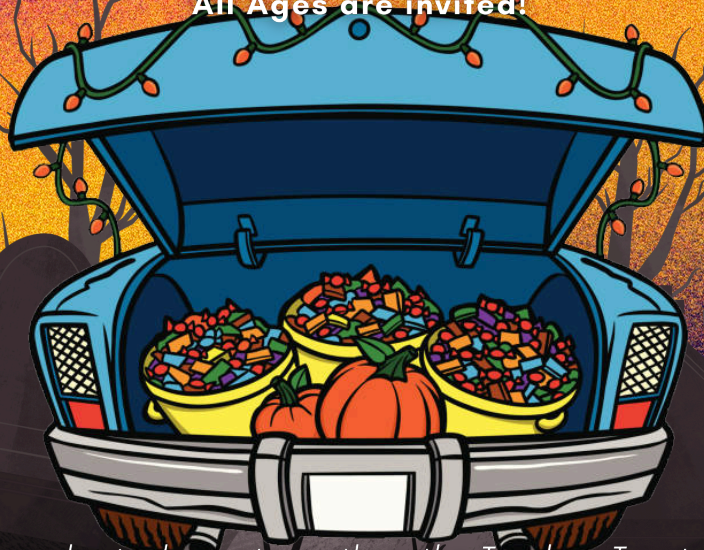
Join us for a heartwarming preschool program that helps little ones explore gratitude through "Carl the Collector" media, songs, and interactive activities. Children will discover the joy of appreciating everyday treasures, while building kindness and thankfulness in a fun, engaging way.

# TRUNK OR TREAT & SPOOKTACULAR COSTUME CONTEST

**Tuesday, October 21, 5:30PM**

Families will love our safe, fun, and FREE Trick-or-Treating event, which showcases local businesses and organizations. Trunk or Treating will take place in the Briess Parking Lot across from the Library. Costume contest will take place in the Teen Space at MPL.

**All Ages are invited!**



*Please note: Should there be inclement weather, the Trunk or Treat Event will be cancelled.*



## **Genealogy Help**

**Every Tuesday, 3-5PM**

Get help with your genealogy research with the Manitowoc County Genealogical Society!

## **Book Discussion**

**Thursday, September 18, 6PM:** *James*, by Percival Everett

**Thursday, November 20, 6PM:** *The Door-to-Door Book Store*, by Carsten Henn

Books are available for checkout one month before discussions.

## **Paranormal Wisconsin: Tales of Ghosts, UFOs, and Mysterious Creatures with Author Chad Lewis**

**Thursday, September 18, 6PM**

Chad will dive into bizarre paranormal topics—alien abductions, haunted sites, strange creatures, crop circles, and all things weird.



## **Horror Movie Fest**

Join us for spine-tingling screenings of classic and modern horror films that will keep you on the edge of your seat!

**October 2, 6PM:** *The Haunting* (G)

**October 16, 6PM:** *The Thing* (R)

**October 18, 10AM:** *The Blair Witch Project* (R)

**October 18, 1PM:** *The Conjuring* (R)

**October 19, 1PM:** *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* (R)

**October 23, 6PM:** *Saw* (R)

**October 30, 6PM:** *Smile* (R)

## **At the Market with Andrew**

**Saturday, October 4, 10AM**

Join Chef Dunbar as he leads a walkthrough of the Manitowoc Farmers' Market. After, you'll head over to MPL to create a snack out of items you pick up at the Market. **Registration required.**

## **Check Out the Library: A Tour of MPL**

**Thursday, October 16, 6PM**

Manitowoc Public Library's role in the community continuously evolves as we expand our collection, enhance our amenities, and provide unique programs. This guided tour will introduce you to many of the wonderful features we offer!

## **Make it at MPL: Coffin Candle Holders**

**Monday, October 20, 5:30PM**

Join us in the Idea Box as we make Halloween-inspired candle holders on the Glowforge! **Registration required.**

## **Building a Birth Plan**

**Tuesday, October 28, 6PM**

Join Rochelle Siedschlag, Perinatal Navigator from The Crossing, who will discuss creating a birth plan for before, during and after delivery. Ask questions, gather resources, and gain confidence on your maternity journey.



## **Cats on Mats with Kate Casey**

**Wednesday, November 5, 5:30PM**

Relax and have fun with Kate Casey and kitties from Lakeshore Humane Society. **Registration required.**



## **Learn About Libby**

**Monday, November 17, 10AM**

Libby gives you access to thousands of free digital eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines.



## **For Job Seekers**

### **DWD Employment Assistance & Career Counseling**

**Every Tuesday, 9AM-4PM**

Drop-in for assistance with resumes, online applications, and more. Need career support? Contact Ellen Hope at 920-930-6553. *\*Spanish-speaking staff available.*

### **Mini Job Fair**

**Tuesday, September 9, 1-3PM**

Manitowoc Public Library and Wisconsin Job Service would like to invite job seekers to a multi-employer hiring event taking place in MPL's Balkansky Community Room!



# Teen Hang-Out

## ON THE TABLE

### Teen Game Series

#### Gamestormer

**Thursday, September 11, 6PM**

Build your story with cards, mechanics, and objects to win votes and become the Gamestormer! Game creator, Jon Spike, will join via Zoom!

#### Life-Sized Oregon Trail

**Thursday, November 13, 6PM**

Embark on the epic journey westward with a life-sized version of the computer game, Oregon Trail. Roll the dice for resources and try to ford rivers.



#### ArtLab: Build a Haunted House

**Thursday, October 9, 6PM**

Transform a cardboard house into a spooky treat with paint, hot glue, and other crafty supplies.



#### Eerie Tales and Handmade Horrors

**Thursday, October 30, 6PM**

Tweens and teens are welcome for ghost stories by-dark and a ghastly treat. Then, join our Frankentoy lab to make mutant creations from beyond the grave! Creepy costumes encouraged!

## Idea Box Classes

#### Open Sew & Badging with Betty (Ages 13+)

**Monday, September 8, 2PM & 6PM**

**Monday, November 10, 2PM & 6PM**

Get your questions answered and get badged on the sewing machine. No registration required.

#### Glowforge Badging (Ages 18+)

**Tuesday, September 16, 6PM**

**Friday, October 3, 2PM**

**Wednesday, October 8, 5PM**

**Tuesday, November 11, 6PM**

Learn how to use our Glowforge, a 3D laser cutter used to cut and engrave. **Registration required.**

#### Cricut Badging (Ages 18+)

**Tuesday, September 30, 5:30PM**

**Friday, November 7, 2PM**

Learn how to use the Cricut, a machine that cuts & scores a variety of materials for hobby crafting. **Registration is required.**

#### 3D Printer Badging (Ages 14+)

**Wednesday, September 17, 5PM**

**Wednesday, October 15, 5PM**

**Wednesday, November 5, 5:30PM**

Learn how to use the 3D Printer, a machine that creates three-dimensional objects. **Registration required.**



**For more event details and information, visit: [manitowoclibrary.org/events](http://manitowoclibrary.org/events)**

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**Monday - Thursday 9AM-8PM**

**Friday 9AM-6PM**

**Saturday 9AM-3PM**

**Sunday 12PM-4PM**

*(Closed Sundays, Memorial Day thru Labor Day)*

Individuals requesting accommodation for disabilities should contact the Library's ADA Manager Stacey Bialek at 920-686-3008 or [sbialek@manitowoc.org](mailto:sbialek@manitowoc.org). Reasonable accommodations will be made as quickly as possible, often within a week.