

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



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10 AM - 11 AM
11 AM - 12 PM
 ★ The National Mississippi River Museum presents Ocean Odyssey

12:30 - 1:30 PM
 ★ Darrin Crow, Talespinner & Troubadour
Special Access: 1:30 PM

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10:30 - 11 AM
1:30 - 2 PM
 Book Babies

10:30 - 11 AM
 Stories in the Park at Mercer:
 Iowa City Firefighters

1 - 2 PM
 Try It Out Friday: Yoga

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10:30 - 11 AM
 Storytime

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2 - 4 PM
 Sunday Fun Day in Space:
 Galaxy in a Jar
 Sensory Bottles

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10:30 AM - 12 PM
 ● Morning Minecraft

10:30 - 11 AM
 Storytime

1 - 3:30 PM
 Monday Matinee:
 The Lego Movie 2:
 The Second Part

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10:30 - 11 AM
 Storytime

1 - 2 PM
 Game On: BINGO

3 - 4 PM
 Totally Tweens:
 Taste Test Challenge

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10:30 - 11 AM
 StoryJAM

1 - 2 PM
 World Wednesday:
 Swedish Dala Horses

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10:30 AM - 12 PM
 ★ Dragons Love Tacos Storytime and Taco Party

3:30 - 5 PM
 ● Afternoon Minecraft

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10:30 - 11 AM
1:30 - 2 PM
 ★ Book Babies with West Music

1 - 2 PM
 Try It Out Friday:
 Soul Food & Book Tasting



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2 - 4 PM
 Sunday Funday:
 Jellyfish

12
10:30 - 11 AM
 Storytime

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10:30 - 11 AM
 Storytime

4 - 5 PM
 Back to School Lego Club

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10:30 - 11 AM
 StoryJAM

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10:30 - 11 AM
 Preschool Stories & More

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10:30 - 11 AM
1:30 - 2 PM
 Book Babies

6:30 - 9:30 PM
 ● Totally Tweens:
 Library Lock-In

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10:30 - 11 AM
 Storytime

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2 - 4 PM
 Sunday Funday:
 Watercolor Monarch Butterflies

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10:30 - 11 AM
 Storytime

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10:30 - 11 AM
 Tykes Yoga Storytime

1 - 2 PM
 Game on!: Just Dance!

4:30 - 5:30 PM
 Healthy Hearing Event for Kids

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10:30 - 11 AM
 StoryJAM

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10:30 - 11 AM
 Preschool Stories & More

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10:30 - 11 AM
1:30 - 2 PM
 Book Babies

9:30 - 10:30 AM
 Coffee for Caregivers

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10:30 - 11 AM
 Storytime

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2 - 4 PM
 Sunday Funday:
 Monster Bookmarks

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10:30 - 11 AM
 Storytime

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10:30 - 11 AM
 Storytime

4 - 5 PM
 After School Lego Club

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10:30 - 11 AM
 StoryJAM

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10:30 - 11 AM
 Preschool Stories & More

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10:30 - 11 AM
1:30 - 2 PM
 Book Babies

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10:30 - 11 AM
 Storytime

Sunday Fun Day:

Sundays, 2:00pm - 4:00 pm, Storytime Room:

Galaxy in a Jar Sensory Bottles - August 4

Sometimes called "Calm Down" bottles, these galaxy-like sensory jars are a soothing toy you can make yourself. Today we will be using baby oil, food color and glitter to recreate some of the visual qualities of space!

Jellyfish - August 11

Jellyfish come in many shapes, sizes and colors. This summer craft is super fun to make and you can make it oh so colorful.

Watercolor Monarch Butterflies - August 18

The yearly monarch migration is in full swing, and you can celebrate monarch migration at the annual City of Iowa City Monarch Fest at the Iowa City Airport! Today, create your own watercolor butterfly. Use orange and black to mimic a monarch, or use any colors you like to create a one-of-a-kind butterfly!

Monster Bookmarks - August 25

Celebrate back-to-school with a fun Book Buddy! These googly-eyed monsters can be used as a bookmark or as a pointer for little ones just learning to read.

Summer Reading Program

The National Mississippi River Museum presents Ocean Odyssey

Thursday, August 1, 10:30am - 11:30am, Meeting Room A

The NMRM's traveling touch tank brings live ocean animals to you! Break down common misconceptions surrounding sharks and rays, as we highlight the unique adaptations these animals have to survive. Afterwards, participants may get their hands wet and touch some of these animals.

Darrin Crow, Talespinner & Troubadour

Thursday, August 1, 12:30pm - 1:30pm, Meeting Room A

There is a Universe of Stories out there, and storyteller Darrin Crow is blasting off to bring them to you. This summer's stories will feature tales of the sun and moon, constellations, people who reached for the stars, and maybe even Jack VS the Outer Space Giants. He'll keep you on the edge of your seat until the very end today with out of this world stories.

Special Access: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

This encore Summer Reading Program is intended for individuals with autism and their families to enjoy the library together in a neutral environment.

Stories in the Park at Mercer: Iowa City Firefighters

Friday, August 2, 10:30am - 11:00am, Bookmobile, Mercer Park

It's our last Stories in the Park of the summer, so the firefighters are here for one last splash! We will have a fun firefighter storytime, and then you can meet some of the firefighters of Iowa City. Then, check out their rig and learn all about fire safety! Held near the playground equipment.

Try It Out Friday: Yoga

Friday, August 2, 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Meeting Room A

Through yoga postures, breathing techniques, and creative movement, kids will connect to the 4 B's: body, brain, breath and balance. The practice of yoga encourages kids to listen to their bodies, reduce stress, and gain self-confidence. Join Karen of Dancing Leaves Yoga to try yoga for all fitness levels and abilities.

Monday Matinee: The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part

Monday, August 5, 1:00pm - 3:30pm, Meeting Room A

Come cool off with a family friendly movie! It's our last movie of the summer so we will have popcorn! It's been five years since everything was awesome and the citizens are facing a huge new threat: Lego Duplo invaders from outer space, wrecking everything faster than they can rebuild.

World Wednesday: Swedish Dala Horses

Wednesday, August 7, 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Storytime Room

Dala horses (or Dalecarlian horses) are carved and painted wooden horses originating in the Swedish province of Dalarna. Originally made as toys for children, they are now a recognized symbol of Sweden. Today we will learn more about the lore and tradition of the Dala horse and create our own to take home!

Dragons Love Tacos Storytime and Taco Party

Thursday, August 8, 10:30am - 12:00pm, Meeting Room A

It's our last Thursday of the Summer Reading Program, so we are ending it with a taco party of the Dragon persuasion! Join us for a Dragon Loves Taco Storytime, followed by tacos, crafts, and other fun activities! Our dragon friend from the story will be joining us, so please, for safety reasons, DO NOT GIVE HIM SPICY SALSA!

Try It Out Friday: Soul Food & Book Tasting

Friday, August 9, 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Meeting Room A

At this event, we'll circulate through different stations, each featuring an array of carefully-selected books across a wide range of ages, all highlighting the African American experience. Sift quickly through the pile in front of you and grab a book, reading a bit of it just to get a "taste." While you read, eat a delicious snack-size portion of an authentic soul food dish cooked up by Johnson County Supervisor Royceann Porter. Rate how well you liked your book on a special menu card! When time's up, rotate to the next station! You might read something you liked so much you'll want to take it home!

More Special Programs:

Book Babies with West Music

Friday, August 9, 10:30am - 11:00am, Meeting Room A

1:30pm to 2:00pm, Storytime Room

Sample West Music's own early childhood music and movement program, Sing & Play & Grow! with your baby. You and your baby will explore fun activities – singing, chanting, cuddling, rocking, dancing, and instrument exploration.

Lib Con 2

Saturday, August 10, 10:00am - 6:00pm, ICPL

Join us for our second comic con for fans of all ages! Watch for more announcements about vendors and special guests! Tour Artist Alley to check out and buy local comic books and art. Enter the Fandom Room to make a creation from your favorite fandom. Listen to speakers talk about cosplay and creating comic books. Join a super hero storytime, take pictures using our green screen, and watch anime. Costume heroes will be wandering around throughout the day. Make sure to come in your favorite costume - we will award prizes for the best dressed in all age categories!

Lego Club

Tuesday, August 13 & Tuesday, August 27, 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Storytime Room

Lego Club is an informal hour of lego building from 4-5pm the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Lego Club is intended for school age kids, but younger siblings are allowed to tag along, we will have duplos available as well as regular legos and baseboards. Each meeting will have a new optional creation theme, but builders can ignore the theme if they choose and build whatever they feel like. At the end of Lego Club, builders have the option to share with the group what they made. Occasionally creations will be saved and displayed in a display case at the library! Registration is not required.

Healthy Hearing Event for Kids

Tuesday, August 20, 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Storytime Room

Elementary aged kids are invited to learn more about hearing and how to protect their ears in this interactive presentation by the UI Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Center. Children will learn hearing science and ear anatomy, along with application of practicing healthy hearing habits that will last a lifetime!

Coffee for Caregivers

Friday, August 23, 9:30am - 10:30am, Meeting Room A

Congratulations, caregivers, you've made it! Come by ICPL to celebrate the start of the academic year with some coffee on us, you've earned it.

Totally Tweens:

Just for 3rd-6th graders!

Taste Test Challenge

Tuesday, August 6, 3:00pm - 4:00pm, Tween Space

Train your taste buds for this tasty challenge. Figure out the flavor of our mystery foods while blindfolded and win the day! Registration required. Check with the library for food allergy information.

