The Monona Public Library has a number of free events coming up for children and families. We would love to have this info included in your next newsletter to parents. Thank you so much!

Saturday Family Storytime & Craft

Saturday, December 3, 10, 17; 10:00 - 11:00am Monona Public Library, 1000 Nichols Road, Monona, WI

Drop in story time and craft project for all ages. 10:00 story 10:30 craft.

Mustache Mayhem Storytime & Craft

Sunday, Dec. 18, 2 - 3PM Monona Public Library, 1000 Nichols Road, Monona, WI ALL AGES.

DROP IN Story time and craft. Great mustache stories. Make your own mustache. Take funny pictures! 2:00 Story, 2:30 Craft

Discovery Days

Monday, Dec. 19, 3 to 7pm Monona Public Library, 1000 Nichols Road, Monona, WI For ages 5 to 13. Drop in, no registration required.

Come learn, explore, discover! Play at the library! We will have games, building blocks, craft supplies, and book displays. No registration necessary. For ages 5+. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Free!

LEGO® /CONSTRUCTION ZONE

December 19, 4:00pm Monona Public Library, 1000 Nichols Road, Monona, WI

LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 4PM

Free. All ages welcome. Drop in, no registration required.

Put on your hard hats and get ready to build with all sorts of bricks and blocks! Bring your construction workers and build! We provide bricks, blocks, and books to inspire your imagination. Imaginative play enhances gross motor skills along with socialization.

Children under age 8 must have an adult helper in the room at all times during

the program. The library provides LEGO® bricks, LEGO® DUPLO blocks, good old fashioned wood blocks, Lincoln Logs and now, even some TINKERTOY®! Join other LEGO® fans and build your own unique creation! Creations may be displayed in the Children's Room glass display case for a week.

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HORA DEL CUENTO / SPANISH STORYTIME

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 27; January 3, 10; 4:15 pm Monona Public Library, 1000 Nichols Road, Monona, WI

Spanish Storytime con Vanessa!

4:15PM a 4:45PM

¡Acompáñanos a pasar un rato alegre de cuentos clásicos, canciones, rimas y manualidades que ayudan a desarrollar el vocabulario y el reconocimiento del alfabeto! Este programa será en español.

No es necesario registrarse, pero el cupo es limitado. Free. Drop in, no registration required.

WINTER BREAK EVENTS:

Book Talk/ Radio Talk

Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2 to 4PM Monona Public Library, 1000 Nichols Road, Monona, WI Please register in advance at mononalibrary.org or by calling <u>608-222-6127</u>.

This will be an informal book discussion program for readers ages 8 to 13.

Play a game, enjoy a snack, listen to book trailers about some great book choices, and talk about your book choices. Then, write a short book trailer that you or someone else can read on WVMO radio!

PJ Storytime for Families at 6:15PM

Tuesday, Dec. 27, 6:15 PM Monona Public Library, 1000 Nichols Road, Monona, WI Please register in advance at mononalibrary.org or by calling 608-222-6127. Walk-ins welcome, too.

Put the children into PJs and visit the Monona Library! Ms. Karen will present an

Outdoor Adventure Storytime inside the library by sharing books and more for Whoo Whoo, Whoo Goes There?

The 30 minute Storytime will be geared for ages 3 to 6 years old, however, all ages are welcome to attend. Don't forget your library card! Walk-ins welcome.

Discovery Days

Wednesday, Dec. 28, 9:30 to 11:30 am Monona Public Library, 1000 Nichols Road, Monona, WI for ages 5 to 13. Drop in, no registration required.

Come learn, explore, discover! Play at the library! We will have games, building blocks, craft supplies, and book displays. No registration necessary. For ages 5+. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Free!

Read with a Dog: owner Pat and dog Wilson

Wednesday, Dec. 28. 4:30 - 6:00pm. (Sign up for a 20 minute spot.) Monona Public Library, 1000 Nichols Road, Monona, WI Please register in advance at mononalibrary.org or by calling 608-222-6127.

Independent readers may register to read for 20 minutes to a specially trained Reading Education Assistance Dog. Improve your reading skills and make a new friend by reading aloud to a therapy dog. The dogs and handlers are from Dogs on Call. With the dog as a comfortable, attentive audience (and an occasional gentle assist from the dog's adult volunteer partner), children are actually teaching themselves to read out loud. For the child, the reading is about the dog. No pressure. No embarrassment. No humiliation. The Monona Library "Read with Me" program is for beginning and independent readers.

The Art of Geometric Origami

Thursday, Dec. 29, 9:30 - 11:30am
Monday, Jan. 16, 10am
Monona Public Library, 1000 Nichols Road, Monona, WI
For ages 8-13.
Please register in advance at mononalibrary.org or by calling 608-222-6127.

Welcome to the art of Geometric Origami! In this 2 hour class, learn to fold the simple Jewel Unit out of a piece of square Origami paper. Participants will repeat this elegant piece to create a cube, using 6 Jewel Units. After completing the cube, Origami-enthusiasts will be encouraged to try to make an Octahedron or Icosahedron. using 12 or 30 Jewel Units, respectively.

Other modular Origami units may also be taught depending on interest in the class.

Origami Paper will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

YARN FUN!

Friday, Dec. 30, 10 am to 11 am Monona Public Library, 1000 Nichols Road, Monona, WI YARN Crafts! All ages. Drop in, no registration required. Free!

Play, Grow & Read! Early Literacy Celebration!

Sunday, Jan. 22, 1:30 to 5PM Monona Public Library, 1000 Nichols Road, Monona, WI Please register in advance at mononalibrary.org or by calling 608-222-6127.

Play, Grow & Read!
1:30 to 5PM Play, Grow, Read Celebration Party.
Drop in for fun activities for the whole family. Activities include a woodland animals photo booth, science station, literacy station, and an indoor StoryWalk®!

2:30 to 3PM The 2nd Annual 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation Party. Join us to honor children who have accomplished reading 1,000 books before kindergarten. The Cat in the Hat & Mother Goose will be there to hand out 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Certificates & Awards. We'll also enjoy our featured speaker from Monona Grove School District, Anne McRoberts.

4:00PM Performance by the popular CRITTERrrrMAN! Chris is a favorite entertainer for our Family Fun programs at the Monona Library. Children are engaged and enthusiastic. They say "CritterrrMan is funny!" "The puppets are like real animals!" and the parents love the educational aspect of his program and the way he really listens to the children. He is professional, fun, and the content is appropriate for the children in the audience.

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