

JUNE - AUGUST 2025



CHILDREN BIRTH-5TH GRADE

STORYTIMES (June 3 - July 12)

* No Storytimes June 19, July 4, Aug. 31 & Sept. 1

Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
18 mo.+ ST 10 a.m. Baby Rhyme Time11 a.m.	18 mo.+ ST 10 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time10 a.m. 18 mo.+ ST 11 a.m.	3+ ST 10 a.m.	Saturday ST 11 a.m.

BABY RHYME TIME, Ages 0-18 months
Tuesdays 11 a.m. & Thursdays 10 a.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Caregivers sit with their little ones to sing, clap and play along with rhymes, read a short book, enjoy music time, and learn a new word in baby sign language each week.

18 MONTHS & UP STORYTIME, Ages 18 months +
Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m., Thurs. 11 a.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
This storytime is active with toys as our librarian will read stories aloud. Caregivers participate with their children as we sing songs, do action rhymes, listen to stories, and have music time.

3 & UP STORYTIME, Ages 3+ years
Fridays 10 a.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Our Librarians will present an active storytime for children ages 3+, with books, action rhymes, parachute time and music.

SATURDAY STORYTIME, All ages welcome
Saturdays 11 a.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
These storytimes combine the best elements of all storytimes to suit a wide age range so the whole family can attend. Listen to stories, sing songs, learn rhymes, and dance to music.

KIDS LEGO CLUB, K-5th Grade
Fridays (starting June 6 & ending July 11) 2:30-3:15 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Let’s get together and build! Kids going into K-5th grades can build a new structure each week using the library’s Legos and their imagination.

CHESS NIGHT, 3rd Grade-Adults
2nd & 4th Wednesdays (Starting June 11 & ending July 23), 6-7:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Auditorium
Join us for an informal night of chess games. Chess Night is more social than competitive, so plan to have fun and make new friends.

PAWSITIVITY PALS, PreK-12th Grade
June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26, Aug. 9 | 2:30-3:30 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Pet and read to a therapy dog during a 5-minute slot (sign up upon arrival). Enjoy the calming effects of hanging out with a sweet pup!

FAMILY ART NIGHT, All Ages
June 24, 6-7 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium
Art is for everyone! Let’s get together and discover fun ways to create art for all. Feel free to bring the whole family, grandparents welcome, and single folks, too. We will have supplies and some samples of various artistic styles and formats. Experiment and try something new!

ZOOFARI TAILS STORYTIME, Ages 3+ years
June 27 & July 25
10-10:30 a.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium
August 22 AT SUNSET ZOO, 10-10:30 a.m.



Join Sunset Zoo and the library for wild storytime fun with animal tales, lively songs, and interactive activities. Enjoy cool artifacts and occasionally meet a live animal!

PETE THE CAT’S COLORFUL TEA PARTY, Ages 3+
July 16, 11-11:45 a.m. & July 19, 11-11:45 a.m. & 1:30-2:15 p.m.
2nd Floor Auditorium
Celebrate Pete's colorful world with stories, snacks, and crafts. Wear your favorite colorful outfit and come enjoy the fun! Suggested for ages 3+; up to two adults per family.



BABY ART PARTY 0-18 months
July 17, 10-10:30 a.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Time for baby to make a masterpiece! Explore sensory play as we paint within plastic bags. Babies can touch and manipulate the paint without the mess.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS, K-5th Grade
June 4 - July 16, 2:30-3:15 p.m.
Tami Borck Storytime Room
Join us at the library for summer fun activities!

June 4 & 7: Glow-In-The-Dark Dance Party, PreK-5th Grade
June 11: Art for Kids with the Beach Museum
June 18: The Wild Robot Party & Movie Showing
June 25: Art Together
July 2: Picture a Poem
July 9: Clay Creations
July 16 & August 6: Crafternoon



For more event details visit manhattanks.librarycalendar.com

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Some events need registration to ensure people have sufficient supplies and/or seats. Register by scanning the QR code and searching for the desired event.

YOGA STORYTIME, Ages 3+
August 6, 9, 13 & 20 | 10-10:30 a.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Stretch, breathe, and read! Hannah will lead yoga-themed picture books, activities, and music with poses. Yoga mats are available, or bring your own. For ages 3+; adult caregivers must accompany children.



BABY & TODDLER PLAY DATE, Ages 0-2 years
August 19 & 23 | 11 a.m.-2 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Bring your little one to the library for some social interaction and fun with toddler toys during this informal program. Join other caregivers and feel free to chat. Come and go as you like.

STUFFED ANIMAL STORYTIME & SUMMER SLEEPOVER | All Ages
August 5, 6-6:30 p.m., Storytime and Stuffed Animal Drop-off
August 6, 12-7 p.m., Stuffed Animal Pick-up | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Bring a favorite stuffed animal to a special storytime, then leave them at the library for an overnight sleepover! When you pick up your fuzzy friend on Wednesday, you'll find out exactly what all the animals were up to all evening at the library!

TEENS 6TH-12TH GRADE

TEEN ZONE HOURS
Every Day 1:00-5:45 p.m.
Wed. & Fri. open to 7th - 12th grade only.
Sundays are “unplugged” with no video games.

TEEN Tuesdays, 6th - 12th Grade
Tuesdays, 2:30-4:30 p.m. | Groesbeck Room
June 3: Teen Movie & Munchies Kick off summer reading with a movie with friends. Feel free to bring blankets and pillows to bring the next level of comfy; snacks will be provided.
June 10: Knot Your Average Art Join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon where you’ll learn the art of macramé and create your very own hanging masterpiece. Snacks Provided.
June 17: Animate It! A Stop-Motion Adventure Spark your creativity with stop motion. Teens will create their own stop motion using whatever medium they prefer; clay, LEGOS, pen and paper; the possibilities are limitless.
June 24: Canvas & Chaos “Create Your World.” Bring your ideas and we will provide everything else: clay, markers, paint, canvases, etc.. The only limit is your creativity.
July 1: Share S'more Stories Let’s gather ‘round the campfire! Join us for an afternoon of storytelling, s’mores and just good old fashioned fun. S’mores ingredients will be provided, we will talk about what makes a good story and create some of our own.
July 8: Teen Renaissance: Create Like a Master Curious how The Greats got so great? This is your chance to find out their techniques, then channel your inner Michelangelo and create something timeless! Era accurate snacks will add to the fun.
July 15: Color Your World: Adventures in Synesthesia Learn about this amazing neurological phenomenon, Synesthesia, where senses blend—like hearing colors or seeing sounds. Using music, textures, and colors, you’ll create your own synesthesia-inspired masterpiece. Snacks Provided.

TEEN ANIME CLUB, 6th-12th Grade
1st Thursdays, (Starting June 5) | 4-5 p.m. | Groesbeck Room
Teens who enjoy anime, manga, drawing, and games can hang out, learn about Japanese culture through media and see its influence on other cultures. Snacks included.

TEENS’ ADVENTURING LEAGUE, 6th-12th Grade
June 12 & 26, and July 10 & 24, 4-5 p.m. | Groesbeck Room
Welcome, adventurers! This is a club for those who enjoy or would like to learn how to play tabletop roleplaying games like Dungeons and Dragons, Monster of the Week and Kids on Bikes. We accept and encourage all experience levels. If you are interested in being a Dungeon Master, speak with Sam in the Teen Zone. Come adventure with us!

TEEN AFTER HOURS: ART HEIST, 6th-12th Grade
July 26, 5:30-8 p.m. | Teen Zone
An art heist style program with fun puzzle like activities for teens to work together on. Light dinner provided. Teens must have a permission slip signed by a parent to participate.

TEENS MINI PAINT & SIP, 6th-12th Grade
August 5, 2:30-4 p.m. | Groesbeck Room
Cool down at the library to de-stress before school begins. Paint some mini masterpieces to hang on your wall or locker, and sip summer drinks like lemonade, sparkling water, or punch.

STORYWALK® DOWNTOWN:
PETE THE CAT: I LOVE MY WHITE SHOES
The StoryWalk® Downtown is a self-directed walk available May - July. The walk starts at the Library's north windows along 629 Poyntz Ave. From there, you’ll walk downtown and read pages from Eric Litwin’s original Pete the Cat book. Look for book pages in downtown businesses’ windows; Once you’ve completed the walk, visit the library’s Children’s Room for a small prize. Co-sponsored by Downtown Manhattan.





HOURS

Monday-Thursday	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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ADULTS

DIY NIGHT, Adults and teens ★

6:30-8 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium

June 5: Colorful Threads Clothing Swap | July 10: Mimic the Masters

August 7: Henna Art

Adults & teens (6th grade and up) can learn a new do-it-yourself project with a fun group.

Registration Required. Supplies provided thanks to the **Manhattan Library Association**.

INTROVERTS' BOOK CLUB, Adults and teens ★

2nd Tuesdays (Starting June 10), 6:30-8 p.m. | 1st Floor Reading Room

Looking for a social yet quiet book club? Join us in the library's Reading Room for silent reading, with an optional socializing zone in the Community Room for book chats. Bring your own book or check one out, and enjoy refreshments.

Registration encouraged but not required.

MPL BOOK CLUB: ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY, Adults ★

June - August, 6:30-8 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium

Join us for engaging book and writing discussions on abnormal psychology this summer!

The first 15 registered will receive a free book, courtesy of the **Manhattan Library Association**. **Registration Required.** Led by MPL librarians.

June 12: The Yellow Wallpaper by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, registration opens May 12.

July 17: Abnormal Psychology in Fiction Writing course video and discussion. registration opens June 12.

August 21: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey, registration opens on July 17.

ADULT FREE FORUM, Adults

3rd Mondays (Starting June 16), 6-8 p.m. | Groesbeck Room

Join us for a relaxing time of Scrabble, cards, coloring, crafting, or browsing coffee table books. Bring your knitting or other projects, enjoy tea, and connect with the community. All are welcome!

ART UNPLUGGED, Adults, Everyone

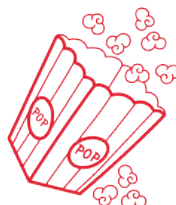
June 18 and August 19, 5:30-7 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium

Join us for this bi-monthly engaging series that invites two regional artists to come together for a candid and dynamic conversation about their artistic journeys.

DATE NIGHT MOVIE: MOULIN ROUGE, Adults ★

June 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium | Adults Only

Moulin Rouge is sure to be an excellent date night! Don't forget you can always take yourself on a date, too. Theme clothing is encouraged. Snacks and refreshments will be available. **Registration Required.** Movie is PG-13.



SUMMER 2025

EVENTS CALENDAR

Manhattan Public Library

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DONUTS & DANGER BOOK CLUB, Adults
4th Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium
June 26, July 24, August 28

Enjoy **Varsity Donuts** while hanging out with other book enthusiasts! Discuss any book within the popular genres of true crime, mystery, murder or suspense, and share your thoughts with us.
Free book drawing each session!



"HAPPY TREE" PAINTING, Adults ★

July 10, 2:30-3:30 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium

With Bob Ross' techniques we will be painting as he would call it, "a happy little tree." Take home a work of art you did yourself this July. Supplies will be provided, **Registration Required.**

GROWN-UP'S COLORING PARTY, Adults

July 31, 6:30-8 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium

Relax and unwind with a soothing night of coloring, music, and conversation. Art supplies and coloring pages provided. Keep your creations or leave them for local veterans and seniors in care facilities.

HUMANITIES KANSAS PRESENTS: "IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK"

Adults, and kids and teens accompanied by adults
August 14, 6:30-8 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium



Join Dave Loewenstein for a talk on Kansas' rich mural tradition, from John Steuart Curry's murals to New Deal frescoes. Learn about the artists and the meanings behind these public artworks that reflect Kansas' identity. Funded by **Humanities Kansas** and **Manhattan Library Association**. Refreshments provided.

TECHNOLOGY DROP-INS, Adults

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June 1 & Aug. 4, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Manhattan Senior Center
July 17 & Aug. 21, 9-11 a.m., Meadowlark Hills Community Center
Are you new to technology? Start your digital adventure and get one-on-one help with your tablets, laptops and smartphones.

BASIC TECH CLASS, Adults | Library Collaboration Space ★
Wednesdays, July 2-16 | 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Collaboration Space & Classroom

Learn technology basics in this three-part course designed to help folks re-entering the workforce. Start your digital adventure! Meet in the library's Collaboration Space on the first floor. Sessions will be on Wednesdays, July 2, 9 & 16, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Register for all dates to complete this three-part course, with an extra make-up session on July 23 if needed.
Registration Required.

