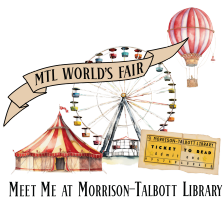


# MEET ME AT MORRISON-TALBOTT LIBRARY

JUN 2 - AUG 2, 2025







### Library Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 9:00am–8:30pm

Friday: 9:00am–5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am–4:00pm



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Join us for our summer reading program for all ages! Check out the summer reading tab on our website and/or follow us on Facebook for updates & additions throughout the summer.



### Registration–

Registration and sign-ups for summer reading program events will begin Tuesday, May 27. To register for the summer reading program, stop in the library, scan the QR code, or fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/M4gvQjV6L5vC7jhm9>



### Reading Challenge–

For all ages (babies through adults), read (or be read to) a minimum of three books and get entered into the grand prize drawing! There will be a reading challenge bookmark to keep track of your books read. We will be giving away many awesome prizes including gift cards to local businesses, STL Cardinals tickets, and more! All bookmarks must be turned in by August 2.



### Programs/Events–

Space is limited and registration is required for many programs, so be sure to note which ones require registration, cost, have an age limit, or have a deadline to register! To sign-up for specific programs, please stop in the library or call us at 618-939-6232. Scan the QR code to access our full list of events or go to the summer reading page of our website at <https://waterloolibrary.org/summer-reading-program/>



**Wild Time Exotics Animal Show–** Join us at the Rogers Elementary Gymnasium (200 Rogers Street, Waterloo) for a special animal show with a variety of animals! The doors open at 1:45pm, show starts at 2:00pm. This program is on **Wednesday, June 11 at 2:00pm**



**1904 World's Fair Society–** Join Mike Truax, President of the 1904 World's Fair Society, for two programs in June. First on **June 19 at 1:00pm**, he will present “The Astounding World's Fair”, which will show many interesting, unusual, and little-known facts and images from the 1904 World's Fair. Then on **June 25 at 1:00pm**, he will present “A Trip to the Pike”. The Louisiana Purchase Exposition had a large entertainment district called “The Pike”, which had dozens of attractions & concessions that featured entertainment, historical & scientific exhibits, foreign lands & food, a circus, zoo, and wild west show, and the giant Observation (Ferris) Wheel. In addition, there is a display of various World's Fair artifacts in the display case until June 25, that you are able to view anytime the library is open.



**Amelia Earhart at the World's Fair–** Join Barbara Kay, a historical actor, as she portrays Amelia Earhart attending the 1904's World Fair. Barbara will also explain how Amelia's experience at the fair inspired her to build a roller coaster. This program is on **Friday, June 27 at 7:00pm**



**Friends of the Library Book Sale to benefit Morrison–Talbot Library–** Purchase books, dvds, audiobooks, and more for \$0.50 each. (No scanners permitted due to space limitations) **Saturday, July 12 from 9:00am–3:00pm**



**Summer Reading Celebration: Family Carnival at MTL!–** There will be hot dogs, ice cream, games, and more on **Friday, August 1 from 5:00–7:00 pm** to celebrate the end of summer reading!



### Youth Summer Reading Challenge Game Board-

Pick up an age-specific gameboard from the library and complete any eight activities. You will get a free movie pass to the Waterloo RMC Cinema, sponsored by First Community Credit Union and two free tickets to a reading program night at a Gateway Grizzlies game! This is perfect if you are looking for things for your kiddos to do, to help prevent the summer slide by staying involved with reading & enriching activities. All game boards must be turned in by August 2.

### Community Scavenger Hunt-



Anyone who wants to participate, will pick up an answer sheet at the library and then go out and explore Waterloo! The scavenger hunt will run from June 2 through August 2. All participating businesses will be listed on the answer sheet, and will have a picture visible somewhere in their window or door with a code word on it. Everyone that completes the scavenger hunt gets a prize and is entered into a drawing for gift cards from local businesses. Thank you to the participating businesses, who are also sponsors of summer reading too! All answer sheets are due by August 2.



**Extra Activities-** We offer a monthly scavenger hunt in the youth library, a Story Walk® outside that you can walk and read a story along the path, a craft activity in the youth library, and we will have other themed activities throughout the summer!



### Vacation Kits-

Whether your family is going on a vacation, road trip, camping trip, staycation, or staying home, these kits are filled with so many fun ideas and activities to keep the kiddos busy. These free kits are yours to keep and limited to one per family.

### How to Claim Your Library Card-



We offer library cards for every member of your family including our "My First Library Card" program for kiddos ages 0-5! It's easy and it's free\*! If you live within the city limits of Waterloo, visit the library with your photo ID and utility bill.

\*Morrison-Talbott Library is a municipal library supported by the taxpayers of the city of Waterloo; if you reside outside of the city limits, please contact the library for non-resident information! If you live outside the city limits and your child qualifies for free/reduced school lunch, contact us about the Cards for Kids program.



### Library of Things-

The library has so many wonderful things to offer beyond books! Be sure to check out our Library of Things, which are additional items that you can check out with your library card! We have Wi-Fi hot spots, yard games, cake pans, telescopes & binoculars, Kindles, and a radon detector. We also have a variety of educational kits for youth, including early literacy kits, adventure kits, and STEAM kits. These kits all have a theme and come with books, toys, games, etc. that go with the kit theme.

### Electronic Databases & Resources-



With your library card you have access to: e-books and e-audiobooks through cloudLibrary and Libby, streaming of movies & shows through Kanopy, local and national newspapers through America's News & Newspapers.com, genealogy research through "Ancestry.com", Heritage Quest and Fold 3 (military history), foreign language database through Mango, American Sign Language database through ASL Deafined, story times in other languages through LOTE, read aloud sound effects with Novel Effect, PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum & printable worksheets through Educate Station, and BookFlix, which pairs stories with non-fiction books for PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade & includes learning games.



### Services Offered-

We offer computer use, Wi-Fi, printing, free notary service (please call ahead), copying, faxing, scanning, laminating, stamps, envelopes, etc. Ask for more information!

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