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Madison Public Library Is Hosting Storytelling Events for Kids

Wrap up summer with creative storytelling through the We Read program!

MADISON, WI -- Madison Public Library's We Read program is wrapping up summer with storytelling programs for kids and families August 8-20.

As families reflect on their summer experiences, Madison Public Library is offering a chance to share stories in a unique way. For two weeks, each library will have workshops and/or self-directed activities for kids and families to enjoy. Activities include Bubbler-led making opportunities like creating your own digital comic or making a stop-motion animated video using iMovie. Bubbler Media Instructor Rob Franklin (Rob Dz) will also lead interactive spoken word poetry workshops and Alexis Dean, the Bubbler in the Neighborhood artist at Meadowridge Library, will lead a poetry-inspired storytelling session, as well.

We Read Storytelling Activities:

- Monday, August 8: <u>Comics, Doodles & Movement</u>, 10:30AM-12PM at Hawthorne Library
- Tuesday, August 9: <u>Digital Comics</u>, 1-3PM at Pinney Library
- Tuesday, August 9: <u>Spoken Word Stories at Parks Alive</u>, 4:30-5:30PM at Darbo/Worthington Park (3102 Worthington Ave.)
- Wednesday, August 10: Digital Comics, 1-3PM at Sequoya Library
- Wednesday, August 10: Spoken Word Stories, 2-4PM at Lakeview Library
- Saturday, August 13: Stop Motion Animation, 2-3:30PM at Central Library
- Tuesday, August 16: <u>Digital Comics</u>, 1-3PM at Monroe Street Library
- Thursday, August 18: <u>Digital Comics</u>, 1-3PM at Alicia Ashman Library
- Tuesday, August 23: <u>Poetry is for Everyone- Storytelling w/ Mr. Alexis</u>, 5:30-7:45PM at Meadowridge Library

Madison Public Library has also ordered We Read postcards, which include illustrations by local artist Emily Balsley and quotes about reading joyfully. The back of each postcard has a prompt to share about something you read and enjoyed this past summer. There are 18 different designs in both English and Spanish available from each library location. Collect a postcard (or multiple postcards!) at your local library and get a free stamp from the reference desk.

"Postcards are a great way for adults and children to share their favorite stories with a friend or loved one," said Youth Services Manager Tammy Ocampo. "We Read is an opportunity for our community to fall in love with reading of all kinds AND to share about that reading with others!"

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Learn more about We Read at madpl.org/weread.

About We Read

We Read is a year-round, all-ages, community wide celebration of reading what *you* want to read. To participate, Madisonians can simply find something to read that they love and share about it with a friend or on social media using #WeReadMadison and tagging Madison Public Library.

About Madison Public Library

Madison Public Library's tradition of promoting education, literacy and community involvement has enriched the City of Madison for more than 140 years. Visit the library online at **www.madisonpubliclibrary.org**, **@madisonpubliclibrary** on Facebook, **@madisonpubliclibrary** on Twitter, or **@madisonpubliclibrary** on Instagram.