



# **Spring 2021**

# **April and May**

**Enjoy a variety of programs  
for children and adults**



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

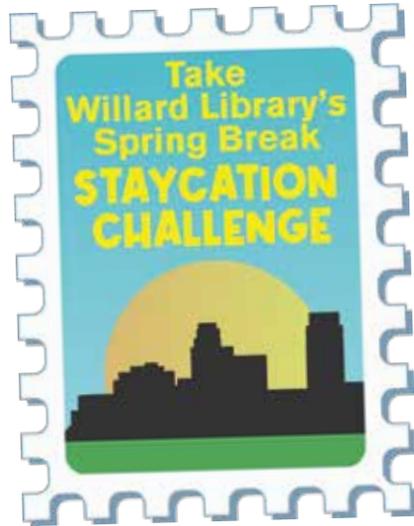
## Spring Break Staycation Challenge

If you're spending this year's spring break at home, Willard Library invites you to participate in the Spring Break Staycation Challenge. The program for families with children of any age offers fun activities to do at home that go toward earning prizes.

Beginning April 1, pick up a challenge packet from either library. After completing an activity, place a sticker on top of the activity. When you have completed at least 10 activities bring your challenge sheet to either library and receive a prize. To be entered in a drawing to win one of three family memberships to Binder Park Zoo complete all 20 challenges, and drop your form off at either library.

**April 1-9: Forms available from both libraries**

**Monday, April 12: Deadline to turn in entries to receive prizes and be entered in the grand-prize drawing**



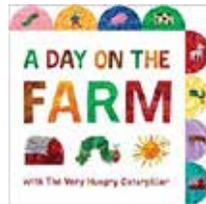
## Babytime on the Go Bags

Learn creative ways to boost your baby's early literacy skills with the May Babytime on the Go bag. This month's bag has a music theme and includes a board book, a castanet, a wristband jingle bell, and two maracas.



**Bags available beginning April 1 while supplies last**

In the spirit of Willard's Back to Nature series featuring Leila Arboretum, the May bag is all about being outdoors. The bag includes a board book, "A Day on the Farm with the Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle; an animal squirt; a sensory ball; and two bottles of finger paint.



**Bags available beginning May 1 while supplies last**



## Bits of Babytime

It's all the best little Bits of Babytime. Join us as we share our favorite ways to use items from the Babytime on the Go Bags. This is a condensed version of the original Babytime for all you busy adults and busier babies.

**Thursdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29  
May 6, 13, 20, 27, 11 a.m.**

**\*\*Video Premiere**

## Story Time Grab 'n' Go Kits

The April Story Time Grab 'n' Go Kits contain materials to participate in the library's virtual programs for preschool and school age children.

**Available beginning April 1 while supplies last**

The May Grab 'n' Go Kits have a Back to Nature theme. All materials go along with the Back to Nature programming by Leila Arboretum every Wednesday in May.

**Available Beginning May 1 while supplies last**



## Maker Mornings with Nicole and Alisha: Float Your Boat

Explore the fun world of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) with Nicole and Alisha each month. In April, they will make boats and take them outside to test their creations.

**Wednesday, April 7, 11 a.m.**

**\*\*Video Premiere**



## On The Road With Miss Stephanie: The Restoration Center

In honor of Stress Awareness Month, Miss Stephanie will travel to the Restoration Counseling Center to interview Owner Sherrie Schanzenbaker and take a tour of the counseling center. They will talk about helpful strategies and activities that can help youth and their families experiencing stress.

**Wednesday, April 14, 11 a.m.**

**\*\*Video Premiere**





### Rain Story Time

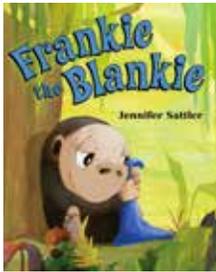
Rain, Rain, it's time to play, it's story time today! In this story time, Miss Chelsea will sprinkle in some rhymes, some science, a rainy day craft, and a book about why the wonderful rain is so important.

**Wednesday, April 21, 11 a.m.**

**\*\*Video Premiere**

### Frankie the Blankie

Blankies aren't just for babies, according to Doris the Gorilla. Come along on a jungle adventure as Doris tries to make new friends, who will accept her and her blankie, Frankie.



This story time will feature the book "Frankie the Blankie" by Jennifer Sattler.

**Wednesday, April 28, 11 a.m.**

**\*\*Video Premiere**



### Back to Nature Series Featuring Leila Arboretum

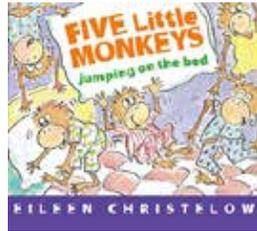
May is finally here, and many of us are ready to go outside and enjoy the great outdoors. Katy Avery from Leila Arboretum will present a four-part Back to Nature Series. Katy will lead youngsters through some amazing hands-on activities that will inspire the nature lover inside of us.

**Wednesdays, May 5, 12, 19, and 26, 11 a.m.**

**\*Live Streaming**

### Bilingual Burmese/English Story Times 'Five Little Monkeys'

The April interactive Bilingual Story Time will feature the book "Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed" by Eileen Christelow.



Participants will learn how to count to five in English and Burmese. This story time will include a book, a fun activity, and a craft.

**Thursday, April 29, 6 p.m.**

**\*\*Video Premiere**

### 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'



The May interactive Bilingual Story Time will feature "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. Children will learn how to pronounce names of food in English and Burmese. This story time will include a book, a fun activity, and a craft from the May Grab 'n' Go Bags.

**Thursday, May 27, 6 p.m.**

**\*\*Video Premiere**

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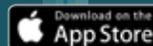
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# TEENS AND TWEENS PROGRAMS



## April is Poetry Month: Kits for Teens

April is National Poetry Month, and students in grades 5-12, are invited to celebrate with Willard. Teens may pick up Poetry Kits, which are full of fun activities to inspire them to create their own poetry -- and a surprise or two. Listen to Miss Stephanie and Miss Alisha talk about poetry in the video.

**Kits available beginning Thursday, April 1, while supplies last**  
**\*\*Video premieres Monday, April 5, at 11 a.m.**



## Survive the Summer: Kits for Teens

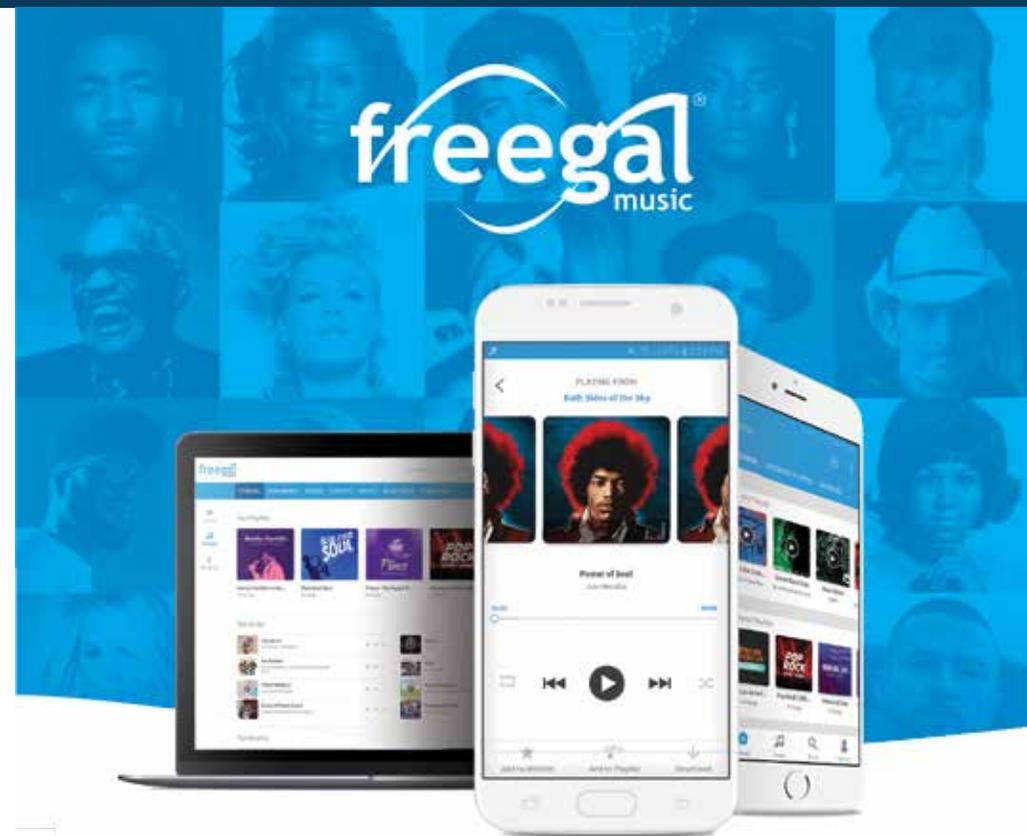
For May, students in grades 5-12 may pick up a Summer Survival Kit. The kits contain items that will help students enjoy a little fun and some relaxation. In addition, tune into Willard's Facebook page on Monday, May 3, at 11 a.m. for some survival tips and tricks with a special guest.

**Kits available beginning Monday, May 3, while supplies last**  
**\*\*Video premieres Monday, May 3, at 11 a.m.**

## Teen Time

Now, more than ever, teens need their space to unwind and relax. Willard's teen librarians welcome students in grades 5-12 to visit the downtown library's Lower Level on weekdays between 2 and 5 p.m. Teens are encouraged to enjoy some gaming, make arts and crafts projects, use a computer, or simply sit back and take a break from it all.

**School days, 2-5 p.m.**  
**Downtown Lower Level**



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# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Take and Make

Pick up a Take and Make Craft Bag from either library, watch the videos, and then use the supplies to make your own craft. Bags available while supplies last.



## Mini Block Print Cards

Block printing can be done in a variety of ways. We will create unique designs on a set of blank cards with the twine and block method. By wrapping twine around a wooden block, you can create multiple patterns to stamp on the cards. Burmese card sets also are available.

**Tuesday, March 23: Kits available**  
**Monday, April 5, 6 p.m.:**

**\*\*Video premiere**



## Magnetic Poster Hanger

This versatile magnetic poster hanger is the perfect home decor piece. It makes changing seasonal messages easy. You can print off your favorite inspirational quote to display or use it for daily affirmations. Create this look by simply gluing magnets between two bamboo strips of wood and attaching your choice of string, beads and tassels to the top.

**Tuesday, April 6: Kits available**  
**Monday, April 19, 6 p.m.:**

**\*\*Video premiere**

## Car Diffuser

Create your own adorable diffuser with this kit and clip it in your car or around your workplace. The kit contains enough supplies to make one larger diffuser or two smaller ones. We will arrange lava stones, white jade gemstones, and a tassel and attach it to a clip. A small vial of an energizing essential oil blend will be provided with the supplies.



**Tuesday, April 20: Kits available**  
**Monday, May 3, 6 p.m.:**

**\*\*Video premiere**

## Resin Bookmark

If you love glitter and reading, this craft is perfect for you. You can easily make an entry-level resin craft with supplies from this kit. A reusable bookmark mold, glitter, and tassels are included. The final product is a crystal-clear bookmark decorated with beautiful glitter.



**Tuesday, May 4: Kits available**  
**Monday, May 17, 6 p.m.:**

**\*\*Video premiere**

## Tic-tac-toe Bag

Use beautiful, patterned heat-transfer vinyl to make this tic-tac-toe travel bag. Use it as a gift or throw it in your go-bag or car for those screen-free, downtime moments. Glass gems will be provided with the kit and can be easily stored in the bag.



**Tuesday, May 18: Kits available**  
**Monday, May 31, 6 p.m.:**

**\*\*Video premiere**

## DIY With Beth

Each month, DIY expert Beth Williamson presents a new project to take something old and turn it into something new.

## DIY Rope Basket

What's better than an attractive rope basket in which you can store whatever your heart desires? Why, making it yourself in the custom colors of your choice, of course!



**Wednesday, April 14, 7 p.m.**

**\*\*Video premiere**

## DIY Drawer Decor

Let's show those dresser drawers some love and make them pop! You'll love their new look so much you just might want to leave them open.



**Wednesday, May 12, 7 p.m.**

**\*\*Video premiere**



## Stories at Sundown

Willard's talk show, Stories at Sundown, shines a light on people who make a difference in our community. Host Michael McCullough, Willard community engagement and local digital collection librarian, interviews guests about authors, books, films, and other work relevant to our times.

**Mondays, April 5, 12, 26;**  
**and May 3, 10, 17, 7 p.m.**

**\*Live Streaming**



## Peeks into the Past: Tales of Battle Creek

Take a tour of Battle Creek's past with local historians and preservationists with this monthly program. Drawing on Willard Library's archives and other resources, local stewards of our historic heritage will bring our city's history to life with vintage photographs and conversation.

**Mondays, 7 p.m.**

**April 19:** Warren B. Shepard's house on Riverside Drive has been empty for decades, but local businessman Hans Stark is breathing new life into the home of Battle Creek's first teacher. We'll talk about the history of the Shepard house and the long-running efforts to preserve this relic of Battle Creek's earliest days.

**May 24:** To be determined

**\*Live Streaming**



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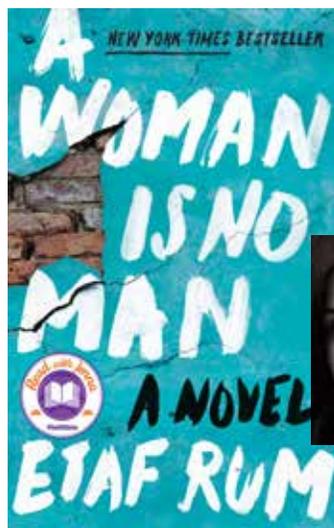
## ***'A Woman Is No Man'***

Join the community in reading "A Woman is no Man" by Etaf Rum and then participate in two virtual events discussing the book.

The novel tells the story of three generations of Palestinian-American women struggling to express their individual desires within the confines of their Arab culture in the wake of shocking intimate violence in their community.

"A Woman Is No Man" is available in

- Print
- CD book
- Hoopla ebook and audiobook
- Libby ebook and audiobook
- Overdrive ebook and audiobook



### **Couch Club Virtual Book Discussion**

**Wednesday, April 7, 6 p.m.**

To register to receive the link to attend, go to [tinyurl.com/CouchClubWomanMan](https://tinyurl.com/CouchClubWomanMan)

### **Virtual Talk With Author Etaf Rum**

**Tuesday, April 13, at 7 p.m.**

**\*Live Streaming**



### **Neaten Your Nest with Michele Vig**

Spring is here and many people use this time to do a little decluttering around their homes, but why stop there? Michele Vig, author of "The Guide to Holistic Decluttering" and founder of Neat Little Nest, will take you beyond spring-cleaning to the deeper side of decluttering. Using the methods discussed in her book, Michele will teach viewers how they can begin to declutter many aspects of their lives to bring a deeper and more fulfilling meaning to this annual chore.

**Tuesday, April 20, 6 p.m.**

**\*Live Streaming**



### **Introduction to Tai Chi With Julie Kaminski**

Tai Chi instructor Julie Kaminski, of Senior Health Partners, returns to lead viewers through a simple, 30-minute tai chi practice while gradually introducing them to 21 forms of Sun Style Tai Chi. It is an activity that people of all ages and abilities can participate in and benefit from.

**Thursdays, April 22 and 29, and May 6, 13, 20, and 27, 10 a.m.**

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## Holiday Schedule

Willard Library and the Helen Warner Branch will be closed on Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day

\*Live streaming programs will be on Willard's Facebook Page, YouTube, Twitter, and [willardlibrary.org](http://willardlibrary.org)

\*\*Video Premieres will be on Willard's Facebook and YouTube channels

