



Where are you going this summer?

You don't need to travel far to explore the world! Around the World with VBDL continues during the summer, with each VBDL branch representing a continent!



Grab a VBDL passport and collect stamps at each Around the World program you attend. If you visit at least 3 country programs during the year, or 1 continent program during the summer, you can get entered into a raffle for a world snacks basket at the end of the year!

So what are you waiting for? Check out some of the events below or go to [VBDL's online calendar](#) to find your new adventure!

May

Cinco de Mayo
May 5, 3pm
Antwerp Sunshine Branch
Mexico

Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of the historic Battle of Puebla, where the Mexican army defeated the French in 1862. Today it is a holiday that celebrates Mexican culture and heritage. Antwerp is celebrating the day with games, food, and a craft!

Cinco de Mayo

May 5, 1pm
Bangor Branch
Mexico

Bangor is celebrating Cinco de Mayo with games, painting, and crafts.

Cinco de Mayo
May 5, all day
Bloomington Branch
Mexico

Cinco de Mayo is being celebrated at Bloomington with a craft and delicious treats!

Indonesia Presentation
May 5, 3pm
Covert Branch
Indonesia

Presentation by a special guest about the food and culture of Indonesia.

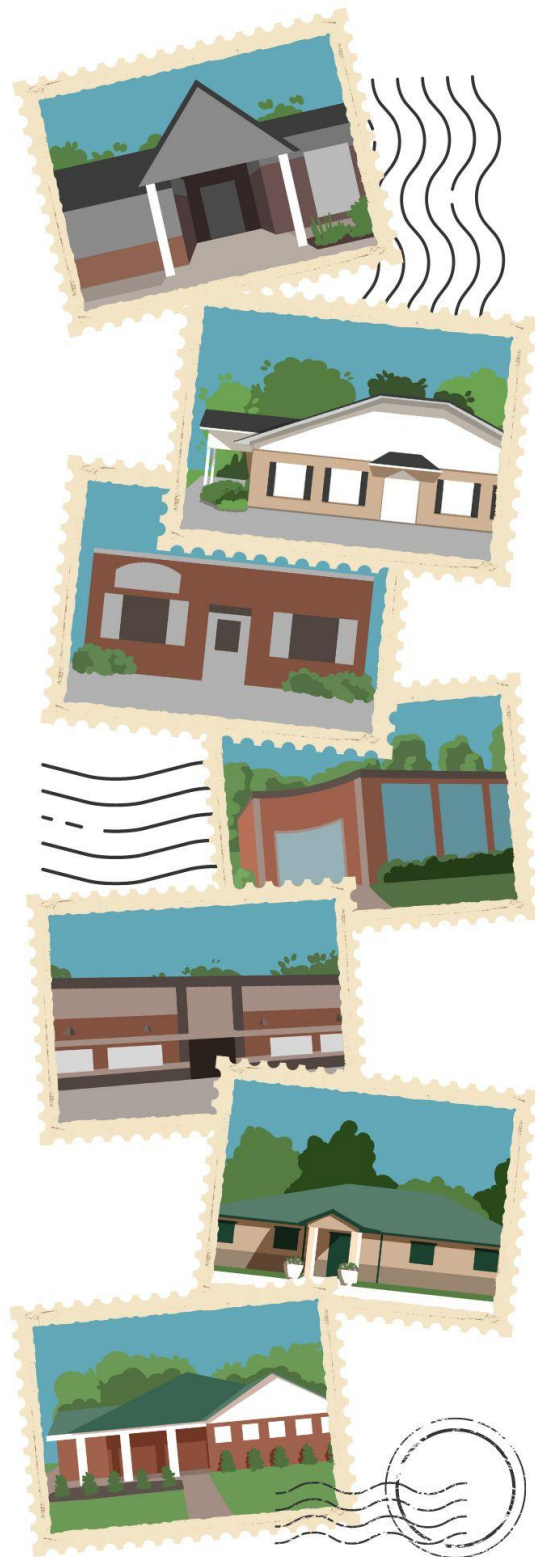
Niue Day
May 6, 11am
Gobles Branch
Niue

Participate in games and crafts as you learn about the Rock of the Pacific!

Anime Food
May 26, 3:30pm
Bangor Branch
Japan

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Teens are invited to learn how to make onigiri, or Japanese rice balls!



June



Small Bites
June 5, 6pm
Bloomington Branch
India

Stop by the library and learn about kulfi, an Indian ice cream!
Registration required.

Eiffel Tower Engineering



June 15, 1pm
Bangor Branch
France

Build a model of the Iron Lady with simple straws and glue.

Mandala Drawing
June 15, 1pm
Bloomington Branch
India

Stop by the library and make some mandalas.

Bollywood Movie
June 19, 4pm
Bloomington Branch
India

Join us and watch a family-friendly movie, We will be watching *Do Dooni Chaar*.

Windmills
June 22, 1pm
Bangor Branch
Netherlands

Kids of all ages will enjoy making some miniature windmills.

Australia Cooking
June 23, 12pm
Webster Memorial Branch
Australia

MSU Extension will be at the library to show us some Australian recipes and food. For kids and teens ages 10 and up. Registration required.

Canada Day
June 28, 10:30am
Antwerp Sunshine Branch
Canada

Join us for games and crafts as we learn about our Canada neighbors!

Australia Art Day
June 28, 10am
Webster Memorial Branch
Australia

Kids are welcome to make some Australian art.

July

Sun Art
July 6, 1pm
Bangor Branch

Mexico

Learn how to make some Mexican sun art!

Songkran Celebration

July 7, TBD

Bloomington Branch

Thailand

Kids of all ages are invited to beat the summer heat by celebrating Songkran! Songkran is the traditional new year in Thailand, normally celebrated in mid-April with *lots* of water.

Necklace Making

July 13, 1pm

Bangor Branch

South Africa

Come to the library and create a necklace inspired by South Africa.

Sound Immersion

July 15, 11am

Bloomington Branch

Around the World

Immerse yourself in sounds from around the world! Sound immersion is a relaxing and healing experience through the harmony of instruments. Join us for a restorative encounter with sound frequency. Registration is required.

African Folktales

July 19, 1pm

Covert Branch

Africa

Join us with a special guest who will tell us about African Folktales and enjoy a craft!

Laurel Wreath

July 20, 1pm

Bangor Branch

Greece

Make a laurel wreath!

Birds of South America

July 21, 1pm

Bangor Branch

South America

Sarret Nature Center will give a presentation about the incredible birds found in South America.

Henna Handprint and Elephant Mask

July 27, 1pm

Bangor Branch

India

Kids are invited to make a henna tattoo hand or an elephant mask craft!

Tasmanian Tee Time

July 27, All day

Webster Memorial Branch

Australia



Stop by for a round of mini golf through an Australian inspired course in the library!

August

Party in the Park
August 5, 11am
Lawrence Branch
Antarctica

Join us as we bundle up the end of summer reading with a cool party in the park! We will have chilly treats, cool activities, and penguin face painting.

Manga Bingo
August 14, 4:30pm
Bloomington Branch
Japan

Come play a game of Manga Bingo during this teen program!

Japanese Teacup Craft
August 30, 6pm
Bloomington Branch
Japan

Teens and adults can join us and make a Japanese teacup craft. Registration required.

The Summer Reading Program will be here soon!

All Together Now!

Summer reading program is arriving June 10 through August 5!

There's something for all ages (that includes adults!) so be sure to keep an eye out for more information!



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