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Summer Activities for Kids and Adults

The (unofficial) start of summertime is here! Most parents and grandparents spend a good amount of time looking for constructive activities for their kids and grandkids to do while school is out. At the City of Monroe, we have an annual six-week summer recreation program, for young children, at six of our community centers. This year’s program runs from June 3 through July 12. In addition to those, the Masur Museum of Art offers the following for kids:

Summer Art Camps @ The Masur Museum of Art (Various dates June through August): This year we are offering 8 different week-long art camps for a variety of age groups! Visit masurmuseum.org/children-classes for more information and to register.

FREE Kids Drop-In activity @ The Masur Museum of Art (2pm – 5 pm Saturday, August 17): Join us on the last day of our exhibition for a free art activity. Kids of all ages (and parents and guardians!) are welcome to stop by between 2 and 5 pm to participate.

I am sure that some of you might be asking “What about the adults?” Well, I am glad that you asked. Listed below are a few upcoming city-sponsored events that may peak your grown-up interests.

Bookmaking Workshop for Adults @ The Masur Museum of Art (9 am to 5 pm Saturday, June 1): Join instructor Frank Hamrick in learning to make two different types of hand-bound books. There will be an hour break for lunch. \$135 for museum members/ \$155 for non-members. Register at masurmuseum.org!

Brewfest @ The Monroe Civic Center Arena (5 pm Saturday, June 1): You can choose from over 200 beers to sample (plus a variety of wines). Entry is \$25. Several local radio stations, Ouachita Brewery, Flying Tiger Brewery, Landry Vineyards, Marsala Beverage, Choice Brands, and others will be on hand.

Raku-B-Q Raku Workshop and BBQ @ The Masur Museum of Art (4pm – 8pm Saturday, June 8): Led by ceramicist Alyssa Guidry. \$40 for members / \$50 for non-members. Includes one Raku cylinder and food. Participants MUST register in advance at masurmuseum.org or by calling 318-329-2237.

Drive-Thru Farmers Market @ the Origin Bank Downtown RiverMarket (12 pm to 2 pm June 7 & 21, July 6 & 19, August 2, 16, & 30). For more information visit DowntownRiverMarket.com

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