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The *Reader* is a quarterly news magazine and events calendar by the Lawrence Public Library and the Library Friends & Foundation.

## LIBRARY HOURS

**MON-THU** 10 AM-8 PM

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## ON THE COVER Isabel Klish

Our 2022 Summer Reading logo and LPL staff t-shirt design winner



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Lawrence Public Library (LPL for short) is a community hub that believes in the power of connecting with each other through shared knowledge and resources. Located in the heart of Downtown Lawrence, Kansas, we are committed to providing a space where our community can learn, connect, create, and grow through access to our vast collections, resources, services, programs, and knowledgeable staff.

The library is supported by tax dollars, record-breaking book sales and philanthropic efforts by the LPL Friends & Foundation, and the dedicated efforts of more than 300 volunteers.

## All are welcome.

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### العربية / Arabic

Hazlett (MSA advanced)

### 中文 / Chinese

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Ian (conversational)

Logan (intermediate)

### français / French

Hazlett (fluent)

Heather (intermediate)

Lauren (advanced)

### ગુજરાતી / Gujarati

Anita (heritage speaker)

### हिन्दी / Hindi

Anita (advanced)



## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

# Reading over the summer is *essential* for developing brains

Providing youth Summer Reading programs is one of the longest-standing, most popular traditions in public libraries — and for good reason (for what it's worth, we've been doing it here since July 1942!)

Reading during the summer helps our kiddos avoid what's called the 'summer slide', the tendency for young people to lose critical skills learned during the school year when brains are less engaged over summer break, making it much harder to jump back into school in the fall if students fall behind.

Families with means can invest in summer enrichment programs for their children, but young folks whose families are struggling to make ends meet are the most at risk and vulnerable to decreases in reading skills. We've made it part of our mission to fill that gap.

With dedicated youth professionals and librarians, we ensure every kid and teen in town has a place to learn, connect, create, and grow their brains for the next three months. There's always a fun theme and together we explore books, offer reading suggestions, plan related STEM/STEAM-based programs and events, and encourage all of them — from newborns to high school seniors — to read for fun.

But wait! We offer incentives (prizes? bribes?), too! And we don't care what they read. It's so important to read what they love: Books! Magazines! Cereal boxes! Terms of Use Agreements! Anything that engages a child's brain with the process of reading ... counts.

This year's challenge is "Oceans of Possibilities" and imagining the vastness of places that reading can take us! From raucous adventure to quiet, thoughtful contemplation, everyone can find something that sparks their imagination in a book. I look forward to reading with you all this summer!

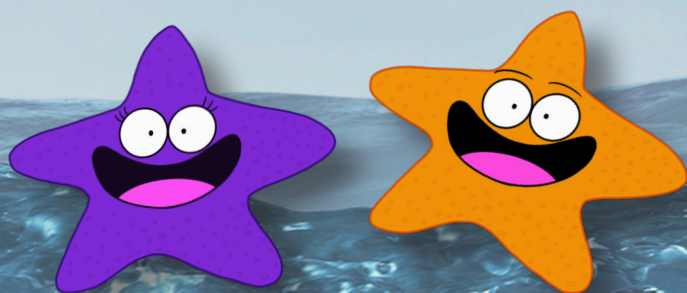
Brad 



# MAY 25–AUG 21, 2022

This summer, we're challenging every Lawrence kid and teen to **read a total of 10 books** and explore our immense Oceans of Possibilities here at Lawrence Public Library!

Swim through endless reading reefs, dive deep into ten books, come up for air at our fun and free events, and hook a sweet catch of awesome prizes when you finish — **sign-up and start reading May 25.**



## HOW IT WORKS

- 1** Get the Beanstack app or go online to sign up: [lawrence.beanstack.org](http://lawrence.beanstack.org)
- 2** Pick a reading challenge that's just right for you — ages 0-18 invited!
- 3** Log\* your reading, do activities, earn badges, and win prizes!

## READING PRIZES

### KIDS+TEENS

- 1 free swim
- 1 free tote bag
- 1 free cookie
- 1 free bowling game
- 1 free book of choice
- 2 free books of choice
- 1 free sundae
- 1 free protein ball

### KIDS ONLY

- 1 free open play

### TEENS ONLY

- 1 Summer Reading tee
- 1 free float with soda purchase
- 1 free day pass & equipment rental
- 2 entries into our grand prize drawing
  - \$100 Visa gift card
  - River Rat skateboard
  - Wonder Fair art package



**Beanstack**



\*Paper logs available if you're old-school

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winning tee  
design by  
**Isabel  
Klish**

**\$100**  
gift card







## I looked it up! Oceans of Possibilities defined...

*"A large expanse of unspecified qualities of a promising nature."*



By Karen Allen | Youth Services Coordinator

I can't recall a better summer reading theme to sum up the nature of libraries.

Think of the abundance of resources within our building and available online that your library card gives you access to. Think of the wealth of stories yet to be read (and reread!) to your preschooler or by your kiddo with a flashlight late at night. Think of the learning possibilities just waiting to be discovered in our books and free programs. The potential for growth and simple pleasure is enormous, unending, and awesome in the truest sense of the word.

We're ready to help your kids and teens explore oceans of possibilities that will help them grow and find joy this summer. Come talk to us, browse the website, or reference your copy of The Reader to find out how anyone ages 0–18 can participate (and win prizes!) all summer. **Here's a snapshot of what we're excited to share with you.** 🇺🇸



**Jenny**

Children's Librarian &  
Literacy Champion

**I'm excited to see** which live animals Prairie Park Nature Center will bring to the library. I know an owl is coming! We'll learn about the wetlands and the creatures who call it home. We'll also investigate bioluminescence (and how it makes some creatures glow) with Wichita's Exploration Place.



**Sahara**

Teen Librarian &  
LPL TikTok Queen

**I'm excited to host** Build-n-Bots and our Move series! We'll be playing with bots, building tech toys, and moving our bodies — whether through yoga or dancing with a community partner. Come find me in the Teen Zone and on the library's TikTok channel!



**Lauren**

Children's Librarian &  
Toddler Enchantress

**I'm excited to share** animals from the Topeka Zoo with you! Also, Ancient Oceans with the KU Natural History Museum where we'll have a rock ID station. Kids can bring their own rocks and find out what they are!



**Margo**

Teen Librarian &  
LPL TikTok King

**I'm excited to host** a series of programs about upcycling everyday materials into works of art, partnering with local artists who use reclaimed and found materials in their own work, and nerdily excited for our recycled paper-making program. Come find me in the Teen Zone and on the library's TikTok channel!



# what happens to youth over the summer? \*

SUMMER READING | WHY WE DO IT



## THE "SUMMER SLIDE"

is what often happens to disadvantaged children during the summer months. They tread water at best or even fall behind, while higher-income children build their skills steadily over the summer months.



More than half of U.S. students experience summer learning losses **FIVE YEARS IN A ROW**. These students on average lose nearly 40 percent of their school year gains.<sup>2</sup>



Elementary school students with high levels of attendance (at least five weeks) in voluntary **SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS** experience benefits in math and reading.<sup>1</sup>



Research shows that **HIGH-QUALITY SUMMER PROGRAMS** can make a difference in stemming learning loss and closing the country's educational and opportunity gaps.<sup>3</sup>



High-quality summer programs improve **MATH AND READING SKILLS**, and also build critical social and emotional skills of students. These are skills that will help them not only in school but also in their careers and life.



**9 IN 10 TEACHERS** spend at least three weeks re-teaching lessons at the start of the school year.<sup>4</sup>

The summer slide can be avoided by making sure that kids and teens are as engaged as possible in whatever they choose to read just as long as they're **reading every day**.

\* [summerlearning.org](http://summerlearning.org)

Sources: 1 Catherine H. Augustine, Jennifer Sloan McCombs, John F. Pane, Heather L. Schwartz, Jonathan Schweig, Andrew McEachin, and Kyle Siler-Evans. Learning from Summer: Effects of Voluntary Summer Learning Programs on Low-Income Urban Youth. RAND Corporation. (September 2016). 2 American Educational Research Association. (Jul 9, 2020). School's Out: The Role of Summers in Understanding Achievement Disparities. 3 <https://www.wallacefoundation.org/knowledge-center/pages/learning-from-summer-effects-of-voluntary-summer-learning-programs-on-low-income-urban-youth.aspx> 4 Surveyed by the National Summer Learning Association. Retrieved from <http://rer.sagepub.com/content/66/3/227.abstract> and [http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.summerlearning.org/resource/resmgr/press\\_releases/nsa\\_summer\\_release\\_130528\\_f.pdf](http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.summerlearning.org/resource/resmgr/press_releases/nsa_summer_release_130528_f.pdf) and [http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.summerlearning.org/resource/resmgr/Publications/Impact\\_on\\_Teaching\\_and\\_Learn.pdf](http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.summerlearning.org/resource/resmgr/Publications/Impact_on_Teaching_and_Learn.pdf) Facebook



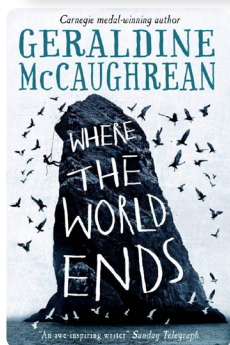
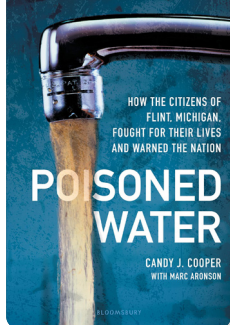
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## NonFiction

**Taking on the Plastics Crisis**

by Hannah Testa, ages 12+

**Shark Quest**

by Karen Romano Young, ages 11+

**Recycle This Book**

edited by Dan Gutman, ages 7+

**Poisoned Water**

by Candy J. Cooper, ages 10+

**Soul Surfer**

by Bethany Hamilton, ages 14+

## Manga and Graphic Novels

**Girl From the Sea**

by Molly Ostertag, ages 12+

**You Brought Me the Ocean**

by Alex Sanchez, ages 14+

**Children of the Sea**

by Daisuke Igarashi, ages 16+

**In Waves**

by A. J. Dungo, ages 17+

**The Magic Fish**

by Trung Le Nguyen, ages 12+



## MEET TEEN DESIGNER

# Isabel Klish

## LPL's 2022 Summer Reading t-shirt contest winner

**Hi, I'm Isabel!** I'm 16 and go to Lawrence High School. I run cross country, am on the swim team, and take choir. I love sunsets, dogs, and rock climbing, too. I have two dogs, Hugo and Zeus. I also love to travel. I just got to go to Italy and it's one of my favorite places. I'm a second-generation immigrant. My mom is from El Salvador and my father is from Kansas. My mom raised us to learn Spanish as much as possible because she understood that was going to be a really important thing in my life. She read to us in Spanish, we went to immersion schools in the summers, spent lots of time in Spanish-speaking countries; my grandparents' sole language is Spanish. My father has also been on a journey with us to learn Spanish. All my life it has been in my world to see both sides of the Spanish and English speaking worlds.

**Why did you enter the t-shirt design competition?** I love being artistic. During quarantine I got back into painting. This is my first year at LHS and with all the new art classes I wanted to try new things and took an Intro to Media class. One of the assignments was for graphic design and to participate in this competition.

**How did you approach the design?** I sketched out a few things that captured both the ocean and books, settled on the one I liked best, and built it in Illustrator. I went with a circle because I wanted the contained space to be that shape. I drew one book at a time and sized each one individually. At first it was just a blocky wave, so I went in and shaped it into what you see. I picked this design because it presented what I wanted to show clearly. The other designs just said way too much. I was trying to include too many things. This one was simply what I wanted to say. 🇺🇸





## Juliana's Baby Books 10-24 months!

**Hello Ocean Friends**

by Violet Lemay

**This Little Dreamer**

by Joan Holub

**Bubbles**

by Ben Clanton

**Silly Squid and Other Fishy Friends**

by Hannah Cockayne

**Follow Your Dreams, Little One**

by Vashti Harrison

## Hannah's Picture Books ages 3+

**Alba and the Ocean Cleanup**

by Lara Hawthorne

**The Boy and the Whale**

by Mordicai Gerstein

**Ocean! Waves for All**

by Stacy McAnulty

**The Ocean Calls**

by Tina M. Cho

**Off & Away**

by Cale Atkinson

## Trevin's Young Fiction Picks

**Shark School Series**

by Davy Ocean, ages 6+

**Ocean Fairies Series**

by Daisy Meadows, ages 5+

**Hardy Boys Cluebook Water-ski Wipeout**

by Franklin Dixon, ages 6+

**Mermaids to the Rescue Series**

by Lisa Ann Scott, ages 7+

**Sand Castle**

by R. A. Montgomery, ages 6+

## Anita's Easy Readers

**Alien Ocean Animals**

by Rose Colosi, ages 7+

**Swim, Fish! Explore the Coral Reefs**

by Susan B. Neuman, ages 3+

**I Wish I Was A Sea Turtle**

by Jennifer Bové, ages 4+

**Sea Otters**

by Anne Wendorff, ages 5+

**A Sea Otter to the Rescue**

by Thea Feldman, ages 5+

## Jenny's Fiction



**Lalani of the Distant Sea**

by Erin Entrada Kelly, ages 8+

**Starfish**

by Lisa Fipps, ages 10+

**Refugee**

by Alan Gratz, ages 9+

**Lifeboat 12**

by Susan Hood, ages 9+

**The Fourteenth Goldfish**

by Jennifer Holm, ages 9+

## Karen's Graphic Novels

**Coral Reefs: Cities of the Ocean**

by Maris Wicks, ages 9+

**Narwhal and Jelly**

by Ben Clanton, ages 5+

**I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912**

by Georgia Ball, ages 8+

**Sea Sirens: a Trot & Cap'n Bill Adventure**

by Amy Chu, ages 8+

**Putuguq & Kublu and the Qalupalik!**

by Danny Christopher, ages 6+

**The Science of Surfing**

by Kim Dwinell, ages 9+

## Linda's NonFiction

**Weird but True Ocean**

by Julie Beer, ages 8+

**Ocean and Sea**

by Steve Parker, ages 10+

**National Geographic Kids Extreme Ocean**

by Sylvia Earle, ages 8+

**Everything Awesome about Sharks**

by Mike Lowery, ages 7+

**A Whale of a Tale!**

by Bonnie Worth, ages 3+

## Lauren's Audiobooks

**The Sea-Ringed World**

by María García Esperón, ages 8+

**Narwhal and Jelly** (Books 1-5)

by Ben Clanton, ages 5+

**Beyond the Bright Sea**

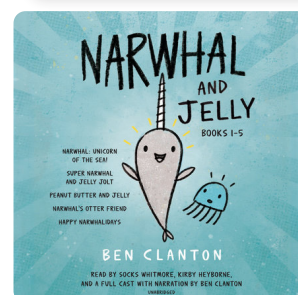
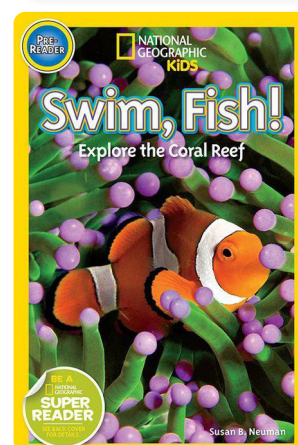
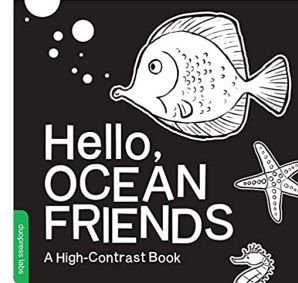
by Lauren Wolk, ages 10+

**The Pout-pout Fish**

by Deborah Diesen, ages 2+

**The Tail of Emily Windsnap**

by Liz Kessler, ages 8+



## 80 years and *still* going strong

By Kathleen O'Leary Morgan

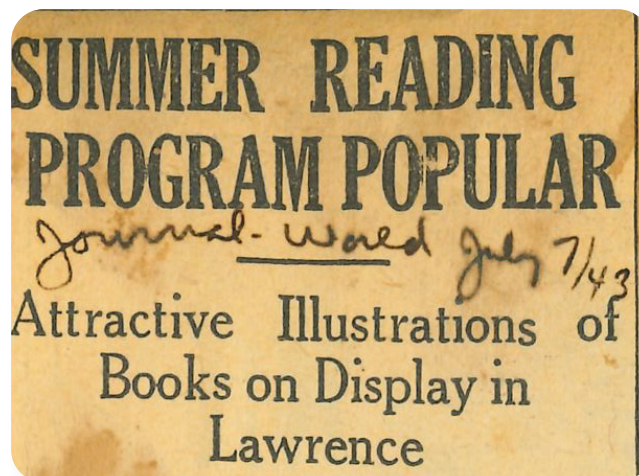
Director of Development & Community Partnerships



In 1942, Lawrence Public Library, together with the Lawrence Parent-Teacher Association, launched the "Vacation Reading Program". It was LPL's very first children's summer reading program.

While public libraries had promoted the importance of reading for years, strong research linking the prevention of summer reading loss and library summer reading programs came to the forefront during this time.

A total of 165 kids completed that earliest summer reading program. Today, thousands of children and teens in Lawrence participate in and complete the program every summer. The research has grown even stronger and clearer: reading throughout the summer advances a child's reading level and protects the skills

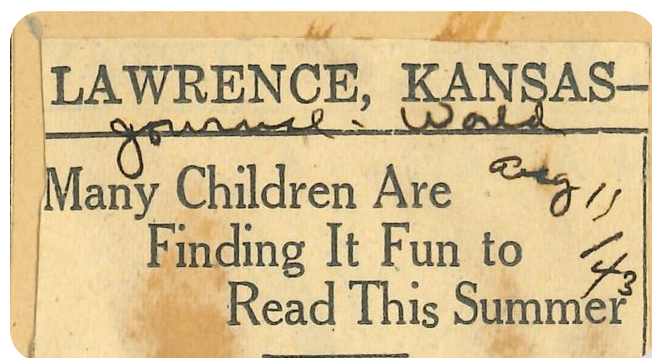


Lawrence Public Library archive; *Lawrence Journal-World*, July 7, 1943

they work so hard to build during the school year. This is particularly important for lower income children who do not have access to books and other reading materials at home. Access to the library is essential for their summer reading success.

The LPL Friends & Foundation are a proud summer reading partner. It's one of the most important things we do. For the last several years, 100% of the library's summer reading program has been funded by book sales and your donations to the Friends & Foundation. Each year, the library spends \$35,000 for summer reading performers, programs, books, etc. In addition, local Lawrence businesses donate tens of thousands of dollars in prize coupons and other reading incentives.

This huge community effort results in a fun, engaging, and effective summer reading program for Lawrence kids. Thank you for being there with the library and the Friends & Foundation every step of the way. ■



Lawrence Public Library archive; *Lawrence Journal-World*, August 11, 1943



# Summer

# BOOK SALE

FRI-SAT | Jul 8-9 | 10 AM-6 PM • SUN | Jul 10 | 12-4 PM

LPLFF Garage at 7th and Kentucky Streets behind the library





## Meet Super Volunteer Bruce Nightingale

**Drumroll, please...** The 2022 Mary Dalton Murphy Volunteer Award goes to the amazing Bruce Nightingale! This is the **highest volunteer honor** bestowed by the Library Friends & Foundation.

Bruce is a volunteer with **a big heart**," said Program Coordinator Angela Hyde. "Since May of 2015, we've sent 700,000 pounds of books at the end of their usable life to recycling. Bruce has been involved in this program since the beginning, helping clients from Community Living (CLO) load tubs of recycled books into their van and coordinating pickup schedules. When the pandemic hit, Bruce volunteered to single-handedly take on the recycling program. He is **a joy to work with**, and we honestly couldn't do it without him."

**You'll see Bruce at every book sale**, helping us set up, tear down, and keep the massive collection of DVDs organized. He also **donates his time and talents** to other community organizations, like Cans for the Community, where he serves on the board and collects cans from donation boxes all across the county.

## Thank you, Bruce!

SNIP. SEND. **SUPPORT.**

Grab the hottest poolside reads all weekend. All books, CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks are priced \$2 and under. Pandemic permitting; check **LPLFF.org** for updates.

You can also make a gift online at **LPLFF.org/give**

## Invest in Your Library

The Lawrence Public Library Friends & Foundation (LPLFF) is a non-profit organization that works to strengthen and supplement the public's investment in the library. Even in a city like Lawrence, tax dollars aren't enough to provide all the important resources that people need. Together, **we give, we volunteer, and we advocate** so the library can connect and inspire everyone in our community.

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**Thank you.**

# FREE EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE

## JUNE

### WED 1

5 PM SMART Recovery  
STARTS Scavenger Hunt  
STARTS June Story Stroll

### THU 2

7 PM YA for Grownups

### FRI 3

10 AM RBC Coffee Break  
5 PM SMART Recovery

### SAT 4

10 AM Boardwalk Bash

### SUN 5

9 AM Wakarusa Wetlands Celebration  
1 PM Teen Advisory Board

### MON 6

2 PM Imaginarium  
6:30 PM Sing & Rhyme Storytime

### TUE 7

10:30 AM Library Storytime  
2 PM Art Upcycle  
6 PM Books & Babies

### WED 8

10:30 AM Books & Babies  
2 PM MOVE  
2 PM Wednesday Wonders  
4 PM Kids Action Club  
5 PM SMART Recovery  
6 PM Toddler Storytime  
7 PM RBC Dessert & Movie

### THU 9

10:30 AM Toddler Storytime  
2 PM Lego Club  
5 PM RBC Wine Around the World  
6:30 PM Library Storytime  
7 PM 2nd Thursday Book Club

### FRI 10

10 AM RBC Coffee Break  
10:30 AM Library Storytime  
2 PM Fun Stuff Fridays  
5 PM SMART Recovery

### SAT 11

10 AM Book Sale  
11 AM Mindful Crafting  
3 PM Native Plants/Human Connection

### SUN 12

1:30 PM Mysterious Mustache Book Club  
2 PM Repair Studio  
4 PM Social Justice Book Club

### MON 13

2 PM Imaginarium  
6:30 PM Sing & Rhyme Storytime

### TUE 14

10:30 AM Library Storytime  
2 PM Build & Bots  
3 PM Community Resource Clinic  
4 PM Genealogy/Local History Spotlight  
6 PM Books & Babies  
6:30 PM Nature Book Club  
7 PM Speculative Fiction Book Club

### WED 15

10:30 AM Books & Babies  
2 PM D&D  
2 PM Wednesday Wonders  
5 PM SMART Recovery  
6 PM Toddler Storytime

### THU 16

10:30 AM Toddler Storytime  
6:30 PM Library Storytime  
7 PM Thriller Thursday Book Club

### FRI 17

10 AM RBC Coffee Break  
10:30 AM Library Storytime  
11 AM Pop-Up Playground  
2 PM Fun Stuff Fridays  
3 PM Tween Club  
5 PM SMART Recovery

### SAT 18

10:30 AM CuentaCuentos

### MON 20

10:30 AM Stuffy Storytime & Clinic  
2 PM Imaginarium  
6:30 PM Sing & Rhyme Storytime

### TUE 21

10:30 AM Library Storytime  
2 PM Art Upcycle  
6 PM Books & Babies  
7 PM BYOB

### WED 22

10:30 AM Books and Babies  
2 PM MOVE  
2 PM Wednesday Wonders  
5 PM SMART Recovery  
6 PM Toddler Storytime

### THU 23

10:30 AM Toddler Storytime  
6:30 PM Library Storytime

### FRI 24

10:30 AM Dance Party for Littles  
2 PM Fun Stuff Fridays  
5 PM SMART Recovery

### SAT 25

10 AM How-To Festival  
10 AM John Jervis Guitar School  
2 PM Lego Club

### SUN 26

10:30 AM Deja's Reading Rainbow

### MON 27

11 AM Pop-Up Playground  
2 PM Imaginarium  
6:30 PM Sing & Rhyme Storytime

### TUE 28

10:30 AM Library Storytime  
2 PM Build & Bots  
6 PM Books & Babies

### WED 29

10:30 AM Books & Babies  
2 PM D&D  
2 PM Wednesday Wonders  
5 PM SMART Recovery  
6 PM Toddler Storytime  
7 PM Last Wednesday Book Club

### THU 30

10:30 AM Toddler Storytime  
4 PM RBC Gray Anatomy – Health Advocacy  
6:30 PM Library Storytime  
TBD Yoga  
ENDS June Story Stroll

## JULY

### FRI 1

10 AM RBC Coffee Break  
10:30 AM Library Storytime  
2 PM Fun Stuff Fridays  
3 PM Tween Club  
5 PM SMART Recovery  
STARTS July Story Stroll

### SAT 2

10:30 AM CuentaCuentos

### SUN 3–MON 4

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

### TUE 5

10:30 AM Library Storytime  
2 PM Art Upcycle  
6 PM Books & Babies

### WED 6

10:30 AM Books & Babies  
2 PM MOVE  
2 PM Wednesday Wonders  
4 PM Kids' Action Club  
5 PM SMART Recovery  
6 PM Toddler Storytime

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Library events are subject to change.

See [lplks.org](http://lplks.org) to confirm dates and times.



## ALL AGES

### Free Lunch

Ages 1-18

MON-FRI | Jun 6-Aug 5 | 12-1 PM

Library Lawn

*No lunch on Jul 4*

Lawrence Public Schools Summer Food Program invites anyone ages 1-18 to eat a FREE lunch Mon-Fri. Adults can get a healthy meal for \$5. No tickets or sign-up required – just show up! Sponsored by USDA Seamless Summer Option through Jun 30 and Summer Food Service Program starting Jul 1.

### Scavenger Hunt: The Cursed Treasure of Dread Pirate Roberts

Jun 1-Jul 31 | Various locations

The Dread Pirate Roberts has long been known for striking fear into the hearts of all that sail the seven seas, but did you know this cutthroat corsair is also known for hiding large amounts of treasure in landlocked states? You might shout to yourself, "INCONCEIVABLE!", but you'll never know unless you set forth and search for the cursed treasure yourself. Get a map at our Children's desk or online and start your search through town.

### Boardwalk Bubble Bash Summer Reading Sign-up & Kickoff

SAT | Jun 4 | 10 AM-12 PM

Library Lawn

Bubbles, boardwalk games, treats, and music kick off our Summer Reading season. Let's celebrate the Oceans of Possibilities available to you at the library!

### Second Saturday Sale

SAT | Jun 11, Aug 13 | 10 AM-4 PM

LPLFF Garage (7th & Kentucky)

Hot summer reads await you! All books, CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks are priced \$2 and under. Pandemic permitting, check [LPLFF.org](http://LPLFF.org) for updates.

### How-To Festival

SAT | Jun 25 | 10 AM-2 PM

Library Lawn

Join your friends, family, and neighbors to celebrate our town's incredible know-how. Locals will demonstrate a wide variety of skills/knowledge and answer questions. Learn something new this summer! See [lplks.org](http://lplks.org) for a presenter schedule. Questions? Ask Melissa: [mfisherisaacs@lplks.org](mailto:mfisherisaacs@lplks.org).



### Summer Book Sale

FRI-SAT | Jul 8-9 | 10 AM-6 PM

SUN | Jul 10 | 12-4 PM

LPLFF Garage (7th & Kentucky)

Grab the hottest poolside reads all weekend. All books, CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks are priced \$2 and under. Pandemic permitting; check [LPLFF.org](http://LPLFF.org) for updates.

### The Lead Horse Open III

TUE-WED | Jul 19-20 | Time TBD

Library Lawn

THU | Jul 21 | Time TBD

Lied Center (1600 Stewart Drive)

Lawrence Public Library in partnership with Lead Horse LLC will host the first two days of a weekday Native American powwow dancing and singing competition. This is pure competition, similar to that of a powwow, consisting of artisan and food vendors but will feature a group-play format, dividing dancers and singers into different flights to maximize competition quality, fairness, and entertainment for spectators, who will be both in-person and virtual via live-stream. Our theme will be "North vs. South", giving us a unique and unmistakable identity in the realm of cultural tourism and recreational travel by utilizing our great proximity and serving as the crossroads. The headline competition will be a \$6,000 "6 Man Band" Singing Competition sponsored by the City of Lawrence through the Transient Guest Tax Grant Program.

### Just Cook:

#### Seafood Edition

SAT | Jul 30 | 10:45 AM-1 PM

Auditorium

*10:45 AM – Storytime starts*

*11:30 AM – Cooking starts*

*Registration required if you want to cook*

Join Just Food for a special edition of their popular cooking class! In honor of Oceans of Possibilities, we'll read a fishy story together, then cook a delicious, healthy, and affordable seafood meal. Questions? Ask Hazlett: [hhenderson@lplks.org](mailto:hhenderson@lplks.org).

### Summer Reading Last Bash

SAT | Aug 20 | Time TBD

Library Lawn

You worked hard on reading this summer and we want to celebrate you! A movie, fun, and food will wrap up our awesome summer of reading and programs.

## ADULTS

### GENERAL EVENTS

### John Jervis Memorial Guitar School

SAT | Jun 25, Jul 23 | 10 AM-3 PM

Study Room 5

*Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833*

Lawrence guitar legend, John Jervis (1944-2021), lived by a willingness to share his talents – and expected nothing in return. In this spirit, local shop Guitarma is offering free, 25-minute guitar and ukulele lessons at the library. Just sign up as either a Novice, Intermediate, or Advanced player and get to learning in John's memory.

### Mindful Crafting

SAT | Jun 11, Jul 16, Aug 13 | 11 AM-12 PM

Locations included with registration

*Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833*

Join us for art making and creative play! Connect with other crafters to explore crafting/art-making as it relates to health and mindfulness. Questions? Ask Ruby: [rmackinnonlove@lplks.org](mailto:rmackinnonlove@lplks.org).

### Native Plants & the Human Connection

SAT | Jun 11 | 3-5 PM | Lawn

*If it's raining, come to the Auditorium*

Humans and native plants have a long history together – and a long future. Join us for a conversation about the role of native landscapes in local ecologies and agriculture, spiritual practices, craft-making, and more throughout time. Local experts will cover these themes in a panel discussion and lead hands-on sensory and advocacy workshops. Food and drink provided (with some native ingredients!) Questions? Ask Hazlett: [hhenderson@lplks.org](mailto:hhenderson@lplks.org).

### Wakarusa Wetlands Celebration

SUN | Jun 5 | 9-11 AM | Haskell

155 E Indian Ave | Lawrence, KS

Starting with a special land recognition at the Medicine Wheel Earthwork south of the Haskell Campus buildings, we'll next hear Dr. Daniel Wildcat, a Yuchi member of the Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma, and other local authors and artists about their work and its connection to the outside world. Lawn chairs and blankets welcome. We'll cancel if the weather's bad. Email Shirley at [sbraunlich@lplks.org](mailto:sbraunlich@lplks.org) for info.





## Repair Studio

SUN | Jun 12, Jul 10 | 2-4 PM | Mtg Room C

Bring broken items and torn clothing to our repair mentors at the library's monthly workshop for stuff in need of fixing. They can even bring things back to life! While we can't guarantee we can save everything, we can promise a fun time tinkering and learning about how things work. Questions? Want to be a Repair Mentor? Email Hazlett: [hhenderson@lplks.org](mailto:hhenderson@lplks.org).

## Genealogy & Local History Spotlight: KS Historical Society

TUE | Jun 14 | 4-5 PM | Mtg Room A

*Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833*

Want to know more about your house's history, delve into family history, or explore Lawrence's storied past? Join us to get acquainted with resources. Lauren Gray, Head of Reference at the Kansas Historical Society will be here to share resources the State Archives can offer you. Questions? Ask Melissa: [mfisherisaacs@lplks.org](mailto:mfisherisaacs@lplks.org).

## Genealogy & Local History: Research Resources

TUE | Jul 12 | 4-5 PM | Mtg Room A

*Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833*

Researching your house's history, delving into genealogy, or exploring Lawrence's storied past? Learn to use the library's digital resources to help dig into local and family history, including Ancestry Library Edition, NewspaperARCHIVE, and Sanborn Maps. We'll wrap up with a brief tour of our local history room. Questions? Ask Melissa: [mfisherisaacs@lplks.org](mailto:mfisherisaacs@lplks.org).

## Homebuyers Workshop

WED | July 16 | 10 AM-1 PM

Auditorium

*Childcare provided; register at: [tenants-to-homeowners.org/homebuyer-workshop](https://tenants-to-homeowners.org/homebuyer-workshop)*

Join Tenants to Homeowners (TTH) to learn about the steps to buying a home, why credit matters, the types of mortgage loans available, and more! This workshop is sponsored in part with US Bank. Upon completion of the workshop, a HUD-approved workshop certificate will be issued. Attending a workshop is a TTH Home Purchase Program requirement.

## BOOK CLUBS



### Nature Book Club

TUE | Jun 14 | 6:30-8 PM | Mtg Room A

We'll discuss fiction and nonfiction books connected to the natural world. Come share what you're reading and get new recommendations from Jake and Shirley. Shirley has info: [sbraunlich@lplks.org](mailto:sbraunlich@lplks.org).

### Mystery Book Club

SUN | Jul 17 | 1:30-3:30 PM

Auditorium

We look at different mystery subgenres at each meeting. Reserve a spot, pick a title from our list, and join a lively chat about each others' books. Email Shirley for info: [sbraunlich@lplks.org](mailto:sbraunlich@lplks.org).

### YA for Grownups

1st THU | 7-8 PM | Zoom

This book club is for adults who enjoy young adult (YA) fiction and exploring the variety of genres that is YA. If you've read this month's book, come participate! Our picks are available in Book Club in a Bag kits (about 10-12 copies). To reserve books or get info, just email Kimberly: [klopez@lplks.org](mailto:klopez@lplks.org).

### Social Justice Book Club

2nd SUN | 4-5 PM | Mtg Room A

This book club gets us thinking and talking about inequality and injustice in the U.S. Through nonfiction, novels, memoirs, and more, we seek multiple perspectives with multiple points of entry, and we work to center voices of marginalized communities and people throughout our exploration. Email Polli [pkenn@lplks.org](mailto:pkenn@lplks.org) for info.

Jun 12 | *The Other Black Girl*

Jul 10 | *The Great Believers*

Aug 14 | Book title TBD

### Speculative Fiction Book Club

2nd TUE | 7-8 PM | Zoom

Do you like world-building fantasy, eerie dystopias, far-out sci-fi, or just want to talk about weird books and improbable what-ifs with cool people? Email Leah for info: [lnewton@lplks.org](mailto:lnewton@lplks.org).

Jun 14 | *The Thirty Names of Night*

Jul 12 | Book title TBD

Aug 9 | Book title TBD

## Second Thursday Book Club

2nd THU | 7-8 PM | The Oread

1200 Oread Avenue

Read and discuss a new title each month over food and cocktails. Email Polli for more info: [pkenn@lplks.org](mailto:pkenn@lplks.org).

Jun 9 | *The Lincoln Highway* (tentatively)

Jul 14 | *The Midnight Library*

Aug 11 | Book title TBD

## BYOBB (BYO Book & Beverage)

3rd TUE | 7-8:30 PM | Zoom

Come unwind with the #BookSquad. We'll be sipping tea, whiskey, wine, and the sorts while we talk books. We'd love to see 'ya and hear what you've been reading (and watching) these days! Join digitally. Email Polli for the link: [pkenn@lplks.org](mailto:pkenn@lplks.org).

## Thriller Thursday Book Club

3rd THU | 7-8 PM | Mtg Room A

If you love chills, thrills, and bloody spills, join our fun group for deep dives into the macabre. We'll bounce back and forth between fun themes and popular titles, from horror to suspense to mystery thrillers. A reading and theme list is coming soon. Christina's got info: [cjames@lplks.org](mailto:cjames@lplks.org).

## Last Wednesday Book Club

Last WED | 7-8 PM

Auditorium & Zoom

Join the library's longest-running adult book club! Selections range from beloved classics to modern favorites. Anyone who's read the current month's book is invited to participate. Contact Polli for more info: [pkenn@lplks.org](mailto:pkenn@lplks.org).

Jun 29 | *The Line Becomes A River*

Jul 27 | *Meet Me at the Museum*

Aug 31 | *The Other Black Girl*

## HEALTH SPOT

### Community Resource Clinic

TUE | Monthly starting Jun 14 | 3-5 PM  
Library Lobby

Drop in to the Lawrence Public Library for assistance with your critical needs and getting connected to community resources, such as legal assistance, transportation services, healthcare, and more! Each month will feature a different lineup of resource related topics and social service agencies.



## SMART Recovery

WED | 5-6:30 PM | Mtg Room C & Zoom  
FRI | 5-6:30 PM | Zoom

Self Management and Recovery Training supports individuals who've chosen to abstain or are considering abstinence from any type of addictive behavior, such as substance abuse or gambling addiction. Learn to change self-defeating thinking, emotions, and actions. Work towards long-term quality and satisfaction. No need to register. Questions? Email Theresa for more info: [tbird@lplks.org](mailto:tbird@lplks.org).

## Yoga Time

THU | Jun 30, Jul 28, Aug 25 | Time TBD  
Auditorium

Join us as an instructor from Bluestem Yoga guides us to stretch, strengthen, and breathe our way through yoga moves. No experience needed, but please bring a mat. Questions? Theresa has answers: [tbird@lplks.org](mailto:tbird@lplks.org).

## Community Blood Drive

TUE | Aug 2 | 12-4 PM  
Auditorium

Give the gift of life! There's a nation-wide shortage of blood and your donation makes all the difference. The Community Blood Center must collect almost 600 units of blood daily to meet the needs of area hospital patients. As there is no substitute for blood, they rely on volunteer donors like you to supply life-saving blood and blood components to hospitals in Kansas and Missouri. Appointments preferred, but not required; book yours online now at [savealifenow.org/group](http://savealifenow.org/group) and enter Group Code: TPU9.



## TECHNOLOGY

### One-on-One Technology Assistance

By Appointment

Meet with LPL IT staff for up to 60 minutes for personal help with any tech needs. Ask questions about your software, gadgets, and common tasks like how to download ebooks, use your smartphone, or set up an email account. Call our Tech Desk or visit [lplks.org/one-on-one](http://lplks.org/one-on-one) to get more info or make an appointment.



## SOUND+VISION

### SOUND+VISION Basics

SUN | Jul 10, Aug 7 | 4:30-5:30 PM

S+V Studio

Did you know there's a free audio/visual recording studio at the library?! Take a tour and find out how to book a session. We'll cover microphones, popular A/V software, and lots more.

### Modular Synthesis 101

SUN | Jul 17 | 4:30-5:30 PM

S+V Studio

Check out the library's SOUND+VISION custom, red synthesizer. Learn what the different modules do, how to connect them, and how to get started using this one-of-a-kind instrument.

### Intro to the new SOUND+VISION "Videocast" Studio

SUN | Aug 21 | 4:30-5:30 PM

S+V Studio

Interested in recording a podcast, video, or even a video podcast? The SOUND+VISION Studio at LPL now has an entirely NEW studio space just for you! Come check it out and learn what YOU can create. Ryan White from Rode microphones will join studio staff for this very special event.

## RETIREMENT BOOT CAMP

Made possible by the Capitol Federal Foundation

### Coffee Break

FRI | Jun 3-Aug 26 | 10-11 AM | Zoom

Brew up a cup o' joe and hang out in our weekly coffee group via Zoom. There is no agenda, so topics can range from books to bierocks. It's a great place to get local suggestions and meet new friends. Sign up with Cathy: [chamilton@lplks.org](mailto:chamilton@lplks.org).



## Garden Varieties

Dates and locations TBD

Let's get outside! Together we'll discover parks, gardens, and green spaces in and around Lawrence and take advantage of this warmer weather. Contact Cathy for details: [chamilton@lplks.org](mailto:chamilton@lplks.org).

## Pop Up Bingo

Dates and times TBD | Zoom

Everyone's favorite library Bingo caller, Cathy Hamilton, invites you to join her for virtual pop up bingo sessions. Wild costumes and creative cocktails optional. Email Cathy for more info: [chamilton@lplks.org](mailto:chamilton@lplks.org).

## Dessert & A Movie

WED | Jun 8, Jul 13, Aug 10 | 7-8 PM

Zoom

Whip up your favorite dessert and join friends to discuss the Kanopy film of the month. This cool movie streaming service is free with your library card! Thank you to Jeff and Mary Weinberg for making Kanopy possible for all library patrons!



## Wine Around the World

THU | Jun 9, Jul 21, Aug 18 | 5-6 PM

Zoom

Join the library's wildly popular wine-tasting group! Each month, we take a virtual tour of one of the world's wine regions with Steve Wilson of City Wine Market. Wine purchases are optional.

## Gray Anatomy: Health Advocacy

THU | Jun 30 | 4-5 PM | Zoom

Series resumes September 2022

Jill Ice, community educator for the Care Partner Project and owner of Sunflower Health Advocates, will share practical info on how to partner with doctors and nurses to get the best health care possible.

## Field Trips!

Dates and locations TBD

It's summer, so let's go explore! We'll meet up at various spots in and around Lawrence. It's a great way to discover your community and meet new friends. Sign up with Cathy for time and location info: [chamilton@lplks.org](mailto:chamilton@lplks.org).



# TEENS

Teen events are for youth in grades 6–12



## Discord

Grades 6–12

Ongoing | Discord

The Teen Zone Discord server is a safe place where Lawrence teens can make new friends, share art and writing, and play games. It's a great way to visit the Teen Zone without leaving the house! Get an invite at [lplks.org/teen-discord-server](https://lplks.org/teen-discord-server).

## Teen Advisory Board

Grades 6–12

SUN | Jun 5, Jul 10, Aug 7 | 1–2 PM

Readers' Theater

Join TAB to help make the Teen Zone an even better place for teens! Meetings every first Sunday that the library is open. Apply: [lplks.org/teen-advisory-board](https://lplks.org/teen-advisory-board).

## Upcycle Art

Grades 6–12

TUE | Jun 7, 21; Jul 5, 19 | 2–4 PM

Auditorium or Readers' Theater

Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833

Reduce, reuse, and upcycle! Make art from recycled materials and *literally* turn trash into treasure. Learn new techniques and meet local artists. If you've ever wanted to make your own paper or find ways to keep single-use plastics out of landfills, this program is for you! AND you'll get to display your masterpieces at the end of the summer in the Teen Zone's first-ever art show.

Jun 7 | DIY Recycled Paper

Jun 21 | Artist Traci Bunkers

Jul 5 | CD & DVD Upcycling

Jul 19 | Artist Sara Gillum (Rainbow Strings)

## MOVE

Grades 6–12

WED | Jun 8, 22; Jul 6, 20 | 2–3:30 PM

Readers' Theater or Lawn

Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833

Come MOVE with us as we take on yoga, Just Dance, acting games, and a dance workshop. Discover how you like to groove and make fun memories along the way. Check [lplks.org](https://lplks.org) for more details.

Jun 8 | Yoga w/ Instructor

Jun 22 | Movement & Theatre

Jul 6 | Just Dance

Jul 20 | Dance Workshop w/ Instructor

## Fun Stuff Fridays!

Grades 6–12

FRI | Jun 10–Jul 29 | 2–4 PM

Auditorium or Lawn

Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833

Every Friday we will be kicking back and having fun. Whether it is making ice cream in a bag or having an epic pirate battle, you're guaranteed to have a great time.

Jun 10 | DIY Pride Flags & Zines

Jun 17 | Story Oceanarium

Jun 24 | Plants 101 w/ Jungle House

Jul 1 | Homemade Ice Cream Making

Jul 8 | Bubble Tea Party

Jul 15 | Slime

Jul 22 | Pirate Battle

Jul 29 | Minute to Win It!

## Build & Bots Workshop

Grades 6–12

TUE | Jun 14, 28; Jul 12, 26 | 2–4 PM

Auditorium

Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833

Using tech tools such as Makey Makey, Microscopes, and household items, we'll make S.T.E.M. toys. We'll also use Sphero, Cubelets, and Lego Mindstorm robots and challenge ourselves with robotics obstacles!

## D&D Club

Grades 6–12

WED | Jun 15, 29; Jul 13, 27 | 2–4 PM

Readers' Theater & Zoom

Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833

Hail and well met! Transform yourself into a magical character and join in the epic adventure for 5th edition D&D. All are welcome—from seasoned adventurers to first-timers. Character sheets must be completed by the start of the session to play. We'll run an in-person game and online game separately and simultaneously. In-person and online game sign-ups will be listed separately. Email Margo for details: [mmoore@lplks.org](mailto:mmoore@lplks.org).



# KIDS



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Story Stroll with LMH Health

All ages

Jun 1–Jul 31 | Various locations

Get your walking shoes ready! Take a stroll, read a picture book, and do some fun activities all at the same time. You even have a chance to win a prize basket from LMH Health. Visit [lplks.org](https://lplks.org) for locations.

### Pop Up Adventure Playground presented by City Playcorps

Ages 4–12

FRI | Jun 17, Jul 8 | 11 AM–1 PM

MON | Jun 27, Jul 25 | 11 AM–1 PM

Library Lawn

Bring the kids to a giant land of tires, rope, cardboard boxes, tubes, crates, spools, wood, fabric, and duct tape! They'll be free to explore, create, and play in a playground of their own making with no adults allowed. Certified playworkers will be there to oversee, but not intervene. Grown-ups can play, too, if they're invited by their kiddo. It's a new way to play in an old-fashioned way.



### Stuffy Storytime & Clinic

Ages 3+

MON | Jun 20 | 10:30–11:30 AM

Auditorium

Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833

Bring your best-loved stuffed friend with you to hear stories and get a check-up for your stuffy from our friends at LMH Health.

## Deja's Reading Rainbow

All ages

SUN | Jun 26 | 10:30-11 AM

Auditorium

Join host Deja Brooks as she reads and performs stories embracing our local LGBT community and celebrating families of all kinds. Deja's Reading Rainbow is a storytime about love and friendship, being different and belonging, being unique and accepted, but also colors, fun, and rainbows!

## Dance Party for Littles

Ages 0-5

FRI | Jun 24, Jul 29 | 10:30-11:30 AM

Library Lawn

Summer dance party fun! Bubbles, music, and your favorite LPL storytellers are ready to boogie with you on the Library Lawn. If the temperature hits 85+ degrees, we'll move into the Auditorium.

## Water Fight!

Age 5-11

SAT | Jul 9 | 11 AM-12 PM

Library Lawn

It's a battle royale on the Library Lawn! Bring a towel and a water bottle, squirt gun, or spray bottle to wage an all-out water war on anyone who dares! LPL will provide the water and a small assortment of equipment. Please leave your water balloons, super soakers, and high-powered water devices at home.

## SUMMER CLUBS

Jun 6-Jul 25

## IMAGINARIUM MONDAYS

Ages 8-11

No session 7/4

We're exploring our summer theme, "Oceans of Possibilities", each week with live animals, art, science experiments, games, and more. Many special guests will join us, including Mad Science, the University of Kansas Natural History Museum, the Spencer Museum of Art, Prairie Park Nature Center, and Exploration Place of Wichita.



## Mad Science Kickoff

Ages 8-11

MON | Jun 6 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833

Mad Science has awesome experiments to share with us! Join us for an hour of foggy dry ice storms, floating beach balls, sizzling scissors, and more.

## Martial Arts Day

Ages 8-11

MON | Jun 13 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833

Premier Martial Arts will lead us in learning about self-defense, safe practices, and more in this workshop!

## Ancient Oceans of Kansas

Ages 8-11

MON | Jun 20 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833

Let's go back in time millions of years. We'll take a look at what life was like in Kansas when the land was covered by two different ancient oceans – one about 300 million years ago and another about 85 million years ago. You'll get a kit that contains real fossils! Led by paleontologist and museum outreach coordinator Eleanor Gardner from the University of Kansas Natural History Museum.

## Extreme Ocean Animals

Ages 8-11

MON | Jun 27 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833

Explore the strange and amazing world of ocean animals with us! We'll learn about the fascinating animals that live in the sea (including live jellyfish!), super-powered animals, and animals that live in extreme depths. Biologists from the University of Kansas will be our expert guides on our ocean adventure.

## Rainbow Strings Recycled Art

Ages 8-11

MON | Jul 11 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833

Join Sara of Rainbow Strings Lawrence to learn about her repurposed plastic waste art project \*and\* make our own rainbow strings to keep! We'll also explore and make art made from recycled materials with the Spencer Museum of Art.



IMAGE: scientificamerican.com

## Wetlands Day with Live Animals

Ages 8-11

MON | Jul 18 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833

Prairie Park Nature Center will teach us about the wetlands \*and\* bring live animals! Come learn about this unique habitat and what we can do to protect it.

## Bioluminescence Lab with Exploration Place

Ages 8-11

MON | Jul 25 | 2-4 PM | Auditorium

Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833

Dive into the depths of the ocean, where animals create their own light and where creatures transform sunlight into a full spectrum of colors – a process known as Bio-luminescence and Bio-florescence. We'll create a light-capturing device, analyze how organisms can transform light into many colors, and create their own light source to take home with them. Travel with experts from Exploration Place of Wichita to explore the exotic creatures of the deep!

Jun 8-Jul 27

## WEDNESDAY WONDERS

Ages 5-7

Are you ready to dive into an ocean of possibilities? We'll learn something new each week, have fun, create a story together, then vote on where the tale twists next. You get to choose! Plus we'll have plenty of special guests to help us on our journey!

## Topeka Zoo

WED | Jun 8 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833

Armed with facts and cute critters, Topeka Zoo will bring \*live animals\* from the water and the land. The possibilities for fun are endless! After they wrap up, we'll start our choose-our-own-adventure tale.

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## The Ancient Sea beneath Your Feet

WED | Jun 15 | 2-3 PM  
KU's NHM Panorama Gallery  
1345 Jayhawk Blvd

*Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833*

Meet us at KU's Natural History Museum! Did you know Lawrence was covered by seawater millions of years ago? Eleanor, a museum earth scientist, will teach us all about the ancient ocean preserved under our feet, show us some cool fossil sea creatures, and identify rocks for us! Please only bring 2 rocks for identification.

## Paint / Draw An Ocean

WED | Jun 22 | 2-3 PM | TBD

*Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833*

Grab a pencil/paintbrush! We're getting an art lesson from one of our favorites, Matt Lord. He'll help us create the perfect ocean scene.

## Oceans of Art

WED | Jun 29 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

*Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833*

Create magical ocean art with the Spencer Museum of Art. We'll dive deep into their collection and create masterpieces together!

## Jellies & Lanterns

WED | Jul 6 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

*Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833*

From cute to creepy, we're learning about jellyfish and lanternfish from two scientists who specialize in both! If you've ever wanted to learn how a jellyfish stings or how lanternfish light up the deep, this is the program for you.

## Rainbow Strings: Recycled Art

WED | Jul 13 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

*Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833*

We're upcycling plastic lids with Sara of Rainbow Strings Lawrence to make our own rainbow strings to keep! Plus we'll learn about her repurposed plastic waste art project.

## Zero Waste Park Picnic

WED | Jul 20 | 2-3 PM | TBD

*Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833*

BYOBCU – Bring your own blanket, cups, and utensils! We'll provide the snacks. There will be outdoor games, activities, and food with as little trash as possible to save our oceans.



## Aquatic Plants with Jungle House

WED | Jul 27 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

*Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833*

Experts from Jungle House will teach us about aquatic plants. We'll get up-close and personal with plants to take home!

## YEAR-ROUND CLUBS

### Kids' Action Club

Ages 8-11

WED | Jun 8, Jul 6, Aug 3 | 4-5 PM | TBA

*Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833*

Do you want to help make life in Lawrence better? Join Kids' Action Club to meet local leaders, meet new friends, and carry out some amazing service projects both big and small. Join KAC and let's see what cool things we can do!

### Lego Club

Ages 5-11

THU | Jun 9, Jul 14 | 2-3:30 PM

SAT | Jun 25, Jul 30 | 2-3:30 PM

Readers' Theater

*Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833*

Everything is awesome at Lego Club! Bring your imagination to build with our Legos and display your creations at the library until the next session.

### Mysterious Mustache Book Club

Ages 8-11

SUN | Jun 12, Jul 17, Aug 21 | 1:30-2:30 PM

Location TBD

*Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833*

Do you love getting into the world of a book? Would you like to chat with other book lovers and be part of a book club? To find out about getting a copy of our book club title or the link to participate, ask at the front children's desk or email Jenny at [jcook@lplks.org](mailto:jcook@lplks.org).

## Tween Club

Ages 8-11 or Grades 3-5

FRI | Jun 17, Jul 1, Jul 15 | 3-4 PM

Readers' Theater

*Free, but register online or at 785-843-3833*

A club just for tweens where you meet up, hang out, play games, and craft with friends.

## STORYTIMES

*Starts Jun 5 and will be on break in August*

### Sing & Rhyme Storytime

All ages

MON | 6:30-7 PM | Readers' Theater

*No session 7/4*

Explore movement, play, and the joy of active music-making with Singing Sarah.

### Library Storytime

Ages 3+ with their families

TUE, FRI | 10:30-11:15 AM

THU | 6:30-7:15 PM

Readers' Theater

*No session 6/24, 7/29*

Join Ms. Linda as she shares her favorite stories and rhymes.

### Books & Babies

Birth-23 months with their families

TUE | 6-6:30 PM

WED | 10:30-11 AM

Readers' Theater

Bounce and sing to stories with Anita.

### Toddler Storytime

Toddlers with their families

WED | 6-6:30 PM

THU | 10:30-11 AM

Readers' Theater

Stories, songs, and MORRISTHE MONKEY! The perfect wiggly storytime for toddlers.

### CuentaCuentos Spanish Storytime

All ages

*Todas las edades son bienvenidas*

1st & 3rd SAT | 10:30-11:15 AM

Readers' Theater

*No session 6/4*

Disfruta de algunas historias y canciones en español con Trevin. Enjoy stories and songs in Spanish with Trevin.



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FRI-SUN 10 AM-6 PM

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## Boardwalk Bubble Bash Summer Reading Sign-up & Kickoff

SAT | Jun 4 | 10 AM-12 PM | Library Lawn

Come see **Dottie**, our new mobile library! She comes with an **ocean of possibilites** for making it easier for you to use the library. Hear about Dottie's upcoming plans and schedule, and enjoy bubbles, treats, boardwalk games, and music, too!



Learn more about Dottie at  
[lplks.org/outreach](http://lplks.org/outreach)