

LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY READER

LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS CALENDAR • SPRING • MAR–MAY 2023

Success Stories

2022 Library Annual Impact Report

Oh what a night! Dottie's Ribbon Cutting and our Last Bash Movie on the Lawn brought us together on a large scale for the first time since the start of the pandemic.

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MON-THU 10 AM-8 PM

FRI-SUN 10 AM-6 PM

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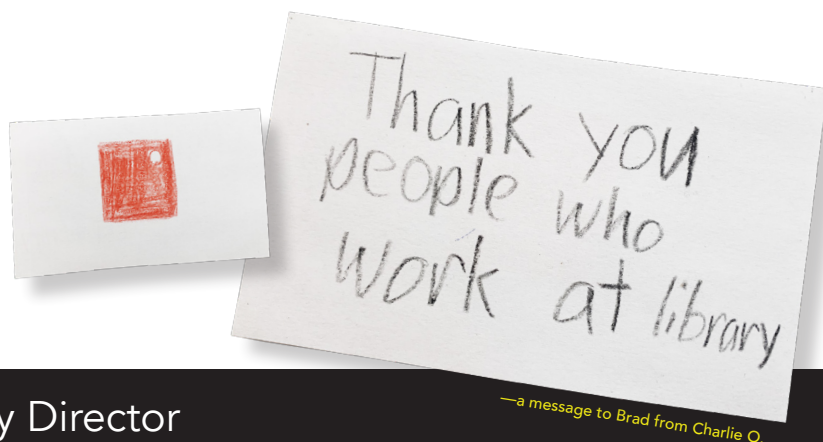
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ABOUT US: Lawrence Public Library (LPL for short) is a community hub that believes in the power of connecting with each other through shared knowledge and resources. Located in the heart of Downtown Lawrence, Kansas, we're committed to providing a space where everyone 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, the LPL Friends & Foundation's record-breaking book sales and philanthropic efforts, and dedicated efforts of more than 300 volunteers.

Imagine more.

Learn, connect, create, and grow



Annual Letter from Your Library Director



Nearly three years removed from the onset of a global pandemic, yet its effect continues to linger. Despite this, I am pleased to report that our two most recent initiatives went into operation last year.

Our outreach truck, Dottie, finally hit the streets in late summer and is out and about providing access to library collections and resources. You will not miss Dottie when you see her rolling along our city streets.

The Children's Picture Book Room has been refurbished with lovely new custom built wooden shelves. They wrap the room in a big book hug. The new furniture resembles oversized river pebbles and are a joy to sit on. Our goal was to promote the love of books and reading in this space. I hope you'll take time to visit each of these new features of our library.

As we look to the future, a major goal for the upcoming year is to welcome everyone back to our building here in Downtown Lawrence and reclaim the library's prominence as a community anchor and hub. It's time for us all to see and celebrate each other and our beloved community again in real life.

See you at the library!

A handwritten signature of Brad Allen in black ink.

Brad Allen

Executive Director, Lawrence Public Library

LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Best Deal in Town

Whether you're an avid reader, computer user, or never miss a library program, here's a look at what our offerings could cost you if you don't use the library.

\$204
12 BOOKS, ADULT
\$144
12 BOOKS, YOUNG ADULT
\$8160
480 BOOKS, KIDS
\$294
12 EBOOKS & EAUDIOBOOKS
\$96
24 MOVIES
\$300
12 60-MINUTE MEETINGS
\$168
24 PROGRAMS, KIDS
\$144
12 COMPUTER HOURS
\$360
24 PROGRAMS, ADULTS
\$125
25 MAGAZINES
\$114
12 NEWSPAPERS
\$720
12 VIDEOGAMES

**IMAGINE MORE WITH
A LIBRARY CARD!**

SOURCE: i.lovelibraries.org/what-libraries-do/calculator

FROM LEFT:

Imani Wadud (LPLFF Board of Directors), Ursula Minor (Library Board Trustee), Courtney Shipley (former Mayor), and David Vance (Library Board Vice Chair) at Dottie's Launch, August 2022.

PHOTO CREDIT: Ann Dean



1,109,860

total items circulated

243,554

Digital Audio, Video & eBooks



866,306
Books, CDs, DVDs & More

906 free library events

100% funded by the Lawrence Public Library Friends & Foundation



29,547 humans
attended free library events



300 fun-seekers
partied at Summer Reading Kick-Off



20,307 minds
grew at kid & teen programs



256 storytimes
offered to our youngest readers

360,764

total in-person visits

748,515

total website visits

30,254

public computer sessions

81,390

total questions answered
in person and by phone

41,602

cardholders

5,148

new library cards made

40,259

library blog page views

9,996

Seed Library packs made
and picked up by patrons

15,339 total volunteer hours contributed*



*shelving • hello desk • event support • book sales • seed library • AND MORE!

On the Road with Dottie

16 library staff

64 cards renewed

64 total stops

238 unique users

19 locations

928 items borrowed

45 new cards made

230 Dr. Bob Reads book giveaways





\$375,000*

Total amount given to the library from generous private gifts & library book sales.

How Lawrence Public Library helped Lawrence learn, connect, create, and grow...

Provided more than 122,009 hours of staff service to meet the needs of our library patrons.

Saved taxpayers over \$225,000 with library volunteers giving 15,339 hours of their time (based on \$15/hour wage.)

Performed 904 notarizations. With a \$6 average cost to get something notarized in Lawrence, the library saved our community members approximately \$5,424 last year.

Established Juneteenth as a library holiday thanks to the Library Board of Trustees agreeing with our recommendation. The library hopes its reverence and observance of this holiday will encourage the same from our community.

Showcased the early literacy practices of singing, talking, reading, writing, and playing at 256 librarian-led storytimes.

Cleaned an average of 12 staff hours each morning before the library opened to ensure the building was ready for patrons and staff.

Facilitated over 105,000 pages of printing (not counting mobile printing.) With lower prices post-pandemic, the library saved our community nearly \$8,000 in printing costs.

Reopened the SOUND+VISION Studio to provide patrons ten sessions each day across five unique audio/visual spaces, including a brand new Videocast Studio (see back cover for details!)

Prepped 183,411 holds for pick up – 143,303 got picked up.

Renewed 8,600 existing library cards.

Improved response rate to patron demand for specific titles by making new reporting mechanisms for wait times on holds.

Grew library collections by an additional 37,000+ items: 27,000 physical and 10,000 digital.

Expanded access to the library with Dottie, our mobile library. Andrea Rogers, Cottonwood Supervisor, told us, "Dottie is a hit! It's more than just the Library coming to visit every two weeks. Our clients look forward to the visit, actually reading and being interested in reading more, and most importantly, taking responsibility for books by returning them at the next visit."

Created an Equity Commitment Policy, which threads equity through all that we do, and shares some of the actions we take to support our goal of being a more equitable, inclusive, and antiracist organization.

Generated excitement for adults around books and reading, with 540 attendees at October's Booktoberfest events. Partnering with the Friends & Foundation for their 50 years of service was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our community.

Maintained reliable network connectivity and supported all essential computer equipment and programs necessary for Lawrence to work, play, and learn at the library.

Strove to sustain a clean, welcoming building for Lawrence to visit while enriching themselves however they choose.

Maintained a safe environment so that all patrons can feel comfortable in the library.

LIBRARY REVENUES*

Intergovernmental	5,159,078
Charges for Services	19,192
Fees & Lost Items	25,131
Donations & Grants	513,328
Other	198,899

Total Revenues **\$5,736,618**

LIBRARY EXPENDITURES*

Salaries & Fringe Benefits	3,836,593
Library Materials	758,862
Library Programs	580,984
General Operations & Bldg Maintenance	586,339
Capital Improvement	136,106

Total Expenditures **\$5,898,884**

*Figures are based on unaudited 2022 Revenue and Expenditures and Outside and Private Funding statements.

Annual Letter from the Library Friends & Foundation



Perfect partners. Lawrence, Kansas, you are amazing. Once again, you stepped up to support your public library in a big way in 2022. The collective lift you provided through your tax dollars, donations, and volunteer time made so much possible.

Thanks to you, Lawrence Public Library is stronger than ever. You support our hard working staff, maintain this beautiful building, and sustain our community's excellent collection of books and resources through your tax dollars. This essential public support sustains our core library operations.

Thanks to you, thousands of kids and teens participate in storytimes, book clubs, and fantastic educational programs. Adults enjoy author programs, Booktoberfest, and incredible services like the SOUND+VISION Studio. Our seniors stay active, engaged and connected through Retirement Boot Camp. These essential programs and services are supported by your private gifts to the library.

Thanks to you, the Friends & Foundation hosted epic community book sales. You not only donated your gently used books, but also gave thousands of hours of volunteer time to organize online and on-site book sales, earning nearly \$200,000 for the library.

This perfect public-private partnership is the secret to the library's success. Thank you for your support, your faith, and your trust in Lawrence Public Library.

You make a world of difference.

Kathleen

Kathleen O'Leary Morgan
Deputy Director, Lawrence Public Library

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

\$146,000 in unrestricted block grants
\$57,000 given to support youth programs & services
\$199,000 in book sale proceeds; up 33% from 2021**
15,339 total volunteer hours worked at book sales and in the library

*Unaudited total

**Our book sale volunteers' creativity in finding new ways to sell books to help the library was endless: Second Saturday Sales, Downhall Books, the new Friends Express bookstore in the lobby, personal shopping appointments, Seasons Readings, and three successful major book sales. In addition, online book sales hit a new record.



Colson Whitehead at Liberty Hall
2022 Ross & Marianna Beach Author



Library Lovefest
2022 After Hours Fundraiser



Booktoberfest Boogie Wonderland
& LPLFF 50th Anniversary Disco



Library Lovefest
2022 After Hours Fundraiser

FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONATIONS & BOOK SALE PURCHASES

- \$146,000 block grants to the library
- Children's Picture Book Room renovation
- Summer Reading Program
- Summer Reading prizes
- Sing & Rhyme Storytime
- Read Across Lawrence
- Joy Harjo author talk
- Retirement Boot Camp
- Colson Whitehead talk (Beach Author)
- Kanopy video streaming service
- Teen Zone refresh
- Kansas Reads to Preschoolers
- Dr. Bob READs books for kids getting their first library card
- Deja's Reading Rainbow
- eBooks & eAudiobook support
- Teen Zone tech upgrades
- SOUND+VISION Studio equipment
- Booktoberfest
- Junior Author Camp
- Sara Paretsky (author talk)
- Dr. Bob READs kid giveaway books for Dottie
- Staff birthday coffee gift cards
- Fish feeding
- Weave a Tale Workshop
- Dottie (mobile library) maintenance & equipment
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library grant
- RFID pad replacements
- Staff Day support
- Tuition support for staff attending library school
- Upgrades to online catalog
- Coffee maker for staff
- Equity audit for collection

Made possible
because of **YOU.**



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.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

● **Make a *one-time* gift by check or credit/debit card:**

- ☐ \$25 — Short Story
- ☐ \$50 — Novel
- ☐ \$100 — Bestseller
- ☐ \$500 — Classic
- ☐ \$1000 — New Chapter Society

● **Make a *monthly* gift and become a Page Turner:**

- ☐ \$25 (credit/debit only)
- ☐ \$15 (credit/debit only)
- ☐ \$10 (minimum; credit/debit only)
- ☐ \$ _____ **other** (credit/debit only)

● ***Paying by credit/debit card? Provide card info below or visit LPLFF.org/give and make your gift online.***

CARD # _____

EXP DATE _____ 3-DIGIT CODE _____

● ***Please direct my gift to:***

- ☐ immediate needs ☐ endowment ☐ no preference

● ***YES! Send me information about:***

- ☐ volunteering ☐ including the library in my estate plan

TOTAL AMOUNT — \$

My gift to the Lawrence Public Library Friends & Foundation

Friends & Foundation
LPLFF.org

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Snip and send this form to:

LPL Friends & Foundation
PO Box 973
Lawrence, KS 66044

Thank you.



"We've always been library people."

Jeff and Mary Weinberg's support for Lawrence Public Library grew out of lifelong careers in education and a love affair with public libraries.



by Kathleen Morgan | Deputy Director

Jeff Weinberg grew up going to the Carnegie Library in Coffeyville, Kansas. "As a youth, the public library was a magic place with towering green metal shelves of books and dead silence. No talking was allowed, enforced by the librarian on guard at the entrance who occasionally inspected hands before children were allowed to touch the books," he said with a chuckle.

Twenty miles west in Caney, Kansas, Mary Weinberg remembers visiting her public library. "It was part of the high school," she said. "It had very few books so you could only check out one at a time."

These early library memories, together with mothers who were passionate readers, had a profound effect on their life and work.

Both Jeff and Mary chose careers in education. Beginning as a high school English teacher, Mary ended her teaching career by working in the Reading Center at West Junior High with all seventh grade students. "One of our goals there was to help students develop the habit of reading every day in order to become lifelong readers," she said.

Jeff's 50-year-long career at KU provided a variety of opportunities to serve students: in the offices of financial aid and student affairs, as assistant to the Chancellor, and as a teaching fellow in the university's Honors Program. "One of my primary goals as a teacher was to turn students on to books," he said. "There is power in literature."

As long-time Lawrence residents, the Weinbergs are committed to giving back to their community both as volunteers and donors. At Lawrence Public Library, the Weinbergs and the Jedel Family Foundation provide an annual grant to support **Kanopy**, the library's video streaming service that gives anyone with a library card access to thousands of high quality films.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Jeff. "**Kanopy** offers movies, biographies, Great Courses, documentaries and educational children's programs. It's magic; a wonderful way to learn about things you don't know anything about. Our hope is that more people will discover and enjoy **Kanopy** – and it's all free with your library card."


"It's hard to adequately express how incredible Jeff and Mary's annual support for **Kanopy** is for this town," said Brad Allen, library director. "When we first started thinking about offering video content, we wanted to be sure it was high quality and educational. **Kanopy** checks all those boxes. It is a jewel in our collection."

"We want the entire community to use the library," said Mary. "It's a beautiful building that is a destination for everyone in Lawrence. But really, it's what's inside that counts. The wealth of information there is incredible. You'll never know what you'll find."

Lawrence Public Library is so grateful for Jeff and Mary Weinberg's generous **Kanopy** support. It's a gift that everyone in our community can use and enjoy. ■


Are you interested in making a gift to the library?

Contact Kathleen Morgan, executive director of the Lawrence Public Library Friends & Foundation, at **785-843-3033 x 131** or **kmorgan@lplks.org**.



Get free access to thousands of movies with your library card.

(Thanks to Jeff and Mary Weinberg!)



Newly Added World Cinema >

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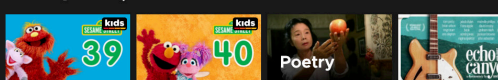
Back on Kanopy for a Limited Time >

Leaving This Month >

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ALL AGES

Music at Your Library

SUN | Mar 5 | 1-2 PM
Auditorium

Free and open to the public! Students from the String Department of the KU School of Music play pieces from their repertoire.

St. Patrick's Day Céilí Party

All ages

MON | Mar 6 | 6-7 PM
Auditorium

In Irish, the word "céilí" (KAY-LEE) means party! In partnership with Lawrence Arts Center, celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a free Irish Step Dance performance and participate in traditional Irish group dances led by Annie Stark. Performance lasts 30 minutes with group activities to follow.



LPL Con!

FRI | Mar 10 | 6-8 PM (Teens only)
SAT | Mar 11 | 4-8 PM (All ages)
Library-wide

Free, but registration required
Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Whether you go to Cons all the time or LPL Con is your first one, we're bringing you a free comic con-style experience with all the library perks. From regionally and nationally known cosplayers, panels hosted by experts, tabletop and console gaming, to fandom artist alley, a cosplay contest with prizes, and more – LPL Con will have it all! This family-friendly con celebrates all media and fandoms. Watch for a full schedule with special guests at our online events calendar at lpls.org.

Second Saturday Book Sale

SAT | Mar 11 | 10 AM-4 PM
LPLFF Garage (7th & Kentucky)

You only have one day to shop the Friends garage for unbeatable deals on books, CDs and DVDs. Get all the details at LPLFF.org.

KU University Orchestra

WED | Mar 29 | 6:45-7:45 PM
Auditorium

The KU University Orchestra, an ensemble open to all enrolled students at University of Kansas, has the pursuit of stretching the classical canon and bringing it to the Lawrence community.

PlanetPalooza

MON | Apr 3 | 7:30-9 PM
Vermont Street Parking Garage
Top Level (725 Vermont Street)

Join the Astronomy Associates of Lawrence to view Venus, Mars, an almost-full moon, and the Orion Nebula! Live from the top of the parking garage. Dress in layers in case it's chilly. Open to all ages, no registration required. Questions? Just email Theresa at tbird@lpls.org.

An Evening with Author Jacqueline Woodson

THU | Apr 20 | 7-8:30 PM
Liberty Hall (646 Massachusetts)

Join us for the 7th installment of our Ross and Marianna Author Series featuring Jacqueline Woodson, the National Book Award-Winning author of *Brown Girl Dreaming*, and Newbery Honor-winning titles *After Tupac and D Foster*, *Feathers*, and *Show Way*. Her picture books *The Day You Begin* and *The Year We Learned to Fly* were New York Times bestsellers. After serving as the Young People's Poet Laureate from 2015 to 2017, she was named the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature by the Library of Congress for 2018-19. Woodson was awarded the Hans Christian Andersen Medal in 2020, and later that year was named a MacArthur Fellow. Woodson will be in conversation with Giselle Anatol, the director of the J. Wayne & Elsie M. Gunn Center for the Study of Science Fiction, and the interim director of KU's Hall Center for the Humanities. The Raven Bookstore will have copies of Woodson's books for sale and a signing will follow her talk.



Spring Book Sale

FRI-SAT | Apr 21-22 | 10 AM-6 PM
SUN | Apr 23 | 12-4 PM
LPLFF Garage (7th & Kentucky Streets)

Spring reads are blooming at our first major sale of the year. All books, CDs, DVDs and audiobooks are priced \$2 and under. Details at LPLFF.org.

2023 Ross & Marianna Beach Author Series presents

JACQUELINE WOODSON

April 20



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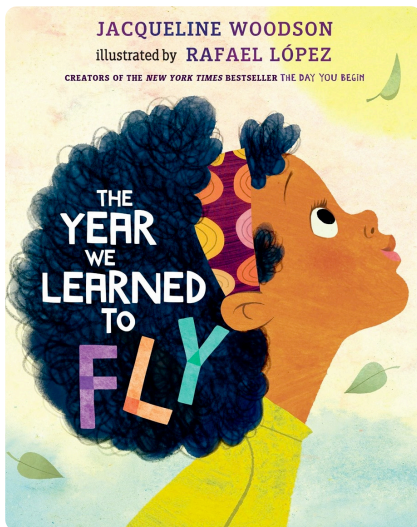
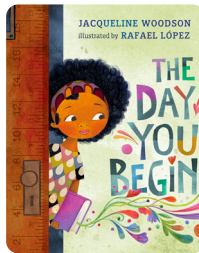
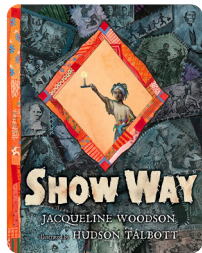
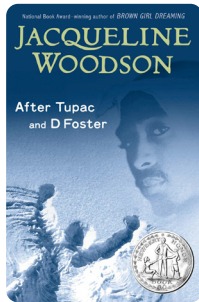
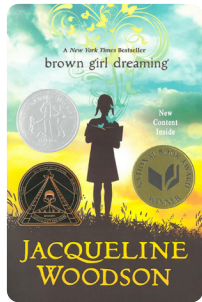
Moments of Mindfulness

SUN | May 7, 21 | 2-3 PM

Library Lawn

*Free, but registration required
Sign up online or at 785-843-3833*

Join teacher Mariel Ferreiro for two ways to explore mindfulness and meditation. Our May 7 session offers traditional seated meditation in nature and using our senses to relax the body and clear the mind. Our May 21 session offers a walking meditation using movement and sight to find a state of peace and tranquility. Session include a brief history on meditation to honor the various lineages and roots of the practice. Children welcome with adult supervision. Questions? Email Marc at mveloz@lplks.org.



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Adopt A House Plant

SAT | May 20 | 1-3 PM

Auditorium

Join our Community Resources Specialist, Marc Veloz, for our first-ever "plant swap". Come pick up an indoor plant, exchange or drop off a plant you no longer want – even share some plant cuttings with your fellow patrons! Questions? Email Marc at mveloz@lplks.org.

Emojis for Everyone

DATE TBD | 6:30 PM

Auditorium

Language and technology change quickly, and it can be easy to feel like you're out of the loop. Emojis are a perfect example – for many Gen Z'ers, emojis are a natural part of communication; for older folks, that's not necessarily the case. Jess Dominguez, PhD candidate in KU's Communication Studies department, will put emojis in historical and cultural context, and local teens will share their pro-tips for using emojis without being cringe! Questions? Email Melissa at mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.

All Together Now Summer Reading Kickoff Party

All ages

THU | May 25 | 6-8 PM

Library Lawn

Let's get our summer reading started with a party! We'll have music, food, fun, and everything you need to know to make your summer of reading awesome.

ADULTS

GENERAL EVENTS

Perspectives on Ukraine: The War Impact on Local Communities

TUE | Mar 7 | 6 PM

Auditorium

In partnership with the Center for Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies at the University of Kansas, we welcome Dr. Oleksandara Wallo. Originally from Lviv, Ukraine and having recently returned from the region, Dr. Wallo will share her unique and personal perspective on the current conflict and its impact on Ukrainian citizens.

Hablemos

Spanish Conversation Table

THU | Mar 9, 23, 30 | 6-7 PM

Meeting Room C

Improve your Spanish conversation skills with lively discussions led by graduate students from KU's Department of Spanish & Portuguese. Conversations are in Spanish and center on a theme. Anyone wanting to practice Spanish is welcome. Questions? Email Terese at twinters@lplks.org.

Mesa de conversación en español Hablemos

JUE | Mar 9, 23, 30 | 6-7 PM

Meeting Room C

¿Quieres mejorar tus habilidades para conversar en español? Únete a estas informales conversaciones dirigidas por estudiantes graduados del Departamento de Español y Portugués de KU. Cada reunión se centrará en un tema del que se hablará en español. ¡Todo el que desee practicar español es bienvenido! No se requiere registro. ¿Tienes preguntas? Envía un correo a Terese a twinters@lplks.org.

Free Homebuyers Workshop

SAT | Mar 11, May 13 | 10 AM-1 PM

Auditorium

*Free, but registration required
Register at: bit.ly/TTHworkshop*

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! The workshop is sponsored in part with US Bank. HUD-approved workshop certificate issued upon completion of the workshop. Attending a workshop is a requirement of the TTH Home Purchase Program. Questions? Ask Marc at mveloz@lplks.org.

Craft Club

SAT | Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13 | 10-11 AM

Meeting Room A

*Free, but registration required
Sign up at bit.ly/lplcraftclub*

Crafting is for everyone! Get together each month for a low-stakes creative project. Meet other crafters, makers, and artists and build community. No fancy art skills required. Please register in advance so we have supplies for everyone. Email questions to Ruby at rmackinnonlove@lplks.org.

Repair Studio

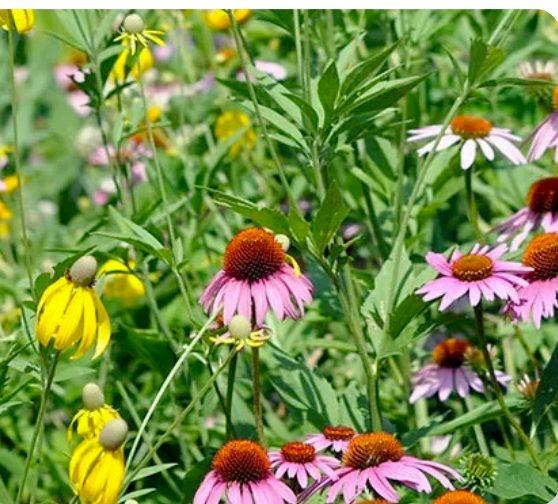
SUN | Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14 | 2-4 PM
Auditorium

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 at repairstudio8@gmail.com.

Native Plant Talk

MON | Mar 27 | 5:30-7:30 PM
Auditorium

Why grow native plants? Which ones are right for your growing space? Join our expert panelists to find out. You'll get the chance to learn from three titans in the field of restoration ecology, as well as ask any questions you may have about gardening with native plants. Questions? Ask Terese at twitners@lplks.org.



Genealogy & Local History Spotlight: Register of Deeds Resources

TUE | Apr 4 | 4-5 PM
Meeting Room A

Free, but registration required
Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Want to research your house's history, delve into genealogy, or explore Lawrence's storied past? Join us to get acquainted with the library's digital resources for digging into local and family history. Kent Brown, Douglas County Registrar, will be here to share the many resources the Register of Deeds offers for researching the genealogy or your home. Questions? Ask Melissa at mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.



Perspectives on Ukraine: Pysanky Workshop

FRI | Apr 7 | 3-5 PM
Auditorium

Free, but registration required
Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Dr. Megan Luttrell will lead this cultural workshop on Ukrainian Pysanky. We'll hand-decorate eggs and Dr. Luttrell will walk us through the history and symbolism of the tradition. Questions? Just email Terese at twitners@lplks.org.

Mushrooming with Sherry Kay

SAT | Apr 15 | Time & Place TBD

Join author Sherry Kay and the Kaw Valley Mycological Society for either a mushroom foray or an indoor presentation, depending on the weather. Details to come. BTW, it's morel season! Email questions to Jake at jvail@lplks.org.



Earth Day with City of Lawrence

SAT | Apr 22 | TIME & LOCATION TBD

Celebrate our beautiful planet by learning how to live more sustainably with Kathy Richardson, City of Lawrence Sustainability Director. More details to come. Check our website for updates. Questions? Email Terese at twitners@lplks.org.

Wakarusa Wetlands Celebration

SAT | Apr 22 | 9-11 AM
Haskell Indian Nations University
(155 E Indian Avenue)

Gather at the Medicine Wheel Earthwork for a special land recognition south of the Haskell Campus buildings. Then, Dr. Daniel Wildcat and various local authors and artists will share how their creative work connects to nature, a sense of place, and community. We'll be outside, so bring a lawn chair or blanket, and something to drink; a refillable bottle is encouraged. In case of inclement weather, this event will be held April 29. Questions? Ask Shirley at sbraunlich@lplks.org.

Annual Baker Wetlands Bird Walk

SAT | Apr 29 | 8-10 AM
Baker Wetlands Discovery Center
(1365 N 1250 Road)

Join us for our yearly walk with Roger Boyd amidst the spring bird migration. Questions? Ask Jake at jvail@lplks.org.



Genealogy & Local History: Research Resources

TUE | May 9 | 4-5 PM
Meeting Room A

Free, but registration required
Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

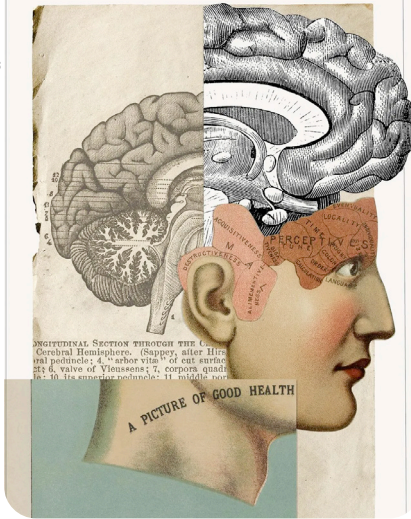
Want to research your house's history, delve into genealogy, or explore Kansas's storied past? Join us to get acquainted with the library's digital resources for digging into local and family history, including NewspaperARCHIVE, Ancestry Library Edition, and Sanborn Maps. We'll wrap with a brief tour of our local history room. Email your questions to Melissa at mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.

Spring Vegetable Quick Pickles

THU | May 11 | 5:30-6:30 PM
Auditorium

Calling all pickle enthusiasts! Emily Henry, preservation pro and frequent Merc class presenter, will share her favorite recipes and trusted methods for quick pickling spring vegetables. Got questions? Email Terese at twitners@lplks.org.

IMAGE: ERIC MONGEN / MIT TECHNOLOGY REVIEW / technologyreview.com



Memory Challenges: Understanding & Finding Support

Visit lplks.org for dates and times

Join the library and various community partners for a 3-part discussion series. We'll cover basic warning signs and stages of Alzheimer's and dementia, learn strategies for how to communicate and maintain relationships with those experiencing memory loss, and highlight resources for caregivers. Questions? Email Becky at bblick@lplks.org.

BOOK CLUBS

Nature Book Club

TUE | Mar 14 | 6:30-8 PM
Meeting Room A



Come discuss both fiction and nonfiction books connected to the natural world. Share what you're reading and get some new book recommendations from Jake and Shirley. Looking ahead, we'll meet the 2nd TUE before the change of season. Shirley has info: sbraunlich@lplks.org.

Mystery Book Club

SUN | Mar 19, May 21 | 1:30-3:30 PM
Auditorium



We look at a different mystery subgenre each meeting. Sign up for a spot, pick a title from our list, and join a lively chat about each others' books. FYI, "fan fiction" refers to an homage to famed literary or real people. Shirley's got info at sbraunlich@lplks.org.

Mar 19 | Police procedurals
May 21 | Fan Fiction Mysteries

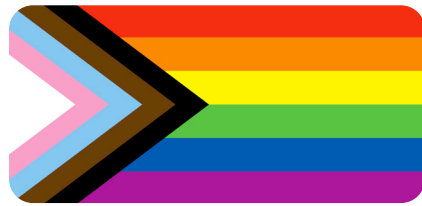
Queer Book Club

MONTHLY | 1st SUN | 4 PM
Meeting Room A



Come discuss books in a variety of genres, from memoirs and graphic novels to fantasy and contemporary fiction, and more! Whatever the story, each one centers authors or characters with queer identities. Yes, we chat books, but one of our main goals is to provide a safe space for LGBTQIAP+ folks who deserve to see a version of themselves in the pages of a book. Allies looking to expand their bookish horizons are welcome, too!

Mar 5 | *Another Appalachia*
Apr 2 | *Every Heart a Doorway*
May 7 | *Black Sun*



Social Justice Book Club

MONTHLY | 2nd SUN | 4 PM
Meeting Room A

No Book Club 4/9



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. Please note that the May 21 date was moved due to Mother's Day. Email Polli for more info or to reserve a book: pkenn@lplks.org.

Mar 12 | *Human Acts*
May 21 | *Thistlefoot*

Speculative Fiction Book Club

MONTHLY | 2nd TUE | 7 PM
Meeting Room C



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 questions to Leah at newton@lplks.org.

Mar 14 | *The School for Good Mothers*
Apr 11 | *Thistlefoot*
May 9 | *Wrong Place Wrong Time*

BYOBB

MONTHLY | 3rd TUE | 7 PM
Zoom



Unwind with the #BookSquad. We'll be sipping tea, whiskey, wine and the sorts while we talk books. We'd love to see your beautiful shining faces and hear what you've been reading these days! Join us digitally on Zoom. To get the link, just email Polli at pkenn@lplks.org.

Last Wednesday Book Club

MONTHLY | Last WED | 7 PM
Meeting Room A



This longest-running library adult book club features beloved classics to modern favorites. If you're reading our current month's book, please join us. Just email Polli if you need more info at pkenn@lplks.org.

Mar 29 | *And Then There Were None*
Apr 26 | *The Water Dancer*
May 31 | *Beautiful World, Where Are You*

Second Thursday Book Club

MONTHLY | 2nd THU | 7 PM
Lawrence Beer Company
(826 Pennsylvania Street)



Read and discuss a new title each month over cocktails and food. Email Polli for more info at pkenn@lplks.org.

Mar 9 | *Daisy Jones & the Six*
Apr 13 | *Remarkably Bright Creatures*
May 11 | *Human Acts*

Thriller Thursday Book Club

MONTHLY | 3rd THU | 6:30 PM
Meeting 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 at cjames@lplks.org.

Mar 16 | Theme: Creepy Children
Apr 20 | Theme: Scary Spores
May 18 | Theme: Folk Horror

HEALTH SPOT +

Community Resource Clinic

TUE | Mar 14, Apr 11 | 3-5 PM
Lobby



Drop in to the library for help with your critical needs and getting connected to community resources, such as legal assistance, transportation services, healthcare, and more. Each month features a different line-up of related topics and social service agencies. Email Marc for more info: mveloz@lplks.org.



Blood donation

LPL Blood Drive with the Community Blood Center

MON | Mar 20 | 12-4 PM
Auditorium

Appointments preferred, but not required.

SIGN UP: savealifenow.org/group

ENTER CODE: TPU9



Give the gift of life! With a nationwide blood shortage, your donation makes all the difference. Lawrence's 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 the life-saving blood and blood components to hospitals in Kansas and Missouri. Email questions to Marc at mveloz@lplks.org.

Yoga at the Library

MON | Mar 20, Apr 17, May 15 | 6-7 PM
Auditorium



Join us for an hour of yoga with a certified yoga teacher to guide participants through each pose. All ability levels welcome. Bring a mat if you have one. No experience needed. Email Theresa for more info at tbird@lplks.org.

SMART Recovery Groups

WEEKLY | WED | 5-6:30 PM
Meeting Room C & Zoom

WEEKLY | FRI | 5-6:30 PM
Zoom only



Self Management and Recovery Training supports individuals who have 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. Email Bruce Liese for info at bliese@kumc.edu.

TECHNOLOGY

Tech Club

THU | Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4 | 4-5 PM
Zoom



Keep up-to-date on the changing world of technology. Get answers to your burning tech questions with help from our library Tech Team. Check our online calendar for topics. Questions? Email Jim at jbarnes@lplks.org.

SOUND+VISION Basics

THU | Mar 9 | 4:30-5:30 PM
S+V Studio



Did you know there's a free audio/visual recording studio here at the library?! Take a tour to find out how to book a session. We cover microphones, popular A/V software, and lots more. Email Joel for more info at: jbonner@lplks.org.

Video Game Music: A Tech Evolution

THU | Mar 9 | 4:30-5:30 PM
Auditorium



Video game music has come a long way, from 8-bit beeps to full-blown symphonies. Join resident music nerd and SOUND+ VISION Studio manager, Joel, as he goes from Pong to Final Fantasy and beyond, highlighting the tech that makes game music possible. Email Joel for more info at jbonner@lplks.org.

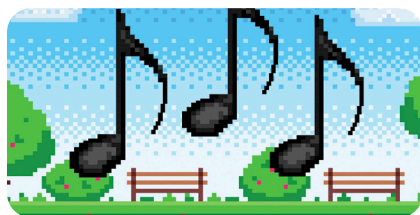


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Modular Synthesis 101

THU | May 11 | 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. Email Joel for info at jbonner@lplks.org.

RETIREMENT BOOT CAMP

Made possible by the Capitol Federal Foundation.

Visit lplks.org/retirement for updates.

Gray Anatomy

TUE | Mar 28, Apr 25, May TBD | 4-5 PM
Zoom & In-person

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Learn about what to expect as you age in this wonderful series with LMH Health. We'll talk about a new health topic each month.

Mar | Endocrinology (Zoom)

Apr | Tai Chi (Auditorium; in person)

May | Palliative vs. Hospice Care (Zoom)



Dessert & A Movie

WED | Mar 22, Apr 19, May TBD | 7-8 PM
Zoom

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

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. Check the library's online calendar for details. Many thanks to Jeff and Mary Weinberg for making Kanopy possible for everyone!

Tech Club

THU | Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4 | 4-5 PM
Zoom

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Keep up-to-date on the changing world of technology. Get burning tech questions answered with the help of our library Tech Team. Check the library's online calendar for topics.



Wine Around the World

THU | Mar 16, Apr 13, May 11 | 5-6 PM
Zoom

*Free, but registration required
Sign up online or at 785-843-3833*

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.

Coffee Break

FRI | Mar 3-May 26 | 10 AM
Zoom & In-person

Brew a cup o' joe and hang out in our weekly coffee group via Zoom. There's no agenda, so topics can range from current affairs to garden gnomes. Want a great way to get local suggestions and meet new friends? Email Jack to get signed up at jaltman@lplks.org.

Field Trips!

TUE | Mar 7 | 1:30-2:30 PM | \$10; max 25
Johnson County Museum

WED | Apr 12 | 2-4 PM | \$10; max 25
Kansas City Museum

TUE | May 9 | 1:30-2:30 PM | \$2; max 30
Blackjack Battlefield Tour w/ John Brown

*Free, but registration required
Sign up online or at 785-843-3833*

Explore with us in and around Lawrence. These field trips fill up fast! For more info, Email Jack at jaltman@lplks.org.

Pop-Up Programs

DATES & TIMES TBD
In-person

Join us for spur-of-the-moment field trips, bingo sessions, and other fun stuff. It's a great way to get to know your community and make new friends. Questions? Email Jack at jaltman@lplks.org.

TEENS

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zone

Teen events are for youth in grades 6-12

Lawrence Arts Center's Art for All: Out & About!

Ages 0-18
March 1-31
Children's Area & Teen Zone

Cats with Character! Pop into the Library's children's section or Teen Zone to make art inspired by Arts Center teaching artist Katie Alldritt. Learn to create friendly felines following Miss Katie's simple steps for drawing a colorful cat with character. Take your cat home with you or display it at the library to create a community of cats that eat ice cream, water ski, or enjoy a good book.

Discord

Grades 6-12
Ongoing online

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.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Grades 6-12
MONTHLY | 1st SUN | 1-2 PM
Readers' Theater

Your voice matters! Join TAB to help make the Teen Zone an even better place for humans your age. We meet every first Sunday that the library is open. Apply for a spot: lplks.org/teen-advisory-board.

Teen Zone Expanded

Grades 6-12
WEEKLY | WED | 2-4 PM
Auditorium or Readers' Theater
No session 3/15 and 5/24

On early-release Wednesdays, head to the library for gaming, movies, crafts, and STEAM activities. Check our online calendar for each week's events.

Rainbow Club

Grades 4-8
MONTHLY | 2nd MON | 4-5 PM
Readers' Theater
No session 5/8

*Free, but registration required
Sign up online or at 785-843-3833*

Calling all LGBTQ+ kids and allies! Let's hang out, support each other, and build our community at monthly meet-ups.

D&D Club

Grades 6-12
BI-MONTHLY | 1st & 3rd THU | 4-6 PM
Readers' Theater

*Free, but registration required
Sign up 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. A finished character sheet is required to play. For details, email Grace at gpratte@lplks.org.

Chess Club

Ages 5-18
MONTHLY | 1st SAT | 2-3:30 PM
Readers' Theater
No session 5/6

Learn the basics or practice for an upcoming tournament at our chess club. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A limited supply of chess sets will be available, so feel free to bring your own.

Gaming Tournament

Grades 6-12
MONTHLY | 3rd SAT | 2-4 PM
Readers' Theater

Compete monthly against fellow gamers. Games include *Mario Kart 8*, *Ultimate*, *Super Smash Bros.*, and more.



The library will close at 3 PM SAT | Mar 11

LPL Con!

All ages

FRI | Mar 10 | 6–8 PM (Teens only)

SAT | Mar 11 | 4–8 PM (All ages)

Library-wide

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Whether you go to Cons all the time or LPL Con is your first one, we're bringing you a free comic con-style experience with all the library perks. From regionally and nationally known cosplayers, panels hosted by experts, tabletop and console gaming, to fandom artist alley, a cosplay contest with prizes, and more – LPL Con will have it all! This family-friendly con celebrates all media and fandoms. Watch for a full schedule with special guests at our online events calendar at lpls.org.

Snack Break: Cereal & Cinema

Grades 6–12

TUE | Mar 14 | 5–7 PM

Auditorium

Build your ideal bowl of cereal, watch a movie, and relax! We're celebrating Spring Break with a chill hangout and cereal with toppings buffet. We'll vote on a movie to watch on our Discord server and Instagram page @lpltz. Pajamas are strongly encouraged.

Snack Break: Chip Dip Battle

Grades 6–12

WED | Mar 15 | 2–3:30 PM

Auditorium

It's time to d-d-d-d-duel in the battle of the chip dips! Play by yourself or with a team to try and create the most delicious chip dip. Ingredients will be provided and prizes will be awarded to the best team or individual chip dip chef.



Earth Day Park Clean-Up

Ages 5–18

FRI | Apr 14 | 2–4 PM

Watson Park & Auditorium

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–Roman Osbern, LPL Kid President



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Ages 5–18

WED | Apr 19 | 2–4 PM

Auditorium

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All Together Now Summer Reading Kickoff Party

All ages

THU | May 25 | 6–8 PM

Library Lawn

Let's get our summer reading started with a party! We'll have music, food, fun, and everything you need to know to make your summer of reading awesome.

KIDS

SPECIAL EVENTS

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March 1–31

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Pokémon Free Play

Ages 8–18

FRI | Mar 3 | 3–4:30 PM

Auditorium

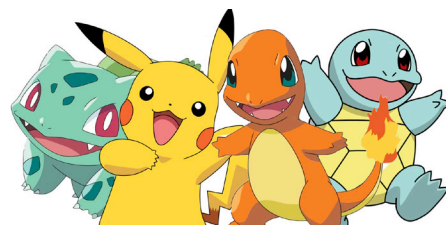
MON | Apr 17 | 4–5:30 PM

Readers' Theater

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Do you love playing the Pokémon card game? Would you like to find new friends who love to play, too? Join us to learn about the game and get time to play.



St. Patrick's Day Céilí Party

All ages

MON | Mar 6 | 6-7 PM

Auditorium

In Irish, the word "céilí" (KAY-LEE) means party! Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a free Irish Step Dance performance and participate in traditional Irish group dances led by Annie Stark. Performance lasts 30 minutes with group activities to follow. *This event offered in partnership with the Lawrence Arts Center.*

Dance Party for Littles

Ages 0-5

MON | Mar 13 | 10:30-11:30 AM

MON | May 1 | 10:30-11:30 AM

Auditorium

Dance with LPL storytellers with music just perfect for wee ones. Guaranteed to be boppy and hoppy!

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Willie the Wizard

Ages 5+

MON | Mar 13 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

Willy the Wizard's comedic magic show is jam-packed with fun for kids of all ages. Take a magical journey where the power of imagination makes the impossible...possible.

Cirque du LPL

Ages 5-11

THU | Mar 16 | 2-3

Auditorium

Come one, come all to an afternoon of face painting, carnival games, and more. Learn to make your own balloon animal!



Junior Author Camp

Ages 8-11

WED | Apr 5, 12, 26 | 4-5 PM

Auditorium

WED | Apr 19 | 4-5 PM

Readers' Theater

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Newbery Medalist Gail Carson Levine *AND* Newbery Honor Winner Steve Sheinkin will be two of our special guests for our writing series this year! Would you love to be an author? Do you wonder how graphic novels are made? Do you want to write a book that people can't put down? Join us to hear from working authors and artists about different kinds of writing, get tips, and find inspiration! Plus our first 25 attendees will get a copy of *Writing Magic* by Gail Carson Levine.

Apr 5 | Novel Writing w/ Newbery Medalist Gail Carson Levine

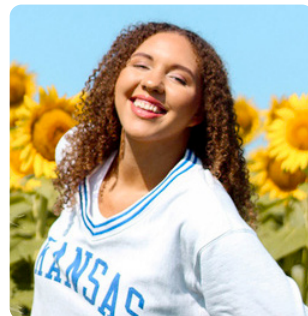
Apr 12 | Nonfiction writing w/ Newbery Honor Winner Steve Sheinkin

Apr 19 | Graphic Novel Workshop w/ Matt Lord

Apr 26 | Poetry & Performance w/ Sista SOLS, Kayla Cook & Anita Patel



with special guests...



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GAIL CARSON LEVINE



STEVE SHEINKIN



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Amazing Pollinators

Ages 7-11

THU | Apr 27 | 4-5 PM

Auditorium

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Explore the incredible and important world of pollinators with the Master Gardeners with activities, games, and more!



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All ages

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*All Together Now.
Todos Juntos Ahora.*

Kindness, Friendship, Unity.

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KIDS' CLUBS

Parent Support Group

Parents and kids ages 0-5

WEEKLY | WED | 6:30-7:30 PM

Readers' Theater

No sessions in May

Our weekly support group for parents with younger kiddos is a great place to make new parent friends, connect with resources, or just get out of the house. This group is also judgment-free and full of empathy!

Rainbow Club

Grades 4-8

MONTHLY | 2nd MON | 4-5 PM

Readers' Theater

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

No session 5/8

Calling all LGBTQ+ kids and allies! Let's hang out, support each other, and build our community at our monthly meet-up.

Tween Club

Grades 3-5

BI-MONTHLY | 1st & 3rd FRI | 4-5 PM

Readers' Theater

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

No sessions in May

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

Tween Club in the Teen Zone

Grades 3-5

FRI | Mar 3 | 10-12 PM

Teen Zone

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

The Teen Zone is just for 6-12 graders, so if you've ever wondered, "What's up with the Teen Zone," for once it'll be No Teens Allowed, giving Tweens the run of the place. Teen Librarian Margo will give us a quick rundown of everything and then you'll get to be honorary teens for about 2 HOURS!

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Chess Club

Ages 5-18

MONTHLY | 1st SAT | 2-3:30 PM

Readers' Theater

No session 5/6

Learn the basics or practice for an upcoming tournament at our chess club. Kids under 10 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Available chess sets are limited.

Tail Wagging Readers

Ages 5-11

MONTHLY | 2nd SAT | 10:30-11:30 AM

MONTHLY | 4th SUN | 1-2 PM

Readers' Theater

No session 5/28

Practice reading and build your reading confidence with a warm, furry friend from Loving Paws Animal Therapy. Bring your own book to read or pick one at the library. You'll get a 15-min time slot upon arrival.

loving paws
animal assisted
therapy program

Will you
read a book
to me?

Love, Gus



Tail Wagging Readers

Kids ages 5-11 can practice reading with a furry friend from Loving Paws Animal Therapy.

Ask us for details!

Story Quest Book Club

Ages 5-11

MONTHLY | 2nd SAT | 3-4 PM

Readers' Theater

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

No session 3/11

Looking for an unconventional book club? Put on your adventure shoes and get ready to head out on an epic story quest! We'll read (or listen to) books together – sometimes with a theme! *All reading levels welcome.*



Lego Club

Ages 5-18

SAT | Mar 25, Apr 22 | 2-3:30 PM

Readers' Theater

Homeschool Sessions

WED | Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10 | 11 AM-12:30 PM

Auditorium

Free, but registration required

Sign up 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.

Kids' Action Club

Ages 8-11

WED | Mar 1, May 3 | 4-5 PM

Readers' Theater

THU | Apr 6 | 4-5 PM

Auditorium

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

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

Mysterious Mustache Book Club

Ages 8-11

SUN | Mar 26, Apr 30 | 1:30-2:30 PM

Auditorium

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Love getting into the world of a book? Want to chat with other book lovers and be part of a book club? Get a copy of our book club title at the children's desk or email Jenny at jcook@lplks.org.

STORYTIMES

Storytimes on break Mar 19-25 & May 1-31

Sing & Rhyme Storytime

All ages

WEEKLY | MON | 6:30-7 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Library Storytime

Ages 3+ with their families

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

WEEKLY | THU | 6:30-7:15 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Books & Babies

Birth-23 months with their families

WEEKLY | TUE | 6-6:30 PM

WEEKLY | WED | 10:30-11 AM

Readers' Theater

Bounce and sing to stories with Anita.

Toddler Storytime

Toddlers with their families

WEEKLY | WED | 6-6:30 PM

WEEKLY | THU | 10:30-11 AM

Readers' Theater

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

Cuentacuentos / Spanish Storytime

All ages; todas las edades son bienvenidas MONTHLY

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

1o y 3o Sábados | 10:30-11:15 AM

Various locations; varios lugares

Disfruten cuentos y canciones en español con Yari y nuestros amigos de "Los Padres Como Maestros" en la biblioteca o por la ciudad. Vean el calendario en línea (lplks.org) para los lugares exactos. *Enjoy stories and songs in Spanish with Yari and our friends from Parents as Teachers at the library and around town. Check our events calendar at lplks.org for exact locations.*

Multicultural Storytime

All ages

MONTHLY | 2nd & 4th SUN | 3:30-4 PM

Readers' Theater

No session 4/9

Stories and songs with guest presenters that highlight a featured language or culture.



We have evening Storytimes.



Sing & Rhyme Storytime

MON | 6:30 PM



Books & Babies

TUE | 6 PM



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