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SUMMER READING EVENTS CALENDAR • SUMMER 2023 • JUN–AUG



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FRI-SUN 10 AM-6 PM

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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.

All together now!
¡Todos juntos ahora!

All Ages Summer Reading Challenge **May 24-Aug 19, 2023**

Come one, come all as we band together for another summer packed with reading challenges, free events, and exploring kindness, friendship, and unity as a community. (Fanfare, please.) As a bonus, there is an awesome lineup of prizes waiting for you to finish our Summer Reading Challenge! Check out how to read and win below.

How it works

- 1** Get the Beanstack app or go online to sign up: 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!

Pre-K
Log 30 books
on Beanstack **OR**
the paper log

GR K-5
Log 20 hours
on Beanstack **OR**
10 books on
the paper log

GR 6-12
Log 20 hours
on Beanstack **OR**
10 books on
the paper log

Adults
Log 30 hours
on Beanstack **OR**
10 books
on paper log

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READ BOOKS.

We'll help find a good one!

ATTEND EVENTS.

Go to pages 4-13!

WIN PRIZES.

Go to page 14! WHOA!



Beanstack



*Paper logs available if you're old-school

ALL AGES

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How-To Festival

SAT | Jun 10 | 10 AM–1 PM

Auditorium, Atrium, and Library Lawn

Join your friends, family, and neighbors to celebrate Lawrence's incredible know-how. Locals will demonstrate a wide variety of skills and knowledge, answer questions, and share opportunities to get involved with local clubs and organizations. Learn something new (and make new friends!) this summer. See bit.ly/howtofest23 for the presenter schedule. Questions? Ask Melissa: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.

Second Saturday Book Sale

SAT | Jun 10 | 10 AM–4 PM

LPLFF Garage

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

Summer Book Sale

FRI–SAT | Jul 7–8 | 10 AM–6 PM

SUN | Jul 9 | 12–4 PM

LPLFF Garage

Snag the hottest reads at the year's best book sale. All books, CDs, DVDs and audiobooks are priced \$2 and under. Get all the details at LPLFF.org.

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Library Lawn

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BOOK
SALE

ADULTS

GENERAL EVENTS

Genealogy & Local History Spotlight

TUE | Jun 6 | 4 PM

Wakarusa River Valley Heritage
Museum (716 N. 1190 Road)

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

Researching your house's history, delving into genealogy, or exploring Kansas's storied past? Join us to get acquainted with resources for digging into local and family history. Meet us at the Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum for an introduction to their local history and genealogy resources, then join us for a tour of the museum and grounds! Questions? Ask Melissa: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.

Repair Studio

SUN | Jun 25 | 3–5 PM

SUN | Jul 9, Aug 13 | 2–4 PM

Auditorium

Calling all broken items and torn clothes! This monthly workshop brings together repair mentors and items in need of fixing. Come with your broken item and work with a mentor to bring it back to life! While we can't guarantee that everything will be fixed, we CAN guarantee a fun time tinkering, experimenting, and learning about how things work. Questions? Interested in becoming a Repair Mentor? Reach out to Hazlett: repairstudio8@gmail.com.

Books & Bagels

SAT | Jul 8 | 9 AM | Auditorium

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

Sip coffee, enjoy bagels and schmear, and get the Book Squad buzz on recently released and upcoming books. See you there! Questions? Email Leah for more info: lnewton@lplks.org.



Craft Club

SAT | Jul 8, Aug 12 | 10 AM

Meeting Room A

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

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 can make sure we have supplies for everyone. Questions? Ask Ruby: rmackinnonlove@lplks.org.

Jul 8 | Cut Paper Landscapes (adults or very well-supervised kids ages 13+ only)

Aug 12 | Open Craft

Genealogy + Local History: Research Resources

TUE | Jul 11 | 4 PM

Meeting 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? Join us to get acquainted with the library's digital resources for digging 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.



Free Homebuyers Workshop

SAT | Jul 15 | 10 AM–1 PM

Auditorium

REGISTER AT THIS LINK:

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

Get Your Security Deposit Back with Kansas Legal Services

SAT | Jul 22 | 2–3:30 PM

Auditorium

Lawrence landlords routinely withhold security deposits from tenants, charging for things like light bulb replacements, dirty walls, or carpet cleaning for ordinary wear and tear. That's against Kansas law! Come to this Kansas Legal Services workshop to find out about how to protect yourself from security deposit theft, and what you can do if your landlord has wrongfully withheld your deposit. Questions? Ask Marc: mveloz@lplks.org.

Garden Pest Management

SUN | Aug 20 | Time TBD

Auditorium

Has someone made lace of your squash plants, eaten tunnels through your tomatoes? In partnership with K-State Extension Master Gardeners, an expert panel will address garden pests common to this region and how to manage them without harming our wildlife. Questions? Email Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

In the Kitchen with Culinaria Chef Aaron Pillar

Aug | Day & Time TBD

Auditorium

This brand new quarterly series will take on all topics food and beverage. Each session will feature a guest host from our community. Whether you're just beginning your cooking journey or a pro in the kitchen, you'll have a chance to learn something new and try something tasty. To kick things off, we're thrilled to partner with Chef Aaron Pillar of Culinaria! Chef Pillar is a master at creating eye-popping, fresh, and flavorful seasonal dishes. Check our website for updates. Questions? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.



BOOK CLUBS

Queer Book Club

MONTHLY | 1st Sun | 4 PM

Meeting Room A

Have a little PRIDE in your reading! Each month, we discuss books in a variety of genres that center authors or characters with queer identities – from fantasy to contemporary fiction, memoirs to graphic novels, and more. Our main goal is to chat about books, but also provide a safe space for Lawrence's LGBTQIAP+ community who deserve to see a version of themselves within the pages of a book. Allies wanting to expand their bookish horizons are welcome, too. Questions? Email Adam: alopez@lplks.org.

Jun 4 | *Matrix*

Jul 9 | *The Fifth Season*

Aug 6 | *Thirty Names of Night*

Thriller Thursday Book Club

MONTHLY | 3rd THU | 6:30 PM

Meeting Room A

Ours is a club for readers who love chills, thrills, and bloody spills! We invite you to take deep dives into the macabre exploring fun themes ranging from horror and suspense to mystery thrillers. Questions? Email Christina: cjames@lawrence.lib.ks.us.

Jun 15 | *Apocalypse*

Jul 20 | *Don't Go in the Water*

Aug 17 | *More Money, More Problems*

Mystery Book Club

ODD MONTHS | 3rd SUN | 1:30 PM

Auditorium

We look at different mystery subgenres, including diverse authors and characters, at each meeting. Sign up for a spot, pick a title from our list, and join a lively chat about each others' books. Looking ahead, we'll meet the 3rd Sun in Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, and May. Questions? Email Shirley: sbraunlich@lplks.org.

Jul 16 | Legal or medical-themed mysteries



Third Thursday Book Club

MONTHLY | 3rd THU | 7 PM

Lawrence Beer Co.

(826 Pennsylvania)

Read and discuss a new title each month. To reserve a book and get details, email Polli: pkenn@lplks.org.

Jun 15 | *Detransition, Baby*

Jul 20 | *Slaughterhouse-five*

Aug 17 | *Our Missing Hearts*

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. Contact Leah for more info: lnewton@lplks.org.

Jun 28 | *Once There Were Wolves*

Jul 26 | *I'm Glad My Mom Died*

Aug 30 | *Thistlefoot*

Nature Book Club

MONTHLY | 2nd TUE | Jun 13
6:30 PM

Meeting Room A

We discuss both fiction and nonfiction books connected to the natural world. Share what you're reading and get some new book recommendations from library staff, Jake (co-author of *A Kansas Bestiary*) and Shirley (Kansas Native Plant Society Board Member). Looking ahead, we'll meet the 2nd TUE before the change of season. Questions? Email: sbraunlich@lplks.org.

Jun 13 | Summer Meeting

Social Justice Book Club

MONTHLY | 2nd SUN | 4 PM

Meeting Room A

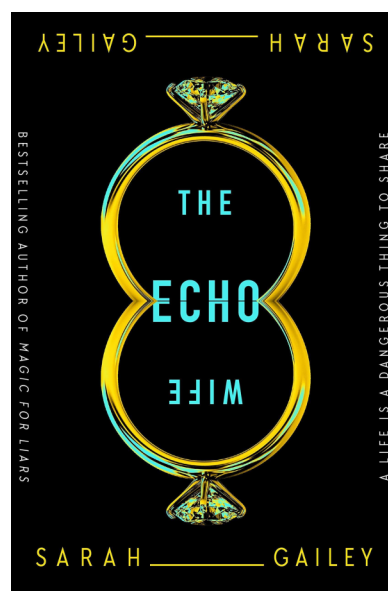
This book club gets us thinking and talking about inequality and injustice in the U.S. Through nonfiction, novels, memoirs, and

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 to reserve a book or for more info: pkenn@lplks.org.

Jun 11 | *Thistlefoot*

Jul 9 | *Human Acts*

Aug 13 | *The Echo Wife*



Speculative Fiction Book Club

MONTHLY | 2nd TUE | 7 PM

Meeting Room C

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? Then this is the book club for you! Questions? Email Leah: lnewton@lplks.org.

Jun 13 | *The Echo Wife*

Jul 11 | *Gideon the Ninth*

Aug 8 | TBD (Check lplks.org)

HEALTH SPOT +

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 and work towards long-term quality and satisfaction. Questions? Email Bruce Liese at bliese@kumc.edu.

Yoga at the Library

MON | Jun 12, Jul 17, Aug 21 | 6 PM

Auditorium

Join us for an hour of yoga with Molly, who will guide participants through each pose. Beginners are definitely welcome! Bring your own mat if you have one. Questions? Email Theresa at tbird@lplks.org.

Community Resource Clinic

TUE | Jun 13, Jul 18, Aug 15 | 3-5 PM

Library Lobby

Drop in to get help with your critical needs and get connected to community resources such as legal assistance, transportation services, healthcare, and more. Each month features a different line-up of resource-related topics and social service agencies. If you have a need different from those listed above or questions in general, email Marc: mveloz@lplks.org.

Community Blood Center

LPL Blood Drive

THU | Jun 15 | 12-4 PM

Auditorium

Appointments preferred, but not required.

SIGN UP: savealifenow.org/group

ENTER CODE: TPU9

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 the life-saving blood and blood components to hospitals in Kansas and Missouri. Questions? Email Marc: mveloz@lplks.org.



Qi Gong on the Lawn

SAT | Jun 17 | 4 PM

Library Lawn

Join us for a beginner's lesson in Qi Gong. Pronounced "chi gong," this practice was developed thousands of years ago in China as part of traditional Chinese medicine. Using exercises to optimize energy within the body, mind, and spirit, Qi Gong aims to improve and maintain health and well-being. Michelle Heffner Hayes, PhD (she/her) from KU's Department of Theatre & Dance will lead us. Learn more about Michelle at www.michelleheffnerhayes.com. Questions? Ask Jack: jaltman@lplks.org.

Legal Outreach Clinic with Kansas Legal Services

WED | Aug 30 | 1:30 PM

Auditorium

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

Have you considered who'll make medical and personal decisions on your behalf if you're ever incapacitated? Kansas Legal Services staff is coming to talk briefly about the importance of advance directives and estate planning basics. Then, for anyone aged 60+, they'll draft advance directive legal documents (e.g. powers of attorney, living will, etc.) for FREE! Assistance provided on a first come, first served basis. A short application form must be completed prior to meeting with an attorney. Questions? Ask Marc: mveloz@lplks.org

TECHNOLOGY

SOUND+VISION Basics

THU | Jun 15, Aug 10 | 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 audio/video software, and lots more. Email Joel.jbonner@lplks.org

Modular Synthesis 101

THU | Jul 13 | 4:30-5:30 PM

S+V Studio

Check out the library's SOUND+VISION custom modular 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.jbonner@lplks.org

RETIREMENT BOOT CAMP

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Coffee Break

FRI | Jun 2-Aug 25 | 10 AM

Zoom

No meet-ups on Jun 30, Jul 28, Aug 25

Brew up 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 wacky weather. It's a great place to get local suggestions and meet new friends. Sign up with Jack: jaltman@lplks.org.



Dessert & A Movie

WED | Jun 21, Jul 19, Aug 16 | 7-8 PM

Zoom

Free, but register 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. Many thanks to Jeff and Mary Weinberg for making Kanopy possible for all library patrons! Questions? Email Jack: jaltman@lplks.org.

Jun 21 | John Oliver Show and museum antiquities

Jul 19 | Common Good, the story of a co-op to escape redlining in Chicago

Aug 16 | Written on Water with Rex Buchanan

Wine Around the World

THU | Jun 15 | 4-5 PM

Crescent Moon Winery (15930 246th St.)

THU | Jul 13, Aug 10 | 5-6 PM

Zoom

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

Join us for a monthly tour of the world's wine regions. In June, we'll stay close to home with a tasting at Crescent Moon Winery. For July and August, Steve Wilson of City Wine Market leads us through tasting notes for two wines in a Zoom class. Wine purchases are optional. Questions? Email Jack: jaltman@lplks.org.

Fun & Games

FRI | Jun 30, Jul 28, Aug 25

10-11:30 AM

Library Auditorium

Let's meet up for board games and socializing. You provide the good conversation, and we'll provide the coffee, tea, and snacks. Questions? Email Jack: jaltman@lplks.org.

Cocktail Hour

WED | Jun 28, Jul 26, Aug 30 | 4-5 PM

Cork & Barrel (1801 W 23rd)

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

Learn how to mix cocktails from a local mixologist! Enjoying what you make is included; \$5 at the door. Questions? Email Jack: jaltman@lplks.org.

Pop Up Programs!

Visit [LPLKS.org/retirement](https://lplks.org/retirement) for details

Join us for field trips, tours, distillery visits, social events, and special Zoom events. It's a great way to experience your community and make new friends. Email questions to Jack: jaltman@lplks.org.

TEENS

the
teen
zone

Teen events are for youth in grades 6–12

Kickoff Party with Carswell & Hope

All ages

THU | May 25 | 6–8 PM

Library Lawn

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Various locations

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Discord

Grades 6–12

Ongoing | Discord

The Teen Zone Discord server is a way for Lawrence teens to make new friends, share art or writing, and play games. Visit the Teen Zone without having to leave your house. Stop in and chat with us! Get an invite by filling out the form on lpls.org/teen-discord-server/.

Chess Club

Ages 5–18

SAT | Jun 3, Jul 1 | 2–3:30 PM

Readers' Theater

Whether you've never played before and you want to learn the basics or you're practicing for an upcoming tournament, everyone is welcome. Children younger than 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.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Grades 6–12

MONTHLY | 1st SUN | Jun 4, Jul 2, Aug 6
1–2 PM

Readers' Theater

Join TAB to help make the Teen Zone an even better place for teens! We meet every first Sunday that the library is open. Apply online for a spot at lpls.org/teen-advisory-board.

Rainbow Club

Grades 4–8

MONTHLY | 2nd MON | 4–5 PM

Readers' Theater

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

No session in August.

Calling all LGBTQ+ kids and allies! We're building community, hanging out, and supporting each other with a monthly hangout.

D&D Club

Grades 6–12

THU | Jun 1, 15; Jul 6, 20 | 2–4 PM

Readers' Theater

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. A finished character sheet is required to play. In-person and online game sign-ups will be listed separately. Email questions to Grace: gpratte@lpls.org.

Teen Lego Club

Grades 6–12

TUE | Jun 6, 20
2–3:30 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Lego isn't just for the little ones! Join us in our first-ever, teen-only Lego Club. Club members can participate in an engineering challenge or free build and let their creativity run wild. Just remember, everyone is awesome!

Drama Club

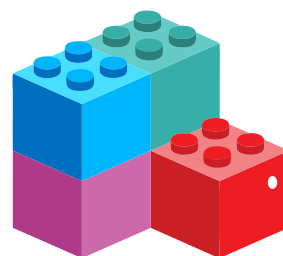
Grades 6–12

THU | Jun 8, 22; Jul 13, 27 | 2–4 PM

Auditorium

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

Thinking of trying your hand at acting? Or maybe you've already written your Oscar acceptance speech? Regardless of your acting experience, this club is for you! Each session will focus on a specific aspect of dramatic performance, from improv to monologues. The whole world's a stage—even the library!



Fun Stuff Fridays!

Grades 6–12

FRI | Jun 9–Jul 28 | 2–4 PM

Auditorium or Lawn

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

Every Friday, we'll be kicking back and having fun. Whether it is making buttons, painting pottery, or relaxing with some tea, you'll have a fantastic time.

Jun 9 | Monster Mash w/ Sarah Henning

Jun 16 | Tie Dye Extravaganza

Jun 23 | Sunfire Ceramics

Jun 30 | Buttons & Zines

Jul 7 | TBD

Jul 14 | Bubble Tea Café

Jul 21 | DIY Day w/ Jungle House

Jul 28 | Recycled Bottle Rocket Launch



Upcycle Art

Grades 6–12

TUE | Jun 27; Jul 18, 25 | 2–4 PM

Auditorium

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

Reduce, reuse, and upcycle! This program is dedicated to literally turning trash into treasure. We'll make art using recycled materials, learn new techniques, and talk to local artists. If you want to help keep single-use plastics out of landfills and make art on a budget, Upcycle Art is for you!

Jun 27 | Junk Jewelry

Jul 18 | Rainbow Strings w/ Sara Gillum

Jul 25 | T-Shirt Macrame w/ Give It, Get It, Inc.

Magic: The Gathering

Grades 6–12

THU | Jun 29 | 2–4 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Escape the heat and play Magic: The Gathering with us! Bring your deck and we'll provide the space for this teens-only tournament. Players must provide their own deck and accessories.

Talewise: Pushing Limits

Grades 6–12

TUE | Jul 11 | 2–3 PM

Auditorium

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

In this exciting workshop, together we'll explore amazing science concepts using candy, confetti cannons, bike pumps, leaf blowers, and more! Through hands-on experiments and intriguing STEM challenges, we'll test out ideas and push the limits of science.

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Deja's Reading Rainbow

SUN | Jun 11 | 3:30–4:30 PM

Auditorium

Join our 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 being accepted, colors, rainbows, and, of course, fun!

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Story Stroll with LMH Health

Jun 1–30 | Watson Park (727 Kentucky)

Hello Friend, Hola Amigo by 123 Andrés

Jul 1–31 | Lawrence Rotary Arboretum
(5100 W 27th)

Thank You, Omu! by Oge Mora

Get your walking shoes ready! This summer you can take a stroll, read a picture book, and do some fun activities all at the same time. Participants that complete this activity on Beanstack will be entered to win a prize basket from LMH Health.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monster Mash with Sarah Henning

Grades 4–12

FRI | Jun 9 | 2–3 PM

Auditorium

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

Join us for a monster party to celebrate the release of *Monster Camp* by local author Sarah Henning. We'll have a cupcake decorating contest, create friendship bracelets and monster headbands, plus hang out with Sarah. She'll even be signing books!



City Playcorps: Pop-Up Adventure Playground

Ages 4–12

FRI | Jun 16, Jun 30
11 AM–1 PM

MON | Jul 10, Jul 24
11 AM–1 PM

Library Lawn

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

Bookworms & Waterbugs

Ages 2+

FRI | Jun 23, Jul 21 | 10:30 AM–12 PM

Outdoor Aquatic Center (727 Kentucky)

Come for poolside stories and music, followed by a free swim! Provided by Lawrence Public Library and Lawrence Parks & Recreation.

Stuffy Storytime & Clinic

Ages 3+

SAT | Jul 22 | 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.

Dance Party for Littles

Ages 0–5

MON | Jun 5 | 10:30 AM– 11:30 AM

Watson Park (727 Kentucky)

MON | Jul 3 | 10:30 AM– 11:30 AM

Auditorium

We've got your summer dance party fun! There will be bubbles, music, and your favorite LPL storytellers ready to boogie with you and your littles.

PERFORMERS

123 Andrés "¡Hola, Amigo!"

Ages 5+

TUE | Jun 6 | 2–3 PM

Auditorium

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

123 Andrés presents a multilingual celebration of friendship and community that values working together, sharing ideas, and helping each other. Through songs in Spanish and English, and a variety of genres and rhythms from across Latin America, Andrés and Christina's trademark high-energy, interactive style will involve the whole family. Don't miss this Latin Grammy winner with over a decade of concerts for children and families!

Kansas City Zoo: Animal Communication

Ages 5+

TUE | Jun 20 | 2–2:30 PM

Auditorium

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

Squawk, hiss, roar, and squeak right along with the Kansas City Zoo! Join us as we explore the many different ways that animals communicate in the wild by using their voices, bodies, and actions.



Mr. Stinky Feet: Let's Stick Together!

Ages 5+

THU | Jul 6 | 2–3 PM

Auditorium

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

Join us for a celebration of music and family with award-winning kid rocker and author, Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove, as he celebrates 25 years of uniting communities through music. It's a rockin' dance party for the whole family. Check out Jim's music and books at www.jimcosgrove.com.

Talewsie Presents: Science Heroes Saving Earth Together

Ages 5–11

TUE | Jul 11 | 4–5 PM

Auditorium

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

In this action-packed story, two unlikely heroes work together to save their town (and the planet) from a super-polluting mastermind! Throughout the adventure, volunteers will help the performer conduct several exciting science experiments that bring this story to life! Together we'll explore Newton's Laws of Motion, air pressure, chemical reactions, and more!

StoneLion Puppet Theatre: Helpful Hannah Hippo

Ages 5+

THU | Jul 20 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

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

Hannah just wants to be helpful! This little hippo finds a tiny chick that was washed away in a flood. Join her on her journey to reunite her little friend with her missing family. Along the way, Hannah, her buddy Ollie the Oxpecker, and little Ava discover the biodiversity of the Ewaso Nyiro River in central Kenya, the challenges this precious land is experiencing, and why we all need to pitch in and help when we see something or someone needs a helping hand.

SUMMER CLUBS

IMAGINARIUM

Ages 8-11

MONDAYS

Jun 5-Jul 24

No session 6/19

Each week we'll explore the summer theme of "All Together Now" with live animals, art, science experiments, games, and more! Many special guests will join us, including Mad Science, the Topeka Zoo, the Spencer Museum of Art, the Last Carnival, Prime Martial Arts, and Exploration Place of Wichita.

Topeka Zoo Kick Off

MON | Jun 5 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

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

Join the Topeka Zoo as we celebrate friendship in the animal kingdom with this summer's theme of "All Together Now." Meet some live animals to learn more about the connectedness of nature!

All Together Now Building Party

MON | Jun 12 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

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

We'll celebrate being "All Together Now" with building challenges, LEGOs, games, and more!

Mad Science Day

MON | Jun 26 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

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

Science is astounding and great things happen when we all work together! This Mad Science show is all about chemistry and how chemicals can work together.

Martial Arts Day

MON | Jul 3 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

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

Prime Martial Arts is coming to teach some basic martial arts techniques and self-defense in this awesome workshop!

Carnival School

MON | Jul 10 | 2-3:30 PM

Auditorium

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

Learn to spin a plate, walk on stilts, and do a magic trick! We'll have a special 90-minute program with guests from Last Carnival, Magician Lorenzo, and more!

Art Party

MON | Jul 17 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

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

Join the Spencer Museum of Art for a fun and creative hour! We'll make art that you can keep, share in the library, and share in your community!

All Together Now with Exploration Place

MON | July 24 | 2-4 PM | Auditorium

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

Join us for our Imaginarium finale with Wichita's Exploration Place! With six hands-on learning stations we'll learn how important it is to have all the pieces and that it takes more than one person to

turn an idea into something truly amazing. Bonus: you get a take-home project!



WEDNESDAY WONDERS

Ages 5-7

WEDNESDAYS | Jun 7-Jul 26

We're all together now for summer fun! Celebrating friendships, unity, and kindness, we'll be creating magic with great community partners and forging friendships that will last all summer and beyond.

Topeka Zoo: Animal Friends

WED | Jun 7 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

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

Armed with facts and cute critters, the Topeka Zoo will bring *live animals* and teach us about incredible animal friendships. You won't want to miss the first Wednesday Wonders of the summer!

Hip-Hop Together Now

WED | Jun 14 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

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

Amazing dancer, choreographer, and teacher Maya Tillman-Rayton from the Arts Center and KU Dance will join us for an hour of hip-hop dancing fun. She'll teach us the moves and we'll all dance together.

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Prairie Dogs, Prairie Chickens, and Bison – Oh My!

WED | Jun 21 | 2–3 PM

Auditorium

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

Are you ready to learn about keystone species? Eleanor Gardner from the KU Natural History Museum will teach us about prairie dogs, prairie chickens, and bison – and how these animals work together to keep the prairie ecosystem healthy. We'll dance, create our own prairie dog burrows, and experience bisonvision!



Art for All

WED | Jun 28 | 2–3 PM

Auditorium

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

We're collaborating and creating amazing art together with our friends at the Spencer Museum of Art! Get ready to get messy and make beautiful masterpieces.

All Together Now Party

WED | Jul 5 | 2–3 PM

Auditorium

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

We're putting on a party just for you! No special guests this week but plenty of LEGOS, friends, and fun.

All for the Animals!

WED | Jul 12 | 2–3 PM

Auditorium

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

Who loves puppies and kittens? We are teaming up this week with the Lawrence Humane Society and working together to make treats for the animals waiting for adoption. Plus we'll have fuzzy visitors, too!

Watercolors All Together

WED | Jul 19 | 2–3 PM

Auditorium

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

Grab a pencil and a paintbrush! We're getting an art lesson from one of our favorite artists and friend, Matt Lord. He'll help us create the perfect watercolor in a wonderful draw and watercolor along.

Plant Friends with Jungle House

WED | Jul 26 | 2–3 PM

Auditorium

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

The experts at Jungle House will teach us about plants that pair well together. We'll decorate flower pots and wrap up Wednesday Wonders all together!

STORYTIMES

Starts Jun 3; on break Aug 1–31

Sing & Rhyme Storytime

All ages

MON | 6:30–7 PM

Readers' Theater

No session 6/19

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 7/4

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

No session 7/4

Bounce, sing, and listen to stories with Anita and Jenny.

Toddler Storytime

Toddlers with their families.

WED | 6–6:30 PM

THU | 10:30–11 AM

Readers' Theater

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

Cuentacuentos Spanish Storytime

All ages

1o y 3o Sábados | 10:30–11:15 AM

Varios lugares

1st & 3rd SAT | 10:30–11:15 AM

Various locations

En el primer sábado del mes, vamos a unirnos a la biblioteca. En el tercer sábado del mes, nos reuniremos en lugares diferentes. ¡Cualquiera que sea el lugar, disfruta de algunas historias y canciones en Español con Yari y nuestros amigos de Padres como Maestros! Visite nuestro calendario en línea para lugares exactas. Todas las edades son bienvenidas.

On the first Saturday of the month, we'll gather at the library. On the third Saturday of the month, we'll join somewhere else. Whatever the place, enjoy some stories and songs in Spanish with Yari and our friends from Parents as Teachers! Check our online calendar for exact locations. All ages are welcome.

CLUBS

Chess Club

Ages 5–18

SAT | Jun 3, Jul 1 | 2–3:30

Readers' Theater

Whether you've never played before and you want to learn the basics or you're practicing for an upcoming tournament, everyone is welcome. Children younger than 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.

Tail Wagging Readers

Ages 5–11

SUN | Jun 4, Jul 2, Aug 6 | 3–4 PM

SAT | Jun 24, Jul 29, Aug 26

10:30–11:30 AM

Readers' Theater

Practice reading and build reading confidence with a warm, furry friend from Loving Paws Animal Therapy. Bring your own book or choose one at the library. No registration is necessary. You will be assigned a 15-minute time slot upon arrival.

Kids' Action Club

Ages 8–11

WED | Jun 7, Jul 5, Aug 9

3:30–4:30 PM

Readers' Theater

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 8, Jul 13 | 2–3:30 PM

SAT | Jun 24, Jul 22 | 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.



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Find a Dottie Stop near you this summer at lplks.org/outreach

Mysterious Mustache Movie & Book Club

Ages 8–11

SUN | Jun 11, Jul 23, Aug 27

1:30–4 PM

Readers' Theater

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? Join us for the summer to compare the book to the movie *and* have popcorn! To find out about getting a copy of our book club title, ask at the front children's desk or email Jennyatjcook@lplks.org.

Rainbow Club

Grades 4–8

MONTHLY | 2nd MON | 4–5 PM

Readers' Theater

No session in August

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

Calling all LGBTQ+ kids and allies! We're building community, hanging out, and supporting each other with a monthly hangout.

Parent Support Group

Parents and kids ages 0–5

WED | 6:30–7:30 PM

Readers' Theater

No sessions in August

Join our weekly support group for parents with younger kiddos. Whether you want to make new parent friends, get connected with resources, or just get out of the house, this parent group is judgment-free and full of empathy.

Story Quest Book Club

Ages 5–11

MONTHLY | 2nd SAT | 3–4 PM

Readers' Theater

No session in August

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

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! 20 spots available, including a waitlist.

2023 SUMMER READING PRIZES

KIDS GET...

- 1 free book
- 1 free Eileen's cookie
- 2 free books from a library book sale
- 1 free t.Loft protein ball
- 1 free Up & Away Indoor Play pass
- 1 free Royal Crest Lanes bowling game
- 1 free Lawrence Aquatics swim pass
- 1 free Culver's sundae
- 1 free Raising Cane's Kid's Combo
- 1 free KUNHM Mosasaur sticker



TEENS GET...

- 1 free book
- 1 free Eileen's cookie
- 2 free books from a library book sale
- 1 free t.Loft protein ball
- 1 free Summer Reading T-shirt
- 1 free Royal Crest Lanes bowling game
- 1 free Lawrence Aquatics swim pass
- 1 free Culver's sundae
- 1 free KUNHM Mosasaur sticker

...AND ENTERED TO WIN:

- 1 – \$100 Visa gift card (or)
- 1 – River Rat skateboard (or)
- 1 – Wonder Fair package (or)
- 1 – \$100 VR Lawrence gift card

ADULTS GET...

- 1 coupon for 10% off at The Raven
- 1 free Summer Reading tote bag
- 1 free Summer Reading Bookmark
- 1 free cookie from the Merc Co+Op
- 1 free Eileen's cookie
- 2 free books from a library book sale
- 1 free t.Loft protein ball
- 1 free Royal Crest Lanes bowling game
- 1 free Bluestem Yoga class

...AND ENTERED TO WIN*:

- 1 – \$100 Raven Book Store gift card (or)
- 1 of 2 – \$50 Raven Book Store gift cards (or)
- 1 of 4 – \$25 Raven Book Store gift cards

**That's 7 chances!*

HUGE THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL PRIZE SPONSORS!





MEET WINNING TEEN DESIGNER **Claire Lindemyer**

Hi, I'm Claire!

I'm 14 and go to Liberty Memorial Central Middle School and will soon be going to Lawrence High School. I love playing cello, piano, singing, and being involved in anything musical. I also love quite obviously, drawing. When I'm not making music or being artistic you can find me on stage doing theater, hanging out downtown with my friends, reading, or playing volleyball.

Why did you enter the Summer Reading t-shirt design contest?

I have always loved drawing since I was little, and I've also been getting into graphic design recently and have designed a few t-shirts for my school! I really loved the theme for this year and had so many ideas when I was starting to come up with my design.

How did you approach the design?

I started by sketching out a few possible options on paper and then chose the one that I thought was great because it represented community, diversity, and people reading together. I then traced over my paper one on Procreate. I added the paper chain of people last minute because I always have loved those and thought it was a nice touch!



"It's hard to let someone tweak your design and pick a font to go with it so it can fit on the web, a shirt, and in print, and Claire was so easy to work with! Her flexibility, patience, and professionalism will serve her well if she follows a career in graphic design."

—Heather Kearns
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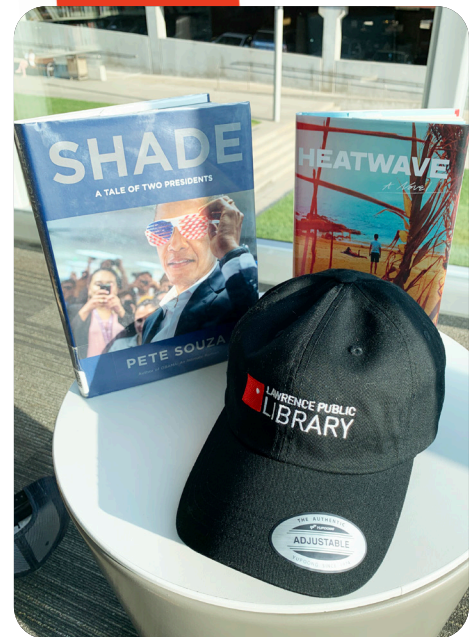
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