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**Booktoberfest '23**

*Where Book Nerds find their people!*

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## READER

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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.



## Happy Booktoberfest!



Our 3rd annual Booktoberfest will soon be upon us! I'm so excited for our town to read and discuss *Dracula* together! In addition to simply being a great read, it has such a rich, well-known cultural history, there will be so much to bite into.

Somehow, I never read *Dracula* until this year, inspired by the phenomenon that is Matt Kirkland's *Dracula Daily* email newsletter. The book was not what I expected.

First, I didn't know it was an epistolary novel, creating a narrative structure from multiple diaries and news reports. It is a travelog, adventure, science fiction, horror and just downright creepier and weirder than I would have imagined. It is also surprisingly modern in its writing style and very readable.

In addition to reading a great classic, we are very fortunate to celebrate the release date of the book version of Matt Kirkland's *Dracula Daily*, a combination of Bram Stoker's original text alongside reader-generated content, this version of *Dracula* is a fun and immersive experience.

So, get your free copy of *Dracula* while supplies last and let's get reading together this fall!

Brad



Brad and his kiddo Zadie (who also drew that bat!)



## Sink Your Teeth into *Dracula*

*Enter into the macabre world of one of literature's most iconic villains – you'll get a free copy of the book while supplies last!*

Bram Stoker's gothic horror novel *Dracula* was published in 1897 (that's the original first edition cover below) and revolves around Count Dracula, a centuries-old vampire from Transylvania who seeks to spread his undead curse to Victorian England. Making his way to London, Dracula preys upon innocent victims until vampire hunter, Dr. Abraham Van Helsing, leads a group of characters in a battle between good and evil to stop Dracula's reign of terror and save his victims' souls.

## Why Read A Book Together?

The power of story to transform and transcend has never been more important, and the power to unite us through story is why Lawrence Public Library has been bringing our adult reading community together – once a year since 2005! – to read the same book and explore its major themes through discussions and interactive programs. It's also just a really fun and social way to get the most out of a book and meet fellow readers!

"When we read the same story together, we can focus on the similarities of our human experience," said Brad Allen, LPL Executive Director. "It endears us to each other, builds empathy, and ultimately a stronger community."

This fall, join us in reading Bram Stoker's *Dracula* and come mingle with your fellow Book Nerds at a multitude of events!

**Many thanks to our community partners for sharing their spaces, expertise, and financial support for Booktoberfest:**

*LPL Friends & Foundation, KU Libraries and The University of Kansas, Maceli's, Arterra, Lawrence Arts Center, Raven Book Store, Lawrence Beer Co., Cider Gallery, and the Community Blood Center.*

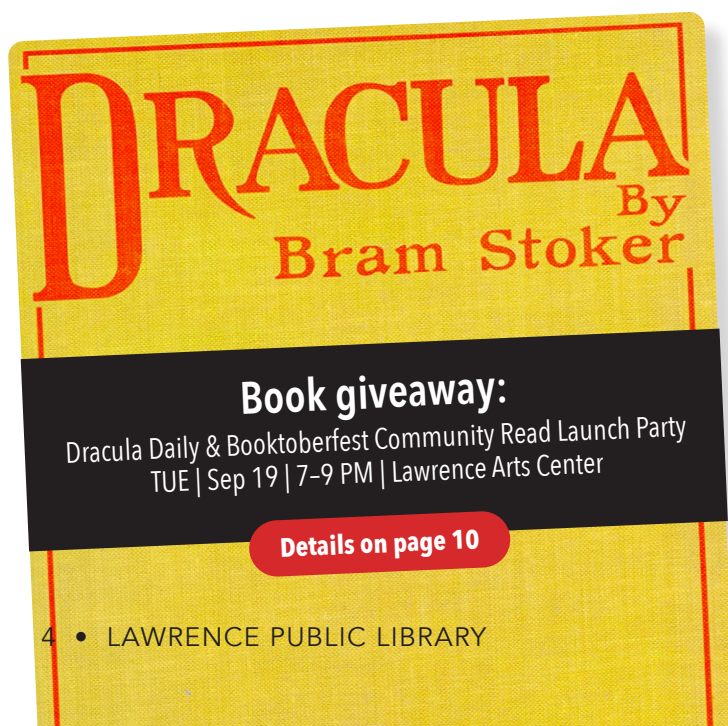
*Color in and cut out this handy bookmark so you don't miss a thing!*



## Booktoberfest '23

Sep 19–Nov 8

- Sep 19** Dracula Daily & Booktoberfest Community Read Launch Party
- Sep 26** An Evening w/ Author Alex Grecian
- Oct 1–7** Banned Book Week
- Oct 7** Blacula Screening & Discussion w/ Giselle Anatol
- Oct 13** An Evening w/ Author Jonathan Lethem in conversation w/ Whitney Terrell
- Oct 17** An Evening w/ Author Nathan Hill
- Oct 20** Haunted Stacks
- Oct 30** Feminist Fright Fest
- Nov 1** Book Club Speed Dating
- Nov 8** Vampire Lore...and So Much More!



### Book giveaway:

Dracula Daily & Booktoberfest Community Read Launch Party  
TUE | Sep 19 | 7–9 PM | Lawrence Arts Center

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**Booktoberfest**  
Where Book Nerds find their people!



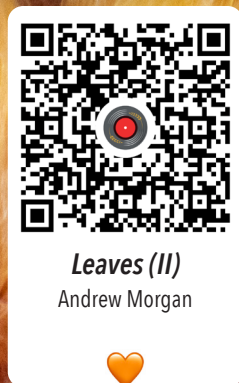
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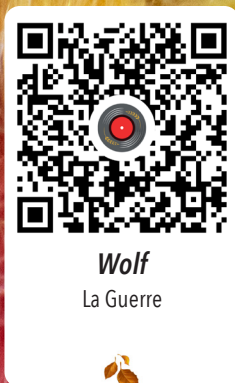
# A Totally Local

## SWEATER WEATHER PLAYLIST

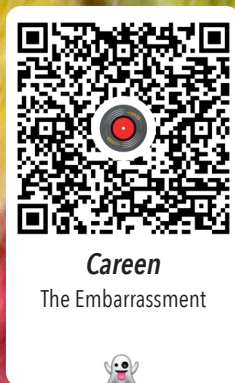
**LISTENING KEY:** ❤️ Kayla's Top Fall Picks 🧛 Spooky Season Songs 🍁 Autumnal Tunes



*Leaves (II)*  
Andrew Morgan



*Wolf*  
La Guerre



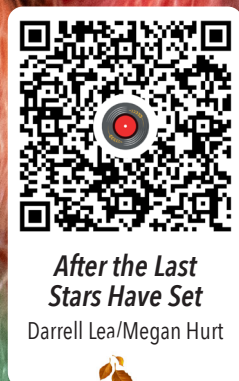
*Careen*  
The Embarrassment



*Glass Bones:  
Paper Skin*  
Faith Maddox



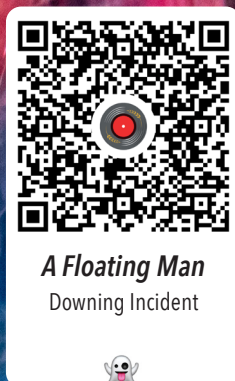
*Touch of Magic*  
The Morning Dew



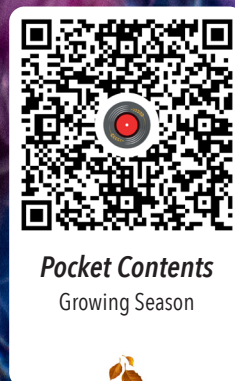
*After the Last  
Stars Have Set*  
Darrell Lea/Megan Hurt



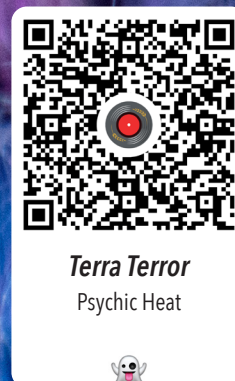
*Tea on the Porch*  
Spencer Mackenzie  
Brown



*A Floating Man*  
Downing Incident



*Pocket Contents*  
Growing Season



*Terra Terror*  
Psychic Heat

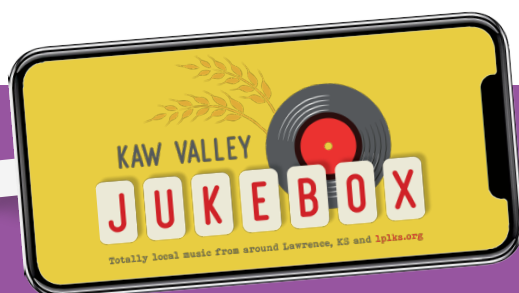


by Kayla Cook | Media Relations & Communications Specialist

Hey, Lawrence!

Using the library's local music streaming resource, Kaw Valley Jukebox (KVJB), I curated a playlist to underscore everyone's favorite fall activities. From sipping tea on your porch to gathering together for a Friendsgiving to admiring the color-changing leaves on a walk in one of Lawrence's many parks—this is the perfect fall playlist of, again, all local artists! How cool is that?

Browse commercial-free curated music made with heart in the heartland at [music.lplks.org](https://music.lplks.org). \*You don't even need a library card to access KVJB! Happy fall and happy listening. 🇺🇸



## SUBMIT HERE

If you've produced an EP or full-length album in any genre, and live and regularly perform in the KS region, join our archive!



# Everyone Needs a Good Scare

by Christina James | Readers' Services Librarian



I've often said that the horror genre is as versatile as any other literary genre. It has its own spectrum – it can rest at “unsettling” or catapult all the way up to “I will never sleep soundly again”. I champion this genre so much because I love the chill that slithers up my spine. I love the adrenaline rush that comes with suspense and the catharsis that comes with defeating the monster, escaping the haunted house, or besting the killer and living to tell

about it. It's a blast! But, I am a superfan of this genre for more than the scares. Yes, on the surface horror is meant to scare, but if you peel back the mask, its intent is to enlighten, to forewarn, to empower.

Horror tends to get a bad reputation simply because readers think it only consists of blood, boobs, and gore – and sometimes it does – but let's not insult an entire genre based on hearsay. Horror does a lot of the heavy lifting other genres might avoid. Horror is about survival, fear of the unknown, facing hard truths, and overcoming obstacles. Horror is a reflection of our societies and a critique of our history. If you read between the lines, horror makes fighters of us all.

While one might argue that a book like Ira Levin's *Rosemary's Baby* is about Satanic witches and the antichrist, it's actually a clever portrayal of women's lack of bodily autonomy. Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* forces its readers to question whether it is nurture or nature that creates a monster and if perhaps human monsters pose a greater threat to our society than the supernatural ones we cast out. Bram Stoker's *Dracula* depicts a Victorian English society's fear of race, sexuality, and disease represented through vampirism. Stephen King's *Carrie* is about a young girl coming into her own power after being pummeled by both religious trauma and her community's disdain for “otherness”. Tananarive Due's short story collection *Ghost Summer* is laden with obstacles both real and supernatural from the Black American experience.

**“Part of what horror is, is taking risks and going somewhere that people think you're not supposed to be able to go, in the name of expressing real-life fears.” –Jordan Peele**

My point is that, while it's important to read books that make us feel good and safe, it's equally important to read books that shake us up a little bit. Harkening back to what I stated before, horror as a genre is birthed from our surroundings, our individual cultures, spiritual beliefs, our marginalized experiences, our political environment, and our determination to survive.

Still not convinced to give horror a chance? Well, I personally believe there's a horror novel for every reader. Deep down we all love a good scare, but more importantly we all *need* a good scare. ■



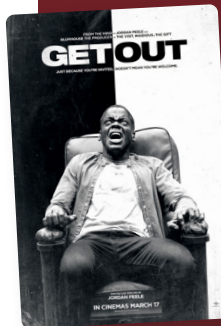
**Christina loves** horror movie podcasts, ghost stories, Stephen King, nihilistic endings, anti-heroes, strong heroines, psychological terror, and blood. Find her at the Book Help Desk for in-person recommendations or scan this QR code to get a personalized reading list from the LPL Book Squad.



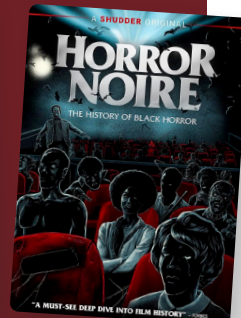
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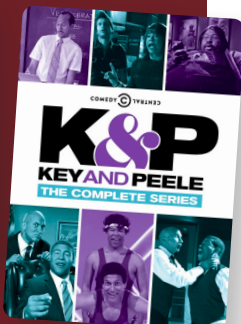
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## MOVIES TO BORROW by/with JORDAN PEELE

Jordan Peele got his start on *Mad TV* and later founded the comedy show, *Key and Peele* with Keegan-Michael Key. In 2017, Peele made his directorial debut with the social thriller *Get Out*, which was chosen as one of the top 10 films of the year by the American Film Institute and *Time* magazine, and made him the first African American screenwriter to win the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay.

SOURCE: [blackpast.org](https://blackpast.org)



# Spooky Season Reads

**Christina's (FICTION) and Logan's (NF)** book recommendations are sure to give you chills. Remember, if you can't find something at the library, try borrowing it from another library (ILL). Visit [lpls.org/interlibrary-loan](http://lpls.org/interlibrary-loan) for how to do it.

## For the Beginners (HORROR – COATES D)

*The Carrow Haunt* by Darcy Coates begins with several strangers taking part in a week-long paranormal study within a haunted house. As you can guess, it goes terribly wrong.

## Something New (HORROR – Borrow through ILL)

*The Reformatory* by Tananarive Due is set in the Jim Crow South. A young Black boy is sent to a segregated reform school where horrors both human and supernatural await him.

## Something Local (HORROR – THOMAS S)

*Kill Creek* by Scott Thomas features four Horror authors who are invited to stay the night in a haunted house as part of a Halloween publicity stunt. But, the guests have awakened something sinister within the house's walls.

## A Classic (HORROR – LE FANU)

*Carmilla* by Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu predates Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. This gothic tale follows a young woman who takes up a close friendship with a beautiful vampire named Carmilla. Meanwhile, young girls are dying from a mysterious illness. Could it be a disease? Or perhaps something supernatural is at work?

## Cult Classic (FICTION – DANIELEW)

*House of Leaves* by Mark Z. Danielewski begins with a family moving into a small house only to discover it's bigger on the inside than on the outside. Great for readers who love a story within a story within a story.

## Horror Comedy (FICTION – Borrow through ILL)

*Walking Practice* by Dolki Min features an Earth-stranded alien using a very unconventional method to hunt for its human prey while pondering social constructs, like gender.

## For Dark History Buffs (NF – 978.0209 FOSDICK)

*The Indifferent Stars Above* by Daniel James Brown has all the details you probably didn't need to know about the Donner Party in an incredibly well-written package. Read it while camping to get a real...taste...of their harrowing experiences.

## True Crime "Classique" (NF – 978.0209 FOSDICK)

*The Stranger Beside Me* by Ann Rule is the true story of Ann Rule herself and her seemingly amiable coworker Ted Bundy that catapulted her to True Crime genre fame.

## True Crime "Nouveau" (NF – 364.1532 MCNAMARA)

*I'll Be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara is the infamous, disturbing case of the now-caught Golden State Killer and the devastating impact it had on its armchair detective author.

## For the Explorers (NF – 918.4 GHINSBER)

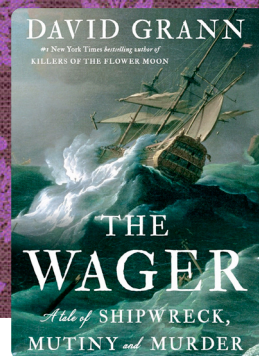
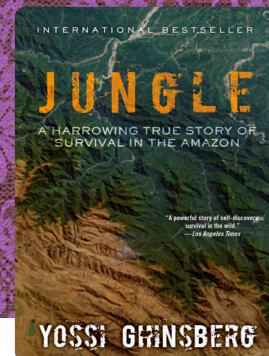
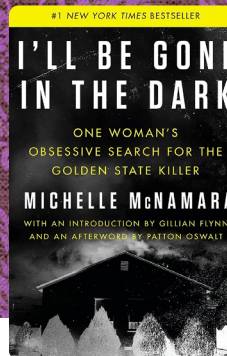
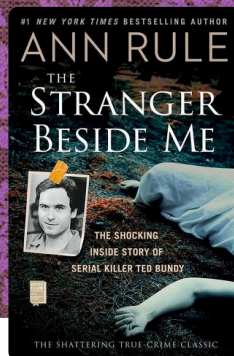
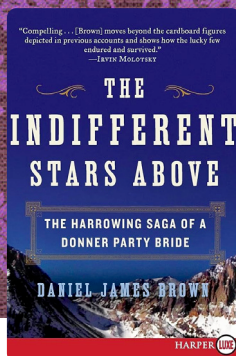
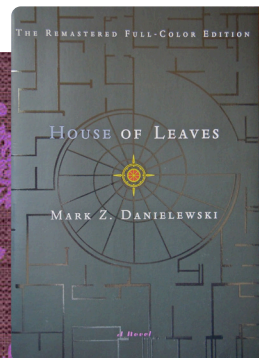
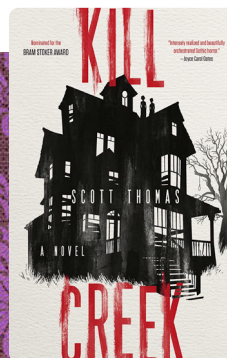
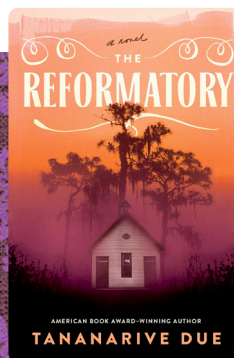
*Jungle* by Yossi Ghinsberg ... The next time you're about to enter the deep, dark jungle with total stranger ... maybe don't.

## For the Survivors (NF – 910.9164 GRANN D)

*The Wager* by David Grann is an unbelievable story of shipwreck, mutiny, murder, and the unimaginable living conditions of the seafaring 1700s.



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# Invest in Your Library

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

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- ☐ volunteering   ☐ including the library in my estate plan

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LPL Friends & Foundation  
PO Box 973  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Thank you.



ALA American Library Association

FIGHT CENSORSHIP TO READ WHAT YOU WANT.

## Banned Books Week Oct 1-7, 2023

Every year, libraries, schools, bookstores, and museums around the country celebrate the right to read and the freedom to access ideas – *a fundamental right that belongs to everyone.*

Watch for all ages events at the library this week that put some context and conversation around one of the most hot-button topics of this year.

Local artist **Joelle Ford** will create a new artwork inspired by banned and challenged books for our next art print in the *Library Landscapes* series. All proceeds will benefit the library's literacy efforts.

LOOK FOR INFO ABOUT PURCHASING A PRINT AT:  
[LPLFF.org](https://LPLFF.org)



# The Fiends of the Library

by Logan Isaman | Fundraising & Volunteer Specialist



Come with me, if you dare, to the most haunted place in Lawrence. Where ghosts linger on pages; where phantoms move furniture around in the night; where ghouls misplace Dewey Decimal numbers never to be seen again...

The unseen entities of LPL are many. They are legion. They are well over 200 volunteers who generously give their time, attention, and sometimes even a minor blood sacrifice in support of our library. (So sorry about your finger, Barb!).

Now a tale to send a shiver down your spine: *The Curious Case of the Vanished Volunteers*.

Picture it. The year is 2024, and all of our volunteers have gone missing without a trace. One might say they've ghosted us. Library staff scramble to cover over 15,000 hours of time spent shelving books, pulling holds, sorting donated books, and holding quarterly book sales. There is not enough time in the day and the shelves are a mess. Authors won't come to visit, storytime is canceled forever, and you'll never get that new book you put on hold.

**"The horror! The horror!"** –Joseph Conrad, *Heart of Darkness*

Lucky for us, that would never happen! The Friends & Foundation's little shop of bookish horrors is getting ready for our annual Fall Book Sale happening October 19-22. Come through to find your spooky fireside reads at unbeatable prices – all thanks to an extraordinary efforts of our invaluable volunteers. ■



Thank you to volunteers Julie, Barb, Jan, and Warren for your incredible work this year!

## Library volunteers love scary stories, too!

They made us a list of books to read to get everyone in the mood for Booktoberfest:



## Fall BOOK SALE

books  
audiobooks  
CDs & DVDs  
all priced \$2 or less

**DONORS' NIGHT**  
THU | Oct 19 | 4-7 PM

FRI | Oct 20 | 10 AM-6 PM

SAT | Oct 21 | 10 AM-6 PM

SUN | Oct 22 | 12-4 PM

Located in the LPLFF Garage at  
7th & Kentucky behind the library!

## Want to volunteer at the library?

From helping to shelve materials, greeting visitors, and working book sales, there's lots for you to do!

[lplks.org/volunteer](http://lplks.org/volunteer)



## ALL AGES

### Second Saturday Book Sale

SAT | Sep 9 | 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.

### Hobbit Birthday Celebration!

Ages 8+  
FRI | Sep 22 | 3:30–5 PM  
Auditorium

What better way to celebrate Frodo & Bilbo's birthday than with cake and assorted treats? Stop by for desserts worthy of a hobbit party and see some choice scenes from the movies to celebrate our favorite hobbitses.

### Fall Book Sale

FRI–SAT | Oct 20–21 | 10 AM–6 PM  
SUN | Oct 22 | 12–4 PM  
LPLFF Garage (7th & Kentucky)

Shop the season's best books, CDs, DVDs and audiobooks. Everything is priced \$2 and under. Get all the details at LPLFF.org.

### KU University Orchestra

TUE | Oct 31 | 6:45–7:45 PM  
Auditorium

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


## ADULTS

## Booktoberfest

### Dracula Daily & Booktoberfest Community Read Launch Party

TUE | Sep 19 | 7–9 PM  
Lawrence Arts Center (940 New Hampshire)


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

 In 2020, Matt Kirkland – a local Lawrencian – started a project called *The Dracula Daily*, in which bite-sized (get it?) chunks of Bram Stoker's *Dracula* were delivered to your inbox over the course of six months. Today it's an internet sensation, with a few hundred thousand followers,

spawning memes galore. Come hear Matt discuss the project and help him with the launch of his brand new book! Participants will receive a free copy of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, which we've chosen as this year's Community Read, and will be the first to be able to purchase Matt's new book! Stay for book signings and music and maybe a surprise visit from the other side... Questions? Ask Polli: pkenn@lplks.org.

### An Evening with Author Alex Grecian


TUE | Sep 26 | 7–9 PM  
Auditorium

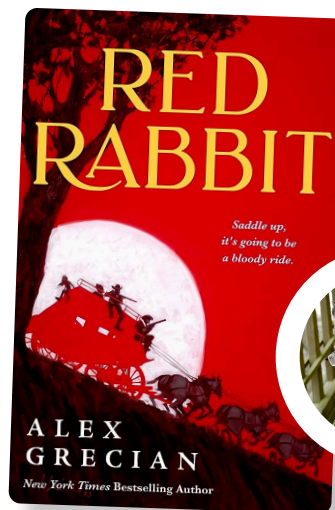
 Native Kansan, Alex Grecian, is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Yard* and its sequels *The Black Country*, *The Devil's Workshop*, *The Harvest Man*, and *Lost and Gone Forever*, as well as the contemporary thriller *The Saint of Wolves and Butchers*, and the ebook *The Blue Girl*. He has also written multiple award-winning graphic novels, including *Proof* and *Rasputin*. He's coming to Lawrence to celebrate the release of his new novel, *Red Rabbit*. Questions? Ask Polli: pkenn@lplks.org.

### Banned Books Week

Oct 1–7  
Atrium



 Want some context and conversation around one of the most hot-button topics of this year? Come sit a spell at the LPL display during Banned Book Week to discover the which, what, and why of a nationwide struggle to preserve your Freedom to Read.



The library will close at 4 PM on  
FRI, Oct 20 for Haunted Stacks.



"Matt Kirkland, creator of 'Dracula Daily,' at his home in Lawrence, Kansas. He turned to the book during the pandemic, and found *Dracula* to be an unlikely patron saint for the uncertain times." –*The New York Times*

IMAGE CREDIT: Shawn Brackbill







## Blacula Screening & Discussion with Giselle Anatol

SAT | Oct 7 | 7-9 PM  
Lawrence Arts Center Microcinema  
(940 New Hampshire)

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

Executive Director of the Gunn Center for Science Fiction, Giselle Anatol—who also happens to be an expert on vampire lore—will join our librarians in the fabulous LAC Microcinema for a viewing and discussion of this cult classic. Questions? Ask Christina: [cjames@lplks.org](mailto:cjames@lplks.org).

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The University of Kansas

## An Evening with Author Jonathan Lethem in Conversation with Whitney Terrell

FRI | Oct 13 | 7-9 PM  
Cider Gallery (810 Pennsylvania Street)

Jonathan Lethem is the bestselling author of twelve novels, including *The Arrest*, *The Feral Detective*, *The Fortress of Solitude*, and *Motherless Brooklyn*, and winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award. He will be celebrating the release of his latest book, *Brooklyn Crime Novel*, in conversation with author Whitney Terrell. Questions? Ask Polli: [pkenn@lplks.org](mailto:pkenn@lplks.org).

## An Evening with Author Nathan Hill

TUE | Oct 17 | 7-9 PM  
Auditorium

Nathan Hill's best-selling debut novel, *The Nix*, was named the #1 book of the year by Entertainment Weekly and Audible, and one of the year's best books by NPR, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Slate, and many others. We were fortunate to host him for the release of *The Nix* and are thrilled to have him back for the release of his second novel, *Wellness*. Questions? Email Polli: [pkenn@lplks.org](mailto:pkenn@lplks.org).

## Haunted Stacks

FRI | Oct 20 | 7-9 PM  
Library-wide (707 Vermont Street)

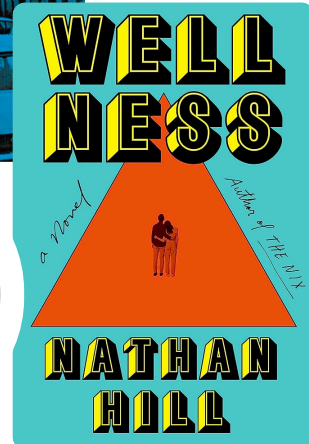
*Free, but registration required*  
*Sign up online or at 785-843-3833*

Join us for (in our best ghostly voice) Boooooos! and Boooooze! after hours at the library! We're celebrating Booktoberfest with a bash that's bookish, spooky, and a whole lot of fun. A variety of activities will be on tap, including the crowd favorite Scavenger Hunt. Plus tasty treats and maybe a few tricks. Questions? Ask Leah: [lnewton@lplks.org](mailto:lnewton@lplks.org).

## Feminist Fright Fest

MON | Oct 30 | 7-9 PM  
Watson Library 3 West  
(1425 Jayhawk Blvd)

Watch the 1936 film *Dracula's Daughter*, the first queer-coded film representation of a woman vampire, and break it down with our resident horror expert and the staff of KU's Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies department. Questions? Ask Christina: [cjames@lplks.org](mailto:cjames@lplks.org).



## Book Club Speed Dating

WED | Nov 1 | 7-9 PM  
Arterra (2161 Quail Creek Drive)

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

Come listen as we highlight new and popular reads, great for book clubs and beyond. Leave with dozens of hot numbers vetted by your friendly neighborhood Book Squad, plus reserve the hottest titles before they're available to the rest of the dating pool. Tasty treats will be on hand and the bar will be open for business. When cruising for books, you'll always come up a winner with your librarian as matchmaker! Questions? Ask Leah: [lnewton@lplks.org](mailto:lnewton@lplks.org).

## Vampire Lore... and So Much More!

TBD | November (see [lplks.org](http://lplks.org) for info)

The brilliant KU faculty is coming to "unpack Drac" for us. Did you avoid reading it when it was assigned but were inspired by the Community Read to take a fresh look at an old book? We were, too! And Professors Giselle Anatol, Katie Conrad, and Ann Rowland will discuss aspects of the book you may have never considered—science and pseudoscience, race and foreignness, and look more closely at the role of women, the experience of horror, and generally take a look at what influenced Stoker and how *Dracula* has since become influential, in turn. Questions? Ask Polli: [pkenn@lplks.org](mailto:pkenn@lplks.org).





## GENERAL EVENTS

### MixMaster Music Conference

SAT | Sep 9 | 10 AM–5 PM  
Auditorium, S+V Studio, Meeting Rooms  
*Free, but registration required*  
Register at: [mixmaster2023.com](https://mixmaster2023.com)



If you're looking to thrive in the music industry but don't know where to start, mark your calendars for MixMaster Music Conference! Through panel discussions, networking events, and breakout sessions, we'll connect you with bookers, promoters, venues, and more to learn how to make your music work in a fast-changing industry. Questions? Ask Joel: [jbonner@lplks.org](mailto:jbonner@lplks.org).

### Repair Studio

SUN | Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 5 | 2–4 PM  
Auditorium



Bring your 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 how things work. Want to be a Repair Mentor? Email Hazlett: [repairstudio8@gmail.com](mailto:repairstudio8@gmail.com).



### Craft Club

SAT | Sep 23, Oct 14, Nov 11 | 10–11 AM  
Meeting Room A

*Free, but registration required*  
Sign up at [bit.ly/lplcraftclub](https://bit.ly/lplcraftclub)



Crafting is for everyone! Monthly we get together for a low-stakes creative project to meet other crafters, makers, and artists and build community. No fancy art skills required. Please register ahead so we have supplies for everyone. Questions? Email Ruby at [rmackinnonlove@lplks.org](mailto:rmackinnonlove@lplks.org).

Sep 23 | LPL Rocks!

Oct 14 | Craft Club x Booktoberfest

Nov 11 | Shadow Painting

### Civic Engagement 101

Sep–Nov | See [lplks.org](https://lplks.org) for event info  
Auditorium & Zoom



The library is committed to fostering an informed, engaged community with this annual series in partnership with the League of Women Voters. Join us to get to know local candidates, deepen your understanding of the legislative process, and gain clarity on public school finance. Questions? Ask Terese: [twinters@lplks.org](mailto:twinters@lplks.org).

Sep 20 | Lawrence School Board  
Candidate Forum

Oct 2 | Lawrence City Commission  
Candidate Forum

TBD | Kansas Legislature and the  
Public School System

TBD | Understanding Public School  
Finance



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'  
OF LAWRENCE-DOUGLAS COUNTY

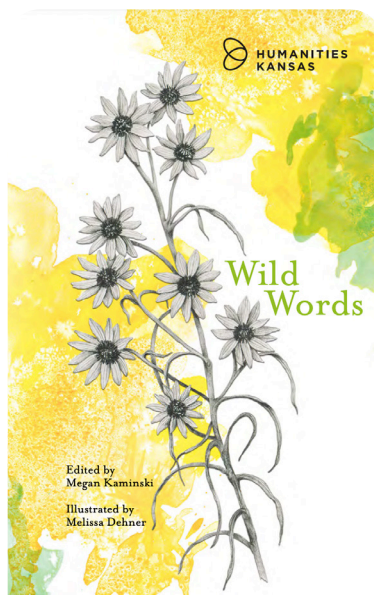
### Harvest Potluck & Story Swap

SUN | Sep 24 | 3–4:30 PM  
Auditorium

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



Break bread with local leaders in community growing and food sharing! Bring a dish to share featuring something you grew this season. Swap stories about your gardening journey—what was successful, what new varieties you tried, and what you'll do differently next year. Please provide a list of ingredients with your dish for those with allergies or dietary restrictions. If you have seeds you'd like to share or donate to the Seed Library, bring those too! Free copies of the Humanities Kansas poetry collection *Wild Words* will be available to the first 20 guests. Questions? Email Terese: [twinters@lplks.org](mailto:twinters@lplks.org).



### Free Homebuyers Workshop

WED | Oct 11 | 5–8 PM  
Auditorium

*Free, but registration required*  
Register at: [bit.ly/TTHworkshop](https://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 the workshop is a TTH requirement of the Home Purchase Program. Questions? Ask Marc at [mveloz@lplks.org](mailto:mveloz@lplks.org).



### "In Their Shoes: Building Healthy Relationships" Simulation Event

THU | Oct 12 | 6–7:30 PM  
Auditorium

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



In partnership with the Willow Domestic Violence Center and #BeMoreLikeClaire, explore healthy relationship dynamics and get acquainted with crucial aspects of intimate partner violence prevention through an experiential simulation called "In Their Shoes: Teen & Dating Violence." This simulation is especially pertinent to those in regular contact with teens, like teachers, counselors, law enforcement, parents, friends, and others. Event is open to the public and there is no cost to participate. Space is limited. Questions? Ask Marc: [mveloz@lplks.org](mailto:mveloz@lplks.org).





## Perennial Agriculture with The Land Institute

SAT | Oct 14 | 4-5:30 PM  
Auditorium

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



Staff of The Land Institute will present on local and global research in perennial agriculture, featuring the latest on Kernza, a perennial wheat – plus the chance to sample Kernza-related snacks! Questions? Ask Jake: [jvail@lplks.org](mailto:jvail@lplks.org).

## Wild Words Poetry Walk

Oct | See [lplks.org](http://lplks.org) for date/time  
KU Field Station (350 Wild Horse Road)



Join us to celebrate the release of *Wild Words*, from Humanities Kansas! Stroll through the prairie with restoration ecologist and Executive Director of the Native Lands Restoration Collaborative, Courtney Masterson! We'll learn about the flowers that dot the fall prairie and enjoy a reading from professor Megan Kaminski, contributor and editor of *Wild Words*. Free copies of *Wild Words* will be available first-come-first-served. Questions? Email Ruby for more info at: [rmackinnonlove@lplks.org](mailto:rmackinnonlove@lplks.org).

## Local Authors & Artists Outside

**Author & Artist Ian Cook**

SUN | Oct 8 | 2-3:30 PM  
1594 N 3rd Street

Start at Riverfront Park, head to the Levee, then east to the I-70 bridge underpass where the vivid graffiti resonates with him and has become part of a creative journey.

**Author George Frazier & Artist Karen Matheis**

SAT | Nov 4 | 10-11:30 AM

Oread Hotel (1200 Oread Avenue)

We'll start on the roof of the Oread Hotel, then walk to the banks of the Kaw.



Meet local authors and artists as they share connections of their work to outside spaces – enhancing our connections to nature, sense of place, and community. We'll enjoy a 20-minute talk, then take a hike! Sturdy shoes and weather-ready attire recommended; the route is accessible; some walking and uneven surfaces possible. Co-sponsored with Kansas Native Plant Society. If weather's bad, we'll reschedule. Email Shirley for more info at: [sbraunlich@lplks.org](mailto:sbraunlich@lplks.org).

## Community Resource Fair

SAT | Nov 11 | 12-3 PM  
Auditorium



We all hit bumps in the road and need help from our friends and neighbors from time to time. Knowing where to turn can make all the difference. Stop by to check out the many services, supports, and resources available in our community. Questions? Email Marc at: [mveloz@lplks.org](mailto:mveloz@lplks.org).

## Genealogy & Local History: Research Resources

TUE | Nov 14 | 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 any questions to Melissa at: [mfisherisaacs@lplks.org](mailto:mfisherisaacs@lplks.org).



## Learning from Gordon Parks with Ann Dean

THU | Nov 30 | 6:30-8 PM  
Auditorium

Join us in celebrating the 111th birthday of tremendous African American author, photographer, and filmmaker Gordon Parks. Parks was well known for documenting American life and culture. Born in Fort Scott, Kansas in 1912, he's one of the most esteemed image makers of all time. In this presentation, Lawrence photographer Ann Dean will discuss the impact and inspiration found in Parks's books: *The Learning Tree*, *A Choice of Weapons*, and *Half Past Autumn*. These books help illustrate Parks's mother's teachings centered in love, dignity, and hard work, and provide a starting point to talk about his struggles, choices, and triumphs—all great life lessons for those searching to find their way in this complicated world.



## In the Kitchen

Nov | See [lplks.org](http://lplks.org) for dates/times  
Auditorium



In this quarterly series, we learn from local chefs and skilled cooking enthusiasts covering a wide range of culinary topics. Get empowered to cook fresh and affordable meals at home and pick up some new techniques in the kitchen. Be sure to check our website for upcoming guests and updates. Questions? Ask Terese: [twinters@lplks.org](mailto:twinters@lplks.org).

## BOOK CLUBS

### BYOBB

**Bring Your Own Book & Beverage**

MONTHLY | 3rd TUE | 7-8:30 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](mailto:pkenn@lplks.org).

### Queer Book Club

MONTHLY | 1st SUN | 4-5:30 PM  
Meeting Room A

*In September, we'll meet on 9/10*



Have a little PRIDE in your reading! 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!

Sep 3 | *In the Dream House*

Oct 1 | *Detransition, Baby*

Nov 5 | *Gideon the Ninth*



### Thriller Thursday Book Club

MONTHLY | 3rd THU | 6:30–8 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. Email Christina for more info at [cjames@lplks.org](mailto:cjames@lplks.org).

Sep 21 | Theme: Slashers

Oct 19 | Theme: Bloodthirsty

Nov 16 | Theme: Bargain with the Devil

### Mystery Book Club

BIMONTHLY | 3rd SUN | 1:30–3 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. Club meets Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, and Nov. Email Shirley for more information at: [sbraunlich@lplks.org](mailto:sbraunlich@lplks.org).

Sep 17 | Amateur Sleuths

Nov 19 | Noir Mysteries

### Third Thursday Book Club

MONTHLY | 3rd THU | 7–8:30 PM  
Lawrence Beer Co. (826 Pennsylvania)



Read and discuss a new title each month. To reserve a book and get more details, email Polli at: [pkenn@lplks.org](mailto:pkenn@lplks.org).

Sep 21 | *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*

Oct 19 | *Dracula*

Nov 16 | *Thistlefoot*

### Last Wednesday Book Club

MONTHLY | Last WED | 6:30–8 PM  
Meeting Room A



Our longest-running 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](mailto:pkenn@lplks.org).

Sep 27 | *Daisy Jones & the Six*

Oct 25 | *Dracula*

Nov 29 | *The Chicken Sisters*

### Nature Book Club

TUE | Sep 12 | 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](mailto:sbraunlich@lplks.org).

Sep 12 | Autumn Meeting

### Social Justice Book Club

MONTHLY | 2nd SUN | 4–5:30 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. Reserve a book or get info from Polli: [pkenn@lplks.org](mailto:pkenn@lplks.org).

Sep 10 | *True Biz*

Oct 8 | *Matrix*

Nov 12 | *Yellowface*

### Speculative Fiction Book Club

MONTHLY | 2nd TUE | 7–8 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? For more information, email Leah at: [lnewton@lplks.org](mailto:lnewton@lplks.org).

Sep 12 | *Never Let Me Go*

Oct 10 | *Our Missing Hearts*

Nov 14 | *Dracula*

## 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. Work towards long-term quality of life and satisfaction. Email Bruce Liese for info at [bliese@kumc.edu](mailto:bliese@kumc.edu).

### Yoga Outside the Library

SUN | Sep 17, Oct 1 | 2–3 PM  
Library Lawn

*Free, but registration required*

*Sign up online or at 785-843-3833*



Come for an hour of yoga with Chelsea of Underground Soundbath who will guide participants through each pose while incorporating music through bluetooth headphones. Beginners are definitely welcome! Bring your own mat if you have one. Questions? Email Theresa at [tbird@lplks.org](mailto:tbird@lplks.org).



### Flu Shot Clinic

TUE | Sep 19 | 3:30–5 PM  
Auditorium



Sigler Pharmacy will set up shop and distribute flu shots. There is a charge; all insurance accepted. Walk-ins welcome, but you can schedule an appointment. Check [lplks.org](http://lplks.org) for the signup link! Need more info? Ask Melissa: [mfisherisaacs@lplks.org](mailto:mfisherisaacs@lplks.org).

### Community Resource Clinic

TUE | Sep 26, Oct 17 | 3–5 PM | 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](mailto:mveloz@lplks.org).







## LPL Blood Drive with the Community Blood Center

THU | Sep 28 | 12-4 PM  
Auditorium

*Appointments preferred, but not required.*  
**SIGN UP:** [savealifenow.org/group](http://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 needs 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](mailto:mveloz@lplks.org).

## Yoga at the Library

Nov | See [lplks.org](http://lplks.org) for date/time  
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](mailto:tbird@lplks.org).

## TECHNOLOGY

### Computer Basics 1: Getting Started

FRI | Sep 15, Oct 13 | 10:30-11:30 AM  
Meeting Room C

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



In this beginner's computer class, you'll learn about different types of computers, how to use a mouse and keyboard, different types of ports that attach devices to your computer, and more.

### Computer Basics 2: Files, Folders, and the Internet

FRI | Sep 22, Oct 20 | 10:30-11:30 AM  
Meeting Room C

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



In this second installment of our computer basics class, you'll learn to navigate the Windows operating system, save and delete files, use folders, and start using the internet.

## SOUND+VISION Basics

THU | Oct 12 | 4:30-5:30 PM  
S+V Studio



Take a tour of the SOUND+VISION studios and find out how to book a session. We'll cover microphones, popular A/V software, and lots more.

## Modular Synthesis 101

THU | Nov 16 | 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.



## RETIREMENT BOOT CAMP

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Visit [lplks.org/retirement](http://lplks.org/retirement) for updates.

### Gray Anatomy

TUE | Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 21 | 4-5 PM  
Auditorium & Zoom

*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.

Sep | Feet and ankles  
Oct | Preventing home injuries and falls  
Nov | Over-the-counter supplements

### Dessert & A Movie

WED | Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 15 | 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 service is free with your library card. Check our online calendar for more details.

Sep | *Mankiller: Story of Wilma Mankiller*  
Oct | *Inherent Good* with special guest, entrepreneur Sam Altman discussing universal basic income  
Nov | TBD

## Tech Club

THU | Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2 | 4-5 PM  
Zoom

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



Join us on the first Thursday of every month to learn about all things Tech! This fall, our new series of classes will help you organize your digital world.

Sep | Cloud Backup (and other Mysteries)  
Oct | Organize Your Inbox  
Nov | Organize Your Images

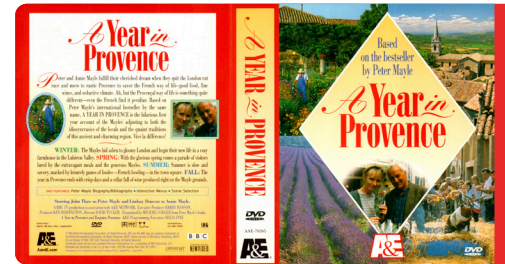
## Wine Around the World

THU | Sep 14, Oct 12, Nov 9 | 5-6 PM  
Zoom

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



Join us for a monthly tour of the world's wine regions, their history, culture, food, and viticulture. Steve Wilson of City Wine Market leads us through tasting notes for two wines in a Zoom class that you can enjoy from home. In October, we'll host a special session where we will watch *A Year in Provence* on Kanopy in advance, and taste wine from that region with Steve. Wine purchases are optional. Buy one, buy both, buy neither.





## Coffee Break

FRI | Sep 1–Nov 17 | 10–11 AM  
Zoom

*No programs Sep 29, Oct 27, Nov 24*



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 sign up at: [jaltman@lplks.org](mailto:jaltman@lplks.org).



## Fun & Games

FRI | Sep 29 | 10–11:30 AM  
Auditorium

FRI | Oct 27 | 10–11:30 AM

Senior Resource Center (745 Vermont)

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



Let's meet up for board games, Wii games, and socializing. You provide the good conversation, and we'll provide coffee, tea, and snacks. No November meet-up due to Thanksgiving.

## City Life

WED | Sep 13 | 2–3 PM

Lawrence Airport (1930 Airport Road)

Sat | Oct 14 | 10–11 AM

Bowersock Mills & Power Co.

(500 South Powerhouse Road)

TUE | Nov 14 | 1:30–2:30 PM

Clinton Reservoir Water Treatment Plant  
(2101 Wakarusa Drive)

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



Discover the many facets of the City of Lawrence and its administration in this new series.



## Stitch & \*itch

MON | Sep 18, Oct 17, Nov 20 | 2–3 PM  
S & S Artisan Pub (2228 Iowa Street)

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



Calling all knitters, crocheters, hand sewers, cross-stitchers, and needle pointers. We're gathering to do some needlework, learn from each other, and discuss and solve the weighty issues of the world. You'll be led by Logan Isaman and will have a cozy area of the coffee house to talk and knit.

## Pop-Up Programs

Visit [LPLKS.org/retirement](http://LPLKS.org/retirement) for programs, dates and times



Join us for spur-of-the-moment field trips, social events, special Zoom programs, and wine tours. It's a great way to make new friends and get to know your community. Contact Jack for details or to sign up for the email list at [jaltman@lplks.org](mailto:jaltman@lplks.org).

## TEENS

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*Teen events are for youth in grades 6–12*

## SPECIAL EVENTS



## Free to Read Celebration

Ages 8–11 & Grades 6–12

WED | Sep 27 | 2–4 PM

Auditorium

Calling all bookworms! Drop in to celebrate the joy of books with crafts, games, book giveaways, snacks, and more. Let the magic of literature to ignite your imagination and bask in the empowerment that comes with exercising your fundamental right to read.

## Star Wars Trivia

*All ages and team types welcome*

SAT | Oct 7 | 7–9 PM

Auditorium

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

Whether you're a Jedi Master, Rebel Leader, Sith Lord, or Padawan Learner, this family fun-filled trivia night will test you all! Play in teams or play Solo, and show off your knowledge of the Star Wars universe.

# FRIDAY THE 13<sup>TH</sup>

## Friday the 13th Society: Murder Mystery Party

Grades 6–12

FRI | Oct 13 | 6–8 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Celebrate spooky season with a dose of the macabre. Solve puzzles, look for clues, and survive the night in this Summer Camp themed Murder Mystery Party.

## Pajama Movie Party

Grades 6–12

MON | Nov 20 | 2–4 PM

Auditorium

Cozy up and settle in for a teens only movie event! Pajamas aren't mandatory, but they are strongly encouraged. Movie to be voted on in the Teen Zone.



## NaNoWriMo Write-In

Grades 6–12

TUE | Nov | 5:30–6:30 PM | Location TBD

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

Are you participating in NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month)? Do you want some buddies to write with? Look no further. We'll meet every Tuesday in November to write, plan, and troubleshoot our current NaNoWriMo projects! Join us for company, moral support, and snacks.



## ONGOING EVENTS

### 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](http://lplks.org/teen-discord-server).



### Teen Zone Expanded

Grades 6–12  
WEEKLY | WED | 2–4 PM  
Auditorium or Readers' Theater

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

### D&D Club

Grades 6–12  
BIMONTHLY | 1st & 3rd THU | 4–5:30 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](mailto:gpratte@lplks.org).

### Teen Lego Club

Grades 6–12  
BIMONTHLY | 2nd & 4th THU | 4–5:30 PM  
Readers' Theater  
*No session 11/23*

Lego isn't just for the little ones! Join us in our first-ever teen-only Lego Club. Club members can let their creativity run wild.

### Teen Gaming Tournament

Grades 6–12  
MONTHLY | 2nd FRI | 4–6 PM  
Readers' Theater

*In October, we'll meet on 10/20*

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

## KIDS

## YOUTH ALL AGES



### Free to Read Celebration

Ages 8–11 & Grades 6–12  
WED | Sep 27 | 2–4 PM  
Auditorium

Calling all bookworms! Drop in to celebrate the joy of books with crafts, games, book giveaways, snacks, and more. Let the magic of literature ignite your imagination and bask in the empowerment that comes with exercising your fundamental right to read.



### Luna's Magic Flute Performed by the Lawrence Ballet Theatre

All ages  
FRI | Sep 29  
10:30–11:15 AM; 6:30–7:15 PM

SAT | Sep 30  
10:30–11:15 AM; 2–2:45 PM  
Auditorium

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

Lawrence Ballet Theatre brings a story of friendship to life through dance and live music. Luna, along with her magical Flute, meets and helps new friends while she is on an adventure away from home. When Luna finds herself in trouble, these friends rush to help her. The power of friendship conquers any adversity!



### Star Wars Trivia

All ages and team types welcome  
SAT | Oct 7 | 7–9 PM  
Auditorium

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

Whether you're a Jedi Master, Rebel Leader, Sith Lord, or Padawan Learner, this family fun-filled trivia night will test you all! Play in teams or play Solo, and show off your knowledge of the Star Wars universe.

### Library Trick-or-Treating

All ages  
TUE | Oct 31 | 4–6 PM  
Start in the Lobby

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

Follow the friendly ghosts in the library to find special treats while supplies last. Costumes encouraged!



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Dance Party for Littles

Ages 0–5  
FRI | Sep 1 | 10:30 AM–11:30 AM  
Auditorium

Your favorite LPL storytellers are bringing bubbles and music, and are ready to dance the morning away with you and your littles.

### Hobbit Birthday Celebration!

Ages 8+  
FRI | Sep 22 | 3:30–5 PM  
Auditorium

What better way to celebrate Frodo & Bilbo's birthday than with cake and assorted treats? Stop by for desserts worthy of a hobbit party and see some choice scenes from the movies to celebrate our favorite hobbitses.

### Pokémon 101

Ages 8–18  
MON | Sep 25 | 3:30–5 PM  
Auditorium

Do you want to learn how to play the Pokémon card game? How about finding new friends to play with? Come join us to learn the basics of how to play Pokémon followed by some time to free play.





## Kid President

*Ages 8-11*

WED | Oct 4, 11, 18, & 25 | 3:30-4:30 PM  
Readers' Theater

*Free, but registration required*

*Sign up online or at 785-843-3833*

Join us to learn about the world of politics and throw your hat in the ring to become Kid President of LPL! We'll have local leaders join us as special guests each week. We'll learn about notable campaigns, candidate slogans, and kids who have changed the world. We'll also talk about creating a platform as a candidate. Kids will create a poster telling Lawrence what they stand for which will be voted on by LPL visitors. The winner will be given a budget to perform a service project in Lawrence with the Kids' Action Club. Let the race begin!

## Creepy & Cuddly Critters with Pet World

*Ages 5-11*

THU | Oct 19 | 3-4 PM  
Auditorium

*Free, but registration required*

*Sign up online or at 785-843-3833*

Meet and learn about a variety of scaly, slimy, and cute critters from Pet World.



## Pajama Movie Party!

*Ages 5-11*

MON | Oct 23 | 10:30-12:30 PM  
Auditorium

What better way to celebrate the spooky season and a day out of school than watching *Monsters Inc* in your PJs? We'll top it off with a monster popcorn snack bar!

## Pokémon Free Play

*Ages 8-18*

MON | Oct 23 | 2-3:30 PM  
TUE | Nov 21 | 2-3:30 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.



## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

### Cuentacuentos

*All ages*

SAT | Sep 16 | 10:30-11:15 AM  
Readers' Theater

¡Únase a nosotros para un Cuentacuentos especial! Join us for a special themed storytime all in Spanish!

### Coffee & Crafts

*All ages*

SUN | Sep 24 | 10:30-11:30 AM  
Readers' Theater

¡Disfrute el desayuno y haga artesanías tradicionales mexicanas! Enjoy breakfast while making traditional Mexican crafts!



### Game Night

*All ages*

WED | Oct 4 | 5-6 PM  
Auditorium

¡Juega los juegos tradicionales mexicanos y gana premios! Play traditional Mexican party games and win prizes.

### Movie Screening: *Coco*

*All ages*

SUN | Oct 15 | 3:30-5:30 PM  
Auditorium

¡Ven a ver la película *Coco* con nosotros! Wrap up Hispanic Heritage Month with snacks and a viewing of *Coco*.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### Parent Support Group

*Parents and kids ages 0-5*

WEEKLY | WED | 6:30-7:30 PM  
Readers' Theater

*No session 11/1*

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!

### Kids' Action Club

*Ages 8-11*

MONTHLY

WED | Sep 6, Nov 8 | 3:30-4:30 PM  
Readers' Theater

*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!

### Lego Club

BIMONTHLY

*Ages 5-11*

SAT | Sep 23, Oct 28, Nov 25 | 2-3:30 PM  
Readers' Theater

Homeschool Club

WED | Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8 | 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.



LOOK,  
PARENTS!



## Mysterious Mustache Book Club

Ages 8-11

MONTHLY

SUN | Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19 | 1:30-2:30 PM

Readers' Theater

*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](mailto:jcook@lplks.org).

## 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*

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

## 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*

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.*

## Tail Wagging Readers

Ages 5-11

BIMONTHLY

1st SUN | 3-4 PM

4th SAT | 10:30-11:30 AM

Readers' Theater

*No session 9/3*

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.



# STORYTIMES

*Storytimes begin 9/2, but take a break 10/31-11/3.*

## Kansas Reads to Preschoolers

Ages 0-5 | Nov 12-30

It's Kansas Reads to Preschoolers (KRP)! We're bringing you special stories and a quest to highlight the importance of reading to your kiddos. Our book pick this year is *My Heart Fills with Happiness*, by Monique Gray Smith – a bilingual Plains Cree and English story.



## KRP Storytimes

Nov 12-18 | Readers' Theater

Explore the tiny pleasures that bring you and your kiddo joy at storytimes this week as we read *My Heart Fills With Happiness*. Get a free copy at storytime while supplies last.

## KRP Happy Heart Quest

Nov 12-30 | South Park (1141 Mass Street)

Our special scavenger hunt takes our littlest patrons to South Park to explore the paths in search of a rainbow of hearts and to discuss what fills your heart with happiness! Get your free copy of *My Heart Fills with Happiness* at the library while supplies last.

## Sing & Rhyme Storytime

All ages

WEEKLY | MON | 6:30-7 PM

Readers' Theater

*No session 9/4*

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

*No session 9/29, 11/2, 11/3, 11/23, 11/24*

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

*No session 10/31, 11/1*

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

*No session 11/1, 11/2, 11/23*

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

## Cuentacuentos Spanish Storytime

*All ages; todas las edades son bienvenidas*

BIMONTHLY

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

1o y 3o Sábados | 10:30-11:15 AM

Various locations; varios lugares

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 exactos. 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.*

## Multicultural Storytime

All ages

BIMONTHLY | 2nd & 4th SUN | 3:30-4:15 PM

Readers' Theater

*Want to be a speaker for this program?*

*Email Anita at [apatel@lplks.org](mailto:apatel@lplks.org) for info.*

Open yourself up to the world with our program! Every storytime, we'll have a guest speaker share stories about a particular culture, language, way of living, and sometimes, if you're lucky—even food! Be sure to make a craft before you leave.

## Take Me for A Ride Storytime

Ages 3+ with their families

TUE, FRI | Oct 10 & 13 | 10:30-11:30 AM

Auditorium

A special storytime all about the city bus! Hear stories and songs, make a craft, and take a short ride around downtown on an electric bus.

## Deja's Reading Rainbow

All ages

SUN | Oct 29 | 3:30-4:30 PM

Auditorium

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





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## Library Horror-scopes

*Our team of expert astrologers foresee that your star sign may guide you towards unanticipated and valuable library resources and information. Look for your sign in upcoming issues of The Reader!*



### Virgo | Aug 23-Sep 22

#### LinkedIn Learning

This grounded Earth sign is never one to shy away from hard work and anxious to constantly sharpen the skills in their toolbox. LinkedIn Learning offers expert online training and skill-building courses. Go on, Virgo, log onto LinkedIn Learning with your library card and learn new skills to add to your resume, you overachiever, you.



### Libra | Sep 23-Oct 23

#### Dottie

Libra is always one to question fairness and ask: "Who is being left out?" For this reason, this well-balanced Air sign's library match is Dottie—our beloved bookmobile! Dottie is Lawrence Public Library "on-the-go" with books and movies available for checkout and we can even do library card sign-ups. Libra can rest assured that no one is left out of library access with Dottie!



### Scorpio | Oct 24-Nov 21

#### Unlimited Digital Newspaper Access to *The New York Times & The Washington Post*

This Water sign seeks the truth and will research relentlessly to uncover it. For this reason, our digital newspaper access for online news through *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* is the match for Scorpio to assess the news and form their own opinion and stand in it. This need to find and dispel myths also makes you a great leader, Scorpio!