

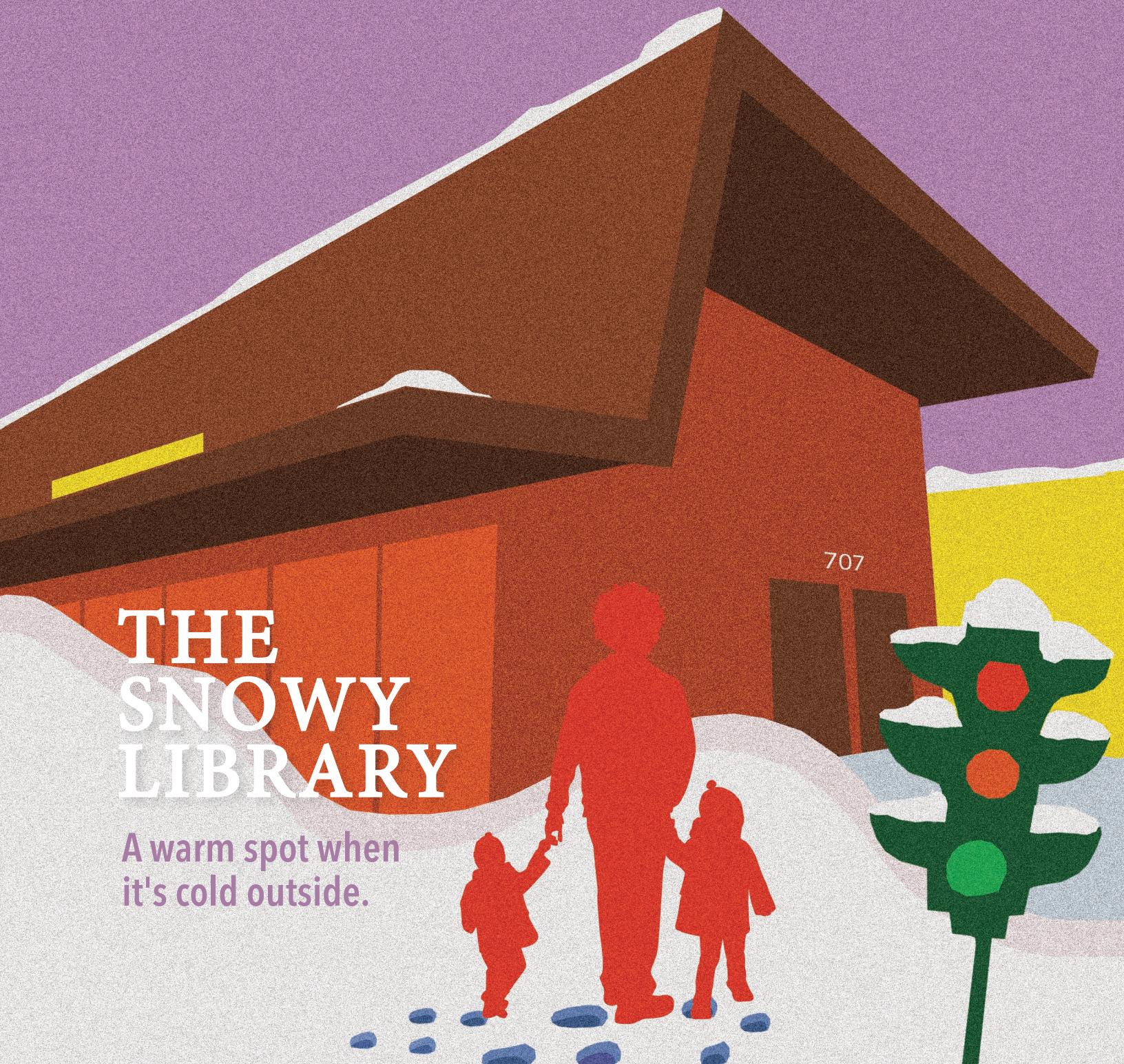
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READER

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THE SNOWY LIBRARY

A warm spot when
it's cold outside.



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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.



WHERE'S BRAD?

I'm doing something I've never done before – taking a sabbatical. My bosses, the Library Board of Trustees, offered me the opportunity to take some time away from the library to research, reflect, and refresh. I'm humbled and excited to take time thinking deeply about the future of our amazing library.

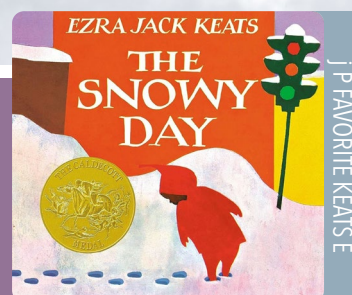
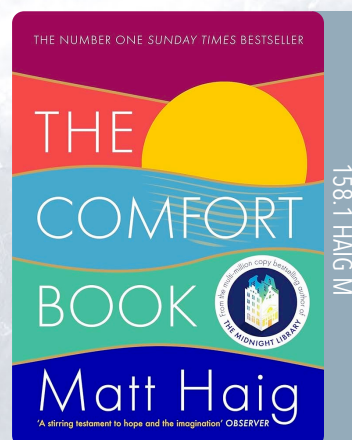
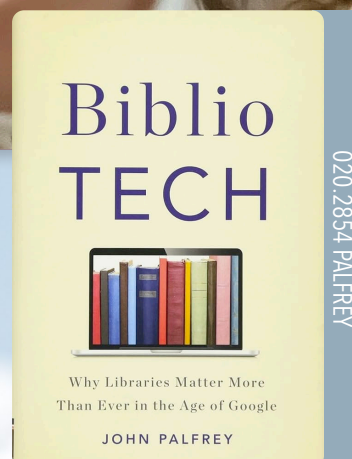
What are you going to do? That's what most folks have asked me. I'm really looking forward to reading and doing research. I plan to take day trips to nearby public libraries, too, and see what they are up to. I've been offered a very exciting opportunity to work with Bibliocommons (the folks who built our website and catalog) on developing a patron engagement and management product that will help libraries like ours make better data-driven decisions to serve our community. It's a great chance to work alongside folks at Bibliocommons as well as librarians from around the country.

While I have a lot I want to do, I also think part of taking a sabbatical is about leaving space to think and dream without knowing where it will lead, too. I'm looking forward to having the great opportunity and privilege to slow down and discover new ideas and new perspectives. The 10th anniversary of our "new" library is coming up Summer 2024. I'm looking forward to returning refreshed and ready for the next decade!

Brad

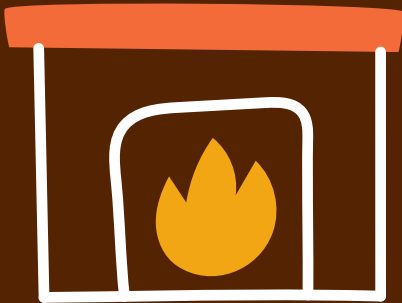
ON THE COVER

Taking inspiration from one of our favorite winter reads, we reimagined Peter, the young boy in *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats, exploring our library 61 years later as an adult with his own grandkids. Keats received the 1963 Caldecott Medal for his collage artwork, which made *The Snowy Day* the first picture book with an African American protagonist to win a major children's award.



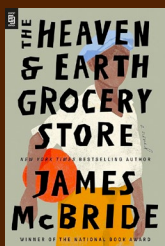
Cozy Reads, Watches, and Listens

Snuggly books, movies, and music you can borrow to keep you warm this winter! Curated by the library's Look, Play, Listen Team and Book Squad.



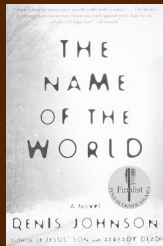
The House in the Cerulean Sea by T.J. Klune begins as a magical story of an ordinary man with an ordinary life and an ordinary job, but so much bigger and brighter and more

wonderful than you could ever imagine. When you need to be transported to the sea, pick up this hope-filled book and find your family. **—Adam**

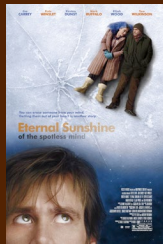


The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride is a cinematic, complex, suspenseful historical tale that honors inspirations from McBride's past. Heroine Chona leads

by example with boundless generosity running the Heaven and Earth Grocery Store. Neighbors of immigrant Jews, Black Americans, and other ability-diverse key characters are revealed with heart and humor. Unifying in the face of bigotry, they celebrate musicians from their 1930s era, conspire to commit a caper and perhaps a murder. The novel is ultimately uplifting with insightful wisdom on human nature via dialogue between characters. **—Shirley**



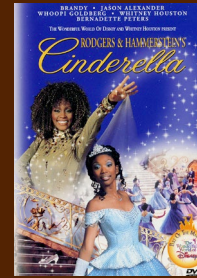
The Name of the World by Denis Johnson offers a delightful and unexpected boost of vitality! Styled in stream of conscious prosody, this petite novel tells the story of widowed college professor, Mike Reed, so ensconced in his grief that he may as well be dead himself. However, enter quirky, art student, Flower Cannon, who slowly awakens Reed back to the world of the living. **—Ilka**



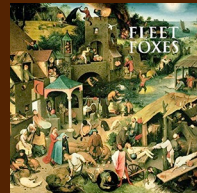
In ***Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind***, Joel (Jim Carrey) and Clementine (Kate Winslet) have their memories erased when their relationship sours. This movie will have you laughing, crying, and wanting to visit Montauk, NY in the dead of winter. Jim Carrey gives a restrained and endearing performance that deviates from his norm. Kate Winslet is fabulous as always. **—Sarah**



In my opinion there's no better season for watching wholesome feel-good content than winter and ***Yuri!!! on Ice*** fits the bill perfectly. If you've ever had the desire to see a protagonist (down on his luck figure skater, Yuri Katsuki) get everything they could ever want, then this Japanese sports anime is for you. It will give you a high octane dopamine hit that will last until Spring! **—Ilka**



For a fun double feature cozy night in, I'd probably watch Disney's live-action ***Cinderella*** (1997) and ***The Little Mermaid*** (2023). *Cinderella* was one of my favorite films as a kid and watching *The Little Mermaid* made me feel like a kid again! Brandy (*Cinderella*) and Halle (Ariel) have breathtaking voices, respectively, which alone is a good enough reason to watch. Both movies are visually stunning and heartwarming retellings of classics reminding us all of the power of our voices, of all voices. **—Kayla C.**



Every winter I find myself relistening to this pair of 2008 albums: Bon Iver's ***For Emma, Forever Ago*** and ***Fleet Foxes***. Both were written (partially at least) in rural family cabins in states that begin with "W." More importantly, both feature terrific instrumentation and gorgeous harmonies that might just give you chills (in the best way possible). **—Ian**



A Totally Local Winter Wonderland Playlist

Kayla Cook

Media Relations & Communications Specialist



Hey, Lawrence!

Here's a carefully curated cozy playlist of songs brought to you by Kaw Valley Jukebox (KVJB), the library's local music streaming resource of music from the Northeast Kansas region.

Music plays an instrumental role (pun intended) in memory-making and fun-having — so think of this Totally Local Winter Wonderland Playlist as a musical roadmap to a whole lot of cozy connections: marveling at and playing in the snow, holiday gatherings, and relishing in moments of pause as we end one year and begin anew in another.

Browse commercial-free curated music made with heart in the heartland at **music.lplks.org**. *You don't even need a library card to access KVJB!

Happy winter and happy listening. ❄️

LISTENING KEY



Kayla's Top Winter Picks



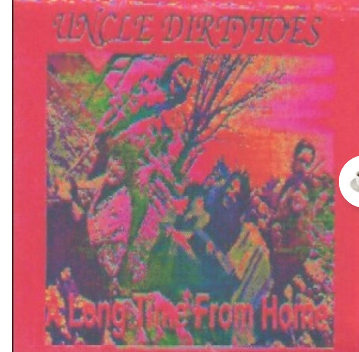
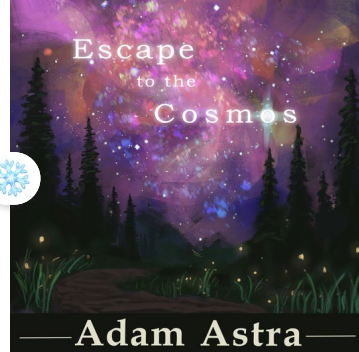
Feel-Good Cozy Songs



Winter-y Tunes



SUBMIT YOUR MUSIC HERE. If you've produced an EP or full-length album in any genre, and live and regularly perform in the Northeast Kansas region, join our archive!



LISTEN NOW



Winter's Third Space: Lawrence Public Library

Theresa Bird | Information Services Assistant



Valuing high-quality, equitable service for anyone seeking information, your library staff understand that life can be extra challenging during a season of less light and warmth. We do our best to hold with the roundest and most tender of respects a person's interests, growth, learning, and needs.

As we enter winter, Lawrence Public Library has you covered as you make your way through the chilly Kansas months. We have a wide variety of free resources available. With a library card, you may check out cookbooks with comfort food recipes, Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) lamps to help re-regulate your struggling sleep-wake cycle, and mental health kits. With or without a library card, you may access winter events that offer opportunities for new connections during a season which can cause isolation, a specially-curated web page all about therapy (lplks.org/therapy), and health insurance application assistance.

For a cheerful pick-me-up on a dreary winter day, stop by the library for sunshine splashes that reflect off of our walls, carpeted floors, and the desk aptly titled Ask Desk where you can "ask us anything" — creating rainbows in unexpected places. Winter is a season of curling up and staying in. What better time to take time to learn something new or take a pause to reflect on what you and yours need?

The library is a passionately hope-filled space with staff ready to connect you with quality information and offer a warm smile during this cold season. We embrace diversity of thought, promote inclusion and belonging, and guarantee equitable access. Pick your topic and we'll help you "Connect the Dots."

Lawrence Public Library — a building of books and its tribute to human growth (and the requisite curiosity that births it.) It's a wonder if, when the architects drew up their blueprints for the space, they knew how good it would feel to be on the receiving end of that vision. ■

**"I wonder if the snow
loves the trees and
fields, that it kisses
them so gently?"**

—Lewis Carroll

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland:
Through the Looking-Glass*



**THE
COMFORT
FOOD
DIARIES**
*MY QUEST FOR THE PERFECT DISH
TO MEND A BROKEN HEART*



EMILY NUNN



center
your
mental
health

borrow
some
sunlight



Take home multi-topic Mental Health Kits and SAD Lamps from our Health Spot

Carla's Comfort Foods

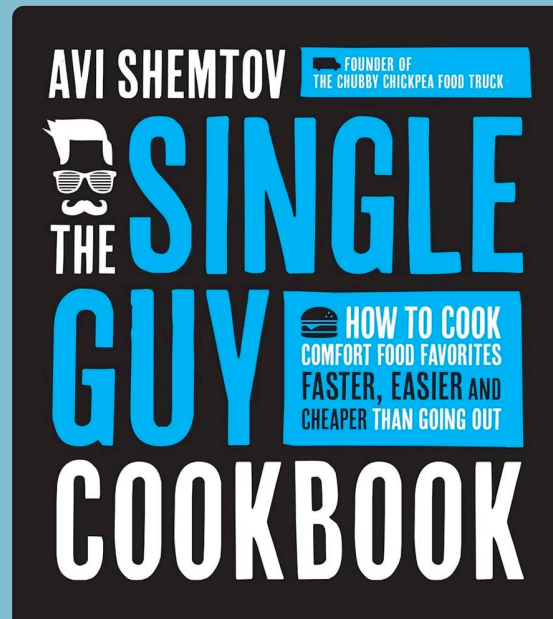
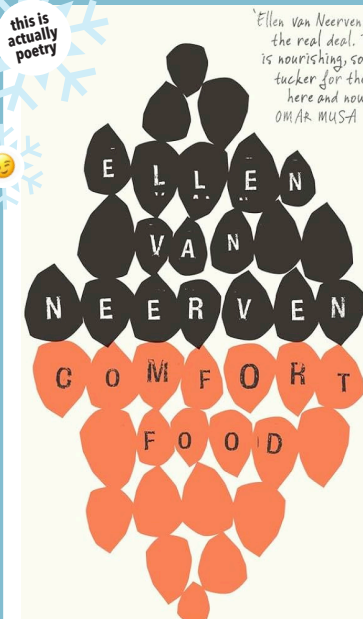
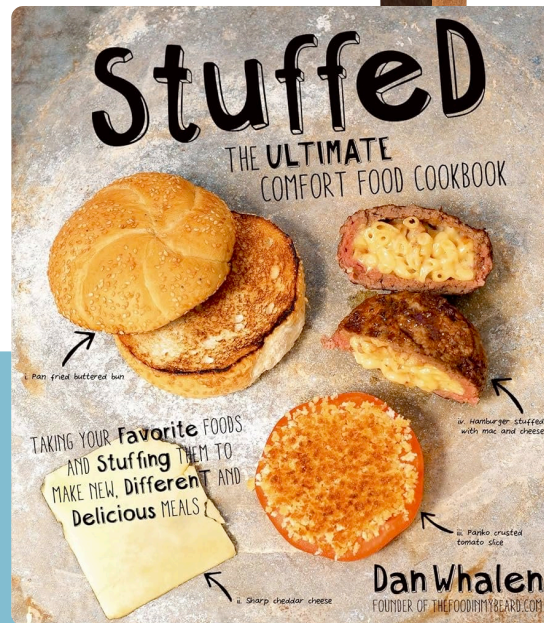
Favorite Dishes from Around the World

Carla Hall
with Genevieve Ko

THE Mile End COOKBOOK

REDEFINING JEWISH COMFORT FOOD
FROM HASH TO HAMANTASCHEN

NOAH AND RAE BERNAMOFF



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

Invest in Your Library

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

NAME _____

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

- ☐ \$25 — Short Story
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● **Paying by credit/debit card?** Provide card info below or visit LPLFF.org/give and make your gift online.

CARD # _____

EXP DATE _____ 3-DIGIT CODE _____

● Please **direct my gift to:**

- ☐ immediate needs ☐ endowment ☐ no preference

● **YES! Send me information about:**

- ☐ volunteering ☐ including the library in my estate plan

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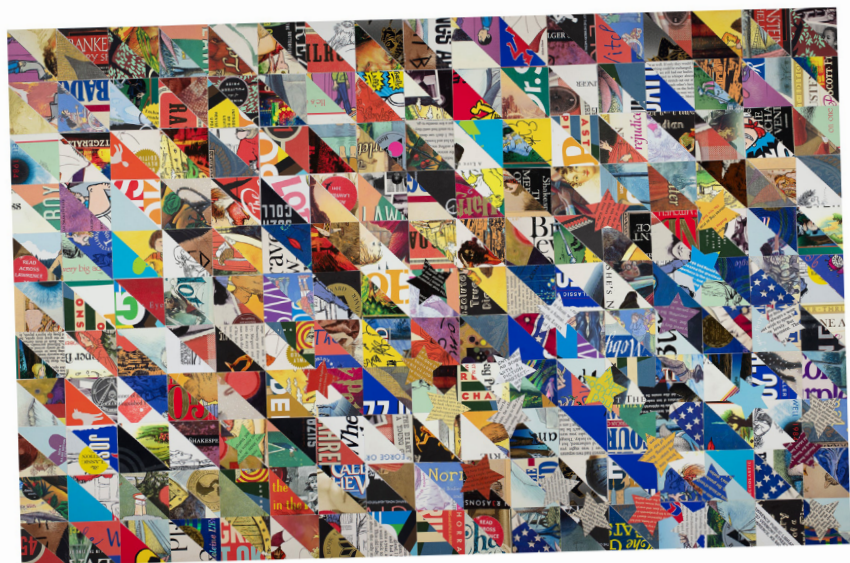
My gift to the Lawrence Public Library Friends & Foundation

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Cut out this form and send to:

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Lawrence, KS 66044

Thank you.



"Unfurled"
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**GIFT
IDEA**

LIBRARY LANDSCAPES

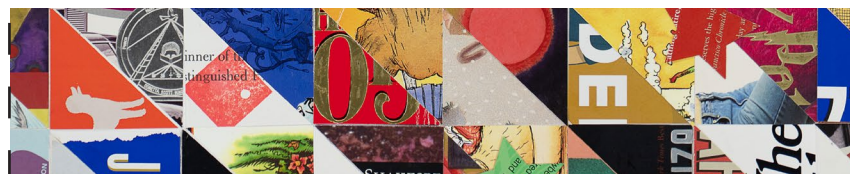
A collectable art poster series

*The perfect gift for the intellectual
freedom fighter in your life!*

"Unfurled", by Lawrence, Kansas artist Joelle Ford, is a collage made from 76 banned or challenged book covers. Your purchase supports intellectual freedom and the freedom to access ideas – a fundamental right that belongs to everyone. Scan this QR code or visit library-landscapes.square.site for information and purchases.



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Help the Library Play On

Kayla Cook | Media Relations & Communications Specialist



Public libraries are all about connecting information to people in a harmonious way. So, naturally, the Library's Friends & Foundation and Love Garden – a local buy, sell, trade store for music on Mass Street – was a perfect duet. If the public library were an album, Kelly Corcoran, owner of Love Garden, is a featured track that library staff wouldn't think to skip.

Corcoran spends countless hours at the library buying CDs from donated stock that just haven't found the right owner yet. Those CDs make their way to Love Garden's beloved dollar bin for Corcoran to sell. It's a win-win situation.

Community members can support the library through this program, too, by directly donating CDs they no longer spin to the Love Garden. Half of the proceeds from the dollar bin, regardless of whether the CD was sourced from the library or not, benefits the library. This fundraising model generated over a thousand dollars in proceeds for us in 2023 (totaling more than \$5,000 since 2021). It goes to show how a little bit can help a lot.

As the library isn't known for CDs in terms of our quarterly media sales (more widely-known as "book sales"), our partnership with Love Garden provides wider reach for sales and donations to folks who wouldn't otherwise make the trip over to the library.

"The Friends of the Library are thrilled to continually partner with Love Garden. Kelly often speaks of the beauty in the resurgence of CDs – a beauty in listening to an album in its entirety, a beauty in at-home music libraries – big or small – as each tells a story, and a beauty in how music can unite people of different ages and backgrounds," said Angela Hyde, Friends & Foundation Program Coordinator.

This communal experience of uniting people who may otherwise not interact over a shared interest is also available through our Digital Library. I curated a cozy playlist (see page 5) to stream through these cold months using Kaw Valley Jukebox, our commercial-free streaming music service featuring sounds from Northeast Kansas. Push play and bond away at music.lplks.org.

Last year, we hosted a Massive Music Sale that raised \$14,000 in proceeds to benefit the library. It was so successful that we're hosting another one in January in partnership with Audio-Reader Network, an audio information service for individuals who are blind, visually impaired, or print disabled. We can't wait to see you there!

Many thanks to the wonderful Audio-Reader Network volunteers Ed Hawkins and Mary Chapman, Austin Turney who donated Classical music, and the Brian Kirby Estate for helping make our last music sale such a huge success.

"Through a mutual love of music, people support the library without knowing it by supporting Love Garden!" Hyde gushed. "Discs moving through the hands of different folks from home-to-home speaks to the unifying factor of music, similar to a well-circulating, well-loved library book."

Thank you to everyone who knowingly (and unknowingly) helps Lawrence Public Library and its resources play on. 🇺🇸



MASSIVE MEDIA SALE

FRI, Jan 19 | 6:30-8:30 PM

SAT, Jan 20 | 12-6 PM

Library Auditorium



ALL AGES

Fun for everyone

Season's Readings Book Sale

SAT | Dec 16 | 10 AM–4 PM

Lobby Entrance

Cozy reading season is here! Browse books, CDs, DVDs and audiobooks – all priced \$2 and under.

Massive Media Sale

FRI | Jan 19 | 6:30–8:30 PM

SAT | Jan 20 | 12–6 PM

Auditorium

Music lovers! We've teamed up with Audio Reader and Love Garden for the ultimate shopping experience. 1000s of CDs, 100s of records, and audio equipment await you.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at the Library

MON | Jan 15 | All day

Auditorium

No registration required

In partnership with Taco Zone and local artists, we're pleased to offer a day of creativity and community service celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Visit lpls.org for event details and updates. Questions? Email Terese at twinters@lpls.org.

ADULTS

For ages 18+, but Teens are welcome


GENERAL EVENTS

Genealogy & Local History: Research Resources

TUE | Dec 5 | 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@lpls.org.

Hablemos Spanish Conversation Table

THU | Dec 7 | 6–7 PM

Meeting Room A

No registration required



Want to improve your Spanish conversation skills? Join in these lively discussions led by graduate students from the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at KU. Each meeting will be centered around a theme and held in Spanish. All who wish to practice their Spanish are welcome! Questions? Email Terese at twinters@lpls.org.

Mesa de conversación en español Hablemos

JUE | Dic 7 | 6–7 PM

Meeting Room A

No se requiere registro



¿Quieres mejorar tus habilidades para conversar en español? Únete a estas informales conversaciones dirigidas por estudiantes graduados del Departamento de Español y Portugués de KU. Cada reunión se centrará en un tema del que se hablará en español. ¡Todo el que desee practicar español es bienvenido! ¿Tienes preguntas? Envía un correo a Terese a twinters@lpls.org.

Craft Club

SAT | Dec 9, Feb 10 | 10–11 AM

Meeting Room A

Free, but registration required
Sign up at 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@lpls.org.

Dec 9 | Adorning
Feb 10 | Felted Plants*

**As felting needles are sharp and fragile, this session is only for adults or older kiddos with a parent or guardian present.*



Repair Studio!

SUN | Dec 17, Jan 14, Feb 11 | 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.

Craft Supply Swap

SAT | Jan 13 | 11 AM–3 PM

Auditorium

No registration required



Calling all crafters! Start the year fresh by bringing all those art supplies you don't need and swapping them for new ones! Supplies don't have to be new, but only arts and crafts-related items will be accepted. Item suggestions: yarn, decorative paper, fabric scraps, paints, beads, etc! Questions? Ask Ruby: rmackinnonlove@lpls.org.



Money Talk 101

MON | Jan 22 | 6–7:30 PM

Auditorium

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



Join Catholic Charities for an intro to financial education designed to empower individuals and families. You'll get help navigating the complexities for how to make a budget, set financial goals, understand banking resources and become knowledgeable about credit. Questions? Ask Marc: mveloz@lpls.org.

Navigating Financial Aid

SAT | Jan 27 | 2-4 PM

Auditorium

No registration required



Are you or a family member eager to pursue higher learning, but are concerned about cost? Our expert speakers will provide essential info and resources to help you navigate the world of financial aid, and explore funding options for college and vocational schools, including detailed instructions on completing the newly revised Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA). Need more info? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.



Community Expungement Clinic

MON | Feb 12 | 12-3 PM

Auditorium

No registration required



KU Law School's Legal Aid Clinic provides free legal representation to eligible individuals seeking to expunge records in Douglas County District Court and/or Lawrence Municipal Court. The clinic can accept clients with income up to 250% of the federal poverty level. Clients who do not qualify for a waiver of the filing fee will need to pay those court costs, but no attorney's fees, as long as they are eligible for services. After the intake clinic, clients will need to attend one additional appointment and any required court hearings with their attorney. If you have questions, call the Legal Aid Clinic at (785) 864-5564.

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Seed Library Launch & CSA Meet and Greet

SAT | Feb 10 | 1-3 PM

Atrium



To celebrate our annual LPL Seed Library launch, we'll join forces with CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) groups to provide access to fresh, healthy, local food. Come meet your local farmers, learn all about locally grown food, and take home some free vegetable, flower, and herb seeds while you're here! Got a question? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

In the Kitchen with COOKshop on 8th's Chef Carolyn Kumpe

TUE | Feb 13 | 5:30-7 PM

Auditorium

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833



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. In February, Chef Carolyn Kumpe will guide us in a chocolate tasting experience from around the world! Questions? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

FAFSA 101: Everything You Need to Know

WED | Feb 21 | 6:30-8 PM

Auditorium



Completing the Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) application is often the first step in receiving different types of financial aid to pay for college. Jason Anderson, CPA, CFP®, Managing Member and Senior Consultant at Gradmetrics, will walk you through important considerations and deadlines as it relates to completing a FAFSA application. Questions? Email Marc: mveloz@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.





Queer Book Club

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



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! Contact Adam at alopez@lpls.org if you have any questions.

Dec 3 | TBD
Jan 7 | *Lucky Red*
Feb 4 | *Pageboy*

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@lpls.org.

Dec 21 | *Isolation*
Jan 18 | *Blood is Thicker Than Water*
Feb 15 | *Caught in a Bad Romance*

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@lpls.org.

Jan 21 | *A Mystery or Two* (book titles TBD)

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@lpls.org.

Dec 21 | NO MEETING
Jan 18 | *Crying in H Mart*
Feb 15 | *Caste*

Last Wednesday Book Club

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

No Book Club 12/27



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 Leah if you need more info at: lnewton@lpls.org.

Dec 27 | NO MEETING
Jan 31 | *The Good Lord Bird*
Feb 28 | *Yellowface*

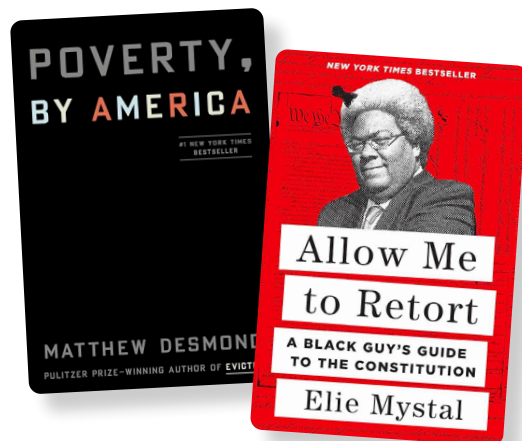


Nature Book Club

TUE | Dec 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 library staff Jake, co-author of *A Kansas Bestiary*, and Shirley, Kansas Native Plant Society Board Member. Email Shirley for info: sbraunlich@lpls.org.



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@lpls.org.

Dec 10 | *The Four Winds*
Jan 14 | *Poverty, by America*
Feb 11 | *Allow Me to Retort*

Speculative Fiction Book Club

MONTHLY | 2nd TUE | 6:30-8 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@lpls.org.

Dec 12 | *The Light Pirate*
Jan 9 | *This is How You Lose the Time War*
Feb 13 | *Lone Women*



HEALTH SPOT +

2024 Health Insurance Application Assistance

Nov 6–Dec 8

Various Study Rooms

Walk-ins welcome; no registration required

Check lplks.org for which Study Room



KU's Hawks for Health student volunteer organization will help you apply for health insurance with a Certified Application Counselor for the Federally Facilitated Marketplace. For the most up-to-date schedule, visit our website at lplks.org and search "events" under "health insurance". Questions? Ask Theresa at tbird@lplks.org.

SMART Recovery Groups

WEEKLY | WED | 5–6:30 PM

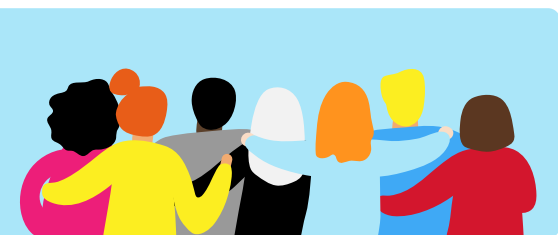
Meeting Room C & Zoom

WEEKLY | FRI | 5–6:30 PM

Zoom only



Self Management and Recovery Training supports individuals who have chosen to abstain or are considering abstinence from any type of addictive behavior, such as substance abuse or gambling addiction. Learn to change self-defeating thinking, emotions, and actions. Work towards long-term quality of life and satisfaction. Email Bruce Liese for info at bliese@kumc.edu.



Parent Support Group

Parents and kids ages 0–5

WEEKLY | WED | 6:30–7:30 PM

Readers' Theater

No registration required

No sessions 12/20–1/3



Join our weekly support group for parents with younger kiddos. Whether you want to make new parent friends, connect with resources or just get out of the house, this parent group is judgment free and full of empathy! Want more info? Email Lauren: ltaylor@lplks.org.

LPL Blood Drive with the Community Blood Center

FRI | Dec 1 | 12–4 PM

Auditorium

Appointments preferred, but not required.

SIGN UP: savealifenow.org/group

ENTER CODE: TPU9



Give the gift of life! With a nationwide blood shortage, your donation makes all the difference. Lawrence's Community Blood Center 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.

Free Narcan Distribution & Education Day

MON | Dec 18 | 6–7:30 PM

Auditorium

No registration required



Developing Caring Communities Committed to Action (DCCCA) is collaborating with the library to offer a free, easily accessible, and stigma-free opportunity to pick-up NARCAN. DCCCA staff will lead a 30-minute training session on how to acquire, store, and administer NARCAN for members of the community followed by free distribution of NARCAN. DCCCA staff will stay on site for the duration of the event to answer any questions and provide additional resources. Questions? Ask Marc: mveloz@lplks.org.

Yoga of Kindness

THU | Dec 28, Feb 29 | 4 PM

TUE | Jan 30 | 4 PM

Auditorium

No registration or experience required



Join us for an hour of yoga with Mary from Yoga of Kindness. Bring a mat if you have one. Need more info? Email Theresa: tbird@lplks.org.



Public Benefits Enrollment Workshop

WED | Jan 10, Feb 14 | 4–7:30 PM

Meeting Room A

No registration or appointment required



Meet one-on-one with a Resource Agent from the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) to receive free enrollment and application assistance for DCF programs. Visit our website at lplks.org for more info about programs for which application assistance will be available. Need more info? Email Marc: mveloz@lplks.org.

Community Resource Clinic

TUE | Jan 23, Feb 20 | 3–5 PM

Lobby

No registration required



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.

TECHNOLOGY

Computer Basics: Searching the Internet

FRI | Jan 12, Feb 9 | 10:30 AM–12 PM

Meeting Room C

Free, but registration required; sign up at 785-843-3833 x139 or 785-856-0203



The internet is a big place. In this beginner's computer class, you'll learn to use an internet browser to find what you're looking for online. This is a single class offered two different times. To register, call our Technology Desk at 785-843-3833 x139 or the Senior Resource Center at 785-856-0203.

SOUND+VISION Basics

THU | Jan 11 | 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.

RETIREMENT BOOT CAMP

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Visit lplks.org/retirement for updates.



Holiday Party

TUE | Dec 12 | 4 PM

Auditorium

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



We're ringing in the holidays with a boxed wine tasting and cookie swap. Please bring six of your favorite holiday cookies, treats, or candies to share. We'll have an exchange and you'll go home with six goodies from your fellow boot campers.

Tables of Content II

THU | Jan 18 | 6:30-8:30 PM

Auditorium

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



Make new friends in this fun social event. Exchange tips on your favorite books, movies, restaurants, and outings. It's sort of like speed dating without the dating!



Au Naturel

THU | Jan 25 | 2 PM

TUE | Feb 20 | 2 PM

KU Natural History Museum
(Dyche Hall, 1345 Jayhawk Blvd)

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



Learn about the natural world in this new series. You'll get behind-the-scenes tours and then follow up with a guided walk at the KU Field Station and other locations. Note: These are very popular field trips, so if registration is full, please join the waiting list. We often have cancellations.

Coffee Break

FRI | Sep 1–Nov 17 | 10–11 AM

Zoom

No programs 12/29, 1/26, 2/23



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

Tech Club

THU | Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1 | 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.

Dec | Using Excel in Everyday Life

Jan | Search Engines

Feb | TBD

Dessert & A Movie

WED | Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 21 | 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.

Wine Around the World

THU | Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8 | 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. Wine purchases are optional.

Gray Anatomy

TUE | Dec 19, Jan 23, Feb 27 | 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.

Dec | Sleep issues

Jan | Joint pain

Feb | Hearing aids

Fun & Games

FRI | Jan 26, Feb 23 | 10 AM–12 PM

Auditorium

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 December meet-up due to holidays.





Stitch & *itch

MON | Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19 | 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.

City Life

MON | Feb 12 | 2-3 PM

Lawrence Police Headquarters
(5100 Overland Drive)

MON | Feb 19 | 2-2:45 PM

Lawrence Fire Department Station 5
(1911 Stewart Avenue)

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.

Pop-Up Programs

Visit lplks.org/retirement for details



Join us for field trips, wine tours, social events, and special Zoom programs. It's a great way to experience your community and make new friends. Contact Jack for details or to sign up for the email list: jaltman@lplks.org.

TEENS

For grades 6-12

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teen
zone

SPECIAL EVENTS

Cozy Capers

Grades 6-12

WED | Dec 20, Dec 27, Jan 3 | 2-4 PM

Auditorium

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Avoid the cold with the Teen Zone Crew. Come hang out and watch movies, play games, and more. Pajamas, as always, are optional but strongly encouraged.

Dec 20 | DIY Spa Day

Dec 27 | Cozy Movie & Snacks

Jan 3 | Board Games

RPG Academy

Grades 6-12

TUE | Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 | 4-5:30 PM

Auditorium

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Want to brush up on your D&D skills? Are you interested in learning about some new tabletop RPGs? RPG Academy is your ticket to success. Learn more about how to make a 5e character sheet, discover tips and tricks for running a game, and more!

Dec 5 | How to Build a Character Sheet

Jan 2 | How to DM

Feb 6 | TTRPG Taste Test



Junior Author Camp

Ages 8-18

WED | Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 | 4-5 PM

Auditorium

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Would you love to be an author? Do you wonder how graphic novels are made? Do you want to write a book that people can't put down? Join us to hear from working authors and artists about different kinds of writing, get tips, and find inspiration!

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.



Teen Zone Quiet Hours

Grades 6-12

WEEKLY | SUN | 1-3 PM

WEEKLY | TUE | 3-6 PM

Teen Zone

It's the same Teen Zone you know and love, only quiet. Work on homework, play games, read a book, or just hang out. Just remember to whisper. Shhhh!

Teen Zone Homeschool Hours

Grades 6-12

MONTHLY | 2nd WED | 11 AM-12:30 PM

Teen Zone

Homeschool students! Come hang out and enjoy all the cool things that our space has to offer. It's the same Teen Zone goodness, just a little earlier in the day.



Teen Zone Expanded

Grades 6-12

WEEKLY | WED | 2-4 PM

Auditorium or Readers' Theater

Meet here on early release Wednesdays for gaming, movies, crafts, and STEAM activities. Check lplks.org for each week's events.



D&D Club

Grades 6–12

BIMONTHLY | 1st & 3rd MON | 4–5:30 PM

Readers' Theater

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

No sessions 12/4, 12/18, 1/1

Hail and well met! Transform yourself into a magical character and join in the epic adventure for 5th edition D&D. Seasoned adventurers and first-timers are welcome. Character sheets must be completed by the start of the session to play. Returning players will get first choice, remaining spots will be open for registration beginning two weeks prior to the event. For details, email Grace: gpratte@lplks.org.

Teen Gaming Tournament

Grades 6–12

MONTHLY | 2nd FRI | 4–6 PM

Readers' Theater

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

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 LGBTQIAP+ kids and allies! Join us as we build community, hang out, and support each other.

KIDS

For ages 0–11

SPECIAL EVENTS

Amazing Olive Press Storytime

All ages

TUE | Dec 12 | 10:30–11:30 AM

Auditorium

Rabbi Zalman Teichtel will join us for his annual holiday storytime. We'll squeeze olive oil and make a wick to use in a menorah for Hanukkah!



Cozy Read-in & Book Giveaway

Ages 0–11

SAT | Dec 9 | 2–5 PM

Auditorium

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

We're creating a comfy atmosphere to curl up with a good book and giving away books to take home. Grab a book to keep or gift to someone you love and spend some time relaxing at our read-in!

Candy Construction

Ages 5–18

WED | Dec 13 | 4–5 PM

Auditorium

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Who can make the coolest gingerbread house at Lawrence Public Library? We'll have all the makings for a small gingerbread house for you to create!



Winter Holiday Sing-along

Ages 0–11

MON | Dec 18 | 10:30–11:30 AM

Auditorium

Join us for winter fun as we sing, move, and play with Silver of Meadowlark Music Together.

Bluey Bash Lite

Ages 3–8 and families

MON | Jan 29 | 10:30 AM–12 PM

Auditorium

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

For Real Life! Leave your dollar bucks at home and celebrate all things Bluey at our first mini party to honor our favorite Heeler family. Get ready to play keepy-uppy, test out the magic asparagus, search for the long dog, and more.

Junior Author Camp

Ages 8–18

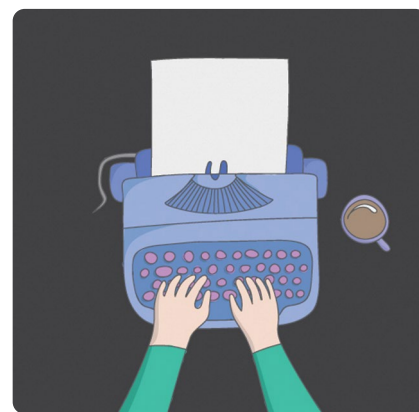
WED | Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 | 4–5 PM

Auditorium

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Would you love to be an author? Do you wonder how graphic novels are made? Do you want to write a book that people can't put down? Join us to hear from working authors and artists about different kinds of writing, get tips, and find inspiration!



Stuffy Clinic

Ages 3+

MON | Feb 19 | 10:30–11:30 AM

Auditorium

Free, but registration required

Sign up 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.

ONGOING EVENTS & CLUBS

Kids' Action Club

Ages 8–11

MONTHLY

WED | Dec 6, Jan 10 | 3:30–4:30 PM

THU | Feb 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 (KAC) 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

Ages 5–11

MONTHLY

SAT | Jan 27, Feb 24 | 2–3:30 PM

Readers' Theater

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.

Homeschool Lego Club

Ages 5–18

MONTHLY

WED | Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14

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.

Mysterious Mustache Book Club

Ages 8–11

MONTHLY

SUN | Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18 | 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.



The Kids' Action Club raised \$2500 for the Lawrence Humane Society at their Art and Bake Sale this fall. Join KAC and help make a difference in our community!

Image courtesy of Sydney Martin

Parent Support Group

Parents and kids ages 0–5

WEEKLY | WED | 6:30–7:30 PM

Readers' Theater

No sessions 12/20–1/3

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!

Pokémon League

Ages 8–18

MONTHLY

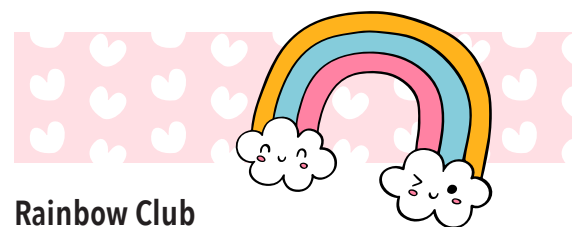
THU | Jan 18, Feb 15 | 3:30–5 PM

Auditorium

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

It's time to embark on your very own Pokémon Journey! TCG Battle with fellow Pokémon trainers, collect gym badges, trade, or play digitally with friends (bring your own device). Teens can even become Gym Leaders and mentors! Whether you're beginning your journey or an experienced trainer, Pokémon League is the perfect place to have fun and hone your skills. Decks are provided for those without decks.



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 LGBTQIAP+ kids and allies! Join us as we build community, hang out, and support each other. 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

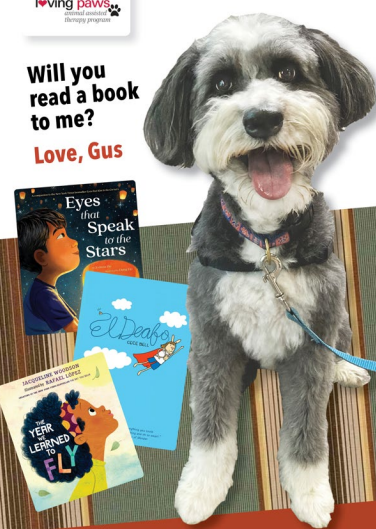
Readers' Theater

Free, but registration required

Sign up online or at 785-843-3833

No session 12/9

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.*



Will you read a book to me?
Love, Gus

Eyes that Speak to the Stars
The Year I Learned to Fly

Tail Wagging Readers
Kids ages 5-11 can practice reading with a furry friend from Loving Paws Animal Therapy.
Ask us for details!

Tail Wagging Readers

Ages 5-11

BIMONTHLY | 1st SUN | 3-4 PM

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

Readers' Theater

No session 12/23

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 are on break 12/17/23-1/7/24.

Sing & Rhyme Storytime

All ages

WEEKLY | MON | 6:30-7 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Library Storytime

Ages 3+ with their families

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

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

Readers' Theater

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

Books & Babies

Birth-23 months with their families

WEEKLY | TUE | 6-6:30 PM

WEEKLY | WED | 10:30-11 AM

Readers' Theater

Bounce and sing along to stories with Anita and Jenny.

Toddler Storytime

Toddlers with their families

WEEKLY | WED | 6-6:30 PM

WEEKLY | THU | 10:30-11 AM

Readers' Theater

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

Cuentacuentos Spanish Storytime

Todas las edades son bienvenidas; all ages

BIMONTHLY

1o y 3o Sábados | 10:30-11:15 AM

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

Varios lugares; 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 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. *All ages are welcome.*

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 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 if you're lucky—even food! Be sure to make a craft before you leave.

Your child's brain is ready for Storytime!

Babies are born with 100 billion neurons, but many of them aren't connected at first.

Having sensory experiences (seeing, smelling, hearing, touching, and especially tasting) stimulate the connections among the cells.

Reading and being read to gets your little one's brain busy making sensory connections, especially in the first three years of life.

Our Storytimes are loaded with sensory experiences and can help make all those essential neuron-building connections, while also building your child's vocabulary and their love of books!

Multicultural Storytime is looking for guest storytellers!

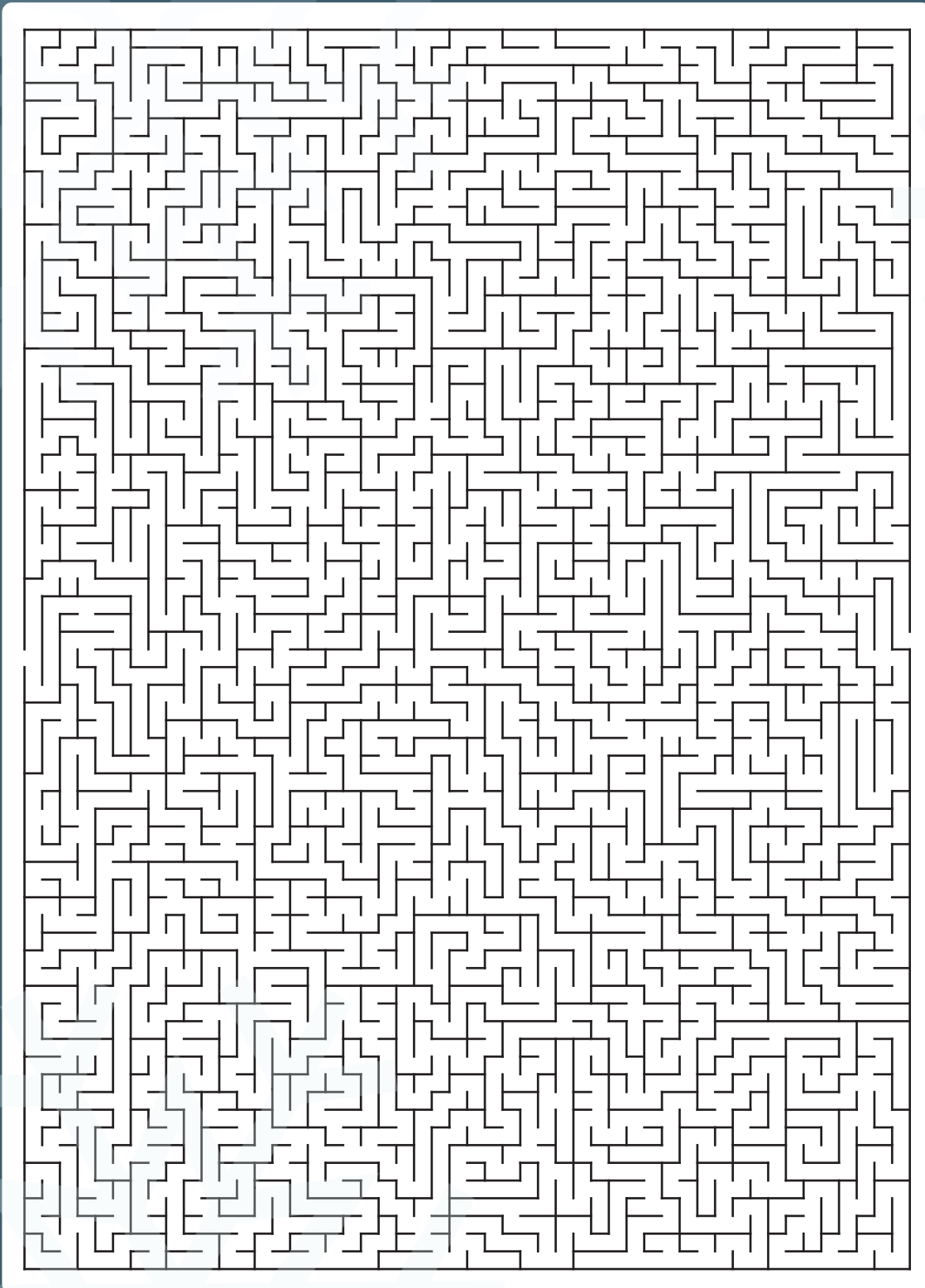
We'd love to have you come share your culture, language, way of life – even food – with young and curious minds.

Email Anita for info:

apatel@lplks.org

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LIBRARY HOROSCOPES



Sagittarius | Nov 22-Dec 21

Computer Lab

Sagittarius, a Fire sign and known adventurer of the zodiac, has a curious and enthusiastic nature. These traits would naturally bring Sag to the Computer Lab at the Lower Level of the library. As an explorer at heart, a Sagittarius is inclined to explore the world wide web!



Capricorn | Dec 22-Jan 19

Study Rooms 1-5

This grounded Earth sign is the "responsible one" of any group. One to hunker down and get stuff down, catch a Capricorn in a Study Room doing schoolwork, a passion project, or planning out their TBR for the upcoming year to meet their Book Squad Goals. A Capricorn is probably booking a Study Room right now at lplks.org to uphold their studious reputation, no cap.



Aquarius | Jan 20-Feb 18

Friends Express Bookstores

Aquarius is a sign of deep thought: for the world and others. Aquarius is always thinking of the next cause they can help. For this reason, Aquarius's library match is the Friends Express Bookstore! The Friends Express Bookstore is located both in the Lobby and the Lower Level where Aquarius can browse \$2 and under materials to help ruminate through their lofty thoughts and also help a cause by supporting the library—a zodiac twofer!