Summer Reading 2024
LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Adventure Begins at Your Library
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FLASHBACK
July 26, 2014

Who remembers what movie we watched?
On Wednesday, July 26, we’re throwing a 10-year Anniversary Party to celebrate our Grand Reopening with the help of some extremely generous sponsors: McGrew Real Estate and Douglas County Community Foundation together with BNSF, Crown Automotive, and Security Benefit! Details on page 8.

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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.
DIRECTOR'S NOTE

This year’s summer reading theme is “Adventure Begins at Your Library.” It makes me harken back to the excitement of summer vacation. What an adventure an entire summer off can be when you’re a kid! Remember when summer seemed like it could last FOREVER? I say, as a community, let’s take some deep, cleansing breaths and reclaim that youthful joy of celebrating the fun of a summer break. I look forward to families venturing down to the library to join us as we celebrate another summer of reading and fun family activities.

You’ll see in this issue of the Reader everything we have in store for you! So when you are planning your adventure for this summer, make sure the library is on your list.

See you at the library and at our Dottie Stops!

Brad and his kiddo Zadie are both big readers and can’t wait to spend the summer reading together!

An Adventure in Reimagining the Library

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Why we challenge you to read in the summer...

Did you know when kids and teens read over the summer they’re better prepared to learn when school starts because their brains stayed active over the break? And that adults who read for fun can experience less stress, reduce their heart rate, and live longer?
**SUMMER READING | ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY**

**Pick Your Path**

**READ 10 BOOKS**

**LOG 30 HOURS**

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**How to start Summer Reading**

1. Get the Beanstack app or go online to sign up: lawrence.beanstack.org

2. Pick a reading challenge that’s just right for you — all ages invited!

3. Log your reading, do activities, earn badges, and win prizes!

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**PRIZES**

**KID PRIZES (AGES 0—ENTERING 5TH GRADE)**

- 1 book of your choice
- 2 books from the LPL Friends & Foundation
- 1 game of bowling at Royal Crest Lanes
- 1 cookie from Eileen’s Colossal Cookies
- 1 sundae from Culver’s
- 1 kid’s combo from Raising Cane’s
- 1 treat from Squishington’s
- 1 pass to CLIMB Lawrence

*plus 1 ticket into our kid grand prize raffle for these prizes:*
- A 10-visit punch card to the Lawrence Aquatic Center
- 4 passes to the Kansas Children’s Discovery Center
- 1 30-day membership to Up and Away Indoor Play
- 4 passes to The Rabbit Hole in KC
- 4 passes to Worlds of Fun
- 4 tickets to a KU Football game
- A $500 gift card to Sunflower Outdoor and Bike Shop

**TEEN PRIZES (ENTERING 6TH—EXITING 12TH GRADE)**

- 1 book of your choice
- 1 summer reading tee
- 2 books from the LPL Friends & Foundation
- 1 game of bowling at Royal Crest Lanes
- 1 cookie from Eileen’s Colossal Cookies
- 1 sundae from Culver’s
- 1 treat from Squishington’s
- 1 pass to CLIMB Lawrence

*plus 1 ticket into our teen grand prize raffle for these prizes:*
- 1 skateboard from River Rat Skate Shop
- 1 gift basket of art supplies from Wonder Fair
- 1 candy and gift card basket to The Raven
- 1 gift card to VR Lawrence
- 4 passes to Worlds of Fun
- 4 tickets to a KU Football game
- 1 Switch Lite
- A $500 gift card to Sunflower Outdoor and Bike Shop

**ADULT PRIZES (AGES 18+)**

- 2 books from the LPL Friends & Foundation
- 1 game of bowling at Royal Crest Lanes
- 1 cookie from Eileen’s Colossal Cookies
- 1 yoga class from Bluestem Yoga
- A 10% coupon to The Raven Bookstore
- 1 library tote (while supplies last)
- 1 book of your choice (while supplies last)

*plus 1 ticket into our adult grand prize raffle for:*
- A $100 gift card to The Raven Bookstore
- A $50 gift card to The Raven Bookstore
- A $25 gift card to The Raven Bookstore

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**THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SUMMER READING PARTNERS & PRIZE SPONSORS!**

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**READ BOOKS.**

We’ll help find a good one!

**ATTEND EVENTS.**

Go to pages 8–19!

**WIN PRIZES.**

See below! WHOA.

*Paper logs available if you prefer!*

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**LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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**Friends & Foundation**

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**McGrew Community Foundation**

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**Douglas County Community Foundation**
SUMMER READING LISTS

We’ve put together adventure-themed reading lists to help get everyone started. Each QR code takes you to a list where you can check out/get on hold for something immediately!

ADULT NONFICTION PICKED BY OUR INFO SERVICES TEAM...

ADULT FICTION READS PICKED BY THE BOOK SQUAD...

FOR TEENS LOOKING FOR NEW ADVENTURES...

ADVENTURE STORIES JUST FOR KIDS...
On July 26, 2014, thousands of people visited 707 Vermont Street to check out their newly-reimagined library. By the end of opening weekend, 18,000 people had streamed through Lawrence Public Library’s doors. “It was exhilarating to see so many people excited about their new public library,” said director Brad Allen. “This town was so proud of what it had achieved.”

It was called “Tomorrow’s Library.” The expanded and redesigned building boasted a larger children’s area, a fabulous new Teen Zone, improved technology, a state-of-the-art book sorter, additional public meeting rooms, a Library Lawn for community gatherings, and a LEED Gold certified building reflecting Lawrence’s commitment to environmental sustainability.

In November of 2010, voters took a leap of faith in a shaky economy and approved an $18 million bond for the new library and parking garage. The project was uniquely Lawrence. Gould Evans Architects and BA Green Construction Company, both long-time Lawrence firms, designed and constructed the building. Many subcontractors were local companies, too!

Strong leadership came from all corners of the community. Lawrence City Commissioner Aaron Cromwell jump-started the project, Alice Ann Johnston and Clay Britton led the Vote Yes for the Library effort, Joan Golden chaired the New Stories capital campaign, and Mayor Mike Amyx led the community celebration on July 26, 2014.

Today, the original vision to make Lawrence Public Library a strong and vibrant community center is a great success story. We invite you to join us for a community party on Friday, July 26, 2024 to celebrate 10 years in our amazing public library. Numerous performers will entertain throughout the afternoon and will continue into the evening with more music, food trucks, and a family-friendly movie on the Library Lawn.

Thank you for your vision. Thank you for your support. Thank you for ensuring that this library is a place where everyone in this town can learn, connect, create, and grow.
Meet Teen Artist...  

ABBY  

Thank you to all of our local Teens who answered our call to design this year’s Summer Reading t-shirts! There were so many wonderful submissions, but Abby’s design won! She captured our “adventure” theme, included a book, and demonstrated strength in artistic concept and design.

ARTIST INTRO  

My name is Abby. I am 16 years old and attend Lawrence Virtual School. My main passion is being a multimedia artist. My hobbies include drawing, building creatures out of recycled materials, and creating short animations.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO WHEN YOU’RE NOT MAKING ART?  

I also enjoy reading, playing racquetball, games, and the keyboard. My favorite book series is Wings of Fire.

WHY DID YOU ENTER OUR SUMMER READING T-SHIRT CONTEST?  

I thought it would be cool to have my drawing on the shirts for the Summer Reading program. I always enjoy getting the shirt every year.

HOW DID YOU APPROACH THE DESIGN?  

Whenever I read a book it makes me feel like I am in a completely different world. I wanted to express that with my drawing. Thanks for picking me!

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

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- $10 (minimum; credit/debit only)  
- $                     other (credit/debit only)

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

CARD #  

EXP DATE  

3-DIGIT CODE  

Please direct my gift to:

- immediate needs  
- endowment  
- no preference

YES! Send me information about:

- volunteering  
- including the library in my estate plan

TOTAL AMOUNT — $  

My gift to the Lawrence Public Library Friends & Foundation  

Cut out this form and send to:  

LPL Friends & Foundation  

PO Box 973  

Lawrence, KS 66044  

Thank you.
ALL AGES
Fun for everyone

Summer Reading Kickoff Party: Adventure Begins at Your Library
THU | May 23 | 6–8 PM
Library Lawn
Kick off your summer reading with a bang. Join us for a party filled with music, food, and all the essentials to make your summer of reading absolutely awesome!

Scavenger Hunt: Quest for the Enchanted Artifacts
Jun 1–Jul 31
Various locations
Check lplks.org for details
The dark forces have caught wind of the treasures and wisdom stored in Lawrence Public Library and aim to destroy it! Embark on a quest to gather powerful artifacts from popular culture to thwart these evil plans. Explore the town, gather these magical items, and rescue the library!

Free Lunch & Books for Kids
Ages 1–18 (Adults eat for $5)
MON–FRI | Jun 3–Jul 26 | 11 AM–12 PM
Auditorium
No lunch 6/19, 7/4, 7/5
No tickets or sign-up required
Through the Lawrence Public Schools Summer Food Program, kids ages 1-18 can enjoy FREE lunch at the library. Adults won’t be left out! They can also eat a healthy meal for $5. This program is sponsored through the USDA Summer Food Service Program. Books provided by LPL Friends & Foundation.

How-To Festival
SAT | Jun 8 | 10 AM–1 PM
Auditorium, Atrium, and Library Lawn
Join your friends, family, and neighbors to celebrate our community’s know-how! Community members will demonstrate a wide variety of skills and knowledge, and be available to answer questions. Gear up for summer fun by learning something new! Check our website for a schedule of presenters. Questions? Email Melissa: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.

Second Saturday Book Sale
SAT | Jun 8 | 10 AM–4 PM
LPLFF Garage
There’s only one day to shop for unbeatable deals on books, CDs and DVDs. It’s easy to get ready to read when everything is priced $2 and under. Info at LPLFF.org.

ADULTS
For ages 18+, but Teens are welcome

SPECIAL EVENTS

Grover Barn Talk and Tour with Kerry Altenbernd
THU | Jun 13 | 6–7 PM
Grover Barn, 2918 Stone Barn Terrace
Free, but registration required
Learn about the significant role the Grover Barn played in the Underground Railroad and Lawrence history. Local historian Kerry Altenbernd will lead us in a talk about the Grover Barn and tour of the site. For accessibility concerns or questions about bus routes and parking, please reach out to Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

Lawrence’s Carnegie Building is 120 Years Old!
THU | Aug 29 | 7–8 PM
Carnegie Building; 200 W. 9th Street
Free, but registration required
Help celebrate the 120th anniversary of Lawrence’s Carnegie Building, home to Lawrence Public Library from 1904 to 1972. Our presenter, Dr. Shana Woodyard Stuart, is a Lawrence native and KU graduate who has extensively researched the history and legacy of Carnegie Libraries in Kansas and Iowa. This special program is presented in partnership with the Watkins Museum of History and Lawrence Parks & Recreation. Questions? Kathleen: kmorgan@lplks.org.
GENERAL EVENTS

Restoring Our Landscapes Community Group
SUN | Jun 2, Jul 7, Aug 4 | 11 AM–12 PM
Meeting Room A
Led by Daniel Lassman, this group’s goal is to connect people with resources on how to restore ecosystems ranging from small outdoor spaces to large landscapes, and empower each other to teach and learn together in a space of mutual support. Anyone is welcome to join in, share their knowledge, and learn something new. Questions? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

Let’s Get out of Debt Together
TUE | Jun 4 | 6–7:30 PM
Auditorium
Free, but registration required
Feeling overwhelmed by past-due notices or simply wanting to learn more about managing debt? Join us for a one-hour class about personal finance and credit led by Rogers Brazier, Educator for HCCI and HUD Exam-Certified Housing and Consumer Credit Counselor. Questions? Ask Marc: mveloz@lplks.org.

Repair Studio!
SUN | Jun 9; Jul 14; Aug 11 | 2–4 PM
Auditorium
Bring your broken items and torn clothes to our repair mentors for stuff in need of fixing. They can even bring things back to life! While we can’t guarantee we’ll save everything, we can promise a fun time tinkering and learning how things work. Want to be a Repair Mentor? Email Hazlett: hhenderson@lplks.org.

Tree Tour
SAT | Jun 22 | 10–11 AM
Library Lawn and Watson Park
Join us for a tour of the new fruit trees planted around the library, then head across the street to Watson Park to learn more about the species of trees planted there. Led by former arborist and Lawrence Public Library veteran Jake Vail. Meet in the lobby at 10 AM. Questions? Ask Jake: jvail@lplks.org.

How to Get Your Security Deposit Back: Training with Kansas Legal Services
SAT | Jun 22 | 2–3:30 PM
SUN | Jul 14 | 11:30 AM–1 PM
Auditorium
Landlords routinely withhold security deposits from tenants, charging for things like light bulb replacements, dirty walls, or carpet cleaning for ordinary wear and tear. That’s against Kansas law! Come to this Kansas Legal Services workshop to find out what landlords may and may not lawfully withhold from your security deposit, and what to do if your landlord has wrongfully withheld your deposit. Questions? Ask Marc: mveloz@lplks.org.

Financial Literacy Basics
TUE | Jun 25 | 6–7:30 PM
Auditorium
Free, but registration required
Want to know what a ROTH IRA is but are afraid to ask? Wondering about the difference between a 401(k), a 403(b), a 457(b), and a 529?? Join us for a one-hour class led by Rogers Brazier, Educator for HCCI & HUD Exam-Certified Housing and Consumer Credit Counselor, and get answers about these finance basics. Need more info? Ask Marc: mveloz@lplks.org.

Legal Help at the Library
Time, date, location TBD
Drop-in assistance provided by staff from the Douglas County District Court Legal Self-Help Center on a first come, first served basis for those needing assistance with a civil legal issue. Legal Self-Help staff can’t address criminal cases, including traffic violations. Need more info? Email Marc at: mveloz@lplks.org.

Books & Bagels
SAT | Jul 20 | 9–10:30 AM
Auditorium
Sip coffee, enjoy bagels and schmear, and get the Book Squad buzz on newly released and upcoming books! See you there!

Hablemos Spanish Conversation Table
THU | August date, time, location TBD
No registration required
Want to improve your Spanish conversation skills? Join in these lively discussions led by the Graduate Association for the Department of Spanish and Portuguese (GRASP) at KU. Each meeting is centered around a theme and held in Spanish. All who wish to practice their Spanish are welcome! Questions? Email Terese at twinters@lplks.org.

Mesa de conversación en español Hablemos
JUE | Agosto, hora y fecha TBD
Meeting Room TBD
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: twinters@lplks.org.
Free Homebuyers Workshop  
SAT | Jul 13 | 10 AM–1 PM  
Auditorium  
Free, but registration required; register at: bit.ly/TTHWorkshop  
Join Tenants to Homeowners (THH) to learn about the steps to buying a home, why credit matters, the types of mortgage loans available, and more! Workshop sponsored in part with US Bank. A HUD-approved workshop certificate will be issued upon completion of the workshop. Attending the workshop is a THH requirement of the Home Purchase Program. Questions? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

In the Kitchen with Umut Bayramoglu and Ando McFin of Common Ground  
TUE | Jul 16 | 7–8 PM  
Community Garden at John Taylor Park  
200 N. 7th Street  
Free, but registration required  
We’ll tour Common Ground’s community garden and learn all about the tasty edibles available to anyone in the community to harvest. Joining us will be Common Ground Program Manager Umut Bayramoglu and John Taylor Garden Manager Ando McFin, who’ll demonstrate how to make some fresh and simple eats using garden produce we all get to try! Questions? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

Wildflowers and Grasses of Eastern Kansas with author Michael Haddock  
SUN | Jul 28 | 4-5:30 PM  
Auditorium  
Free, but registration required  
How do you know when you’re face to face with a fringe-leaf ruellia? Is that particular flower button gayfeather or dotted gayfeather? And what about the pod clinging to your pants? Could it have come from a bird-foot trefoil? Michael Haddock’s field guide Wildflowers and Grasses of Kansas makes answering these questions a whole lot easier! Join us for a lively discussion and slide presentation with the author. Questions? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

Computer and Electronics Recycling Drive  
MON | Aug 12 | 11 AM–1 PM  
Auditorium  
We’re teaming up with PCs for People, a local non-profit that provides access to technology for low-income individuals and families, to give your old computers and devices a new lease on life. Just drop by our event with unwanted electronics (e.g., old phones, computers, and other gadgets), and friendly volunteers will help you with the donation process. There will be a $40 charge for all CRT TVs and printers. Check lplks.org for more details about acceptable items. Questions? Email Marc: mveloz@lplks.org.

Let’s Talk About Income Driven Repayment Plans and Public Service Loan Forgiveness  
WED | Aug 21 | 5:30–7 PM  
Virtual (Google Meet)  
Join the Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA) to learn how to apply and qualify for Income Driven Repayment Plans, like SAVE, and the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. This webinar will help you understand and compare the differences between various payment plans, including how long it takes to get forgiveness under each plan, and common mistakes to avoid when choosing a plan that best suits your needs. Questions? Ask Marc: mveloz@lplks.org.

Nature Book Club  
TUE | Jun 11 | 6:30–8 PM  
Meeting Room A  

Mystery Book Club  
BIMONTHLY | 3rd SUN | 1:30–3 PM  
Auditorium  
Join us for a lively discussion in which each person will have read a different book from that subgenre. This is an opportunity to learn about the diverse authors and characters in mysteries. Club meets Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, and Nov. Email Shirley for more information at: sbraunlich@lplks.org.

Speculative Fiction Book Club  
MONTHLY | 2nd TUE | 6:30–8 PM  
Meeting Room C  
Do you like world-building, fantasy, eerie dystopias, far-out sci-fi, or just want to talk about weird books and improbable what-ifs with cool people? For more info, email Leah at: lnewton@lplks.org.

Queer Book Club  
MONTHLY | 1st SUN | 4-5:30 PM  
Meeting Room A  
Each month, this book club will discuss books in a variety of genres, from fantasy to contemporary fiction, memoirs to graphic novels, and more! What these stories share in common is that they center authors or characters with queer identities. Contact Adam for more info: alopez@lplks.org.

Happy Pride Month!  
Jun 2 | Martyr!  
Jul 7 | Chain-Gang All-Stars  
Aug 4 | When the Angels Left the Old Country
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.

Last Wednesday Book Club
MONTHLY | Last WED | 6:30–8 PM
Meeting Room A
Our longest-running adult book club spans beloved classics to modern favorites. If you’re reading our current month’s book, please join. Email Leah for info: lnewton@lplks.org.

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. Questions? Email Christina: cjames@lplks.org.

Third Thursday Book Club
MONTHLY | 3rd THU | 7–8:30 PM
Lawrence Beer Co.
(826 Pennsylvania)
Read and discuss titles in a variety of genres each month. To reserve a book and get more details, email Polli at: pkenn@lplks.org.

HEALTH SPOT +
SMART Recovery
WEEKLY | WED | 5–6:30 PM
Meeting Room C and Zoom
WEEKLY | FRI | 5–6:30 PM
Zoom only
No registration required
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: bliese@kumc.edu.

Yoga at the Library
SUN | Jun 16; Jul 28; Aug 18 | 1–2 PM
Auditorium
Join us for an hour of yoga with Suzi! Beginners are definitely welcome. Bring your own mat if you have one. Questions? Email Theresa at tbird@lplks.org.

Moments of Mindfulness: Walking Meditation
SUN | Jun 23 | 10–11 AM
Location TBD
Free, but registration required; Sign up online or at 785-843-3833 x139
Join meditation teacher Mariel Ferreiro for an opportunity to explore mindfulness and meditation. This session will be a walking meditation, allowing us to use movement and sight to find a state of peace and tranquility. Meditation cushions, chairs and other accommodations will be provided. This program is suitable for all ages, but children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the duration of the event. Questions? Ask Marc: mveloz@lplks.org.

Medicaid Counseling & Support
THU | Jun 27; Jul 25; Aug 22 | 10 AM–12 PM
Readers’ Theater
A Healthy Kansas Kids Community Outreach Representative from GraceMed Health Clinic will be on hand to assist families with children and pregnant women with enrollment for KanCare, Kansas’s Medicaid program. They can assist families with the application process (from start until a determination is made) including new applications and yearly reviews. Got a question? Email Marc: mveloz@lplks.org.

Moments of Mindfulness: Seated Meditation & Yoga Nidra
SUN | Jul 21 | 4:30–5:30 PM
Auditorium
Free, but registration required; Sign up online or at 785-843-3833 x139
Join meditation teacher Mariel Ferreiro for a traditional seated meditation, using our senses to relax the body and clear the mind. Session includes a short history on mediation to honor the various lineages and roots of the practice. Meditation cushions, chairs and other accommodations will be provided. This program is suitable for all ages, but children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the duration of the event. Email Marc with questions: mveloz@lplks.org.

Community Resource Clinic
TUE | Jun 18; Jul 16; Aug 20 | 3–5 PM
Lobby
Drop in to the library for help with critical needs and get connected to community resources such as transportation services, legal assistance, healthcare, and more. Find a different line-up of related topics and social service agencies monthly. Email Marc for more info: mveloz@lplks.org.
Library events are free, casual, and open to the public. Events may be photographed or recorded for library promotional purposes.

**TECHNOLOGY**

**Computer Basics: Staying Safe Online**  
FRI | Jun 14; Aug 9 | 10:30 AM–12 PM  
Meeting Room C  
*Free, but registration required; Sign up at 785-843-3833 x139 or call the Senior Resource Center at 785-856-0203*

The internet is a big place. It can be hard to know who and what to trust. Learn how to protect yourself from harmful content online like malicious software, phishing emails, and scams of all sorts.

**Computer Basics: Searching the Internet**  
FRI | Jul 12 | 10:30 AM–12 PM  
Meeting Room C  
*Free, but registration required; Sign up at 785-843-3833 x139 or call the Senior Resource Center at 785-856-0203*

In this beginner’s computer class, you’ll learn how to find what you’re looking for online while making sure the information is trustworthy.

**SOUND+VISION**

**16mm Techniques in 2024 with Austin Snell**  
THU | Jun 13 | 5:30–6:30 PM  
Auditorium  
*Shooting, developing and presenting film has a rich history before computers. Local filmmaker Austin Snell makes feature films entirely using 16mm film – an art utilized by the most devoted, adventurous auteurs. Hear the wild stories behind making films such as They Call Her Death, and check out the gear and techniques used in this evocative medium.***

**SOUND+VISION Basics**  
THU | Jun 27 | 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.*

**RETROACTIVE RETIREES**

Made possible by the Capitol Federal Foundation and the Sharyn & David Katzman Endowment. Email requests to join at retirement@lplks.org.

**Au Naturel**  
WED | Jun 19 | 9–11 AM  
Rockefeller Prairie on Wild Horse Road  
*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 with the KU Natural History Museum 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**  
WEEKLY | FRI | Jun 7–Aug 24 | 10–11 AM  
*Online*  
*No programs 6/28 and 7/26*

Brew a cup o’ joe and come hang out with our online coffee group. There’s no agenda, so topics can range from current affairs to wacky weather. Meet new friends and get local suggestions. Contact us to get on the email list: retirement@lplks.org.

**Tech Club**  
MONTHLY | 1st THU | Jun 6; Jul 15 | 4–5 PM  
*Online*  
*Free, but registration required; sign up online or at 785-843-3833*

Learn about all things Tech. Get tech-savvy and wow your kids and grandkids!  
Jun 6 | Media bias; verifying online “facts”  
Jul 15 | TBD
Dessert & A Movie
WED | Jun 19; Jul 17; Aug 21 | 7–8 PM
Online
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. We’ll watch films about the making of the Oxford English Dictionary, LGBTQIA+ television, and other topics. This movie streaming service is free with your library card! More info and details at: lplks.org/retirement.

Wine Trail
WED | Jun 5 | 3–4 PM
Trivedi Winery
1826 E. 1150 Road
THU | Jun 20 | 4–5 PM
Crescent Moon Winery
15930 246th Street
Free, but registration preferred; sign up online or at 785-843-3833
Explore Lawrence, Kansas wines through these in-person tastings guided by local wine makers. It’s also a wonderful chance to visit with others and meet new friends.

Wine Around the World
THU, Jun 6 | FRI, Jul 12 | TUE, Aug 13
5–6 PM
Online
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 this online class to enjoy from home. Wine purchases are optional.

Fun & Games
FRI | Jun 19; Jul 26 | 10 AM–12 PM
Senior Resource Center
745 Vermont Street
FRI | Aug 30 | 10 AM–12 PM
Auditorium
Free, but registration preferred; sign up online or at 785-843-3833
Meet up for board games, Wii games, and socializing. You bring good conversation and we’ll provide coffee, tea, and snacks.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer Reading Kickoff Party: Adventure Begins at Your Library
THU | May 23 | 6–8 PM
Library Lawn
Kick off your summer reading with a bang. Join us for a party filled with music, food, and all the essentials to make your summer of reading absolutely awesome!

Scavenger Hunt: Quest for the Enchanted Artifacts
Jun 1–Jul 31
Various locations
Check lplks.org for details
The dark forces have caught wind of the treasures and wisdom stored in Lawrence Public Library and aim to destroy it! Embark on a quest to gather powerful artifacts from popular culture to thwart these evil plans. Explore the town, gather these magical items, and rescue the library!

Free Lunch & Books for Kids
Ages 1–18 (Adults eat for $5)
MON–FRI | Jun 3–Jul 26 | 11 AM–12 PM
Auditorium
No lunch 6/19, 7/4, 7/5
No tickets or sign-up required
Through the Lawrence Public Schools Summer Food Program, kids ages 1-18 can enjoy FREE lunch at the library. Adults won’t be left out! They can also eat a healthy meal for $5. This program is sponsored through the USDA Summer Food Service Program. Books provided by LPL Friends & Foundation.

Deja’s Reading Rainbow
All ages
SUN | Jun 23 | 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. It’s about love and friendship, being different and belonging, being unique and being accepted, colors, rainbows, and, of course, fun!
SUMMER EVENTS

Multicultural Fair
All ages
SAT | Jul 13 | 3–5 PM
Auditorium

Get to know your neighbors through food, games, art, and more at our first annual multicultural celebration where community members can share their culture with others. We’ll have cozy reading nooks, tasty food samples from around the world, music, and a performance. Questions? Email Terese at twinters@lplks.org, Theresa at tbird@lplks.org, or Anita at apatel@lplks.org.

10th Anniversary Last Bash & Movie on the Lawn
All ages
FRI | Jul 26 | TBD
Library Lawn

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Fun Stuff Fridays!
FRI | Jun 9–Jul 28
Various locations
Free, but registration required; sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Every Friday we will be kicking back and having fun. Whether it’s rock climbing, drawing class, or relaxing with some tea, you’re going to have a fantastic time.

Jun 7
Rock climbing
2–4 PM | Climb Lawrence
714 Vermont Street

Jun 14
Trash pick-up & tour
10–11:30 AM
Prairie Park Nature Center
2730 Harper Street

Jun 21
DIY tote bags & bubble tea
2–4 PM
Give It, Get It INC & House of Cha

Jun 28
YA author visit with Tessa Gratton
2–4 PM

Jul 5
Laser Tag & Carnival Games
2–4 PM

Jul 12
Rainbow Strings with Sara Gillum
2–4 PM

Jul 19
Superhero Drawing with Dané Shobe
2–4 PM

Local Author Visit: Kimberly Ashley of The Seven Stones
TUE | Jun 11 | 2–3 PM
Auditorium

Support your local small press and authors! Guided by mysterious stones, outcast teenagers face a perilous journey to find their family and restore hope in this new book. Join us with the author to discuss and celebrate the release of The Seven Stones.

Talewise: Pushing Limits
TUE | Jun 18 | 2–3 PM
Auditorium
Free, but registration required; sign up online or at 785-843-3833

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

Teen Poetry Slam!
TUE | Jun 25 | 2–3:30 PM
Auditorium

Looking to share your voice, refine your craft, and speak out? This is for you. The Teen Poetry Slam is a chance to perform while receiving feedback from teen peers and seasoned poets. This event is created in collaboration with Free State High School’s Slam Poetry Club. All skill levels welcome!

Zines with the Emily Taylor Center
TUE | Jul 16 | 2–3:30 PM
Auditorium

It’s time to get creative! Join the Teen Zone and the Emily Taylor Center to make your mark on the world. Create your own zine, a type of self-published magazine! Snacks, art supplies, and excellent company included.
ONGOING EVENTS & CLUBS

Discord
Grades 6–12
Online
A safe place to make new friends, share art and writing, and play games. Get an invite at lplks.org/teen-discord-server.

D&D Club
Grades 6–12
MON | Jun 3, 17; Jul 1, 15 | 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.

Pokémon League
Ages 8–18
THU | Jun 20; Jul 18 | 3:30–5 PM
Auditorium
Do you love playing the Pokémon card game? Would you like to find new friends who love to play too? Join us to learn more about the game and have time to play!

Quiet Hours
Grades 6–12
WEEKLY | Sun | 1–3 PM
Teen Zone
It’s the same Teen Zone you know and love, only quiet. Work on a project, play games, read a book, or just hang out. Just remember to whisper. Shhhh!

Rainbow Club
Grades 6–12
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! Join us as we build community, hang out, and support each other.

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.

KIDS
For ages 0–11

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Dance Party for Littles
Ages 0–5
FRI | May 31; Aug 16 | 10:30 AM–11:30 AM
FRI | Jul 12 | 9:30–10:30 AM
Auditorium
Lauren and Hannah are hosting a lively dance party for you! Get ready for bubbles, music, and catchy tunes that you’ll be humming all day.

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Story Stroll
All ages / Todas las edades
Jun 1-Jun 30 / 1 Jun–30 Jun
We’re Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
Vamos a cazar un oso por Michael Rosen
Lawrence Rotary Arboretum
5100 W. 27th Street
Jul 1–Jul 31 / 1 Jul–31 Jul
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
Donde viven los monstruos por Maurice Sendak
Mary’s Lake
2811 S. Kensington Road
Put on your walking shoes! Enjoy a leisurely walk this summer, read a picture book, and engage in fun activities all at once. Complete this activity on Beanstack, and you’ll have a chance to win a prize basket from LMH Health.

¡Póngase los zapatos para caminar! ¡Este verano se puede dar un paseo, leer un libro ilustrado y hacer algunas actividades divertidas al mismo tiempo! Los participantes que completen esta actividad en Beanstack tendrán la oportunidad de ganar una canasta de premios de LMH Health.

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**Pop-Up Adventure Playground with City Playcorps**  
*Ages 4–12*  
**MON | Jun 10, 24; Jul 15, 29 | 11 AM–1 PM**  
Library Lawn  
Bring the kids to a giant land of tubes, cardboard boxes, tires, crates, spools, rope, fabric, wood, and duct tape! They'll be free to explore, create, and play in a playground of their own making with no adults allowed. Certified playworkers will be there to oversee but not intervene. Of course, grown-ups can play, too, if they're invited by their kiddo. It's a new way to play – the old-fashioned way.

**Bookworms and Waterbugs**  
*Ages 2+*  
**FRI | Jun 21; Jul 19 | 10:30 AM–12 PM**  
Outdoor Aquatic Center  
727 Kentucky Street  
Poolside stories and music followed by a free swim! Provided by Lawrence Public Library and Lawrence Parks & Rec.

**Deja’s Reading Rainbow**  
*All ages*  
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Auditorium  
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**Stuffy Storytime & Clinic**  
*Ages 3+*  
**SAT | Jun 29 | 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.

**Multicultural Fair**  
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*All ages*  
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**PERFORMERS**

**Dino O’Dell:**  
*Adventures in Outer Space*  
*Ages 5+*  
**THU | Jun 6 | 2–3 PM**  
Auditorium  
Join our interactive music and storytelling program for an out-of-this-world experience! Discover stars, moons, meteors, and beyond as we journey to other planets, witness meteor showers, and even fix alien spaceships!

**Little Miss Ann**  
*Summer Kids Music Concert*  
*Ages 5+*  
**THU | Jun 13 | 1–2 PM**  
Auditorium  
*This is a special early performance*  
Little Miss Ann plays upbeat, interactive fun songs that kids will sing, jump, and dance along to! Little Miss Ann is a Chicago-based, nationally-touring kids musician with 7 award-winning Family Music albums. She’s also a former Chicago Public School teacher, an instructor at Chicago’s iconic Old Town School of Folk Music, a social justice activist, and a first-generation Filipina American. Whether Ann is singing about Ube, a Filipino purple yam, or the 606, a landmark trail in Chicago, her musical themes inspire kids to let their light shine in their own families as well as in their communities.

**Talewise: Adventure of the Lost Treasure**  
*Ages 5–11*  
**TUE | Jun 18 | 4–5 PM**  
Auditorium  
This brand-new show features a fresh line-up of experiments from chemical reactions and the transfer of energy to physical explosions and more! Experiment with adventure as the audience helps us act out a story about a lost treasure deep within the jungle.
Robin Hood: Puppet Show from Brett Crandall Studios  
**Ages 5+**  
**THU | Jun 20 | 2–3 PM**  
Auditorium  
Sherwood Forest is calling! Help Robin Hood take on the cruel Prince John’s tyranny. Audience members can join our band of Merry Men, practice their archery skills, and learn the importance of helping those less fortunate. Adventure awaits!

Campfire Tales for Adventurous Listeners  
**Ages 5+**  
**THU | Jun 27 | 2–3 PM**  
Auditorium  
Storyteller Priscilla Howe brings out her best funny campfire stories and songs for all ages, with the help of a handful of silly puppets. Plenty of audience participation, and plenty of fun!

What If Puppets: Ringo’s Sing-Along Adventure  
**Ages 3+**  
**THU | Jul 11 | 2–3 PM**  
Auditorium  
Ringo the Dog and Mister Mike are on an epic quest to find the greatest sing-along song EVER! Join these intrepid explorers as they discover musical favorites like *Wheels on the Bus, If You’re Happy and You Know It*, and *B-I-N-G-O*. Audience participation, a cast of curious critters, and engaging puppetry styles will delight audiences of all ages.

**SUMMER CLUBS**

**IMAGINARIUM**

Zelda Starfire Marionettes  
**Ages 5+**  
**THU | Jul 18 | 2–3 PM**  
Auditorium  
*Includes 1 PM pre-show activities*  
Step into a world of wonder with a vignette of tales, interactive songs, and folk art for all ages. Come an hour before the show to draw on our crankie and make shadow puppets to take home.

STEMusic  
**Ages 5+**  
**THU | Jul 25 | 2–3 PM**  
Auditorium  
Get ready for the ultimate STEMusic Concert! Dive into a world where music meets STEM education in the most exciting way. From mind-blowing experiments to math problem-solving, coding dances, and even rocket launches! Hosted by the one and only Roy Moye III, a.k.a. “The Singing Engineer,” get ready for a show that’ll have you grooving and learning like never before. Say hello to a STEM universe filled with rhythm, harmony, and endless fun!

IMAGINARIUM

Spy Camp  
**MON | Jun 10 | 2–3 PM**  
Auditorium  
We’ll hunt for invisible ink clues, make a secret spy code, communicate using Morse Code, and more!

Climb Lawrence Day  
**MON | Jun 17 | 2–3 PM**  
Climb Lawrence  
714 Vermont Street  
We’ll gather at Climb Lawrence to hear from seasoned climbers about their thrilling adventures, then it’s our turn to climb! To participate, patrons must register for this event with the library, create a Climb Lawrence account, and sign a waiver.

Art Adventure at the Spencer  
**MON | Jun 24 | 2–3 PM**  
Spencer Museum of Art  
1301 Mississippi Steet  
Grab your adventurous spirit, we’re headed to the Spencer Museum of Art! We’ll go on a scavenger hunt, see some amazing art, and make something ourselves. We’ll meet in the main lobby of the Spencer for this adventure.

Mad Science Adventure  
**MON | Jul 1 | 2–3:30 PM**  
Auditorium  
Mad Science explores the superpowers of Biblio, the superhero! From sustaining flight to creating light, Mad Science will take us on an adventure with cool science experiments and more!

STEAM Exploration Day  
**MON | Jul 8 | 2–3 PM**  
Auditorium  
Join us for a day of science experiments, building challenges, paper airplane contests, and more STEAM adventures!

Nature Adventure with Jungle House & Monarch Watch  
**MON | Jul 15 | 2–4 PM**  
Auditorium  
Jungle House and Monarch Watch will join us for this lovely botanical program. You’ll pot and decorate your own succulent creation. Plus we’ll have live caterpillars and butterflies!
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Deep Sea Adventure with KU’s Natural History Museum
MON | Jul 22 | 2–4 PM
Auditorium
Explore the strange and amazing world found deep in the ocean with us! We’ll explore the intriguing creatures of the sea (including live jellyfish!), delve into scuba diving, and discover animals that inhabit the deepest parts of the ocean. Biologists from the University of Kansas Natural History Museum will be our expert guides for our ocean adventure.

SPENCER MUSEUM of ART
The University of Kansas

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WED | Jun 26 | 2–3 PM
Spencer Museum of Art
1301 Mississippi Steet
Grab your adventuring spirit, we’re headed to the Spencer Museum of Art! We’ll go on a scavenger hunt, see some amazing art, and make something ourselves. We’ll meet in the main lobby of the Spencer for this adventure.

Climbing Adventure
WED | Jul 3 | 2–3 PM
Climb Lawrence
714 Vermont Street
Ready to rock climb? We’re adventuring offsite again to boulder, belay, and climb! To participate, patrons must register for this event with the library, create a Climb Lawrence account, and sign a waiver. Allow plenty of time for shoe selection and wear some comfortable clothes.

Dance Adventure
WED | Jul 24 | 2–3 PM
Auditorium
Amazing dancer, choreographer, and teacher Maya Tillman-Rayton from the Lawrence Arts Center and KU Dance will take us on an adventure. She’ll teach us the moves and we’ll see where our feet take us.

ONGOING EVENTS & CLUBS

Kids’ Action Club
Ages 8–11
MONTHLY | WED | Jun 5; Jul 3; Aug 7
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 | Jun 22; Jul 27
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.

Parent Support Group
Parents and kids ages 0–5
WEEKLY | WED | 6:30–7:30 PM
Readers’ Theater
No sessions in August
Join our support group for parents with younger kiddos. Make new parent friends, connect with resources, or just get out of the house. We’re judgment free and full of empathy!

WEDNESDAY WONDERS

Ages 5–7
WED | Jun 5–Jul 24 | 2–3 PM
Free, but registration required
Sign up online or at 785-843-3833
No event 6/19
Are you ready for an adventure? Our theme this summer is "Adventure Begins at Your Library" and we are doing just that! We’ll be dancing, meeting animals, rock climbing, and much more. Get ready for summer fun!

Topeka Zoo Kickoff
MON | Jun 5 | 2–3 PM
Auditorium
The Topeka Zoo will bring *live animals* from the zoo and adventure all the way to LPL. We’ll learn all about them and get an up-close look at some cute critters.

Nature Adventure with Jungle House & Monarch Watch
WED | Jun 12 | 2–3 PM
Auditorium
Jungle House and Monarch Watch will join us for this gardening adventure. You’ll pot and decorate your own succulent creation. Plus, we’ll have live caterpillars and butterflies!
Pokémon League
Ages 8–18
MONTHLY | THU | Jun 20; Jul 18
3:30–5 PM
Readers’ Theater
Do you love playing the Pokémon card game? Would you like to find new friends who love to play too? Join us to learn more about the game and have time to play!

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 in August
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
SUN | Jun 2; Jul 7; Aug 4 | 3–4 PM
SAT | Jun 22; Jul 27; Aug 24 | 10:30–11:30 AM
Readers’ Theater
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.

Tween Book Club
Ages 8–11
MONTHLY | SUN | Jun 30; Jul 21; Aug 25
1:30–4 PM
Readers’ Theater
Free, but registration required
Sign up online or at 785-843-3833
Do you love getting into the world of a book? Would you like to chat with other book lovers and be part of a book club? To get a copy of our book club title ask at the front children’s desk or email Jenny at jcook@lplks.org.

Jun 30 | Alice in Wonderland
Jul 21 | BFG
Aug 25 | TBD

Books & Babies
Birth–23 months with their families
WEEKLY | TUE | 6–6:30 PM
WEEKLY | WED | 10:30–11 AM
Readers’ Theater
No session on 6/19
Join Anita and Jenny for a magical Baby Storytime. Bounce along to enchanting tales, soothing melodies, and a bubble party. A perfect mix of stories and bubbly fun!

Toddler Storytime
Toddlers with their families
WEEKLY | WED | 6–6:30 PM
WEEKLY | THU | 10:30–11 AM
Readers’ Theater
No session on 6/19, 7/4
Morris the Monkey and Lauren invite you on a joyous book-filled adventure. Fun songs, early literacy tips, and laughter, make a wiggle-friendly storytime perfect for littles and their families!

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 de mesa, vamos a unirnos a la biblioteca. En el tercer sábado de mesa, nos reuniremos en lugares diferentes. ¡Cualquiera que sea el lugar, disfruta de algunas historias y canciones en Español con Yari y nuestros amigos de Padres como Maestros! Visite nuestro calendario en línea para lugares exactas. Todas las edades son bienvenidas.
We’ll gather at the library the first Saturday of the month. On the third Saturday of the month, we’ll join somewhere else. Whatever the place, enjoy stories and songs in Spanish with Yari and our friends from Parents as Teachers! Check online at lplks.org for exact locations. All ages welcome.

STORYTIMES
Starting June 1 and on break in August

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.

Kids & Crafts Storytime
Ages 3+ with their families
WEEKLY | TUE; FRI | 10:30–11:15 AM
WEEKLY | THU | 6-6:45 PM*
Readers’ Theater
*Please note Thursday’s new start time!
No session on 7/4
Enjoy engaging stories, delightful songs, playful rhymes, and hands-on activities with Hannah and Crafty the Cat.

Tail Wagging Readers
Kids ages 5–11 can practice reading with a furry friend from Loving Paws Animal Therapy.
Ask us for details!
A Totally Local “Fun in the Sun” Playlist
“Adventure Begins”... with music, Lawrence!

Kaw Valley Jukebox (KVJB)—a digital archive of music made in the Northeast Kansas region—has all the songs for your summer cookouts, pool parties, and more. This KVJB playlist is all about the feel-good fun of summer and adventure, keeping on theme with the Summer Reading Challenge, “Adventure Begins at Your Library.”

You don’t even need a library card to access KVJB. Browse commercial-free curated local music at music.lplks.org.

Let’s have the best summer ever at the library!

Kayla Cook
Media Relations & Communications Specialist

Gemini • May 21–June 21
VideoCast Studio
For the do-it-all, several interest Gemini, the VideoCast Studio is the library resource match for you! For the Twins, the VideoCast Studio has both video and audio recording capabilities for your next interview, audiobook, or podcast. This Air sign will be right at home on camera, the center of their next big project, with Tech staff available for any questions along the way.

Cancer • June 22–July 22
Kaw Valley Jukebox
As a dreamy, moody Water sign, every Cancer needs a soundtrack to ride through their wave of emotions. Stream local music from your NE Kansas neighbors on Kaw Valley Jukebox for music to match your mood at music.lplks.org. If you’re a music-maker yourself, channel those emotions in the Sound + Vision Studio then submit your album to our music library, Cancer!

Leo • July 23–August 22
Kanopy
Lights, camera, action! Leos are not shy of the spotlight and always game for a big production. Kanopy is a streaming service must for this Fire sign. Kanopy has 26,000+ films for you to self-insert yourself into the show for that main character energy feeling like the diva you are, Leo!

Kayla’s Top Picks

Fun in the Sun Jams

1. “Shook” by Cuee
2. “Summertime” by The Illusions
3. “Hitch Hike (Alternate Take)” by Eric and the Norsemen
4. “Summer Song” by Von Bulows
5. “Loose Park” by Approach
6. “Sunny” by The Chosen Ones
7. “Walking Kansas” by CS Luxem and the Greenhouse Culture
8. “Love’s Alright” by Abuse
9. “Lonesome Town” by The Golden Pharos
10. “Camp Branch” by The Alferd Packer Memorial String Band