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LIBRARY HOURS

MON-THU 10 AM–8 PM • FRI-SUN 10 AM–6 PM

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ABOUT LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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 Lawrence Public Library Friends & Foundation's record-breaking book sales and philanthropic efforts, and dedicated efforts of hundreds of volunteers.



All are welcome.



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Congrats on your **new card!**

You might be wondering what to do next. So, we've picked some of the most popular ways to use the library, in person and online – with *and* without a card. If something is marked as "both", like our Digital Library, that means you'll find a mix of card/no card resources grouped together.

- C** = card needed
- NC** = no card needed
- B** = both

LEARN & GROW

- (C) Learn and produce graphic design, photo/video editing with Adobe Creative Suite
- (C) Stream 1000s of award-winning films/documentaries
- (C) Take online language and skill-building courses
- (NC) Get expert early literacy tips from librarians for your kiddo
- (NC) Stream our totally local music archive on Kaw Valley Jukebox
- (B) Get unlimited access to *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* online anywhere
- (B) Access a seasonal Seed Library and gardening resources
- (B) Access health resources, borrow health kits, check blood pressure
- (B) Explore educational and research databases
- (B) Research local/family history
- (B) Find business/nonprofit resources
- (B) Download or read in-house popular magazines
- (B) Access the Digital Library 24-7, even when we're closed!

GET CREATIVE

- (C) Record music, podcasts, family histories, and more in the SOUND+VISION Studio
- (C) Use our guitars, keyboard, custom synth, and drums to record music
- (C) Borrow a button maker with two size options
- (C) Borrow audio-visual tools

CONNECT & ENGAGE

- (C) Suggest up to 3 items/month for the library to purchase
- (C) Write reviews about books, movies, music, etc. that you loved (or hated!)
- (NC) Attend events for every age
- (NC) Join or start a book club
- (NC) Hear authors speak and maybe get your book signed!
- (NC) Meet new friends and have fun in our Teen and Retiree programs
- (NC) Get a personal librarian to help find your next great read
- (NC) Get custom reading lists and recommendations
- (NC) Get help finding/navigating community resources
- (B) Attend or watch recorded storytimes just right for your kiddo's development level

BORROW & PLAY

- (C) Borrow books, movies, music CDs, graphic novels, and more
- (C) Borrow/download eBooks and eAudiobooks from anywhere
- (C) Borrow board games for game nights with friends/family
- (C) "Try before you buy" with our video game collection
- (C) Borrow a Chromebook to use in the library
- (C) Borrow items we don't own from other libraries (ILL)

EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS

- (NC) Ask anything; get help finding information you need
- (NC) Get 1-on-1 tech help with your devices
- (NC) Get help with questions from information professionals
- (NC) Book a meeting or study room for remote work or focus
- (NC) Connect to free WiFi
- (NC) Get free notary service
- (NC) Fax, print, scan, and copy your documents
- (NC) Access a public computer
- (NC) Access up-to-date voting and election information
- (NC) Find current tax info
- (B) Apply for home delivery and Outreach services

RELAX & CHILL

- (NC) Enjoy a new local art exhibit each month
- (NC) Take a break from the busy world in a cozy reading corner

ALL AGES

Fun for everyone

Second Saturday Book Sale

SAT | Sep 14 | 10 AM-4 PM

LPLFF Garage

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

Fall BOOK SALE

Fall Book Sale

FRI-SAT | Oct 11, 12 | 10 AM-6 PM

SUN | Oct 13 | 12-4 PM

LPLFF Garage

Cozy reading season is HERE! Browse books, CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks – all priced \$2 and under. Members get early sale access; more info at LPLFF.org.

ADULTS

For ages 18+, but Teens are welcome

SPECIAL EVENTS

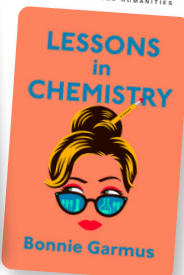


🌟 Book Nerd Trivia Party

TUE | Sep 24 | 6:30 PM | Venue 1235
1235 N 3rd Street

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

Welcome to our Booktoberfest Kickoff Event! Bring your own team (max 8 people) or join one here. Find fun, games, and test your Book Nerd Cred. Enjoy laughs, snacks, beverages, laughs, and prizes at our annual celebration for grown-up readers! Email Leah with questions: Inewton@lplks.org.



🌟 A Hidden History of the Blues As Told by Elijah Wald

SUN | Sep 29 | 2-3:30 PM | Auditorium

Author Elijah Wald will discuss his most recent book, *Jelly Roll Blues: Censored Songs & Hidden Histories*. Along with his talk, he will perform songs featured in the book. The Raven Book Store will be selling copies of the book after the event.

🌟 Lessons in Chemistry: A Conversation with Bonnie Garmus

MON | Sep 30 | 7 PM | Liberty Hall
644 Massachusetts Street

The Hall Center will host a conversation with author Bonnie Garmus of *Lessons in Chemistry*, a number-one global bestseller and winner of several awards, both national and international.

🌟 The Cat's Pajamas

SAT | Oct 5 | 5-7 PM | Espurresso Cat Cafe
1014 Massachusetts Steet

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

Come find cozy reads at your local cat cafe! Silent reading in and out of the cat enclosure is encouraged, and the coffee bar will be open!

🌟 "Dr. Bob" Presents: Massachusetts Street

MON | Oct 7 | 7 PM | Auditorium

In partnership with Watkins Museum of History, we're pleased to host the book launch of *Massachusetts Street* by Lawrence physician and founder of Lawrence Walking Tours, Bob Dinsdale. "Dr. Bob" spent a year collecting photos and stories about Mass Street, the heart of Lawrence, where we all gather to celebrate, campaign, and complain! A book signing follows, with proceeds going to Watkins Museum.



IMAGE: Nate Ryan / The Wall Street Journal

🌟 An Evening with Louise Erdrich

SAT | Oct 12 | 7 PM

Haskell Indian Nations University
155 East Indian Avenue

Please welcome Louise Erdrich back to Lawrence as she launches her new book *The Mighty Red*. Erdrich is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, and Pulitzer Prize Award winner and author of many novels as well as volumes of poetry, children's books, and a memoir of early motherhood. After the talk, The Raven Bookstore will sell copies for signing.

🌟 Book Club Speed Dating

WED | Oct 16 | 7 PM | Arterra
2161 Quail Creek Drive

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

Come listen as we highlight new and popular reads perfect for book clubs and beyond. Get dozens of hot numbers vetted by your friendly neighborhood Book Squad; reserve hot titles before they're available to the rest of the dating pool. Enjoy tasty treats and an open bar. When cruising for books, you're sure to find a winner with your librarian as matchmaker. Questions? Email Leah: Inewton@lplks.org.

PERFECT MATCH



🌟 **Haunted States of America**

THU | Oct 17 | 7 PM | The Raven Bookstore
809 Massachusetts Street

Local authors William Mockry and Giselle Anatol share their spooky contributions to a new anthology, *Haunted States of America*. Books will be available for sale and signing, and we can't guarantee a peaceful night's sleep after this event.



🌟 **KPR Live Day Classical Concerts**

FRI | Oct 25 | Performance times vary
Daytime concerts: 10 AM; 12 PM; 2 PM
Spooky evening concert: 7 PM
Auditorium

Experience the joy of classical music by many talented musicians at Kansas Public Radio's live broadcast from the auditorium. Later in the evening, spooky sounds abound back at library with a haunting, Halloween-themed concert by violinist and host of KPR's "Evening Classical" Destiny Ann Mermagen and special guests. Featuring a costume contest, tricks, and treats.

🌟 **Feminist Fright Fest**

TUE | Oct 29 | 7 PM | Watson Library
1425 Jayhawk Boulevard

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

Watch *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935), then break it down with our resident horror expert and staff from KU's Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies department at KU. Email Christina for info: cjames@lplks.org.



Community Conversation with Daniel Wildcat – On Indigenuity: Learning Lessons of Mother Earth

WED | Sep 4 | 7-8 PM
Auditorium

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

Join Haskell Indian Nations University's Daniel Wildcat (Yuchi Member of Muscogee Nation; distinguished professor) and Tyler Kimbrell (of Muscogee Creek Nation and Communication Studies instructor) for a discussion about Indigenous wisdom and our responsibilities to the natural world. Raven Book Store will have Wildcat's books for sale; a Q&A and booksigning to follow. More info: Shirley.sbraunlich@lplks.org.

GENERAL EVENTS

Community Resource Fair

SAT | Nov 2 | 12-3 PM
Auditorium

We all hit bumps in the road and need help from time to time. Knowing where to turn can make all the difference. Come check out our community's services, supports, and resources. Need info? Email mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.



First Friday Coffee & Coworking

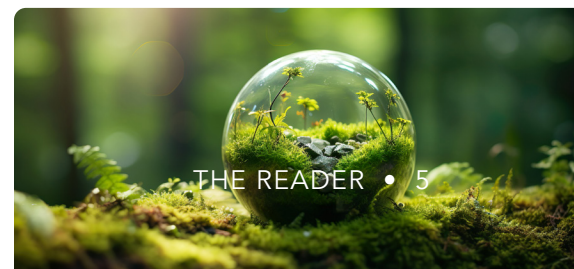
FRI | Sep 6; Oct 4; Nov 1 | 10 AM-1 PM
Meeting Room A

Are you a remote worker, small business owner, or aspiring entrepreneur seeking a change of scenery, networking opportunities, or a collaborative workspace? Join us every First Friday at LPL. We'll brew the coffee and vibe, and you bring yourself and your hustle! Enjoy our WiFi, printing, and faxing services, plus explore our SOUND+VISION Studio for podcasting and digital wizardry. Questions? Email Ellen: ekearn@lplks.org.

Restoring Our Landscapes Community Group

SUN | Sep 8; Oct 6; Nov 3 | 11 AM-12 PM
Meeting Room A

This group, led by Daniel Lassman, aims to cultivate connections between community members interested in native plants as well as practitioners of Restoration Ecology. 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 and share their knowledge and learn something new. Questions? Email Terese: twinters@lplks.org.





Repair Studio!

SUN | Sep 8; Oct 11; Nov 10 | 3-5 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.



Civic Engagement 101

Sep-Nov | See lplks.org for event info
Auditorium

The library is committed to fostering an informed and engaged community with this annual series in partnership with the League of Women Voters. Join us for in-depth discussions on issues of local, state, and national importance. Questions? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

Sep 12

Misinformation & Disinformation in the Media

Sep 26

Renewable Energy in Douglas County and Kansas

Oct 3

City of Lawrence Ballot Resolution 7442

Oct 17

Reproductive Rights and Abortion Access

Nov 14

The Electoral College



So, You Have an Aging Parent: 101

MON | Sep 16 | 6-7:30 PM
Auditorium

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

Your parents are aging, you love them and want to help, but you aren't even sure what questions to ask! This 101 presentation will overview common aging issues, provide definitions of concepts which may be new to you, and offer follow-up resources to dig deeper into the areas which you are most concerned. \$5 suggested donation at the door, pizza dinner will be provided for those in attendance. Questions? Email Janet at jikenberry@yoursrc.org.

Im/Pressing Bricks: Hands on Clay Workshop

MON | Sep 23 | 5:30-6:30 PM
Outside and in the Auditorium

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

Make bricks! Press bricks! The bricks we make will be used in future public works of art. Sarah Gross, associate professor of ceramics at KU and artist behind "Courses of Action", the interactive brick sculpture housed outside the library, will lead us in this hands-on workshop. Questions? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.



Courses of Action (2023) sits on the Library Plaza

Mushroom Foray with Sherry Kay & Ben Sikes

SAT | Sep 28 | 10 AM-12 PM
Rice Woodland in Palmyra, KS

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

Join the Kaw Valley Mycological Society with the authors of *A New Guide to Kansas Mushrooms*, Sherry Kay and Ben Sikes, on a mushroom foray. Come prepared for new fungi, woody terrain and, maybe, unpredictable weather. Questions? Email Jake: jvail@lplks.org.



Entrepreneurial Mindset Training Program

MON | Sep 30-Nov 18 | 4-6 PM
Meeting Room B

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

Join the fall cohort for the Ice House Entrepreneurship Program! This 8-week course, facilitated by KU Small Business Development Center, aims to educate and motivate you to adopt an entrepreneurial mindset, which is valuable not only for starting businesses but also for navigating life's uncertainties. The class is free, but purchasing the course book is recommended. Questions? Email Ellen: ekearns@lplks.org.

Get GED Ready: Empower Your Future with the Adult Learning Center

Sep | Dates & Time TBD
Meeting Room TBD

Are you or someone you know interested in registering for the GED or seeking more information about services available at the Adult Learning Center? This fall, we're collaborating with the Adult Learning Center to offer the public the opportunity to take the GED pre-test at no cost. You'll have the chance to meet with instructors from the Adult Learning Center to gain insights into GED prep and other adult learning courses. Questions? Email Ellen at ekearns@lplks.org.



Hablemos Spanish Conversation Table

THU | Sep, Oct, Nov | Dates & times TBD
Meeting Room 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 | Sep, Oct, Nov | 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

WED | Oct 9 | 10 AM-1 PM
Auditorium

Register here: bit.ly/TTHworkshop

Join Tenants to Homeowners (TTH) to learn about the steps to buying a home, why credit matters, the types of mortgage loans available, and more! The workshop is sponsored in part with US Bank. A HUD approved workshop certificate is issued when you finish the workshop. Attending a workshop is a requirement of the TTH Home Purchase Program. Questions? Ask Melissa: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.



Digital Age Film Series with the Center for East Asian Studies

SAT | Oct 12, 19 | 1 PM
Auditorium

We'll watch two of four East Asian films in this series led by the Center for East Asian Studies at KU. The films will address issues created by the rise of the Digital Age. A discussion of the films will follow. Light refreshments provided! Check our website at lplks.org for updates. Questions? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

Plant Swap & Propagation Demonstration

MON | Oct 21 | 5:30-7 PM
Auditorium

Bring your extra house plant babies to share and pick up something new. From rare to common, we welcome all house plants at this event! We'll kick things off with a plant propagation demonstration by Jess Qian from Jungle House. Also joining us (and bringing extra plants to share!) are Tami Albin and Jack Hawthorn from KU Libraries. Questions? Email Terese: twinters@lplks.org.



Resume Clinic

Oct | Date & Time TBD
Location TBD

Need to create a new resume or just refresh your old one? Catholic Charities' Workforce Specialists will teach you to create a standout resume strong enough to whiz through applicant tracking filters yet personalized enough to showcase your unique skills and experience. Library staff will also cover tips on how to use free library databases to further refine your resume and hone your pre-employment skills. Questions? Email Ellen: ekearns@lplks.org.



Beginning Genealogy with Midwest Genealogy Center

MON | Nov 11 | 2-3 PM
Zoom & Mtg Rm A

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

Always wanted to learn more about your family's history, but not sure how to begin? Staff from the Midwest Genealogy Center will join us via Zoom to share the basics of getting started with genealogy. Questions? Ask Melissa: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org

In the Kitchen with JustFood

TUE | Nov 12 | 5:30-6:30 PM
Auditorium

Free, but registration required; we have space for 35, so please join our waitlist if it fills up; sign up online or at 785-843-3833

We're all feeling the effects of rising grocery costs, which is why the library is joining forces with JustFood! Danielle McCarville, Community Access Manager of JustFood, will guide us in a hands-on cooking demonstration at least twice a year. Danielle will teach us how to make delicious meals on a budget using a mix of affordable pantry staples and fresh produce. We'll cook and eat together, and all participants will get a recipe to take home. For our November event, we'll be making fall chili! The recipe Danielle will be demonstrating is vegan friendly but we'll talk about how to adapt this recipe to your tastes and using the ingredients you already have on-hand. Each participating household will also get something to take home! You can learn more about the work JustFood does in our community at justfoodks.org. Check our website at lplks.org for details and updates. Got a question? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.





Connecting to the Prairie with Chris Helzer

SAT | Nov 16 | 1:30 PM
Auditorium

Join us for a talk with author Chris Helzer, Director of Science and Stewardship at The Nature Conservancy in Nebraska. Chris is a prairie ecologist and conservation photographer who has published two books: *The Ecology and Management of Prairies in the Central United States* and *Hidden Prairie: Photographing Life in One Square Meter*. The Raven Bookstore will be on hand selling copies. Co-sponsored by Grassland Heritage Foundation and the Kansas Biological Survey and Center for Ecological Research. Email Terese if you have questions: twinters@lplks.org.

The Power of Imagery and the Civil Rights Experience

SAT | Nov 23 | 3 PM
Auditorium

Since its inception, photography has been used for raising awareness of social issues, provoking emotions and thoughts, and reshaping our perceptions of the world. Delve into the impact of photography on the civil rights movement in the aftermath of the landmark Supreme Court case, *Brown v. Board of Education*, tracing the evolution of how Black individuals and communities have been portrayed from historical beginnings to the era of *Brown v. Board* and up to present day. Presented by Ann Dean, Lawrence artist and freelance photographer. This event is offered as part of Humanities Kansas's *Brown v. Board of Education 70th Anniversary Speakers Bureau*. For more info email Melissa at: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.

Native Plant Talk & Seed Collection

Nov | Date & Time TBD
Auditorium and Hobbs Park
702 East 11th Street

No registration required for the talk; Registration required for the workshop; sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Learn about the benefits of native plants in a panel discussion with three local restoration ecology experts, and pick up free native plant seeds at the event. Then we'll head to the native plant garden at Hobbs Park to see examples of some species discussed, and for a hands-on demonstration of seed collection. Check lplks.org for updates. Questions? Email Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

BOOK CLUBS

Action Book Club

TUE | Sep 17 | 6:30-8 PM
Meeting Room A

SAT | Sep 21 | 10 AM-12 PM
Haskell University Cultural Center
2411 Barker Avenue

Free, but registration requested; sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Action Book Club is back! On September 17, join a book discussion of Dan Wildcat's newest, *On Indigenuity: Learning the Lessons of Mother Earth*, led by Jake Vail and Shirley Braunlich. The library has a limited number of copies of the book to loan before the discussion. On September 21, we'll go to work on the gardens at the Haskell Cultural Center and other campus lands in partnership with the Haskell Greenhouse; bring a fillable water bottle and suitable clothing for the weather. All are welcome. Email Shirley for more info: sbraunlich@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!

- Sep 8 | *The Song of Achilles*
- Oct 6 | *Come Out, Come Out*
- Nov 3 | *How We Fight for Our Lives*

Mystery Book Club

BIMONTHLY | 3rd SUN | 1:30-3 PM
Auditorium

**September meeting moved to 4th Sunday*

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.

- Sep 22 | Mysteries based on real events (Fictionalized)
- Nov 17 | Gothic / Ghostly / Haunted Mysteries



Ann Dean

Image courtesy of the Lawrence Arts Center

Speculative Fiction Book Club

MONTHLY | 2nd TUE | 6:30-7:30 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.

Sep 10 | *The Warm Hands of Ghosts*
Oct 8 | *Red Rising*
Nov 12 | *Fahrenheit 451*



Nature Book Club

TUE | Sep 10 | 6:30-8:30 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@lplks.org.

Last Wednesday Book Club

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

**Nov meeting moved to Dec due to holiday*

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.

Sep 25 | *Caste*
Oct 30 | *The Frozen River*
Dec 4 | *The Warm Hands of Ghosts*



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.

Sep 19 | *Obsession*
Oct 17 | *She's a Man Eater*
Nov 21 | *No Good Neighbors*

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.

Sep 19 | *Martyr!*
Oct 17 | *Bone of the Bone*
Nov 21 | *Sandwich*



HEALTH SPOT +

SMART Recovery

WEEKLY | WED | 5-6:30 PM
Meeting Room C and Zoom
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 | Sep 15, Oct 13, Nov 17 | 11:30 AM
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.



Flu Shot Clinic

TUE | Sep 24 | 3-4 PM
Auditorium

Sigler Pharmacy will be here to distribute flu shots. There is a charge; all insurance accepted. Walk-ins welcome, but you can schedule an appointment. Check lplks.org for the signup link. Need more info? Ask Ellen: ekearn@lplks.org.

2024 Health Insurance Application Assistance

Nov | Dates & Times TBD
Study Room TBD

KU's Hawks for Health student volunteer organization will offer walk-in health insurance application assistance with a Certified Application Counselor for the Federally Facilitated Marketplace. Check lplks.org for the schedule. Questions? Ask Theresa at tbird@lplks.org.



TECHNOLOGY

Computer Basics 1: Getting Started

FRI | Sep 13; Nov 8 | 10:30 AM-12 PM
Meeting Room C

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

In part 1 of this beginner's class, you'll learn about different types of computers, how to use a mouse and keyboard, different types of ports that attach devices to your computer, and more. Call 785-843-3833 x139 for more info.

Computer Basics 2: Files, Folders, and More

FRI | Sep 20; Nov 15 | 10:30 AM-12 PM
Meeting Room C

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

In this second part of our computer basics class, you'll learn how to navigate the Windows 10 operating system, save and delete files, use folders, and more. Call 785-843-3833 x139 for more info.

Computer Basics: Email

FRI | Oct 11 | 10:30 AM-12 PM
Meeting Room C

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

Learn essential skills to get the most out of your email. This class will discuss Gmail, but the principles learned should carry over to other email services as well. A Windows 10 computer will be provided. Call 785-843-3833 x139 for more info.



SOUND+VISION



MixMaster 2024

SAT | Sep 7 | 10 AM-5 PM
Auditorium and S+V Studio

Buy tickets; get info: mixmaster2024.com

Join us for the local music conference of the year! Topics include careers in music, grant funding, music ecosystems, booking gigs and more. Panel discussion and breakout groups provide learning and connecting during this all-day event.

Photographing Live Events

WED | Sep 18 | 5:30-6:30 PM
Auditorium

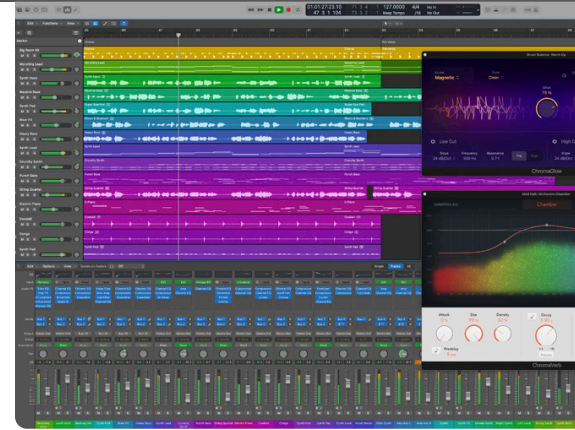
Join renowned photographer Fally Afani for a presentation on capturing live events. Learn technical skills for low-light and fast-moving subjects, composition tips, and practical advice for navigating venues. Ideal for photographers at any level who are passionate about live music and events.



SOUND+VISION Basics

THU | Oct 3 | 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.



Learn Logic Pro

THU | Oct 10 | 4:30-5:30 PM
Meeting Room C

S+V Studio Specialist Matt Pelsma details how to start building your track in Logic Pro. Basic workflow will be discussed, as well as new AI features in Logic Pro 11.

RETROACTIVE RETIREES



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Tech Club

MONTHLY | 1st THU | Sep 5; Oct 3; Nov 14
4-5 PM

Zoom

Keep up to date on the changing world of technology. Each month we'll feature a new subject and learn from our library tech experts. The goal: Become independent of our grandkids (for technology). We'll email a Zoom link the day before the event.

Coffee Break

WEEKLY | FRI | Sep 6-Nov 22 | 10 AM
Zoom

No programs 9/27, 10/25, 11/29

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. To sign up, email us at retirement@lplks.org.

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Dessert & A Movie

WED | Sep 18; Oct 16; Nov 13 | 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 movie streaming service is free with your library card! Visit the library calendar for information on movies and special guests. More info and details at lplks.org/retirement.

Wine Around the World

THU | Sep 12; Oct 10; Nov 7 | 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 this online class to enjoy from home. Wine purchases are optional.

Gray Anatomy

THU | Sep 17; Oct 22; Nov 19 | 4-5 PM
Zoom

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

Learn from local medical experts about what to expect as you age in our popular series with LMH Health. We'll talk about a new health topic each month. Please check the library calendar for information on specific program topics.



Fun & Games

FRI | Sep 27 | 10 AM-12 PM
Auditorium

FRI | Oct 25 | 10 AM-12 PM
Senior Resource Center
745 Vermont Street

Free, but registration preferred; sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Meet up for board games, and socializing. You bring good conversation and we'll provide coffee, tea, and snacks.

Stitch & B*tch

MON | Sep 16; Oct 21; Nov 18 | 2-3 PM
Meeting Room C

Free, but registration preferred; sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Calling all knitters, crocheters, hand sewers, cross-stitchers, and needle pointers! Bring your project, learn from each other, and discuss and solve the issues of the world.

Pop-Up Programs!

Visit lplks.org/retirement for a complete list of programs, dates, and times

Join us for field trips, tours, social events, musical programs, and other presentations. It's a great way to experience your community and make new friends. For more info email retirement@lplks.org.

TEENS

For grades 6-12

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Read-In Celebration

Ages 8-11 & Teen

WED | Sep 25 | 2-4 PM
Auditorium

Celebrate your right to read what you like! Come get cozy and read with us, decorate bookmarks, and grab a snack. We'll have book giveaways and more!

Star Wars Trivia

All ages and team types welcome

FRI | Oct 4 | 7:30-9 PM
Auditorium

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

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



Murder Mystery Party

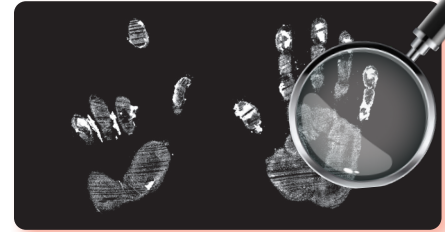
Grades 6-12

FRI | Oct 11 | 6-8 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Celebrate spooky season with a dose of the macabre. Solve puzzles, look for clues, and survive the night!



ONGOING EVENTS & CLUBS

D&D Club

Grades 6-12

1st & 3rd MON | 4-5:30 PM

Readers' Theater

No session 9/2

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.

Magic the Gathering Club

Grades 6-12

MONTHLY | 4th TUE | 4-5 PM

Meeting Room B

Learn, play, win! Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting your journey, this club is for you. Cards provided for players without their own decks.

Teen Zone Expanded

Grades 6-12

WEEKLY | WED | 2-4 PM

Auditorium or Readers' Theater

No session 11/27

Head to the library on early release day for gaming, movies, crafts, pancakes, and STEAM activities! Visit our online calendar for each week's events.

Teen Gaming Tournament

Grades 6-12

MONTHLY | 2nd FRI | 4-6 PM

Readers' Theater

Compete against fellow gamers in our monthly gaming tournament. Games may include Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Mario Kart 8, and others to be announced.



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.

KIDS

For ages 0-11

YOUTH ALL AGES

Read-In Celebration

All ages

WED | Sep 25 | 2-4 PM

Auditorium

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All ages and team types welcome

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Auditorium

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Library Trick-or-Treating

All ages

THU | Oct 31 | 4-6

Begins in the Library Lobby

Visit the library to find special treats! While supplies last. Costumes encouraged!



SPECIAL EVENTS

Costume Dance Party for Littles

Ages 0-5

FRI | Oct 18 | 10:30 AM-11:15 AM

Auditorium

Your favorite LPL storytellers are ready to dance the morning away with bubbles, music, you, and your littles! Put on your favorite costume to add even more fun to our dance party!



Kid President

Ages 8-11

WED | Oct 2, 9, 16, 23 | 3:30-4:30 PM

Readers' Theater

Learn about the world of politics and throw your hat in the ring to be LPL Kid President! Local leaders are our special guests each week and we'll learn about notable campaigns, candidate slogans, and kids who've changed the world. We'll also talk about creating a platform as a candidate. Kids will create a poster telling Lawrence what they stand for and library visitors will vote. The winner gets a budget to perform a service project in Lawrence with Kids' Action Club. Let the race begin!

Pet World: Creepy & Cuddly Critters

Ages 5-11

FRI | Oct 18 | 3-4 PM

Auditorium

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

Meet and learn about a variety of scaly, slimy, cute, and unique critters!

Potion Party!

Ages 5-11

FRI | Oct 25 | 3-4 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Make fizzy potions, become a mummy, make mini ghosts, or decorate a spider cookie! Costumes not required, but 100% welcome and encouraged!

Deja's Reading Rainbow

All ages

Dates & times TBD

Location TBD

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!

Kansas Reads to Preschoolers with Special Storytimes

Ages 0-5

Nov 11-16

Readers' Theater

It's Kansas Reads to Preschoolers week November 11th-16th! We're bringing you special stories to highlight the importance of reading to your kiddos. Book title to be announced! We'll have free copies of our book at Storytimes while supplies last.

Take Me for a Ride Storytime

Ages 3+ with their families

TUE, FRI | Nov 15, 19 | 10:30-11:30 AM

Auditorium

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

STEAM Exploration Day!

Ages 5-11

MON | Nov 25 | 3-4 PM

Auditorium

Join us for a day of science experiments, building challenges, paper airplane contests, and more STEAM adventures!



ONGOING EVENTS & CLUBS

Kids' Action Club

Ages 8-11

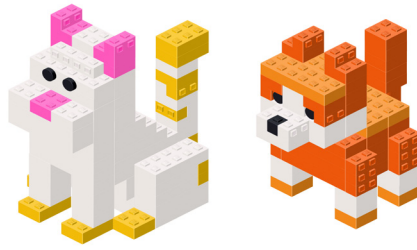
MONTHLY | WED | Sep 4; Nov 6

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 | Sep 28; Oct 26; Nov 23

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 5-11

MONTHLY | WED | Sep 11; Oct 16; Nov 13

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.

Tween Book Club

Ages 8-11

MONTHLY | SUN | Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17

1:30-2:30 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.

ASK ME
ABOUT MY
BOOKS

Celebrate HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Coffee & Crafts ☀️

All ages

SAT | Sep 14 | 10:30-11:30 AM

Readers' Theater

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

Cuentacuentos ☀️

All ages

SAT | Sep 21 | 10:30-11:15 AM

Readers' Theater

¡Acompañanos en una edición especial de Cuentacuentos! Listen to a special, themed storytime completely in Spanish!

Grupo Folclórico MiSol de KC ☀️

All ages

SAT | Oct 5 | 10:30-11:30 AM

Auditorium

¡Celebre el Mes de la Herencia Hispana con una actuación del Grupo Folclórico MiSol de KC! Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a special, traditional Mexican dance performance!





Pokémon League

Ages 8-18

MONTHLY | THU | Oct 17; Nov 21

3:45-5:15 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!

Parent Support Group

Parents and kids ages 0-5

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

Readers' Theater

No session 10/30

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!

Story Quest Book Club

Ages 5-11

MONTHLY | 2nd SAT | 3-4 PM

Readers' Theater

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

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

Tail Wagging Readers

Ages 5-11

MONTHLY | SUN | 3-4 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Readers' Theater

No sessions 9/1 and 12/21

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 resume 9/3

Storytimes will be on break 10/29-11/1

Sing & Rhyme Storytime

All ages

WEEKLY | MON | 6:30-7 PM

Readers' Theater

No session 9/2

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

No sessions 10/29, 10/31

No sessions 11/1, 11/7, 11/28, 11/29

Enjoy engaging stories, delightful songs, playful rhymes, and hands-on activities with Hannah and Crafty the Cat.

Books & Babies Storytime

Birth-23 months with their families

WEEKLY | TUE | 6-6:30 PM

WEEKLY | WED | 10:30-11 AM

Readers' Theater

No sessions on 10/29 and 10/30

Join Singing Sarah for a musical baby storytime. Bounce with your little ones to enchanting books and soothing songs. A perfect mix of stories and fun!

Toddler Storytime

Toddlers with their families

WEEKLY | WED | 6-6:30 PM

WEEKLY | THU | 10:30-11 AM

Readers' Theater

No sessions on 10/30, 10/31, 11/7, 11/28

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

Readers' Theater

No session 11/2

¡Únase a nosotros el 1 y 3 Sábado de cada mes para historias y actividades completamente en español! Todas las edades son bienvenidas. Join us on the first and third Saturdays of each month for stories and activities completely in Spanish! All ages welcome.

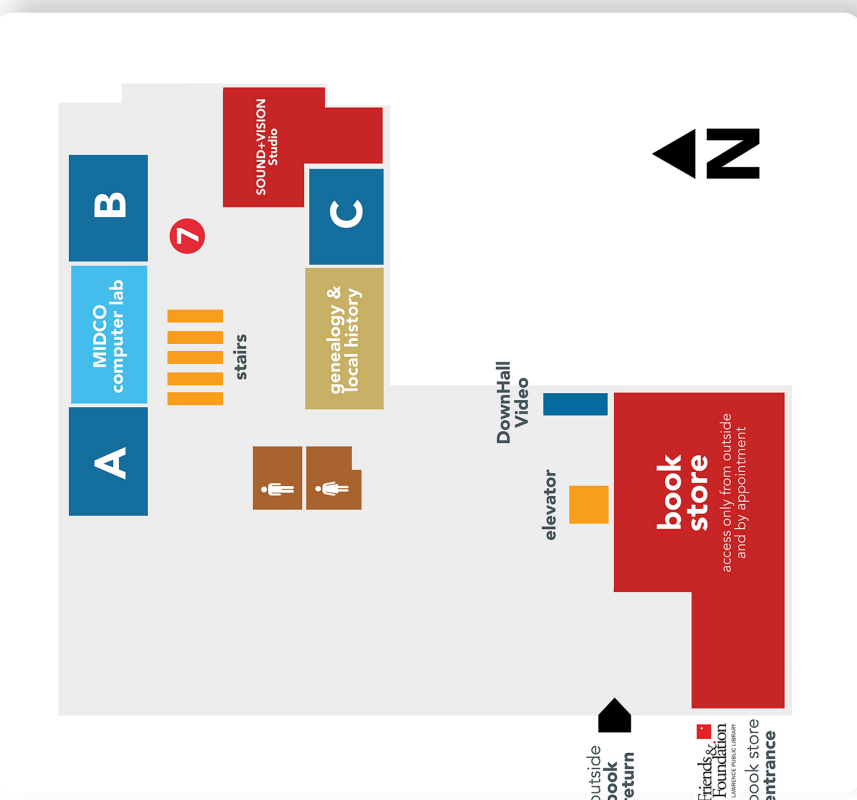


See you at the library!

LIBRARY MAP | MAIN LEVEL



LIBRARY MAP | LOWER LEVEL



- 1 Welcome**
Directions, free masks, general information and answers
- 2 Accounts Desk**
Account questions, library card sign-up or pick-up, self-check help
- 3 Book Help Desk**
What to read next, book searches, book club information, and more
- 4 Ask Desk**
Notary service, reference help, nonfiction search, community info
- 5 Kids Desk**
Information about kid and teen events, collections, resources, supply pick-up
- 6 Teen Zone Desk**
Open daily to humans ages 12-18; ask about hours at the Kids Desk
- Auditorium**
Reservation required for use; sign up online or visit any service desk for help
- Computer Lab**
1-hr session limit; includes 1 express station, 12 computers, and 1 Mac (for Adobe use by appointment)
- Meeting Rooms A, B, C**
Tech Desk; max capacity: 8
- Osma Room**
Table, microfilm, and genealogy and local history resources; max capacity: 6
- DownHall Video**
Browse used DVDs; pay what you can on the honor system — happy viewing!
- 7 Public Tech Desk**
Computer, fax, printing, copying, and basic tech help and answers
- LPLFF Book Store**
Shop in person by appointment; not accessible from inside; please sign up for a visit at: bit.ly/LPLFFbookdept
- S+V Studio**
Recording and video casting studios with instruments and mics, Adobe Creative Suites, and a custom synth
- Men's Restroom**
- Women's Restroom**

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A place to learn, connect, create, and grow.



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10 AM-6 PM

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*books, movies, library card sign-up, information, free books for kids, dog treats, sometimes a bubble machine, and lots of good vibes.



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