

LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

READER

LIBRARY EVENTS & INFORMATION • WINTER • DEC 2024–FEB 2025

I love all the books.
I love to read!



I love books!
Thank you for all the books



I love reading.
Thanks for the
Books The Public
Library is my favorite
Place

Thank
you
Library

Dear Lawrence Public Library,
Thank you so much for the things you do. I
like to check out books at the library. I
love to read and I hope you do too. It's
even all for free! Thank you so much!

To The Library's
I Love the Library
so much that my room
is a Library

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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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Thank you.

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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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ALL AGES

Fun for everyone

Season's Readings Book Sale

SAT | Dec 14 | 10 AM-4 PM
Library Lobby

Are your bookshelves ready for winter hibernation? This is the last chance of the year to browse thousands of books, CDs, DVDs and audiobooks in climate controlled bliss. Everything is priced \$2 and under and our friendly volunteers will provide on-site gift wrapping for a donation. More info: LPLFF.org.

Books & Music Sale

FRI | Feb 7 | 6:30-8:30 PM (\$5 at the door)
SAT | Feb 8 | 10 AM-4 PM
Auditorium

LPL Friends and Foundation is teaming up with AudioReader to offer something to delight audiophiles AND bibliophiles. All proceeds from book and CD sales support LPL. Proceeds from sales of vinyl and audio equipment support AudioReader Network's services for the blind and visually impaired. More info: LPLFF.org.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Library

MON | Jan 20 | Time TBD
Library-wide

Come honor Dr. King and celebrate his legacy with a day of community-focused events for the whole family. Check our website for updates. Email questions to Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

The time is always right to do what is right.

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Seed Library Launch & Local Growers Mini Fair

SUN | Feb 9 | 11 AM-12:30 PM
Atrium

To celebrate our annual Seed Library Launch, we're joining forces with local growers working to make our community more beautiful and sustainable for all living things! Pick up some free flower, vegetable, herb, and fruit seeds to get started growing. Winter is the ideal time to plant natives so be sure to check out our selection of native plant seeds, provided by the Native Lands Restoration Collaborative! Got questions? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.



SAVE THE DATE: After Hours at the Library

FRI | Mar 7 | 7-9 PM | Library-wide

When the library closes, it's time to play! Come explore your library after hours at our annual fundraiser. We'll have food, drinks, games, live music, and more in support of everything LPL. Keep an eye out for our famous basket raffle in the Atrium February 27 through March 6. More details to come!

ADULTS

Ages 18+, but Teens welcome

SPECIAL EVENTS

SOUND+VISION Presents: Califone

WED | Feb 19 | 7-9 PM | Auditorium

Tim Rutili has been making music under the Califone moniker since 1997. This is his first appearance in Lawrence since 2016. "Califone plays a robust mix of experimental music with roots in blues, Appalachian folk, psychedelia and pop, while always staying uncompromisingly Califone: textured music that favors the subtle and intimate. When the songwriting is at its best, the results can be extraordinary. Rutili's lyrics may only occasionally flirt with straightforwardness, but they brim with memorable details that work with the music to set evocative moods." —*Trouser Press*



Califone's
TIM RUTILI

GENERAL EVENTS

Restoring Our Landscapes Community Group

SUN | Dec 1; Jan 5; Feb 2 | 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.



Hablemos Spanish Conversation Table

THU | Dec 5 | 5–6 PM

Meeting Room B

No registration required

Want to improve your Spanish conversation skills? Join in these lively discussions led by the Graduate Association for the Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese (GRASP) at KU. Each meeting centers around a theme and is held in Spanish. All who wish to practice Spanish are welcome! Questions? Email Terese at twinters@lplks.org.

Mesa de conversación en español Hablemos

JUE | Dec 5 | 5–6 PM

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.



Your spot for remote work or coworking.

- **Reserve** a study room for up to 4 people
- **Reserve** a meeting room for up to 33 people
- **Connect** remotely with our video conferencing system
- **Borrow** HDMI cables, adaptors, Chromebooks (in-house only)
- **Bring** covered drinks and packaged snacks – it's okay!
- **Walk** to Mass Street in minutes for food and coffee breaks

First Friday Coffee & Coworking

FRI | Dec 6; Jan 5; Feb 7 | 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. Let's turn your First Friday into a fun at work day! Questions? Ellen: ekearns@lplks.org.

First Saturday Tech Support for Coders, Startups, and Tech Curious

SAT | Dec 7; Jan 4; Feb 7 | 2–4 PM

Meeting Room A

Join us for monthly office hours with local software engineer Mike Beasterfeld! Each session begins with a short talk on tech topics like JavaScript, Python, cloud systems, and website design, followed by some personalized troubleshooting and support for both IT professionals and novice techies. Feel free to drop in or stay for the entire event. Whether you're looking to enhance your tech skills or seek expert advice, take this opportunity to network with tech professionals and carve out your future in tech! Questions? Email Ellen at ekearns@lplks.org.



LIBRARY MUG \$6

Perfect for First Friday Coffee & Coworking

GET ONE AT OUR ACCOUNTS DESK

Repair Studio!

SUN | Dec 8; Jan 12; Feb 9 | 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.

Connecting with Nature Series with Kansas Land Trust & Lawrence Bird Alliance

See lplks.org for event details

This series encourages everyone in our community to connect with our local flora and fauna through bird walks, author talks, learning how to use nature apps and more! Check lplks.org for additional details and updates. Stay tuned for more events coming this spring!

Jan 8 | Land Protection in Douglas County

Jan 22 | 150 Years of Change on the Great Plains with Town Peterson

Feb 3 | E-Birding & Nature Apps Workshop

Feb 18 | Edible Wild Plants of the Prairie with Kelly Kindscher



Escaping the Chaos of Clutter

TUE | Jan 14 | 4 PM
Auditorium

Join Erin Schmidt of Home, Liberated to learn steps and strategies for liberating your home from clutter. You'll walk away with tips, tricks, and resources, including ideas for finding new homes for discarded items so nothing ends up in the landfill. Melissa has info: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.



TRIO Office Hours

WED | Jan 22-Feb 26 | 1-5:30 PM
Study Room 4

Are you a high school senior, returning student, or adult learner seeking support to achieve your post-secondary education goals? Join Melody Lawrence, an academic advisor at KU TRIO's Educational Opportunity Center, for weekly office hours where you'll get personalized guidance in selecting an educational path and navigating the FAFSA process. TRIO offers free advising, community resource referrals, and assistance with accessing funding. Take the first step toward securing your future—join us and let us help you reach your educational goals! Questions? Email Ellen: ekearns@lplks.org.

Explore Kansas with Mary Gage

WED | Jan 29 | 6:30-7:30 PM
Auditorium

In a quest to discover more about her home state, Mary Gage challenged herself to hike every Kansas state park in one year. Her adventures led to new and unexpected revelations. Join us for this Kansas Day celebration and get inspired to explore our state's vast beauty and geographic diversity to the fullest. Questions? Email Kathleen at: kmorgan@lplks.org.



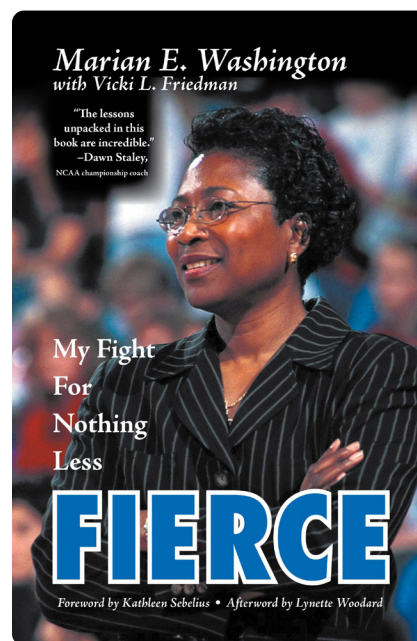
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Free Homebuyers Workshop with Tenants to Homeowners

SAT | Feb 15 | 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 Gabby: gboyle@lplks.org.



Book Talk with Coach Marian Washington

MON | Feb 17 | 5-7 PM
Auditorium

Join Coach Marian Washington for a discussion of her new book *FIERCE: My Fight For Nothing Less*. Called "the Jackie Robinson of collegiate women's basketball coaching," Washington achieved excellence as an athlete, administrator, and coach at the University of Kansas, and in 1996 she became the first Black woman to coach at the Olympic level. Washington was fierce in her fight to achieve opportunity and equity for women at a time of firm resistance to newly passed Title IX legislation. The Raven Book Store will sell copies at the talk. Email Theresa for info: tbird@lplks.org.

In the Kitchen with Wild Alive Ferments

MON | Feb 10 | 5:30-6:30 PM
Auditorium

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

In this quarterly series, we learn from local chefs and skilled cooking enthusiasts covering a wide range of culinary topics. Get empowered to cook fresh, affordable meals at home and learn handy, new kitchen techniques to use at home. Sarah Saltzman, co-founder of Wild Alive Ferments, joins us in February! To learn more about Wild Alive, visit wildaliveferments.com. Email Terese with questions: twinters@lplks.org.

Genealogy & Local History: Research Resources

MON | Feb 24 | 4-5 PM
Meeting Room A

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

Want to research your house's history, delve into genealogy, or explore Kansas's storied past? Join us to get acquainted with the library's digital resources to dig into local and family history, including Newspaper ARCHIVE, Ancestry Library Edition, Sanborn Maps and more. We'll wrap with a brief tour of our local history room. Email questions to Melissa at: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.



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.

Jan 19 | Theme: A Mystery or Two

Speculative Fiction Book Club

MONTHLY | 2nd TUE | 7-8 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.

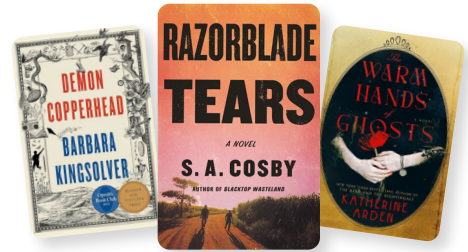
Dec 10 | *The Ministry of Time*
Jan 14 | *Fourth Wing*
Feb 11 | *We Need No Wings*

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.

Dec 4 | *The Warm Hands of Ghosts*
Jan 29 | *Demon Copperhead*
Feb 26 | *Razorblade Tears*



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.

Dec 19 | Theme: Cosmic Dread
Jan 16 | Theme: History Is Horror
Feb 20 | Theme: Blood Is Thicker Than Water

BOOK CLUBS

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! Questions? Email Adam at alopez@lplks.org.

Dec 1 | Email Adam for info
Jan 5 | Theme: Legends & Lattes
Feb 2 | Theme: No Place Like Home



Nature Book Club

MON | Dec 9 | 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.



Third Thursday Book Club

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

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.

- Dec 19 | *When Angels Left the Old Country*
- Jan 16 | *This Is Happiness*
- Feb 20 | *The Ministry of Time*



Parent Support Group

Parents and kids ages 0-5
WEEKLY | WED | 6:30-7:30 PM
Readers' Theater
No session 12/18

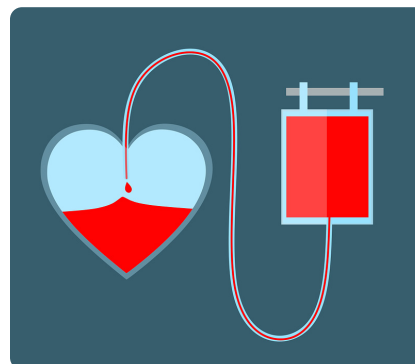
Join our support group for parents with younger kiddos. Make new parent friends, connect with resources, or just get out of the house. We're judgment-free and full of empathy! For more info, email Lauren: ltaylor@lplks.org.

Community Blood Center Library Blood Drive

THU | Dec 5 | 12-4 PM
Auditorium

Appointments preferred, but not required
Book here: savealifenow.org/group
Enter group code: **TPU9**

Give the gift of life! There's a nation-wide shortage of blood, so your donation makes all the difference. The Community Blood Center must collect almost 600 units of blood daily to meet the needs of area hospital patients. As there is no substitute for blood, we rely on volunteer donors like you to supply the life-saving blood and blood components to hospitals in Kansas and Missouri. Questions? Ask Gabby: gboyle@lplks.org.



Chair Yoga

TUE | Dec 10; Jan 14; Feb 11 | 12 PM
Auditorium

Try a free yoga class using the support of a chair. Amy will teach this inclusive class. Beginners are welcome. Questions? Email Theresa at tbird@lplks.org.

Community Resource Clinic

TUE | Dec 17; Jan 21; Feb 18 | 3-5 PM
Lobby

Drop in to the Lawrence Public Library to learn about community resources and support to meet your critical needs! Every third Tuesday, we'll host a different line up of social service organizations that can provide assistance with things such as financial support, transportation services, healthcare, and more. Questions? Ask Gabby: gboyle@lplks.org.

HEALTH SPOT +

2024 Health Insurance Application Assistance

Dates & Times TBD
Study Room or Meeting 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.

SMART Recovery

WEEKLY | WED | 5-6:30 PM
Meeting Room C and Zoom
No registration required
No meeting 12/25 and 1/1

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 | Dec 15 | 12-1 PM
SUN | Jan 5 | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM
Auditorium

Join us for an hour of yoga! Beginners are definitely welcome. Bring your own mat if you have one. Questions? Email Theresa at tbird@lplks.org.

TECHNOLOGY

Computer Basics 1: Getting Started

FRI | Jan 10; Mar 7 | 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 | Jan 17; Mar 14 | 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.

SOUND+VISION

Ambient Synth Concert

WED | Dec 4 | 4:30-6 PM
Auditorium

Join us for a sound immersion performance by Bipolar Lofts, featuring a live modular set by Catsitter. Experience Basinski-style tape loops and the SOUND+VISION's unique modular synthesizer, with potential for guest participation. Prepare to be surprised and delighted by inventive promotions and unexpected future performances by this enigmatic host.

Paul Malinowski Mixes

THU | Jan 30 | 4:30-5:30 PM
SOUND+VISION Studio

Legendary bass player from the band Shiner and operator of Massive Sound recording studio takes you through his approach to recording and mixing. Fans of heavy music, as well as all recording artists, will appreciate this presentation.



SOUND+VISION Basics

THU | Feb 6 | 4:30-5:30 PM
SOUND+VISION Studio

Come take a tour of the SOUND+VISION Studios and discover how to schedule your own session. We'll discuss everything from microphones to popular A/V software and much more. This is a great opportunity to see the studio and have all your questions answered!

Logic Pro Synth Starting Point

THU | Feb 20 | 4:30-5:30 PM
Meeting Room C

Join for a guided tour of Logic Pro's software synthesizers, where we will discover the fundamentals of sound synthesis along the way. We'll explore how various synthesizers generate their sounds and learn how to manipulate them effectively.

RETROACTIVE RETIREES



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SPECIAL EVENTS

Lecompton Territorial Museum Christmas Trees

WED | Dec 11 | 10 AM-12 PM
640 E Woodson, Lecompton KS

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

Let's visit nearby Lecompton to view 200+ antique, Victorian, and themed trees, as well as the many historical treasures there. Donations to the museum are appreciated. Afterwards, check out nearby Aunt Netters Café, voted 4th Best Pie Shop in the country by USA Today.

Songs of the Season: Group Singing with Kelley Hunt

THU | Dec 19 | 1:30-3 PM
Auditorium

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

Join singer/songwriter Kelley Hunt for an afternoon of singing some of the wonderful songs of this beautiful season. To get us started, Kelley will share a bit about how to sing and take care of your voice. No music reading is required and there'll be no solos! Just bring a water bottle, yourself, and a joyful heart. Sing, enjoy the music, and enjoy light refreshments to finish the afternoon.





Memory Matters: A New Year Series

FRI | Jan 10, 17, 24, 31 | 1:30-3 PM
Auditorium

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

Presented by experts from KU's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, this informative series explores the complexities of dementia. Whether you're newly diagnosed, a caregiver, or interested in the latest research, you'll learn valuable insights to help navigate the complex journey of dementia. In the event of inclement weather, the session will be held on Zoom.

Escaping the Chaos of Clutter

TUE | Jan 14 | 4 PM
Auditorium

Join Erin Schmidt of Home, Liberated to learn steps and strategies for liberating your home from clutter. You'll walk away with tips, tricks, and resources, including ideas for finding new homes for discarded items so nothing goes to the landfill. Email Melissa for info: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.

Tables of Content: Matinee Edition

TUE | Feb 4 | 2-4 PM
Auditorium

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

Join us for this make-a-new-friend event that's a little like 'Speed Dating', but without the dating! Everyone gathers around six tables, each focused on a particular topic. Everyone gets one minute or less to talk about what they like or dislike about that table's subject. The goal is to connect with a new friend who shares your interests and perhaps meet up afterwards. At the very least, we guarantee you'll have a fun afternoon and share a few laughs. And yes, there will be refreshments.

ONGOING EVENTS

Tech Club

MONTHLY | 1st THU | Dec 5; Jan 9; Feb 6
4-5 PM

Zoom

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

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.

Dec 5 | Wait, There's More: State Library
Online Resources

Jan 9 | Facebook Basics

Feb 6 | Instagram Basics

Coffee Break

WEEKLY | FRI | Dec 6-Feb 21 | 10-11 AM
Zoom

No programs 12/20, 12/27; 1/31; 2/28

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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Perfect for RetroActive
Coffee Break

GET YOURS AT OUR
ACCOUNTS DESK

Dessert & A Movie

WED | Dec 18; Jan/Feb dates TBD | 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 | Dec 12; Jan/Feb dates TBD | 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. Buy one, buy both, buy neither!

Gray Anatomy

TUE | Dec 17; Jan 21; Feb 18 | 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.

Dec 17 | Healthy Eating / Blood Sugar

Jan 21 | Take Heart Program CSL

Feb 18 | Urology

Fun & Games

FRI | Dec 20; Jan 31; Feb 28 | 10 AM-12 PM

Auditorium

*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*тч

MON | Dec 16; Jan 20; Feb 17 | 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 details

In person

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 make new friends and experience your community. For more info email: retirement@lplks.org.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Junior Author Camp

Ages 8-18

WED | Feb 5, 12, 26 | 3:30-4:30 PM

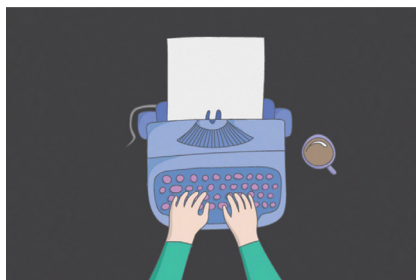
Auditorium

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Readers' Theater

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



Scooby-Doo Movie Marathon

WED | Dec 18 | 1-7 PM

Readers' Theater

Cozy up and settle in for a teens-only movie event! We're marathoning Scooby Doo movies and enjoying snacks that Shaggy and Scooby would love. Feel free to drop in as your schedule allows. Pajamas aren't mandatory, but strongly encouraged.

ONGOING EVENTS & CLUBS

D&D Club

Grades 6-12

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

Readers' Theater

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

No sessions in December

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 gbrazell@lplks.org.

Magic the Gathering Club

Grades 6-12

TUE | Jan 14; Feb 11 | 4-5 PM

Readers' Theater

No session in December

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 Advisory Board (TAB)

Grades 6-12

MON | Jan 13; Feb 10 | 4-5 PM

Location TBD

No signup required

Use your voice and join TAB to help make the Teen Zone an even better place for teens! TAB assists our Teen Services Team in deciding what type of activities and programs will take place. Snacks provided!

Teen Zone Expanded

Grades 6-12

WEEKLY | WED | 2-4 PM

Auditorium or Readers' Theater

Meets while school is in session

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



Teen Zone Café

Grades 6-12

WEEKLY | FRI | 4-5:30 PM

Teen Zone

Meets while school is in session

Celebrate Fridays! Relax with your friends over a snack and tasty beverage.

Teen Gaming Tournament

Grades 6–12

MONTHLY | 2nd SAT | 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.



KIDS

Ages 0–11

YOUTH ALL AGES

Cuentacuentos: Todos Juntos

All ages

SAT | Dec 7 | 4–5 PM

Auditorium

Únase a nosotros para un Cuentacuentos especial patrocinado por REFORMA. Disfruta de algunas historias y canciones en Español. Join a special Cuentacuentos sponsored by REFORMA. Enjoy some stories and songs in Spanish.

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and the Spanish Speaking Community



Amazing Olive Press Storytime

All ages

MON | Dec 16 | 10:30–11:15 AM

Auditorium

Rabbi Zalman Teichtel will join us for his annual holiday storytime. We will squeeze olive oil and make a wick to use in a menorah for Hanukkah! For the most up to date information, visit lplks.org.

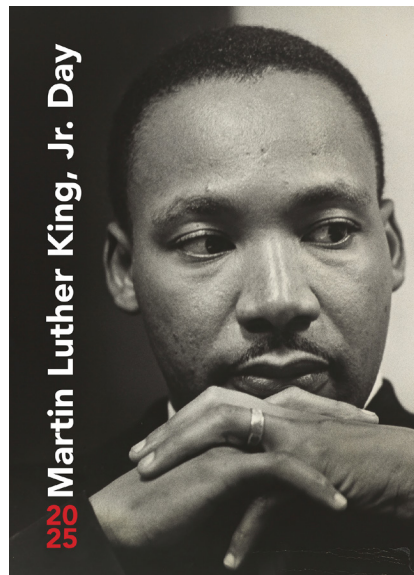
Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Library

All ages

MON | Jan 20 | Time TBD

Library-wide

Join us to honor Dr. King and celebrate his legacy with a day of community-focused events for the whole family. Check our lplks.org for updates. Questions? Email Terese: twinters@lplks.org.



The time is
always right
to do what
is right.

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Candy Construction

Ages 5–18

WED | Dec 11 | 4–5 PM

Auditorium

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

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

Cozy Dance Party for Littles

Ages 0–5

FRI | Dec 13 | 10:30–11:15 AM

Auditorium

Bubbles, music, and your favorite LPL storytellers are ready to dance the morning away with you and your littles! We'll be mixing up our usual dance party with some cozy winter tunes. PJs are welcome!



The Tea Dragon Experience

Ages 7–11

FRI | Jan 3 | 3–4:30 PM

Auditorium

Adopt a tea dragon from the Tea Dragon Society, visit Greta's forge, and experience the magic of the tea dragons as we sample their magical brews!



Bluey Bash Lite

Ages 3-8 and families
MON | Jan 13 | 10:30-11:30 AM
Auditorium

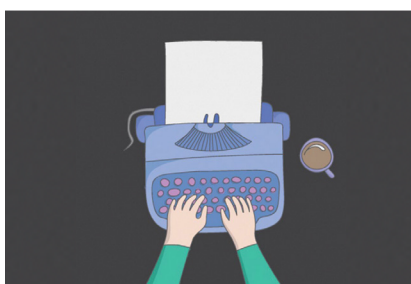
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For Real Life! Leave your dollar bucks at home and celebrate all things Bluey at our mini-party to honor our favorite Heeler family. Get ready to play keepy-uppy, test out the magic asparagus, search for the long dog, and more.

Stuffy Clinic

Ages 3+
MON | Feb 3 | 10:30-11:30 AM
Auditorium

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.



Junior Author Camp

Ages 8-18
WED | Feb 5, 12, 26 | 3:30-4:30 PM
Auditorium

WED | Feb 19 | 3:30-4:30 PM
Readers' Theater

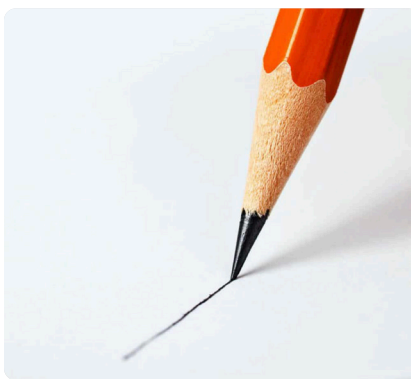
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Bluey Dance Party

Ages 0-5
FRI | Feb 21 | 10:30-11:15 AM
Auditorium

Get ready for a cheeky dance party remix. For real life! We're throwing a Bluey Dance Party with bubbles, music from the show, and your favorite LPL storytellers. Wackadoo!



Draw Along with Matt Lord

Ages 5-11
MON | Feb 24 | 4-5 PM
Auditorium

Local artist, Matt Lord, will lead us through some super cute and cozy drawings. We'll provide the paper and pencils, you bring your creative energy!

ONGOING EVENTS & CLUBS

Kids' Action Club

Ages 8-11
MONTHLY
WED | Jan 8 | 3:30-4:30 PM
Readers' Theater
THU | Feb 6 | 3:30-4:30 PM
Auditorium

*Free, but registration required;
sign up online or at 785-843-3833*
No session in December

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
BIMONTHLY | SAT | Jan 25; Feb 22
2-3:30 PM
Readers' Theater

*Free, but registration required;
sign up online or at 785-843-3833*
No session in December

Everything is awesome at Lego Club! Bring your imagination to build with our Legos and display your creations at the library until the next session.

Homeschool Lego Club

Ages 5-18
MONTHLY | WED | Jan 8; Feb 12
11 AM-12:30 PM
Auditorium

*Free, but registration required;
sign up online or at 785-843-3833*
No session in December

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 | Jan 19; Feb 16

1:30-2:30 PM

Readers' Theater

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

No session in December

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. You can also email Kady at kbischmann@lplks.org or Jenny at jcook@lplks.org.



Parent Support Group

Parents and kids ages 0-5

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

Readers' Theater

No session 12/18

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! For more info, email Lauren: ltaylor@lplks.org.



Pokémon League

Ages 8-18

MONTHLY | THU | Jan 16, Feb 20

3:30-5 PM

Readers' Theater

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

No session in December

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



NEW! Reading Club

Ages 5-11

MONTHLY | 2nd FRI | 4-5 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Starts 1/10

Looking for an all reading levels book club? We'll read (or listen to) books together on a theme we pick together! Get ready for fun!

Tail Wagging Readers

Ages 5-11

BIMONTHLY | 1st SUN | 3-4 PM

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

Readers' Theater

No session 12/28

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 will be on break 12/16/24-1/5/25

Sing & Rhyme Storytime

All ages

WEEKLY | MON | 6:30-7 PM

Readers' Theater

No sessions 12/16, 12/23, 12/30

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 12/17, 12/19, 12/20, 12/26, 12/27, 1/2, 1/3

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 12/17, 12/18, 12/31

Bounce, sing, and listen to stories with Singing Sarah and Amaya.

Toddler Storytime

Toddlers with their families

WEEKLY | WED | 6-6:30 PM

WEEKLY | THU | 10:30-11 AM

Readers' Theater

No sessions on 12/18, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2

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



Cuentacuentos / Spanish Storytime

Todas las edades son bienvenidas; all ages

BIMONTHLY

1o y 3o Sábados | 10:30-11:15 AM

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

Varios lugares; Various locations

No session 1/4

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



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

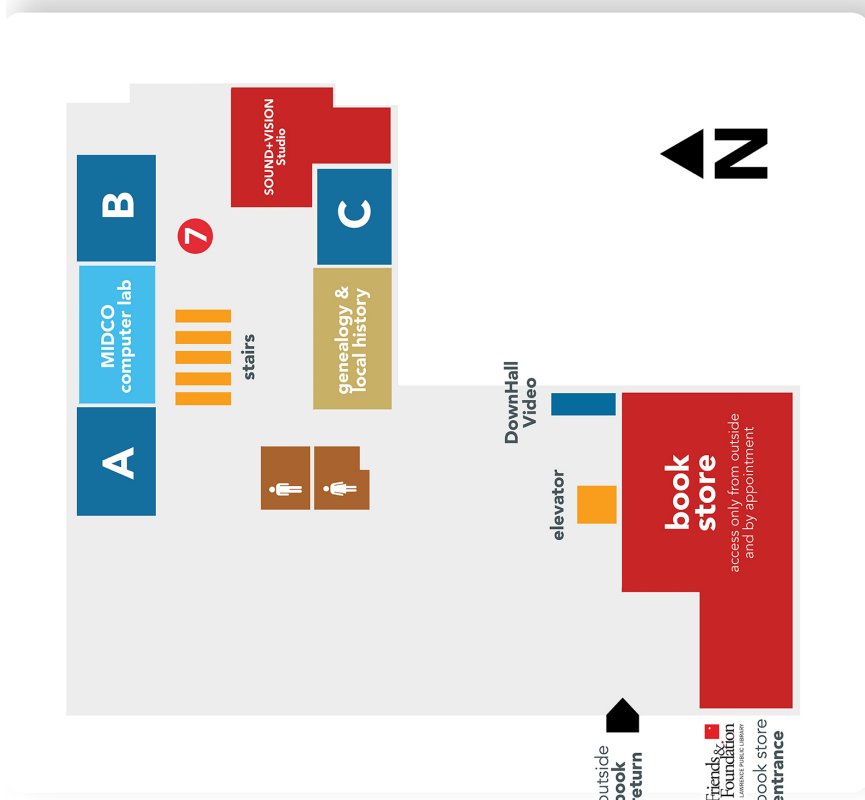
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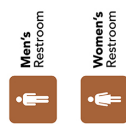
- 1 Welcome**
Directions, free masks, general information and answers
- 2 Accounts Desk**
Account questions, library card sign-up or pick-up, self-check help
- 3 Book Help Desk**
What to read next, book searches, book club information, and more
- Auditorium**
Reservation required for use; sign up online or visit any service desk for help
- 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
- Study Rooms 1-4**
Reservation required for use; sign up online or visit any service desk for help



LIBRARY MAP | LOWER LEVEL



- 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**
Reserve online, by phone, or at the 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



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