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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

Second Saturday Book Sale

SAT | Mar 8 | 10 AM-4 PM
Friends Garage

Your next favorite read is waiting, but you only have one day to shop. Every book, CD and DVD you buy for \$2 or under supports library programs. More info at LPLFF.org.

Spring Book Sale

FRI-SAT | Apr 11-12 | 10 AM-6 PM
SUN | Apr 13 | 12-4 PM
Friends Garage

Shop page-turners at unbeatable prices and you'll help your library GROW! All books, CDs, DVDs and audiobooks are priced \$2 and under. Members get early sale access, more info at LPLFF.org.



LPL Con: All Ages

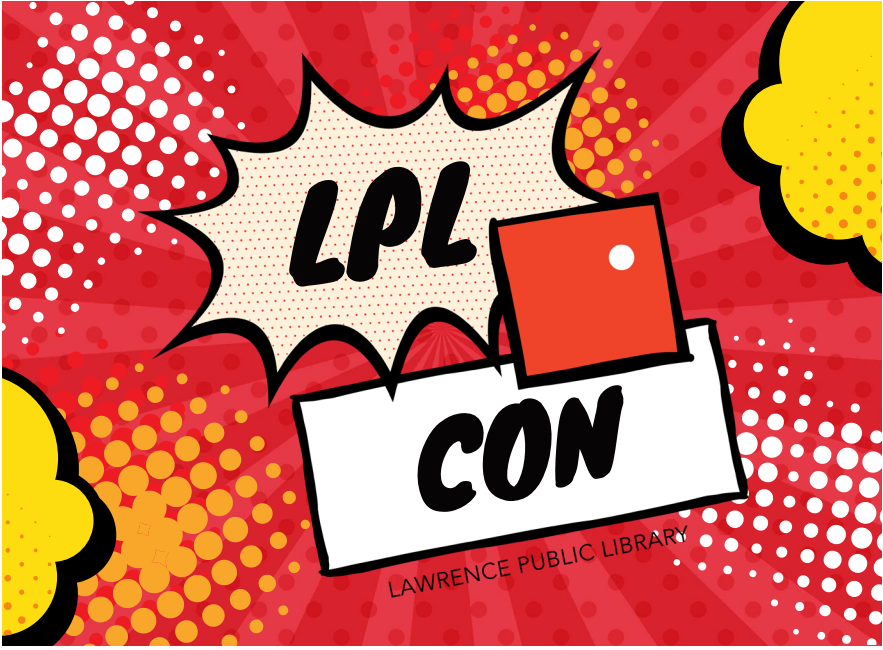
All Ages
SAT | Apr 12 | 10 AM-6 PM
Library-wide

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

Join us for our third LPL Con! Whether you go to Cons all the time or this is your first one, LPL is bringing you a comic con-style experience with all the library perks (FREE). With regionally and nationally known cosplayers, panels hosted by experts, gaming (tabletop & consoles), fandom artist alley, cosplay contest (with prizes!), and more, LPL Con will have it all! This family-friendly con will celebrate all media and fandoms. Stay tuned for the full schedule and list of special guests!



LPL Con Teen Night
FRI, Apr 11



All Ages LPL Con
SAT, Apr 12

ADULTS

Ages 18+, but Teens welcome

SPECIAL EVENTS

2025 Book Battle

Mar 17–Apr 7 | 7–9 PM | Library & Online

Join the madness! Vote for your favorite books starting March 17 for the "Field of 32". Cast your ballot at the library week to week, or via links on our social media, to help decide which book is crowned LPL Champion!

2025 Wakarusa Wetlands Celebration

SAT | Apr 19 | 9–11 AM

Haskell Indian Nations University
155 E Indian Avenue

Rain date: 4/26

We'll begin with a special land recognition at the Medicine Wheel Earthwork south of the Haskell Campus buildings. Meet Dr. Daniel Wildcat and more local authors and artists as they share connections of their creative work to the wetlands and more of the outside world—enhancing our connections to nature, a sense of place and community. Offered in partnership with Haskell Indian Nations University and Raven Book Store. We'll be outdoors, so consider bringing a refillable water bottle (to reduce the use of plastic) and lawn chair or blanket. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held April 26. Questions? Shirley: sbraunlich@lplks.org.

GENERAL EVENTS

Connecting with Nature: Birds in Your Pocket! Using eBirding Apps in the Field

SAT | Mar 1 | 10 AM–12 PM

Lawrence Nature Park
S Folks Road

We'll be birding with experts and learning how to use the popular birding apps as we walk through Lawrence Nature Park. Check lplks.org for details. Email any questions to Jake: jvail@lplks.org.



Tech Connect

SAT | May 31 | 2–4 PM

Auditorium

Join us for monthly presentations by a rotating roster of local tech entrepreneurs, enthusiasts, and professionals. Sessions are facilitated by Mike Beasterfeld, software engineer and founder of HackDoCo, and cover a variety of topics from robotics to coding, and are intended for the tech novice to experienced tech professionals. Whether you're looking to enhance your tech skills or learn something new, this is your chance to network with tech professionals and join the growing Lawrence tech community! Questions? Email Ellen: ekearns@lplks.org.

Restoring Our Landscapes Community Group

SUN | Mar 2; Apr 5; May 4 | 12–4 PM

Meeting Room A

This group, led by Daniel Lassman, aims to cultivate connections among 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. Field trips are an optional learning opportunity often incorporated into monthly meetups, as weather permits. Anyone is welcome to join in and share their knowledge and learn something new. Questions? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

Employment Resource Clinic

TUE | Mar 4; Apr 1; May 6 | 3–5 PM

Main Lobby

Connect with local employment services agencies that can assist you in finding your next job. Whether you are looking for a new career, in between jobs, new to work, or looking to increase your job skills, join us the first Tuesday of every month and take the first step towards a brighter future! Questions? Contact Ellen: ekearns@lplks.org.

Hablemos Spanish Conversation Table

THU | Mar 6, 27; Apr 3, 10, 24 | 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 | Mar 6, 27; Apr 3, 10, 24 | 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.

TRIO Office Hours

THU | Mar 6–May 29 | 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.

TRIO

EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY CENTERS

First Friday Coffee & Coworking

FRI | Mar 7; Apr 4; May 2 | 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: ekearnslplks.org.

Repair Studio & Skill Share

SUN | Mar 9; Apr 13; May 4
Skill Share: 12:45-1:45 PM
Repair Studio: 2-4 PM
Auditorium

Calling all broken items and torn clothes! This monthly workshop brings together repair mentors and items in need of fixing. While we can't guarantee that everything will be fixed, we CAN guarantee a fun time tinkering, experimenting, and learning about how things work. Email Hazlett with questions or want to become a Repair Mentor: henderson@lplks.org. Meet for a skill share before Repair Studio each month, too!

Mar 9 | Sew a button

Apr 13 | Use a sewing machine (basics)

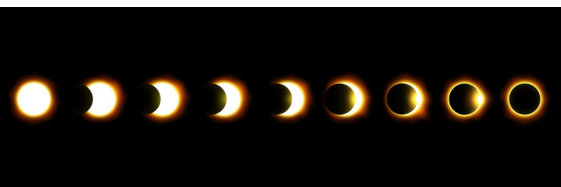
May 4 | Clean and oil your vintage sewing machine

Total Lunar Eclipse!

with Lawrence Astronomy Associates

THU | Mar 13 | 6:30-8 PM
Auditorium

Early in the morning of the 14th the full Blood Moon will disappear into Earth's shadow. In preparation, the Astronomy Associates will fill us in on all things eclipse, all things lunar, and clue us in on what else might be of interest in outer space. Questions? Ask Jake: jvail@lplks.org



Community Resource Clinic

TUE | Mar 18; Apr 15; May 20 | 3-5 PM
Main 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 fresh line-up of social service organizations that can provide assistance with things like financial support, transportation services, healthcare, and more. Questions? Email Gabby: gboyle@lplks.org.

What Works with Mid-America Arts Alliance

SAT | Mar 29 | 10 AM-12 PM
Auditorium

Want to learn how to turn your art into a sustainable career? Join the library for a special session of What Works from the Mid-America Arts Alliance. Led by peer facilitators, What Works distills essential information about common behaviors of successful artist entrepreneurs. Topics covered include financial planning, goal setting, strategic networking, and more. A panel discussion will follow with Lawrence graduates of the MAAA's highly successful Artist Inc., an 8-week, artist entrepreneurship class. Come join us and learn how to make art work for you! Questions? Email Ellen: ekearnslplks.org.



MID-AMERICA ARTS ALLIANCE

Moss Walk

SAT | Apr 5 | 9-11 AM
Lawrence Nature Park
S Folks Road

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

Join us for an outdoor exploration with biologist and bryophile Brad Williamson as we meander through Lawrence Nature Park in search of the understated wonders that are mosses. Bring your phone and/or a hand lens if you have one, and bug spray. Questions? Ask Jake: jvail@lplks.org.

Free Homebuyers Workshop with Tenants to Homeowners

SAT | Apr 19 | 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.

Annual Baker Wetlands Bird Walk

SAT | Apr 26 | 8-10 AM
Baker Wetlands Discovery Center
1365 N 1250 Road

Join us for our yearly walk amidst the spring bird migration at Baker Wetlands, with Roger Boyd. Meet at the Discovery Center. Questions? Ask Jake: jvail@lplks.org.

LPL Green Job Fair

SAT | Apr 26 | Time TBD
Auditorium

Join us for the first LPL Green Jobs Fair and explore careers that help improve the environment, grow the local food economy, or conserve natural resources. Whether you're interested in renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, green construction, environmental conservation, or starting your own green company, this event is for you. Connect with local agencies, employers, and producers to learn how you can help build a sustainable future. Questions? Ask Ellen: ekearnslplks.org.



Gardening for Wildlife with Vinland Valley Nursery

THU | May 15 | Time TBD
Cottins' Farmers Market
1832 Massachusetts Street (behind store)

The sustainably minded folks from Vinland Valley Nursery will walk us through creating beautiful and pollinator-friendly gardens for beginners. While you're picking up some locally grown fresh produce at Cottin's Farmers Market, stop in to see examples of wildlife-friendly host plants and ask experts about getting started planting for pollinators. The library's bookmobile Dottie will be there with free native plant seeds purchased from Native Lands Restoration Collaborative and plenty of gardening books you can check out on the spot! Questions: Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

In the Kitchen with Just Food

TUE | May 20 | 5:30-6:30 PM
Auditorium
Free, but registration required; sign up online or at 785-843-3833; 30 spot limit

Making multiple, healthy and delicious meals with the same affordable ingredients can help everyone save money and time. Community Access Manager with JustFood Danielle McCarville will guide us in making a crockpot salsa chicken that can be used to prepare a variety of meals throughout the week with minimal time and effort. This is a hands-on workshop, so prepare to cook and eat together! For more info about the work JustFood does in our community, visit justfoodks.org. Questions about the event? Just email Terese at: twinters@lplks.org.

Ukrainian Film Series

Day, date, time TBD
Auditorium

Join us for a series of three films tied to contemporary Ukrainian life in partnership with the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies at KU. We'll watch *Stop-Zemlia*, *The Earth Is Blue as an Orange*, and *My Father is My Mother's Brother*. Check lplks.org for date and time. Questions? Email Terese at: twinters@lplks.org.



BOOK CLUBS

Queer Book Club

MONTHLY | 1st SUN | 4-5 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! Each story 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! Got a question? Email Adam: alopez@lplks.org.

Mar 1 | Theme: No Place Like Home
Apr 5 | Theme: Left Hand of Darkness
May 3 | Theme: TBD

Mystery Book Club

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

We look at a different mystery subgenre each meeting. Sign up for a spot, pick a title from our list, and join a lively chat about each others' books. Club meets Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, and Nov. Email Shirley for more information at: sbraunlich@lplks.org.

Mar 16 | Theme: Rookie Investigators
May 18 | Theme: Locked Rooms

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.

Mar 11 | *Legends & Lattes*
Apr 8 | *We Need No Wings*
May 13 | *Orbital*



Nature Book Club

QUARTERLY | 2nd TUE | 6:30-8:30 PM
Meeting Room A
Spring Meeting: 3/11

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

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.

Mar 26 | *The God of the Woods*
Apr 30 | *The Mighty Red*
May 28 | *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers*



Wondering what to read next?

Stop by the Book Help Desk and tell us the last book you loved, liked, or even hated—and we'll make you a custom book list.

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.

Mar 20 | Theme: Ghastly Ghosts

Apr 17 | Theme: Into the Woods

May 15 | Theme: Horror Westerns

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.

Mar 20 | *Easy Beauty*

Apr 17 | TBD

May 15 | *Beloved*



HEALTH SPOT +

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.

Chair Yoga

TUE | Mar 11; Apr 15; May 13 | 12 PM
Auditorium

Try a free yoga class using the support of a chair. Amy will teach this inclusive class. Beginners are welcome.

Community Blood Center Library Blood Drive

THU | Mar 20 | 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.

Yoga at the Library

SUN | Mar 30; Apr 27; May 18
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.

TECHNOLOGY

Computer Basics 1: Getting Started

FRI | 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

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

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Computer Basics: Staying Safe Online

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

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

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.

Flew the Coop Session: Library Post-Mortem

TUE | Mar 11 | 10:30 AM-12 PM
Meeting Room C

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

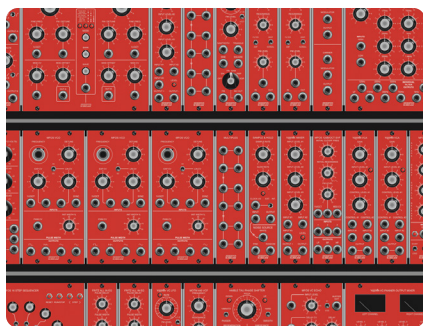
Flew the Coop Sessions, Kansas City's premier music video platform, released a music video filmed in the Library earlier this year. This event offers a behind-the-scenes look at how the video came together, the process of filming music on location, and the growth and management of a local music video production.

SOUND+VISION Memory Lab Basics

TUE | Mar 19 | 4-5 PM

SOUND+VISION Memory Lab

Take a tour of the new Memory Lab! Learn how to digitize your treasured memories through any of our supported formats. Learn how to book a session and plan a path to preserving your memories.



Modular Synthesis 101

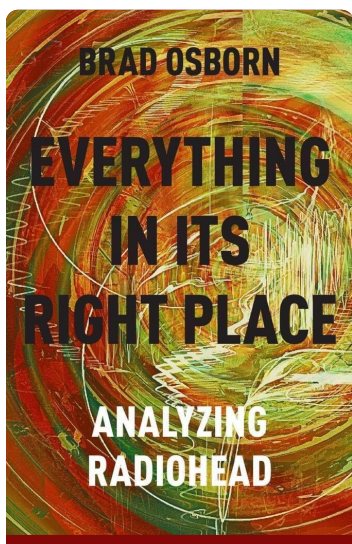
WED | Apr 9 | 4:30-5:30 PM
Meeting Room B

Get to know the library's SOUND+VISION custom red synthesizer. Learn what each of the different modules do, how to connect them, and how to get started using this one-of-a-kind instrument.

The Goldilocks Principle in Radiohead

THU | May 8 | 6 PM
Auditorium

Mark your calendars! Join Brad Osborn, renowned Professor of Music Theory at the University of Kansas and acclaimed author, for a captivating exploration of Radiohead's groundbreaking sound. Osborn will unravel how Radiohead masterfully strikes a "musical Goldilocks zone," delivering just the right blend of surprises and familiarity. By balancing unexpected twists with the accessible allure of pop-rock, the band has redefined what modern music can achieve. Drawing from his highly-praised book, *Everything in its Right Place: Analyzing Radiohead* (Oxford University Press, 2017), Osborn dives deep into the band's innovative compositional approach, revealing how their music connects with fans on a profound and deeply emotional and intellectual level.



RETROACTIVE RETIREES



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SPECIAL EVENTS

Meet Nelly Don: The Coco Chanel of Kansas

TUE | Mar 25 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

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

In partnership with Humanities Kansas and Lawrence Parks and Rec, we present this program about famous KC fashion designer, Nelly Don. Founded in 1916 by 17-year-old Nell Quinlan Donnelly, Nelly Don grew to become the largest manufacturer of women's clothing worldwide. Marla Day, curator of Kansas State University's Historic Costume and Textile Museum, will present Nell's inspiring story, and we'll have a fun 50's fashion show as well! BONUS! Lawrence Parks and Rec offers a field trip to KSU's Costume and Textile Museum on April 11. Details available at the presentation.



PHOTO: Nelly Don, 1926. From *Nelly Don: A Stitch in time* by T.M. O'Malley



PHOTO: abajilliamrecipes.com

Cinnamon Bun Scones!

MON | Apr 7 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

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

Lorel Lewis (self-proclaimed Scone Goddess) is back with another Make It/Take It hands on event. We'll take Lorel's Cream Scones to the next level: Cinnamon Buns! Come learn another way to present this simple quick bread. We provide the ingredients - you provide the hands! Take home a pan of ready-to-bake Cinnamon Buns, just in time for your Spring Brunch.

ONGOING EVENTS

Tech Club

MONTHLY | 1st THU | Mar 6; Apr 3; May 1
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 will feature a new subject and learn from our library tech experts. Our goal is to enable you to wow your grandkids with your newfound tech skills! Check the library calendar for specific topics.

Coffee Break

WEEKLY | FRI | Mar 7-May 30 | 10-11 AM

Zoom

No programs 3/28, 4/25, 5/30

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. It's a great place to get local suggestions and meet new friends. Email to sign up: retirement@lplks.org.

Dessert & A Movie

WED | Mar 19; Apr TBD; May 15 | 7-8 PM
Zoom
Free, but registration required; sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Whip up your favorite dessert and join friends to discuss the Kanopy film of the month. This 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.

- Mar 19 | *The League* with Bob Kendrick, CEO Negro League Museum
- Apr ?? | Movie and guest TBD
- May 15 | *The Gardener* with Crystal Miles, retired City Horticultural and Forestry Manager

Wine Around the World

THU | Mar 13; Apr 10; May 18 | 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 optional.

Gray Anatomy

TUE | Mar 18; Apr 22; May 20 | 4-5 PM
Zoom
Free, but registration required; sign up online or at 785-843-3833

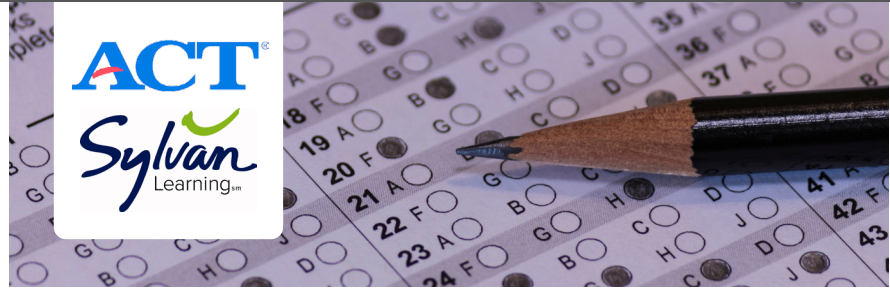
Learn from local medical experts about what to expect as you age in our popular series with LMH Health. We offer a new health topic each month. Visit lplks.org for more topic info.

- Mar 18 | Take Heart: Heart Failure
- Apr 22 | LMH Stroke Team
- May 20 | Exercise & Mobility

Fun & Games

FRI | Mar 28; Apr 25; May 30 | 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*tch

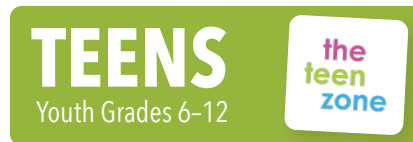
MON | Mar 17; Apr 21; May 29 | 2-3 PM
Meeting Room C
Free, but registration preferred; sign up online or at 785-843-3833

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, music programs, and other presentations. Make new friends and experience your community. Info: retirement@lplks.org.



SPECIAL EVENTS

ACT Diagnostic Test with Sylvan Learning

Ages 8-18
SAT | Mar 1 | 9:30-1 PM
Auditorium
Free, but registration required; sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Looking to jumpstart your college prep? We're collaborating with our local Sylvan Learning Center to provide a free ACT diagnostic and practice test to students. This test allows students to practice their testing skills while receiving feedback from experts. The test will be followed by a free parent-focused seminar to go over graded results. Snacks and drinks will be provided for participants.

ACT Diagnostic Test Parent Seminar

THU | Mar 6 | 6 PM
Meeting Room A
Free, but registration required; sign up online or at 785-843-3833

This continuation of the ACT Diagnostic test (offered on March 1) invites parents of participating students to attend our follow-up seminar to get additional info about how to help their students prepare for the ACT. Sylvan learning experts will provide resources and graded test results.

Snack Break

TUE | Mar 18 | 2-3:30 PM
Auditorium
THU | Mar 20 | 2-3:30 PM
Readers' Theater
Free, but registration required; sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Taking a break from school is hungry work! Explore all the pastabilities with the Teen Zone (pasta not included.) Join us to taste and rate different types of chocolate. Then, put your own culinary skills to the test in our second ever Chip Dip Challenge.

- Mar 18 | Chocolate Taste Test
- Mar 20 | Iron Chef Chip Dip Challenge





LPL Con: Teen Night

All Ages

FRI | Apr 11 | 6-9 PM (Teens only)

Library-wide

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Teen Summer Intern Program

Grades 6-12

Visit lpls.org for fresh Teen Zone info on 4/1 Applications open soon!

Are you a Teen who loves the library and wants to be part of it this Summer? We're looking for three Teen interns (incoming high school sophomores to newly graduated seniors) for our 2025 Summer Reading Program that runs May 22-August 8. Each intern will be at the library 10 hours per week for a maximum of 100 hours at \$16.32 per hour. The selected candidates will be assigned to assist on one of three ongoing youth summer reading programs.

ONGOING EVENTS & CLUBS

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 lpls.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.

D&D Club

Grades 6-12

TWICE A MONTH | 1st & 3rd MON

4-5:30 PM

Readers' Theater

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

No sessions in May

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@lpls.org.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Grades 6-12

MONTHLY | 2nd MON | Mar 10; Apr 14; May 12

4-5 PM

Readers' Theater

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 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.

LPL Book BINGO

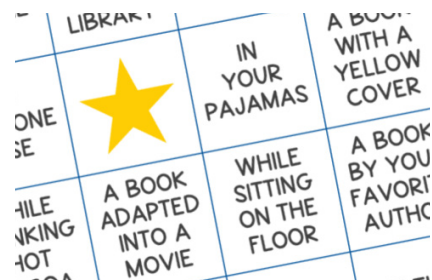
All ages

Mar 1-31

WED | Mar 5; Apr 2 | 3:30-4:30 PM

Auditorium

Is playing BINGO on your 2025 BINGO card? If so, do we have the game for you! Discover new books, and new ways to use the library through our very own LPL Book BINGO challenge. Come on down to the Children's desk and pick up cards for you and your family to complete during the entirety of March. Once you complete a BINGO (up/down, left/right, diagonal, or even blackout) return to the Children's desk for a prize.



KIDS

Ages 0-11

YOUTH ALL AGES

St. Patrick's Day Céilí Party

All ages

MON | Mar 3 | 6-7 PM

Auditorium

In Irish, the word "céilí" (KAY-LEE) means party! Celebrate the upcoming holiday enjoying an Irish Step Dance performance and participating in traditional Irish group dances led by Annie Stark. Performance will last 30 mins with group activities to follow. Event offered in partnership with Lawrence Arts Center.



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Reading with Ms. Wheelchair Kansas

All ages

SAT | Mar 15 | 4-5:30 PM

Auditorium

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

Join us for a special storytime with Ms. Wheelchair Kansas, Junior Miss Wheelchair Kansas, and Little Miss Wheelchair Kansas! There will be time to talk with our guests and drawings to win featured books. For the most up to date information visit lplks.org.

LPL Con: All Ages

All ages

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MAY 22–AUG 16, 2025

Kick off your summer reading with a bang!

Summer Reading Kickoff Party Messtival!

THU | May 22 | 4-8 PM | All ages | Library Lawn

*Join us for a party filled with music, food, and all
the essentials to make your summer of reading
absolutely awesome!*



ALL AGES SPRING BREAK Mar 17-21

Operation Wildlife: Hawks, Falcons, and Owls!

All ages

MON | Mar 17 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

Join us for an incredible program with live hawks, falcons, and owls from Operation Wildlife! They'll tell us all about the hunting habits and adaptive characteristics of the six amazing birds they'll bring to the library.

Board Game-A-Thon (with Puzzles!)

All ages

WED | Mar 19 | 2-4 PM

Auditorium

Do you have a new game you want to try out, but don't want to invest in it yet? Want to share a favorite board game with everyone you know, and then some? Whether it's dice rolling, card flipping, or meeple moving fun, this event is for everyone! (Puzzles included.)

Pajama Movie Day: The Wild Robot!

All ages

FRI | Mar 21 | 1-3 PM

Auditorium

Beep boop beep! Don't miss this newly released movie based on the beloved children's novel! Come in your PJs to see the book come to life! Snacks included.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Amazing Pollinators

Ages 5+

FRI | Apr 18 | 4-5 PM

Auditorium

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

Explore the incredible and important world of pollinators with the Master Gardeners and Monarch Watch with activities, games, live butterflies, and more!



Earth Day Fairy Houses

Ages 5-11

TUE | Apr 22 | 3:30-5 PM

Auditorium

We're using the magic of Earth Day to build fairy houses with found materials. Come and create the whole time or drop in while you can. Costumes welcome!

Dance Party for Littles

Ages 0-5

FRI | Apr 25 | 10:30- 11:15 AM

FRI | May 23 | 10:30- 11:15 AM

Auditorium

Dance with LPL storytellers with the perfect music for littles. Guaranteed to be boppy and hoppy!

ONGOING EVENTS & CLUBS

Kids' Action Club

Ages 8-11

MONTHLY

WED | Mar 5; Apr 2 | 3:30-4:30 PM

Auditorium

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

No session in May

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.

Lego Club

Ages 5-11

BIMONTHLY | SAT | Mar 22; Apr 26

2-3:30 PM

Readers' Theater

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

No session in May

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. Limit 20.

Homeschool Lego Club

Ages 5-18

MONTHLY | WED | Mar 12; Apr 9

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. Max 30.

Tween Book Club

Ages 8-11

MONTHLY | SUN | Mar 16; Apr 20

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. 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 in May

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 | Mar 6; Apr 17

3:30-5 PM

Mar 6 | Readers' Theater

Apr 17 | Auditorium

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

No session in May

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!



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*

No session in April

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

TWICE MONTHLY | 1st SUN | 3-4 PM

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

Readers' Theater

No sessions in May

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.

Tutoring Club

Grades Pre-K-9

MON | 5-8 PM

WED; THU | 4:30-7:30 PM

SAT | 1-4 PM

SUN | 10-4:30 PM

Children's Study Nooks

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

Last day is May 10

Boost reading and math skills with our KU tutor. Reading help for grades Pre-K-6. Math help for grades K-9.

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STORYTIMES

Storytimes on break 3/1-3/14 and 4/26-5/22

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 | 6:30-7:15 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Join us for a magical Baby Storytime. Bounce with your little ones to enchanting tales, soothing melodies, and a bubble party. It's the 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

Morris the Monkey and Lauren invite you to a joyous book-filled adventure. Parents get early literacy tips, and laughter, and fun songs 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

No sessions in May

No hay sesiones en Mayo

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.





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

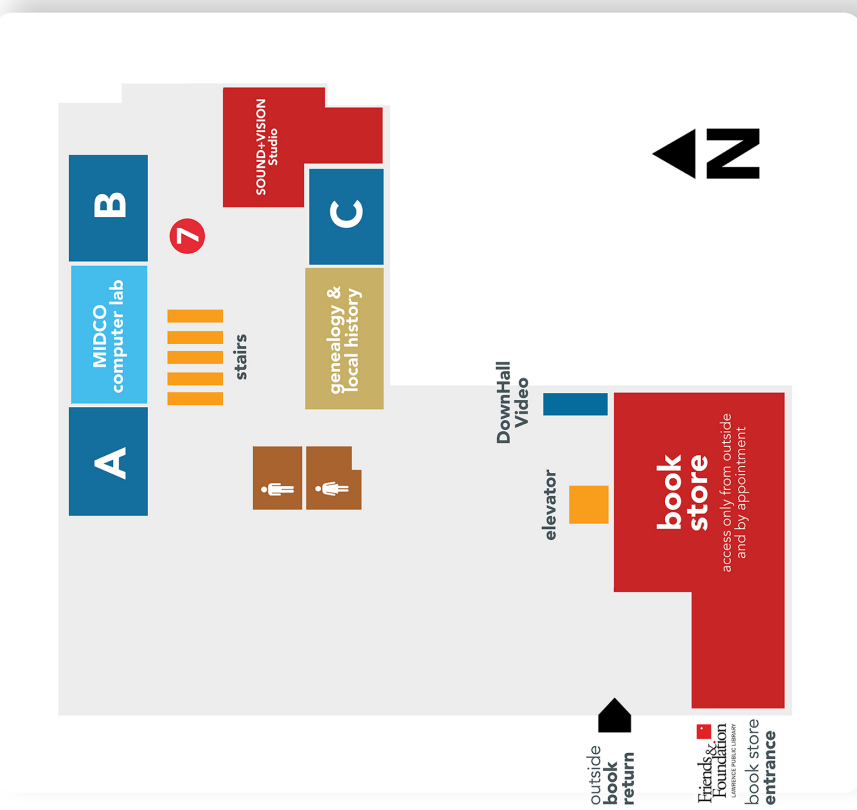
RELAX & CHILL

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

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
- 7** **Computer Lab**
1-hr session limit; includes 1 express station, 12 computers, and 1 Mac (for Adobe use by appointment)
- 7** **Public Tech Desk**
Computer, fax, printing, copying, and basic tech help and answers
- A, B, C** **Meeting Rooms**
Reserve online, by phone, or at the Tech Desk; max capacity: 8
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- Osma Room**
Table, microfilm, and genealogy and local history resources; max capacity: 6
- S+V Studio**
Recording and video casting studios with instruments and mics, Adobe Creative Suites, and a custom synth
- book store**
access only from outside and by appointment
- DownHall Video**
Browse used DVDs; pay what you can on the honor system — happy viewing!

- Family Restroom
- Gender Neutral Restroom
- Men's Restroom
- Women's Restroom

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

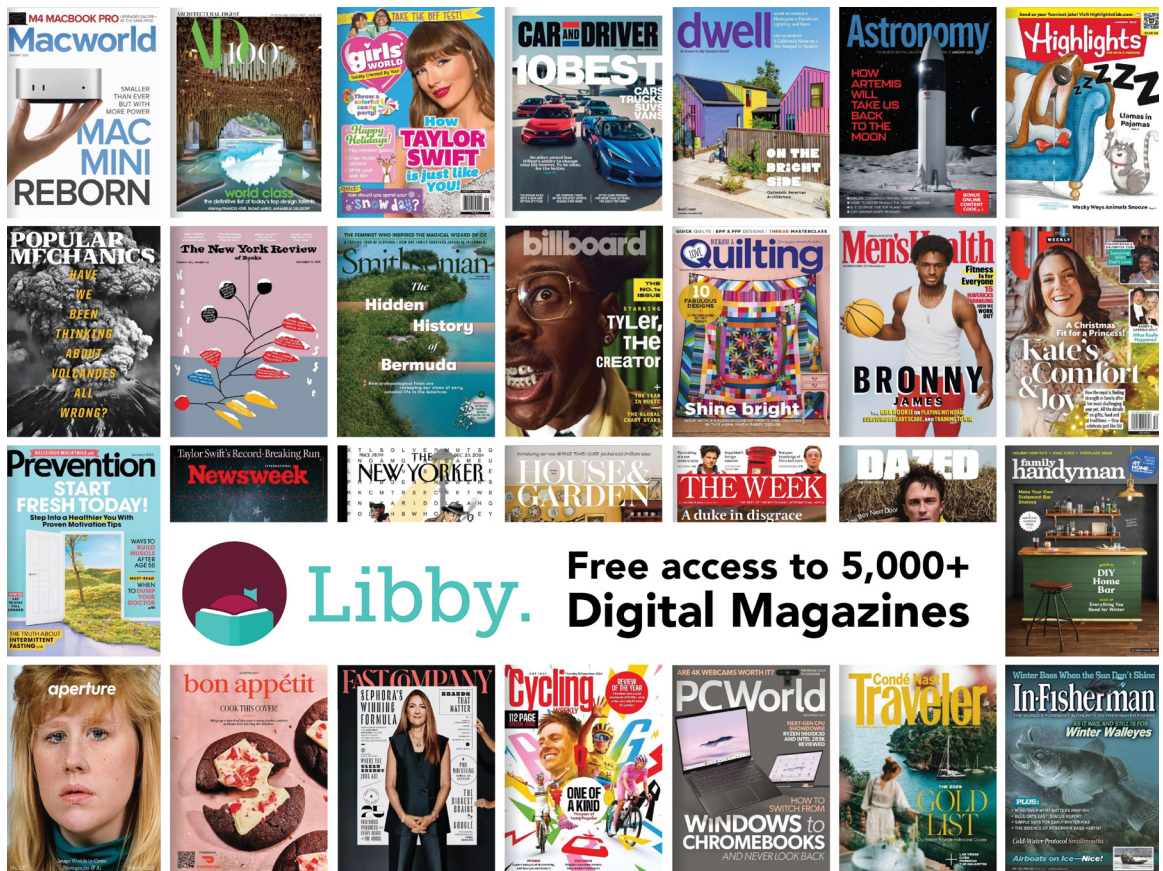


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