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LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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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SCAN FOR
SUMMER
BOOK RECS

A CREATIVE AND COLORFUL SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY

To all our friends and neighbors:

Welcome back to Lawrence Public Library for another incredible summer!

When I think back on summer as a kid, it always felt like a blank canvas – full of possibilities, shaped by whatever my community had to offer and whatever I could dream up. I still get that same feeling every summer, especially here at the library, where there's always something new to create or discover together.

That's why I'm so excited that this year's summer reading theme is "Color Our World" – a celebration of the countless ways art enriches our lives. We hope you'll join us in carving out time to try something new. Whether you like art that's more visual or musical, organized or improvised, in-person or online, you will find all kinds of creative fun at the library.

Whatever you make this summer – a drawing, a song, a reading goal, a mess, or a new friend – we welcome you to share it with us at the library. And if you need a little inspiration, check out this issue of the Reader for ideas and activities to get you started.

Let's make this a creative and colorful summer together!

See you around the library,

Brad

Ever wonder why we challenge you to read in the summer?

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

READ BOOKS • ATTEND EVENTS • WIN PRIZES

GET DETAILS AT ANY LIBRARY DESK!



TAKE THE 2025 LPL SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



REACH 30 POINTS BY READING 10 BOOKS OR 30 HOURS

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

**PS – Prefer paper logs? Get one at any desk!*

2 Pick a reading challenge that's just right for you. Everyone is invited to take the challenge!

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



THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL PRIZE PARTNERS

PRIZES



ADULT PRIZES

1 LPL Summer Reading tote bag, 2 books from the LPL Friends & Foundation, 1 free round of Mini golf from Sinkers Lounge and Blade & Timber, 1 free pack of sweet treats from Squishingtons, 1 cookie from Eileen's Colossal Cookies, 1 mystery packet from the Spencer Museum of Art, 1 protein ball from t.Loft, 1 sundae from Culver's, 1 Dave sticker from Wonder Fair, 10% off book purchase from Raven Bookstore, 1 free class from Bluestem Yoga, 1 entry into a grand prize drawing for \$100, \$50, and \$25 gift cards from the Raven Bookstore

TEEN PRIZES

1 art supply of your choice, 1 book of your choice, 1 summer reading t-shirt, 2 books from the LPL Friends & Foundation, 1 free round of Mini golf from Sinkers Lounge and Blade & Timber, 1 free pack of sweet treats from Squishingtons, 1 cookie from Eileen's Colossal Cookies, 1 mystery packet from the Spencer Museum of Art, 1 protein ball from t.Loft, 1 sundae from Culver's, 1 Dave sticker from Wonder Fair, 1 free class from Bluestem Yoga, 2 entries into the teen grand prize raffle for one of these prizes: \$100 gift card to VR Lawrence, \$100 gift card to Raven Book Store, \$100 gift card to Wonder Fair, \$50 gift certificate for Lawrence Arts Center class, Nintendo Switch Lite, Skateboard from River Rat

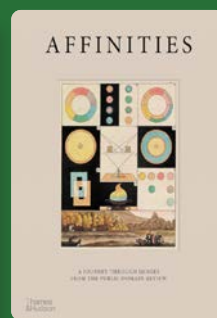
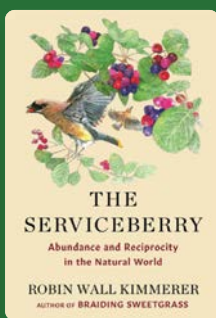
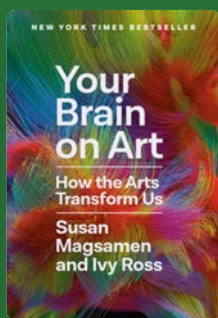
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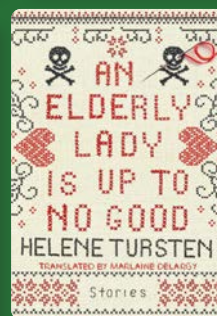
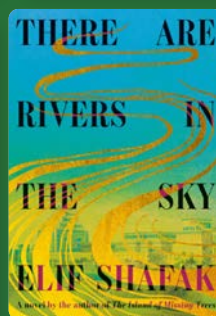
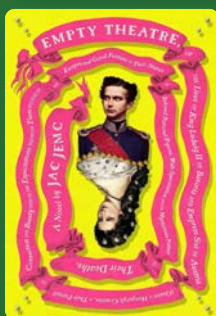
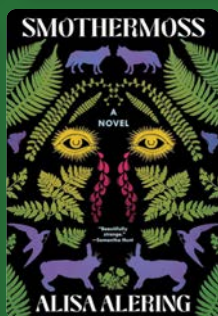
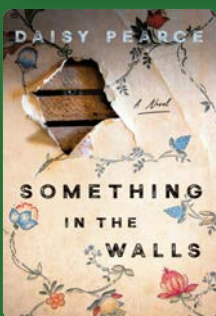
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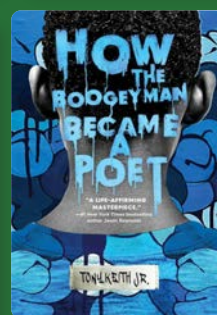
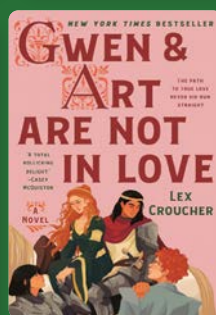
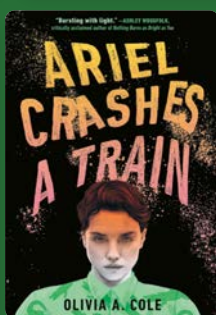
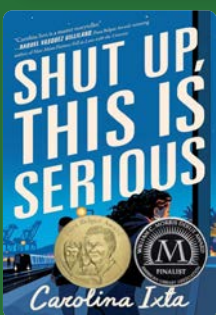
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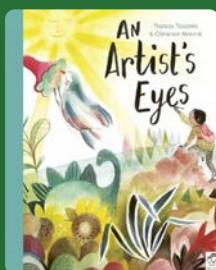
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TEEN READS



KID READS



STAFF PICKS



SUMMER READING LISTS

We put together art-themed reading lists to help get you started. Each QR code takes you to a list where you can check out (or get on hold for) something immediately!

ALL AGES

Fun for everyone

Scavenger Hunt: Find That Color

Jun 1-Jul 31

Various locations

Colors, colors everywhere. Can you find colors all around town? We've taken snapshots of beautiful public artworks, and it's up to you to figure out which picture goes with which location. Will you earn a cool prize? Will there be a colorful twist? You'll have to participate to see! More information can be found on our web calendar. Thanks to Douglas County Community Foundation for supporting this program.

How-To Festival

SAT | Jun 7 | 10 AM-1 PM

Library Auditorium, Atrium, and Lawn

Join your friends, family, and neighbors to celebrate our community's know-how! Community members will demonstrate a wide variety of skills and knowledge and be available to answer your questions. Gear up for summer fun by learning something new! Melissa: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.

Second Saturday Book Sale

SAT | Jun 14 | 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: LPLFF.org.

Summer Book Sale

FRI-SAT | Jul 11-12 | 10 AM-6 PM

SUN | Jul 13 | 12-4 PM

Friends Garage

Snag the hottest reads at this sizzling sale. All books, CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks are priced \$2 and under. Members get early sale access on Thursday. Learn more at LPLFF.org.

Last Bash & Multicultural Fair

SAT | Aug 16 | 6-8 PM

Library Lawn

It's time for a party! Celebrate the close of Summer Reading at our Multicultural Fair! We'll have performances, art, games, music, food, and more! Thanks to McGrew Real Estate for supporting this event.

ADULTS

Ages 18+, but Teens welcome

SPECIAL EVENTS

Beach Author Series presents An Evening with Johann Hari

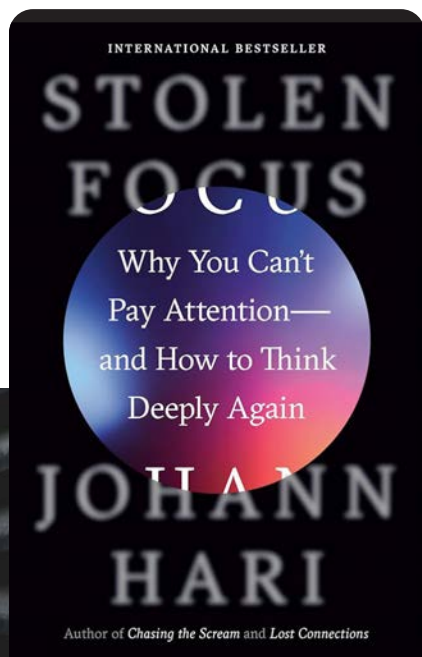
WED | Jun 11 | 7-9 PM

Liberty Hall

644 Mass Street

No registration required—Just come!

Ever feel like you don't have the attention span to read a book anymore? You're not alone—and bestselling author Johann Hari has something to say about it. Lawrence Public Library is pleased to welcome this New York Times bestselling author to Liberty Hall as the 2025 Ross and Marianna Beach Author. Hari is the author of *Stolen Focus: Why You Can't Pay Attention—and How to Think Deeply Again*, a powerful investigation into why our ability to concentrate is eroding and what we can do to take it back. Doors open at 6 PM. Don't miss this thought-provoking evening.



Rivers and Trees:

Dynamic Routes and Deep Roots

Jun, Jul | Dates, times, and locations vary

We're collaborating with local experts to learn more about all things aquatic and arboreal. Check lplks.org for full details on this exciting series. Questions? Ask Jake: jvail@lplks.org.

Jun 4 | What's Hoppin' at Baker Wetlands?

Jun 18 | Kansas Trees

Jun 21 | Train Park Tree Tour

Jun 26 | Deep & Dry: Ogallala Aquifer Update

Jul 12 | Bowersock Power Plant
(registration required)

Jul 15 | Befriend the Kansas River

Ice House

Entrepreneurship Program

WED | Jun 4-Jul 23 | 3-5 PM

Meeting Room A

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

Join the summer cohort for the Ice House Entrepreneurship Program! This 8-week course, facilitated by the 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 navigating life's uncertainties. The class is free, but buying the course book is recommended. Need info? Melissa: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.

Restoring Our Landscapes Community Group

SUN | Jun 1; Jul 6; Aug 3 | 11-12 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.





Business Lunch Series with the KU SBDC

FRI | Jun 13; Jul 18; Aug 8 | 12-1 PM
Meeting Room A

Bring your lunch and join KU SBDC experts for free workshops on starting, building, and marketing your small business. There will be advising after each session. Need info? Ask Melissa: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.

Jun 13 | The Business Model Canvas:
A Practical Introduction

Jul 18 | The Start-Up Steps: Turning Your
Hobby into a Business

Aug 8 | AI Basics for Small Business
Marketing

Books & Bagels

SAT | Jun 14 | 9-10:30 AM
Auditorium

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

Come get the buzz on recently released and upcoming books over breakfast! You're invited over for coffee, bagels, and schmear, and the piping hot tea on what the Book Squad is raving about. Questions? Ask Polli: pkenn@lplks.org. See you there!

Immigration 101

SAT | Jun 14 | 12-1:30 PM
Auditorium

Feeling overwhelmed and confused by recent headlines and current events? Empower yourself with accurate, up-to-date information on immigration at a national and local scale. Experts from Advocates for Immigration Rights and Reconciliation and Sanctuary Alliance will take us back to basics at this informational session. Attendees will learn about different legal statuses and protections, discuss common misconceptions, hear first-hand testimonies about the immigrant experience. This event is educational only and no legal services, immigration services, or other resources will be available on site. Got questions? Email Gabby at gboyle@lplks.org or call 785-843-3833 x 136.

Free Homebuyers Workshop with Tenants to Homeowners

SAT | Jun 28; Aug 30 | 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.

Tea & Tales: An Afternoon with Local Authors

SUN | Jun 29 | 2-4 PM
Auditorium

Join us for an afternoon of conversation, cookies, and storytelling at Tea & Tales, an event pairing charming authors with warm cups of tea and tasty treats. We're delighted to welcome two local literary voices, Tim Bascom and Ruth Maus, who will read from their latest works, share stories from their writing lives, and answer questions. A book signing will follow the event. Questions? Ask Polli: pkenn@lplks.org.



Preserving Your Family's History

THU | Jul 10 | 6-7 PM
Auditorium

Do you have old photographs, books, letters, or other materials, and you aren't sure how best to take care of them? Join Whitney Baker, Head of Conservation Services for KU Libraries, to learn about strategies for preserving your family's history for the future. Questions? Melissa: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.

Know Your Rights: Evictions and Displacements

SAT | Jul 12 | 1-2:30 PM
Auditorium

From decoding different types of notices to preparing yourself for court, understanding and responding to an eviction can be challenging. In this training, Kansas Legal Services will walk through the eviction process and ways to avoid displacement. Questions? Email Gabby: gboyle@lplks.org or call 785-843-3833 x 136.

The Magic of Elderberries: From Seed to Harvest

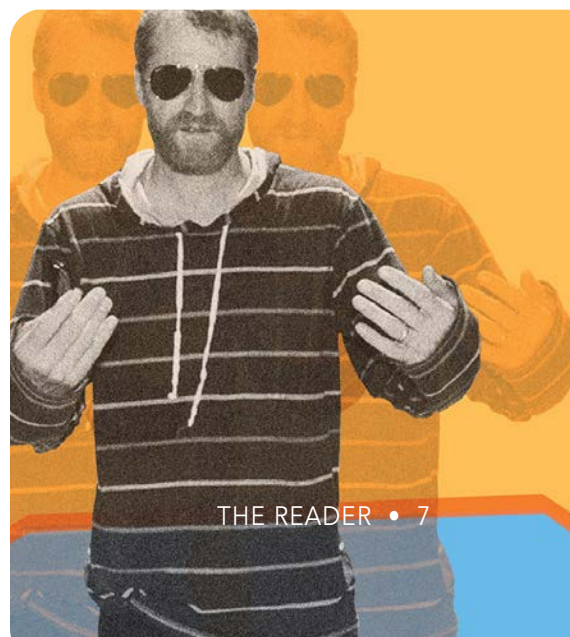
THU | Jul 17 | 5:30-6:30 PM
Auditorium

Learn about elderflower and elderberry with author, educator, and Founder of Wild Ivy Herb Farm, Lori Trojan. We'll get a chance to sample elderberry syrup! Be sure to pick up your own copy of Lori's book, *Guide to Growing Herbs: A Comprehensive Guide to Every Aspect of Natural Herb Gardening*, at the event. Got questions? Email Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

SOUND+VISION Presents: David Lowery Live in Concert

FRI | Jul 18 | 7-9 PM
Auditorium

Join us for an intimate solo performance from David Lowery, acclaimed frontman of Camper Van Beethoven and Cracker. Enjoy an evening of compelling storytelling, sharp lyrics, and acoustic favorites from his influential career. Don't miss this unique chance to see a legendary artist in a rare, up-close concert experience.



Disability Pride, Empowerment, and Equality Event

SAT | Jul 26 | 2–5 PM
Auditorium

Join us for an afternoon of empowerment, education, and connection as we celebrate the 35th anniversary of the American Disabilities Act! We'll be lifting up the voices of disability advocates and activists in Kansas and inviting community members to learn about how to support their disabled friends, neighbors, and loved ones. Got Questions? Ask Gabby: gboyle@lplks.org.

Know Your Rights: Getting Your Security Deposit Back

SAT | Aug 9 | 1–2:30 PM
Auditorium

Lawrence landlords routinely withhold security deposits from tenants, charging for things like light bulb replacements, dirty walls, and carpet cleaning for ordinary wear and tear. That's against Kansas law! Come to this Kansas Legal Services workshop to find out about how to protect yourself from security deposit theft and what you can do if your landlord has wrongfully withheld your deposit. Questions? Email Gabby at gboyle@lplks.org or call 785-843-3833 x 136.

Birding Basics: A Series about our Feathered Friends

SAT | Times vary; see lplks.org for details
Auditorium

Join local bird and birding experts for a deep dive into supporting, identifying, and understanding our feathered friends. More dates to come in September. Thanks to a generous gift from Audubon of Kansas, we now have beginning birder backpacks available to check out! Perfect for families: Get a backpack, two sets of binoculars for kids and one for adults, a map of local birding hotspots, field guides to Kansas birds, and more! Questions? Ask Jake: jvail@lplks.org.

Aug 9 | Attraction: Welcoming Birds To Your Yard

Aug 23 | Observation: Who Are All These Birds Now in My Yard? Birding Apps, Books, and Binoculars



Craft Supply Swap

SUN | Aug 10 | 1–3 PM
Auditorium

Calling all crafters! Start the year fresh by bringing all those art supplies you don't need and swapping them for new ones! Supplies don't have to be new, but only arts and crafts-related items will be accepted. Suggested items: yarn, decorative paper, fabric scraps, paints, beads, etc. Additional supplies won't be accepted after 2:30 PM. See lplks.org for more details. Questions? Ask Terese: 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.

Jun 7 | *Last Night at the Telegraph Club*

Jul 5 | *The City We Became*

Aug 2 | *Zenobia July*

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.

Jul 20 | Espionage in Mysteries

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.

Jun 10 | *Buffalo Hunter*

Jul 8 | *Every Heart a Doorway*

Aug 12 | *1984*



Nature Book Club

QUARTERLY | 2nd TUE | 6:30–8:30 PM
Meeting Room A

Summer meeting: 6/20/25

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.

Jun 25 | *The Boys in the Boat*

Jul 30 | *All Fours*

Aug 27 | *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*



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.

Jun 12 | *Queer Fear*

Jul 7 | *Southern Gothic*

Aug 21 | *Folk Horror*

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.

Jun 19 | *Project Hail Mary*

Jul 17 | *Demon Copperhead*

Aug 21 | TBD



HEALTH SPOT +

Community Blood Center Blood Drive @ LPL

SAT | Jun 21 | 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.

What's the Scoop on Menopause?

TUE | Jun 24 | 6:30-8 PM

Auditorium

What exactly is menopause, and what can you expect as you navigate this phase of life? Join LMH Health clinicians as they discuss menopause symptoms, strategies, and treatment options to support your well-being. Got questions? Ask Melissa: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.

Medicaid Counseling & Support with GraceMed

THU | Jun 26, Jul 31, Aug 28

10 AM-12 PM

Lobby

GraceMed's Healthy Kansas Kids program will be offering drop-in assistance with KanCare enrollment, including new applications and yearly reviews. KanCare offers free or low-cost health insurance for low-income families with children and pregnant people, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Questions? Ask Gabby: gboyle@lplks.org.

Yoga at the Library

SUN | Jun 29 | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Auditorium

Join for an hour of yoga with Suzi from Bluestem Yoga! Beginners are definitely welcome. Bring your own mat if you have one. Questions? Email Melissa at: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org. No experience or registration needed.

TECHNOLOGY

Computer Basics: Getting Started

FRI | Jun 13; Aug 8 | 10:30 AM-12:30 PM
Meeting Room C

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

In this beginner's computer workshop, you'll learn about different types of computers, how to use a mouse and keyboard, how to use the Windows operating system, and more.

Computer Basics: Stay Safe Online

FRI | Jul 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 online content like malicious software, phishing emails, and scams of all sorts.

Computer Basics: Searching the Internet

FRI | Jul 18 | 10:30 AM-12 PM

Meeting Room C

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

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

SOUND+VISION

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Modular Synthesis 101: Envelope Generators

THU | Jun 26 | 4:30-5:30 PM

Meeting Room B

Learn how to control electronic sound over time with Envelope Generators using the Modular Synthesizer.

Montage Series (1951-1965)

TUE | Jul 8 | 6-8 PM

Auditorium

Kansas has a rich, creative film history stretching back to the '50s. Two showings this summer are generously offered by Joel Sanderson and KU Film Historian Ben Urish, who have researched and preserved these local films. They offer a historic context regarding the creators and will speak to their digitization efforts. *Montage Series* explores painting, poets, and Kansas landmarks shot by filmmakers in Wichita starting in the 1950s. Gain a perspective on the creation, preservation and context of Kansas art film from the 1950s-60s.

SOUND+VISION Basics

WED | Jul 23 | 4:30-5:30 PM
SOUND+VISION Studio

Tour the SOUND+VISION studios and find out how to book a session. We'll cover microphones, popular A/V software, and lots more.

The Shortest Straw (1968)

TUE | Aug 12 | 6-8 PM
Auditorium

Shot in Kansas on locations around Wichita and Winfield. Restoration 2022, this cut is the final edited version. In WWII, a man and a woman, two members of the French Underground, wait for members of the Nazi high command to cross a rural bridge. Having drawn "the shortest straw," they will blow the bridge up during the crossing. As they wait, they discuss and argue the merits of their mission and what they hope to do if they survive it. Presented by Joel Sanderson and KU Film Historian Ben Urish.

RETROACTIVE RETIREES

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NOTE: Tech Club is on break for the Summer.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Navigating the Health Care Marketplace

THU | Jun 5 | 4-5 PM
Zoom

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

If you're retired but still not eligible for Medicare, join us for this informative class from Cover Kansas, a non-profit organization that helps you navigate the Healthcare Marketplace. Our experienced presenter, Heather Coates, will walk us through the online application process and provide answers to your questions about this often confusing system.



Douglas County Jail Tour with Sheriff Jay Armbrister

MON | Jun 9 | 12:30-2:30 PM
3601 E 25th Street

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

Get a first hand look at the Douglas County Correctional Facility with our Sheriff, starting with a welcome and short presentation with Jay, then split into two groups for the tour. Limited to 30 people.

Retirees Who Read TGIF: Book Swap & Brews

FRI | Jun 20 | 6:30-8:30 PM
Auditorium

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

Join us at the library after hours for our very first Retirees Who Read social! Bring a book to swap, pick up a new one to enjoy, and hang out with fellow readers. There's no formal program, just good conversation, good books, and good company. Drinks and light snacks are on us!

Kansas Museum of History Behind the Scenes

TUE | Jun 24 | 1:30-2:30 PM
Meeting Room A

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

The Kansas Museum of History is set to re-open this fall after a multi-year renovation. Learn all about the newly reimagined museum in this sneak peek presentation, along with volunteer opportunities that may interest you.

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Tour

MON | Jul 21 | 10-11 AM
4525 Oak St. | Kansas City, MO

Registration and payment required; sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Join us for a "Real to Surreal" experience. This guided tour follows the progression of European art from Realism to Impressionism, Post-Impressionism, and Modernism. As an option, stick around for lunch at the museum's Rozzelle Court restaurant. Tour fee is \$7 per person.

Fun and Games TGIF Ice Cream Edition

FRI | Jul 25 | 6:30-8:30 PM
Auditorium

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

It's our famous Fun and Games session, but this time after hours AND with ice cream! Join for board games, camaraderie, and making friends. You bring a topping and we'll provide the ice cream. Be sure to register so we have enough ice cream for everyone!



Table for Two with Chef Paige Vandegrift

TUE | Jul 29 | 5-6 PM
Zoom

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

Chef Paige is back to cook up a summer culinary masterpiece with us. This special online cooking class focuses on fresh seasonal food prepared for the smaller household. We'll send you the recipe in advance and you can cook along with Paige. Thanks to Weaver's Home Shop for supporting this program!

Monarchs Baseball Disney Night

SAT | Aug 2 | 6–10 PM

1800 Village West Pkwy | Kansas City, KS
Registration and fee required; sign up online or at 785-843-3833

Come out to the ballgame with the grandkids or best friend to see the KC Monarchs play the Sioux Falls Canaries. Disney Night comes with character appearances, themed music, movie clips, and more! Dress up as your favorite Disney character and take part in a Disney trivia contest to win themed prizes! We will have infield covered seating for the evening. It's \$23/person—guaranteed to be supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!



ONGOING EVENTS

Coffee Break

WEEKLY | FRI | Jun 6–Aug 29 | 10–11 AM
Zoom

No programs 6/27, 7/4, 7/25, 8/29

Join us for our weekly RetroActive coffee group via Zoom. There is no agenda, so topics can range from favorite movies to garden gnomes. It's a great place to get local suggestions and meet new friends. Sign up by emailing retirement@lplks.org.

Dessert & A Movie

WED | Jun 18; | 7–8 PM

THU | Jul 17; Aug 21 | 7–8 PM

Zoom

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

Whip up your favorite dessert and join friends to discuss the Kanopy film of the month. This movie streaming service is free with your library card! More info and details at lplks.org/retirement.

Jun 18 | *The Intouchables* with Jeff King of Transmuto Inc.

Jul 17 | *Loving Vincent* with Cori North, Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery

Aug 21 | *Growing Cities* with Nancy Lewis O'Connor

Wine Around the World

THU | Jun 12 | 5–6 PM

Zoom

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

No class in Jul or Aug

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 | Jun 17; Jul 15; Aug 19 | 4–5 PM

Zoom

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

Learn from local health care providers about what to expect as you age in our popular series. We'll explore restorative dentistry, acupuncture, and hypnotherapy. See lplks.org for more topic info.

Jun 17 | Restorative Dentistry with Dr. Eric Van Boening

Jul 15 | Acupuncture with Jason Hamm from Blue Ginko Medicine

Aug 19 | Somatic Experience and Hypnotherapy with Jennifer Lee Welch

Fun & Games

FRI | Jun 27 | 10 AM–12 PM

Senior Resource Center

FRI | Aug 29 | 10 AM–12 PM

Auditorium

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

Let's meet up for board games, camaraderie, and making friends. You provide the good conversation, and we'll provide the coffee, tea, and snacks.

Stitch & B*tch

MON | Jun 16; Jul 21; Aug 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, music programs, and other presentations. Make new friends and experience your community. Info: retirement@lplks.org.

TEENS

Youth Grades 6–12

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Scavenger Hunt: Find That Color

Jun 1–Jul 31 | Auditorium

Colors, colors everywhere. Can you find colors all around town? We've taken snapshots of beautiful public artworks, and it's up to you to figure out which picture goes with which location. Will you earn a cool prize? Will there be a colorful twist? You'll have to participate to see! Details and info can be found on our web calendar. Big thanks to Douglas County Community Foundation for supporting this program.

Last Bash & Multicultural Fair

All Ages

SAT | Aug 16 | 6–8 PM

Library Lawn

It's time for a party! We're celebrating the end of Summer Reading with a Multicultural Fair! We'll have performances, art, games, music, food, and more! Thanks to McGrew Real Estate for supporting this event.



Level Up Your Kitchen Skills! with Just Food

Grades 6–12

MON | Jun 2–23 | 5:30–6:30 PM

Auditorium

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

Just Food is offering an exciting, hands-on cooking program designed specifically for teens ages 13–18. In this month-long program, participants will learn valuable cooking skills and have fun preparing dishes inspired by popular video games. Over four weeks, we'll dive into beginner-friendly cooking classes, each lasting one hour, and focus on a different video game-themed dish. You don't need to attend every class—each session is designed as an independent class, so you can pick and choose which one fits your schedule or interests.

Jun 2 | Stardew Valley: Tropical Curry
with Coconut Rice

Jun 9 | Undertale: Instant Noodles

Jun 16 | Legend of Zelda: Veggie Risotto

Jun 23 | Sonic the Hedgehog: Chili Dogs

Fun Stuff Fridays

Grades 6–12

FRI | Jun 6–Jul 18

Various locations

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

Every Friday, we will be kicking back and having fun. Whether it's laser tag, drawing class, or a DIY workshop, you're going to have a fantastic time.

Jun 6 | 2–4 PM | Engineering Day

Jun 13 | 2–4 PM | Laser Tag

Jun 20 | 2–3 PM | Rainbow Strings

Jun 27 | 2–3 PM | Natalie C. Parker
Writing Workshop

Jul 11 | 2–4 PM | DIY Tote Bags with Give
It, Get It, INC.

Jul 18 | 2–4 PM | Drawing with Matt Lord



Book Builders!

Grades 6–12

TUE | Jun 10 | 2–3 PM

Auditorium

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

Learn to create your own books! Learn different tips, tricks, and techniques from Brea Black, the Curator of Art Engagement at the Topeka Public Library. This program is friendly to all crafting skill levels.

After Hours Movie Madness

Ages 8–18

FRI | Jun 13; Jul 11 | 7:30–10 PM

Auditorium

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

We'll provide the movies, the madness, and the popcorn, you get ready to enjoy some wonderful flicks and extra fun. We'll draw and sing and have a colorful summer with two feature films sure to delight both kids and teens.

Jun 13 | Draw Along: *Turning Red*

Jul 11 | Sing Along: *Wicked*

Science Heroes: Experiment Lab

Grades 6–12

TUE | Jun 17 | 2–3 PM

Auditorium

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

An informal and interactive workshop where teens work together to investigate exciting science concepts through hands-on experimentation!

Virtual Author Talk Parties

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

Would you like to (virtually) meet some of your favorite authors? This summer we're offering special events with incredible authors, including Newbery Medalist Katherine Applegate! We'll have special snacks and giveaways at these author talk parties. All book lovers are welcome and age ranges are just suggestions below. We'll raffle off ten copies of the authors' books each event! Series is hosted by Library Speakers Consortium. We hope you can join us!

Katherine Applegate: *Living the Odder Life*
Grades 3–6

TUE | Jun 24 | 3–4 PM | Auditorium

Newbery Medalist talks about *Odder*, her novel in verse!

Discerning the Truth with Marie Lu
Grades 9–12

THU | July 17 | 3–4 PM | Readers' Theater

#1 New York Times bestselling author of the *Legend* and *The Young Elites* trilogies.

Rex Ogle: *Illuminating Hope and Grace in the Face of Hardship*

Grades 5–8

WED | Jul 23 | 3–4 PM | Readers' Theater

Author of *Free Lunch*, winner of the YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults Award.

Park Clean Up Pizza Party

Grades 2–8

MON | Jul 7 | 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

Watson Park and Readers' Theater

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

Join us and help keep Watson Park clean this summer. Meet at the park to clean up and move towards the library at 11:30 to celebrate with pizza! Please bring buckets, grabbers, gloves, or other equipment. Some supplies provided by the library.



THIS SUMMER! VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK PARTIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

Meet **bestselling authors** and **inspiring creators** in **live and on-demand virtual events**! Hear their stories, ask questions, and get inspired – perfect for curious minds, young readers, and future writers.

Teen Lock In: Haunted Carnival

Grades 6–12

FRI–SAT | Jul 25–26 | 7 PM–7 AM

Library-wide

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

Back by popular demand, it's the Teen Lock-In! Hang out at the library after hours and explore the mystery of the Haunted Carnival. Play laser tag, compete in carnival games, and solve the mystery behind the haunting. Spots limited—sign up quickly!



ONGOING EVENTS & CLUBS

Teen Gaming Tournament

Grades 6–12

MONTHLY | 2nd SUN | 4–6 PM

Readers' Theater

No session in August

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

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Grades 6–12

MONTHLY | 2nd MON | Jun 9, Jul 14, Aug 11

4–5 PM

Readers' Theater

Use your voice and join TAB to help make the Teen Zone an even better place for teens! TAB assists the Teen Services Team in deciding what type of activities and programs will take place. Snacks provided, and no sign-up needed!

D&D Club

Grades 6–12

THU | Jun 5, 12; Jul 3, 10 | 2–3:30 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Hear ye! Hear ye! Gather thy friends and foes alike as we embark on an adventure for 5th edition D&D. Seasoned adventurers and first-timers are welcome. Character sheets must be completed by the start of the session to play. Email Youth Services Assistant Mallory at mpearson@lplks.org for details.

KIDS

Ages 0–11

YOUTH ALL AGES

Scavenger Hunt: Find That Color

Jun 1–Jul 31 | Various locations

Colors, colors everywhere. Can you find colors all around town? We've taken snapshots of beautiful public artworks, and it's up to you to figure out which picture goes with which location. Will you earn a cool prize? Will there be a colorful twist? You'll have to participate to see! More details and information can be found on our web calendar. Thanks to Douglas County Community Foundation for supporting this program.





Story Stroll

All ages

Jun 1–Jun 29 | Watson Park

Jul 2–Jul 31 | Arboretum

Put on your walking shoes! Enjoy a leisurely walk this summer, read a picture book, and engage in fun activities all at once. Complete this activity on Beanstack, and you'll have a chance to win a prize basket from LMH Health. Our bilingual book for June this year is *Red Cat, Blue Cat* by Jenni Desmond. Our bilingual book for July this year is *I am La Chiva* by Karol Hernández. Thanks to Douglas County Community Foundation for supporting this program.

Todas las edades

1 de junio–29 de junio | Watson Park

2 de julio–31 de julio | Arboretum

¡Ponte tus zapatos para caminar! Disfruta de una caminata tranquila este verano, lee un libro ilustrado y participa en actividades divertidas, todo al mismo tiempo. Completa esta actividad en Beanstack y tendrás la oportunidad de ganar una canasta de premios de LMH Health. Nuestro libro bilingüe para junio de este año es *Gato rojo, gato azul* de Jenni Desmond. Nuestro libro bilingüe para julio de este año es *Soy La Chiva* de Karol Hernández. Gracias a la Fundación Comunitaria del Condado de Douglas por apoyar este programa.

Last Bash & Multicultural Fair

All Ages

SAT | Aug 16 | 6–8 PM

Library Lawn

It's time for a party! We're celebrating the end of Summer Reading with a Multicultural Fair! We'll have performances, art, games, music, food, and more! Thanks to McGrew Real Estate for supporting this event.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Stuffy Storytime & Clinic

Ages 3+

MON | Jun 9 | 10:30–11:30 AM

SAT | Jul 12 | 10:30–11:30 AM

Auditorium

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

Bring your best-loved stuffed friend with you to hear stories and get a check-up for your stuffy from our friends at LMH Health.

Bookworms & Waterbugs

Ages 2+

FRI | Jun 13, Jul 18 | 10:30 AM–12 PM

Outdoor Aquatic Center

727 Kentucky St.

Poolside stories and music followed by a free swim! Provided by the library and Lawrence Parks & Rec.

After Hours Movie Madness

Ages 8–18

FRI | Jun 13; Jul 11 | 7:30–10 PM

Auditorium

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Jun 13 | Draw Along: *Turning Red*

Jul 11 | Sing Along: *Wicked*



City Playcorps' Pop-Up Adventure Playground

Ages 4–12

MON | Jun 23; Jul 14, 21, 28

10:30 AM–12:30 PM

Library Lawn

Bring the kids to a giant land of cardboard boxes, tires, tubes, crates, spools, rope, fabric, wood, and duct tape! They will be free to explore, create, and play in a playground of their own making with no adults allowed. Certified playworkers will be there to oversee but not intervene. Of course, grown-ups can play, too, if they are invited by their kiddo. It's a new way to play in an old-fashioned way.



Virtual Author Talk Parties

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Katherine Applegate: *Living the Odder Life*
Grades 3–6

TUE | Jun 24 | 3–4 PM | Auditorium

Newbery Medalist talks about *Odder*, her novel in verse!

Raúl The Third: *Drawing Your World*
Grades pre-K–2

TUE | July 8 | 3–4 PM | Auditorium

Draw along with 3-time Pura Belpré Award-winning illustrator, author, and artist.

Rex Ogle: *Illuminating Hope and Grace in the Face of Hardship*
Grades 5–8

WED | Jul 23 | 3–4 PM | Readers' Theater

Author of *Free Lunch*, winner of the YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults Award.

Park Clean Up Pizza Party

Grades 2-8

MON | Jul 7 | 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Watson Park and Readers' Theater

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Join us to help keep Watson Park clean this summer. Meet at the park to clean up and move towards the library at 11:30 to celebrate with pizza! Please bring buckets, grabbers, gloves, or other equipment. Some supplies provided by the library.

Dance Party for Littles

Ages 0-5

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

FRI | Aug 29 | 10:30- 11:15 AM

Auditorium

Dance with LPL storytellers with the perfect music for littles. Guaranteed to be boppy and hoppy! Get ready for bubbles, music, and catchy tunes you'll be humming all day.

PERFORMERS

Stone Lion Puppet Theater: Little Red Hen's Garden

All ages

MON | Jun 2 | 10:30-11:15 AM

Auditorium

A new show based on the classic fairytale *The Little Red Hen*, with a twist! Rover the Dog, Patches the Cat, and even Doris the Duck will join us! Plus, there's a working waterfall in the scenery!

The Color of Nature with Prairie Park Nature Center

All ages

THU | Jun 12 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

Explore the fascinating world of animal adaptations and the many different super powers animals have to help them survive! This program unveils the extraordinary ways animals use color to thrive in environments whether by blending in, standing out, or deceiving predators and prey.



Science Heroes: Adventure of the Missing Color

Ages 5-11

TUE | Jun 17 | 4-5 PM

Auditorium

Join Science Heroes on our mission to turn science into an adventure! Through hands-on experiments and fun, interactive stories, we get kids excited about the science that's all around us as we celebrate the scientists who color our world with art!

Fantastic Drum Life!

All ages

THU | Jun 26 | 4-5 PM

Auditorium

Drumming is fun! Bring the whole family, and join your friends and neighbors in an uplifting musical journey with Johannes Quilitz. This is not a drumming show—you are in the band! Instruments provided, and no previous experience is necessary.

STEMusic

Ages 5+

MON | Jun 30 | 10:30-11:15 AM

Auditorium

Get ready for the ultimate STEMusic Concert! Dive into a world where music meets STEM education in the most exciting way possible. This event has everything from mind-blowing experiments to coding dances, math problem-solving, and even rocket launches! Hosted by the one and only Roy Moye III, aka "The Singing Engineer," get ready for a show that'll have you grooving and learning like never before. Say hello to a STEM universe filled with rhythm, harmony, and endless fun!

SUMMER CLUB IMAGINARIUM

Ages 8-11

MON | Jun 2-Jul 21 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

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

Each week we explore our summer theme "Color Your World" with live animals, art, science experiments, cookies, and more. Special guests will join us, including the Spencer Museum of Art, local artists Lindsey Yankey and Matt Lord, Eileen's Colossal Cookies, Mad Science, and animals and their people from Pet World!

Colorful Kickoff with the Spencer Museum of Art

Ages 8-11

MON | Jun 2 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

Explore a variety of activities inspired by pieces at the Spencer Museum of Art. Create crashing waves of color, your own colorful clay masterpiece, and a mathematical (radical!) mosaic.

Color Your Library with Lindsey Yankey

Ages 8-11

MON | Jun 9 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

Join local artist and illustrator Lindsey Yankey as we color our own library! Help us transform the library this summer with paints, oil pastels, construction paper, glue, and plenty of imagination. Make cool decorations that will color our world!

Color Your Canvas with Matt Lord

Ages 8-11

MON | Jun 16 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

It's time to pick up a watercolor palette and some colored pencils! In this installment of our colorful club, local artist Matt Lord will lead us in a colorful draw and paint along!



Colorful Blood Chemistry with the KU Natural History Museum

Ages 8-11

MON | Jun 23 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

Join us for a special Imaginarium program all about the chemistry of blood colors! Our friends from the KU Natural History Museum will share some amazing science information and lead us through a hands-on activity examining the chemistry behind different blood color variations. (Note: No real animal blood will be handled during this program.)

Colorful Cornucopia

Ages 8-11

MON | Jun 30 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

Explore a cornucopia of colorful STEAM-inspired crafts. Colors ignite in brilliant experiments, art projects, and more!

Colorful Cookies with Eileen's

Ages 8-11

MON | Jul 7 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

Decorate cookies in every color of the rainbow with our friends from Eileen's Colossal Cookies! Learn the satisfying tips and tricks to piping and decorating beautifully colorful cookies, then savor the taste of your hard efforts.

Color Our World with Mad Science

Ages 8-11

MON | Jul 14 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

Mad Science will lead us through a fun investigation of colors that make up our world. Expect interactive and astounding demonstrations!

Colorful Critters with Pet World

Ages 8-11

MON | Jul 21 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

Scales and feathers and fur—oh my! Why are some animals so colorful, and what do they use their colorful bodies and patterns for? Meet and learn about colorful critters with Pet World in our final chapter of Imaginarium.

SUMMER CLUB WEDNESDAY WONDERS

Ages 5-7

WED | Jun 4-Jul 23 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

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

We're coloring our world with some of the best programs and partners in Lawrence! From the Spencer Museum of Art, local artist Matt Lord, and even Eileen's Cookies, we're gonna get colorful and messy.

Color Our World: Spencer Museum of Art

Ages 5-7

WED | Jun 4 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

What better way to kick off a color filled summer than with our friends at the Spencer Museum of Art! They'll bring the inspiration and you'll provide the creativity. Ready to get messy and make colorful art?

Color Our Cardboard

Ages 5-7

WED | Jun 11 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

More color and art this week with local author and artist Lindsey Yankey! We'll be covering cardboard with all sorts of colorful stuff to create a multimedia art piece that we'll admire all summer long!

Colorful Scavenger Hunt

Ages 5-7

WED | Jun 18 | 2-3 PM

KU Museum of Natural History
1345 Jayhawk Blvd

We are headed off-site to the colorful world of natural science. Our friends at the Natural History Museum have put together a colorful scavenger hunt! We'll track down colors and explore the museum.



Color Our World Through Mad Science!

Ages 5-7

WED | Jun 25 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

Mad Science will lead us through a fun investigation of colors that make up our world. Expect interactive and astounding demonstrations!

Dancing in Color

Ages 5-7

WED | Jul 2 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

Amazing dancer, choreographer, and teacher Maya Tillman-Rayton from the Arts Center and KU Dance will be joining us for an hour of dancing fun. She'll teach us the moves and we'll dance in color.

Color a Cookie

Ages 5-7

WED | Jul 9 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

There's nothing better than a cookie... especially if you get to decorate AND eat it. Eileen's Cookies is bringing the color and we're going to create delicious and colorful masterpieces.

Watercolor Along

Ages 5-7

WED | Jul 16 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

Grab a pencil and paintbrush! We're going to get an art lesson from one of our favorite artists and friends, Matt Lord. He'll help us create the perfect watercolor in a fun draw- and watercolor-along.

Pet World: Colorful Creatures

Ages 5-7

WED | Jul 23 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

Our friends from Pet World are bringing cute, colorful creatures for us to ooh and aah at. It's our last Wednesday Wonders, and you won't want to miss it!

ONGOING EVENTS STORYTIMES

Storytimes run May 23–July 25 and will be on break in August.

Sing & Rhyme Storytime

All ages

WEEKLY | MON | 6:30–7 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Kids & Crafts Storytime

Ages 3+ with their families

WEEKLY | TUE; FRI | 10:30–11:15 AM

WEEKLY | THU | 6–6:45 PM

Readers' Theater

No session on 6/19 and 7/4

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 Allison for a magical Baby Storytime. Bounce with 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

No session on 6/19

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

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. 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.

CLUBS

Kids' Action Club

Ages 8–11

WED | Jun 4; Jul 9 | 3:30–4:30 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Do you want to help make life in Lawrence better? Join Kids' Action Club to meet local leaders, meet new friends, and carry out some amazing service projects both big and small. Let's see what cool things we can do!

Lego Club

Ages 5–11

MONTHLY | SAT | Jun 28; Jul 26

2–3 PM

Readers' Theater

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

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

Parent Support Group

Parents and kids ages 0–5

WEEKLY | WED | 6:30–7:30 PM

Readers' Theater

No session in August

A weekly support group for parents with younger kiddos. Whether you want to make new parent friends, get connected with resources, or just get out of the house, this parent group is judgment-free and full of empathy!

Pokémon League

Ages 8–18

MONTHLY | THU | Jun 26; Jul 17

3:30–5 PM

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

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 August

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

SAT | Jun 28; Jul 26; Aug 23

10:30–11:30 AM

SUN | Jun 1; Jul 6; Aug 3 | 3–4 PM

Readers' Theater

Build reading confidence with a friendly pup from Loving Paws Animal Therapy! Bring your own book or choose one here. Get a 15-minute time slot when you arrive.

Tween Book & Movie Club

Ages 8–11

MONTHLY | SUN | Jun 22; Jul 20; Aug 17

1:30–4 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Love getting lost in a good book? Want to chat with fellow book lovers and compare the book to the movie—plus popcorn? Join our summer book club! Grab a copy at the children's desk or email Kady for details: kbischmann@lawrence.lib.ks.us.

Jun 22 | *Dog Man* by Dave Pilkey

Jul 20 | *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell

Aug 17 | *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine



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

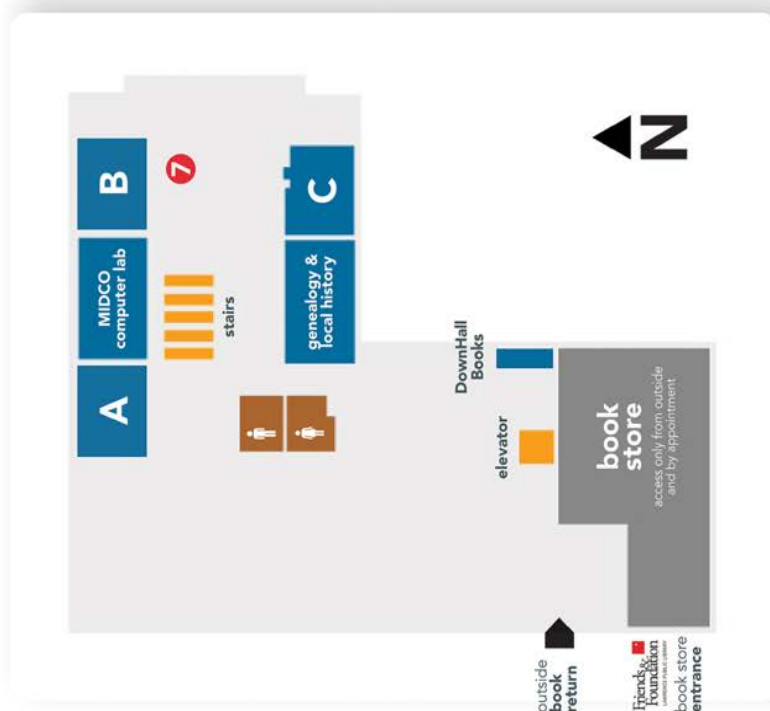
- (NC) Ask anything; get help finding information you need
- (NC) Get 1-on-1 tech help with your devices
- (NC) Get help with questions from information professionals
- (NC) Book a meeting or study room for remote work or focus
- (NC) Connect to free WiFi
- (NC) Get free notary service
- (NC) Fax, print, 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

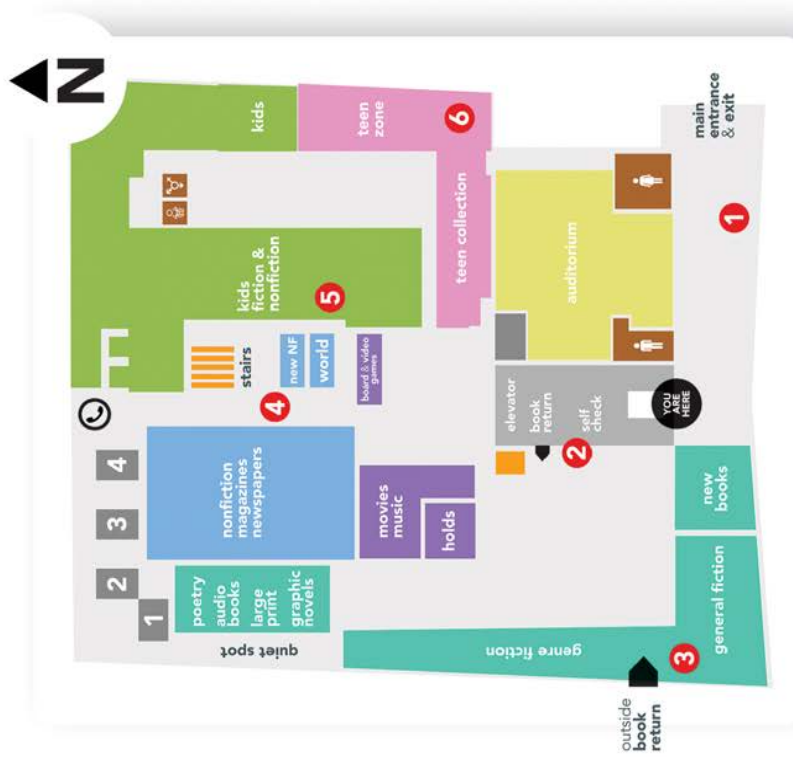
library map

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 in the cash box or by QR code to pay on your phone
- 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/LPLFFbookapt
- Men's Restroom**
- Women's Restroom**

MAIN LEVEL



- 1 Hello Desk**
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
- Family Restroom**
- Gender Neutral Restroom**
- Men's Restroom**
- Women's Restroom**

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