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The *Reader* is an annual Summer Reading events and information guide by Lawrence Public Library and the LPL Friends & Foundation.

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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2026 Lawrence Public Library

HI, LAWRENCE!



Welcome back to another exciting summer at Lawrence Public Library!

This year's theme, "Read, Score, Roar," combines three powerful concepts—reading, soccer, and dinosaurs—into a jam-packed summer of adventure, play, and empowerment.

Every day at the library, we celebrate reading's ability to broaden perspectives, inspire your imagination, and start meaningful conversations. With **World Cup™ teams** practicing and playing nearby and the larger-than-life presence of dinosaurs around the library, this summer will be chock-full of opportunities for moments of inspiration and connection.

However you choose to explore this summer, we welcome you to share your excitement with us at the library and out in the community. And if you're looking for a place to start, check out this year's issue of the Summer Reader for events, reading lists, and a sneak peek at Summer Reading prizes.

**Lawrence was chosen as base camp for the Algerian men's soccer team during this summer's FIFA World Cup™! Learn more about Algeria at the library this summer!*

IMAGE: icn.com



Welcome, "Les Fennecs"!

The Algerian men's soccer team are the Fennec Foxes (Les Fennecs in French). They're named after the national animal of Algeria. The fennec fox is a small fox native to North African deserts.

Algeria has two official languages: Arabic and Berber. French is also spoken because France invaded and ruled Algeria from 1830–1962, when Algeria won its independence.

السلام عليكم!

"Assalamu alaikum!"
Literally "peace be upon you" in Arabic

Bonjour!

"Good day!" in French

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"Azul fell-awen!"
Literally "peace be upon you" in Berber



This is a cute Fennec Fox



Algerian flag



Hope to see you kicking and stomping around the library all summer long!

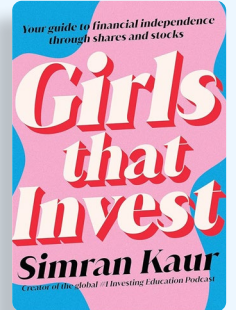
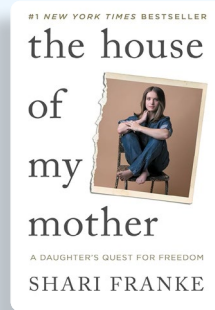
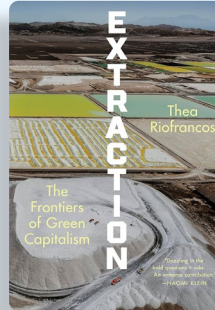
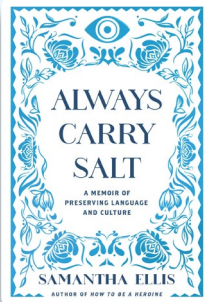
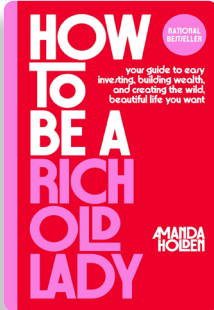
STAFF-PICKED SUMMER READS

Need help jump-starting your Summer Reading challenge? Each QR code takes you to a list where you can score a check out – or get on hold for – something right away. *Happy reading!*

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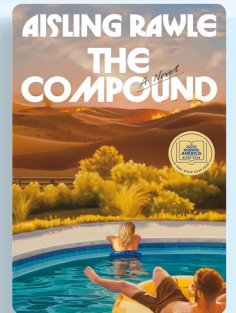
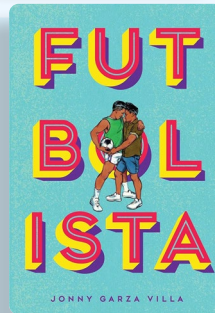
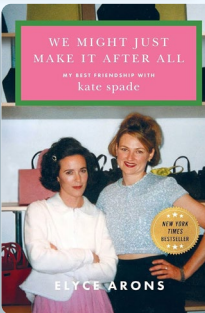
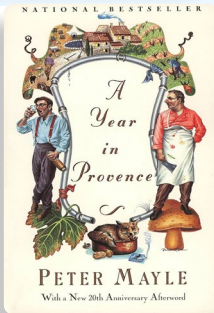
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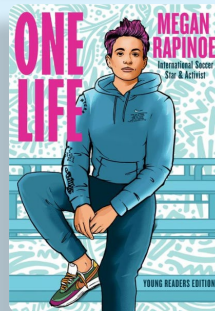
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TEEN READS



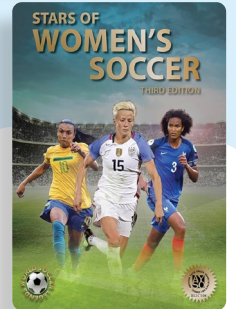
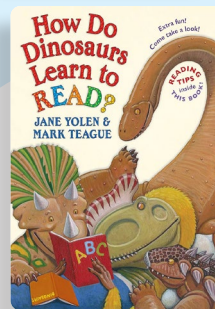
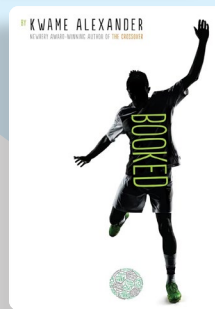
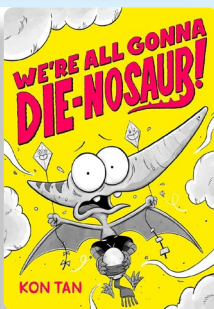
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KID READS



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ADULT PRIZES



1 tote bag ... 2 books from the LPL Friends & Foundation ... 1 game of bowling from Royal Crest Lanes ... 1 honey stick or tea sample plus 10% off from Brit's ... 1 Dave the Cat sticker from Wonder Fair ... 1 milkshake from IHOP ... 1 small drink from Uplift Coffee ... 1 yoga class from Bluestem Yoga ... 10% off at Raven ... 10% off from Cottin's ... 1 entry into our **adult grand prize raffle** for a \$100, \$50, and \$25 gift card to The Raven Bookstore.



Summer Reading wouldn't be possible without thousands of hours of volunteer-run booksales, and our generous donors and community partners. We are so grateful for you.

TEEN PRIZES



1 Dino plush keychain ... 1 book of your choice ... 1 summer reading t-shirt ... 2 books from the LPL Friends & Foundation ... 1 game of bowling from Royal Crest Lanes ... 1 sundae from Culver's ... 1 honey stick or tea sample plus 10% off from Brit's ... 1 Dave the Cat sticker from Wonder Fair ... 1 yoga class from Bluestem Yoga ... 1 milkshake from IHOP ... 2 entries into the **teen grand prize raffle** for one of these prizes: ... Wonder Fair Art Prize Pack ... Skateboard from River Rat ... \$100 Gift Card to The Raven Bookstore ... 1 Nintendo Switch Lite and Game Nut gift card.

KIDS PRIZES



1 Egg shaker (ages 3 and under) ... 1 Dino plush keychains (ages 4 and up) ... 1 book of your choice ... 2 books from the LPL Friends & Foundation ... 1 game of bowling from Royal Crest Lanes ... 1 sundae from Culver's ... 1 honey stick or tea sample plus 10% off from Brit's ... 1 Dave the Cat sticker from Wonder Fair ... 1 kids' meal from IHOP ... 1 kids' meal from Raising Cane's ... **Extra credit:** 3 books or 10 hours = free ice cream at any Lawrence McDonald's!



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ALL AGES

Fun for everyone



SUMMER READING 2026

Summer Reading Kickoff Party: Dinosoccer!

All Ages
THU | May 21 | 6-8 PM | Library Lawn

A huge thank you goes to McGrew Real Estate for making a super community party possible!

Summer Reading is officially here, and we're celebrating with Dinosaurs. Playing Soccer. Join us for the ultimate Summer Reading kickoff featuring **beats** (live DJ sets from KJHK), **eats** (free cookies from Eileen's; for sale are Minsky's Pizza and Free State beer), and **feats** (larger-than-life bubbles, crafts, games, and giveaways!) Don't miss out on the weirdest, coolest kickoff in town. Come for the giveaways, stay for the soccer-playing dinosaurs, and leave ready to read all summer.

Scavenger Hunt: Dino Dashers Assemble!

All Ages
Jun 1-Jul 31 | Various locations

A huge thank you goes to the Douglas County Community Foundation for making this year's scavenger hunt possible!

The Dino Dasher's big match is about to start, but the team's jerseys are missing! Ten of the jerseys have been spotted in parks around town, but the location of the goalie's shirt is a mystery. Your Mission: Visit our local parks to find the missing jerseys. Each one you find will help you get closer to locating the goalie's jersey. Once the jerseys have been found, the team will be ready to play, and you'll

win a prehistoric prize! Full instructions for this year's park hunt will be available online starting June 1.

How-To Festival

All Ages
SAT | Jun 6 | 10 AM-1 PM | Library-wide

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 by learning something new! See our website for a schedule of presenters. Email Melissa with questions: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.

Second Saturday Book Sale

All Ages
SAT | Jun 13 | 10 AM-4 PM | Friends Garage

There's only one day to shop the LPLFF garage for unbeatable deals on books, CDs and DVDs. It's easy to get summer reading ready when everything is priced \$2 and under. Info: lplks.org/book-sales.

Expressions of Democracy in Gall Ink w/ Wendy Holman

All Ages
SUN | Jun 14 | 11 AM-1 PM | Auditorium
Free, but registration required; sign up online or at 785-843-3833.

Discover the art and science behind one of America's most essential writing tools—ink. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how iron gall ink, the very ink used to write the Declaration of Independence, was made. Wendy Holman, Education Program Coordinator with the KU Field Station, will guide us through examining different types of galls collected locally and teach us how they're formed. Everyone will get to experiment with different types of pens and quills and create their own artwork inspired by the spirit of democracy, as it means to them. The artwork made at this event will be displayed as an exhibit on the library's gallery wall for the duration of July. All ages welcome, but those under 16 will need to come with a guardian. Questions? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.



Summer Book Sale

All Ages
FRI-SAT | Jul 17, 18 | 10 AM-6 PM
SUN | Jul 19 | 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 THU, Jul 16 (join at the door!) More info: lplks.org/book-sales.



Last Bash: Breakfast Before Time

All Ages
Sat | Aug 15 | 10-11:30 AM | Library Lawn

A huge thank you goes to Pi Beta Phi sorority for making a super community party possible!

We're throwing the ultimate prehistoric pancake party! Come celebrate the end of Summer Reading with Chris Cakes, who'll be serving stacks of pancakes alongside very special guests—a roaming herd of inflatable dinosaurs! Whether you're a T. Rex-sized eater or a lil' Raptor, grab a plate and snap a selfie with our prehistoric pals. Want to join the herd? Wear your favorite dino costume and celebrate your reading victories before the season goes extinct.

ADULTS

Ages 18+, but Teens welcome

SPECIAL EVENTS

Dewey Decimal & the Crystal Scroll

Jun 1-Aug 15 | Start at the Ask Desk

Adventurers wanted! Help Info Services solve an ancient mystery by exploring the library, unearthing timeless wisdom, and decoding the mysterious crystal scroll. Start at the Ask Desk, but be warned: this hunt isn't for the faint of heart. You'll need a keen eye and a curious mind to finish the quest. Adventurers 16 or under may want to bring a seasoned explorer as backup. Treasure awaits if you follow clues to reveal the scroll's secrets. Get info at lplks.org... if you dare!



Mahjong Club

Various Dates & Times | Auditorium

Note: This is for players who already know how to play Chinese (not American) Mahjong.

Join us for Mahjong Club at the Library! Yun Butler and Yilan Zhao are skilled Mahjong players and they're excited to facilitate this community club. We'll have tables and tiles, so all you need to do is show up and play. There won't be any formal instruction, so this isn't the place for absolute beginners to learn the rules. Check the library's website for upcoming dates and times! Questions? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

Adult Literacy Tutor Volunteer Meeting

MONTHLY

Check lplks.org for dates and times.

New and current Adult Literacy Volunteer Tutors come together for program updates, snacks, and fun! If you're curious about what it might be like to be a literacy tutor for adults, join us to learn about the program and meet other volunteers. If you've already completed your volunteer training, this meeting is for you, too! Come get program updates and explore continuing education topics. Questions? Email Liz at: lstuewe@lplks.org.

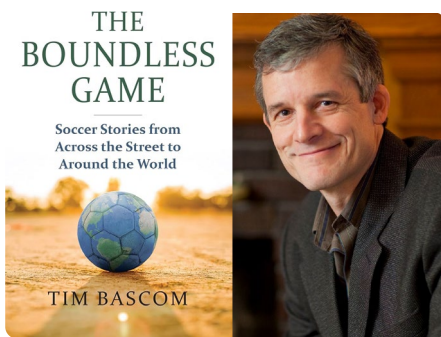


IMAGE: @TimBascomAuthor on Facebook

Tim Bascom: "The Boundless Game"

THU | May 28 | 7-8 PM | Auditorium

Author Tim Bascom and Coach Oumar Seck will be at the Lawrence Public Library talking all things soccer. The event will be moderated by Washburn University Professor and former Poet Laureate of Kansas, Eric Henry. Bascom is the author of *The Boundless Game: Soccer Stories from Across the Street to Around the World*. Email Polli for info: pkenn@lplks.org.

Crafting & Sharing Club

WED | Jun 3; Jul 1; Aug 5 | 6-7:45 PM

Meeting Room B

Please bring crafts that make minimal mess.

Do you enjoy crafting? Do you want to foster community, pool resources, and contribute to mutual aid? Come join us in a crafting and sharing club! If you've got supplies you're willing to gift or lend, bring 'em! If you lack supplies, come share in the bounty. Follow our Instagram for reminders. Email Kate for info: kdelaney@lplks.org.

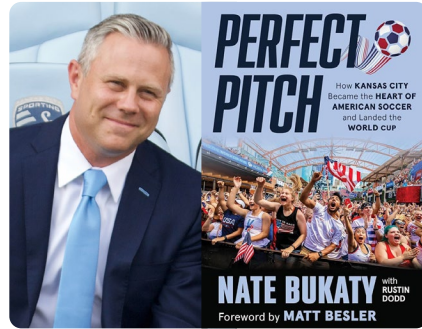


IMAGE: natebukaty.com

Soccer Talk with Nate Bukaty

WED | Jun 3 | 6:30-7:30 PM

Auditorium

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

Join Major League Soccer commentator Nate Bukaty for the Lawrence debut of his book *Perfect Pitch: How Kansas City Became the Heart of American Soccer and Landed the World Cup*. As the World Cup returns to the United States for the first time in 32 years and makes its Kansas City debut, Bukaty tells the remarkable story of how an overlooked Midwestern city became a soccer powerhouse. Email Kathleen for info: kmorgan@lplks.org.

Summer Reading Social: Book Swap

THU | Jun 4 | 6-8 PM

Lawrence Beer Company
(826 Pennsylvania Street)

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

Raise a glass to your TBR! Join us for an adult Summer Reading Social at Lawrence Beer Company and an evening of good books, great brews, and even better company. Bring a gently used book to swap, discover your

next favorite read, and chat about what's lighting up your summer reading list. Leah's got more info: lnewton@lplks.org.

Restoring Our Landscapes

SUN | Jun 7; Jul 12; Aug 2

11 AM-12:30 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, and to empower teaching and learning together in a space of mutual support. Field trips, an optional learning opportunity, are often rolled into monthly meetups, as weather permits. Anyone is welcome to join in, share their knowledge, and learn something new. Questions? Email Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

Matt Dinniman Watch Party

THU | Jun 11 | 6-7:30 PM | Auditorium

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

Join us for a lively watch party featuring bestselling LitRPG author Matt Dinniman for his online author talk with the Library Speaker's Consortium! Settle in with fellow fans to enjoy the author talk, then stick around for themed snacks inspired by the dungeon, plus a chance to win a loot box! Questions? Ask Leah: lnewton@lplks.org.

Repair Studio

SUN | Jun 14; Jul 12; Aug 9 | 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 questions or if you have any interest in becoming a Repair Mentor, to: hhenderson@lplks.org.

Books & Bagels

SAT | Jun 20 | 9-11 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 for coffee, bagels and schmear, and the piping hot tea on what the Book Squad's raving about. Questions? Ask Leah: lnewton@lplks.org.





Grow Your Business Online: Social Media Marketing Workshop

WED | Jun 24 | 6:30 PM-7:30 PM
Auditorium

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

Increase your small business's online presence and engagement with this expert-led workshop from the KU Small Business Development Center. You'll gain practical insights, tools, and strategies to reach new customers and support your business across various social media platforms. Liz has info: lstuewe@lplks.org.

Drag Bingo Fundraiser w/ Deja Brooks



THU | Jun 25 | 7-9 PM | Maceli's (1031 New Hampshire Steet)

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

Play themed bingo games, win bookish prizes, and support your favorite library while you're at it. \$15 to attend. Logan has all the info: lisaman@lplks.org.

Natural Dye Bandana Workshop

SAT | Jun 27 | 11 AM-1 PM | Auditorium

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

Join us for this hands-on, natural dye workshop with local fiber artist Liz Bonny! Everyone will learn how to use natural materials easily found in kitchens and landscapes around us to steam-dye a cotton bandana to take home. Questions? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

Paper Plains Zine Club

SAT | Jun 27; Jul 25; Aug 29 | 1-3 PM
Meeting Room C

Do you like comics, music, poetry, diving into rabbit holes, community building, and the friends we make along the way? Paper Plains Zine Club is for you! This monthly meeting place is for zinesters who want to connect, make new work, share works in progress, or learn something new! Each meeting, we'll learn a different aspect of the zine realm. All ages, skill levels welcome unless stated. Questions? Ask Liz: lstuewe@lplks.org.

Chess at the Library

MONTHLY | Last SUN | 1-3 PM
Meeting Room C

Join fellow Chess enthusiasts for a free community chess gathering. All ages and skill levels are welcome; bring your own board or use one of ours. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of open play with friendly competition and intellectual stimulation. Meet new people, sharpen your skills, and enjoy a classic game in a welcoming environment. Questions? Ask Lindin: lscott@lplks.org.

Cozy Club

SAT | Jul 11 | 1-3 PM | Auditorium

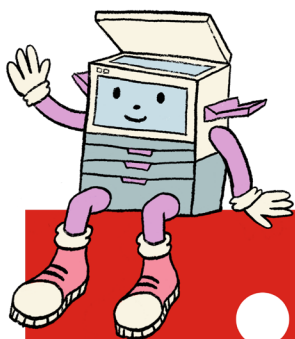
Drop in and enjoy a welcoming space where you can read quietly, work on puzzles, color, or chat with a neighbor about what's on your TBR pile. Whether you come with friends or on your own, Cozy Club is a place to slow down and unwind together. We'll have a selection of books, board games, coloring supplies, and puzzles available, along with tea and other cozy beverages to sip while you settle in. Feel free to bring the book you're currently reading, or just yourself!

Resume Clinic

TUE | Jul 21 | 4-6 PM | Meeting Room A

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

Come make a new resume or refresh your old one. Staff from Catholic Charities will show you how to create a standout resume strong enough to whiz through applicant tracking filters yet personalized enough to showcase your unique skills and experience. Library staff will cover tips on how to use free library databases to further refine your resume and hone your pre-employment skills. Laptops are available for checkout, and attendees are welcome to bring a laptop or print a paper copy of their resume as well. Need more info? Ask Liz: lstuewe@lplks.org.



In the Kitchen: Indigenous Foodways with Wadulisi's

TUE | Jul 21 | 5:30-7 PM | Auditorium

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

Join us for a hands-on cooking workshop with Melissa Garrett, founder of The Hive: The Indigenous Collective and Wadulisi's LLC. Melissa will guide us as we learn and cook together, using traditional indigenous ingredients and contemporary techniques to prepare something both creative and delicious. As Wadulisi's website puts it: "We strive to honor diverse culinary traditions while incorporating modern twists that transform every meal into an unforgettable journey through culture." We'll provide the ingredients and supplies, all you need to do is show up ready to learn! Questions? Ask Terese: twinters@lplks.org.

Summer Reading Social: Book Bedazzling

THU | Jul 23 | 6-8 PM | Auditorium

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

Add a little sparkle to your shelves! Join us for a dazzling DIY program where you can decorate and "bedazzle" your favorite books with gems, rhinestones, and creative flair. Whether you want a subtle shimmer or full-on glam, we'll provide the supplies (and some treats!), you bring the book and your imagination. Email Leah for more info: lnewton@lplks.org.

By the People Transcribe-A-Thon: The American Revolution in Context

THU | Jul 30 | 1:30-4 PM | Auditorium

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

Learn more about everyday life for people living through America's revolutionary age AND help make the Library of Congress's extraordinary collections more accessible by participating in this transcribe-a-thon! We'll explore the role of primary source materials in the study and understanding of history and culture with an introduction from Phil Cunningham, Kansas Collection Curator at the Spencer Research Library. Then, we'll work together to create and review transcriptions of letters, diaries, and other primary source materials from



the Library of Congress to improve search, access, and discovery of these pages from history. A laptop or tablet with a keyboard is required to participate in the transcription project. A limited number of library laptops are available for use if you don't have your own device. Email Melissa for more info: mfisherisaacs@lplks.org.

An Evening with LawEnts

SAT | Aug 1 | 3–6 PM | Auditorium

Celebrate Lawrence trees with stories and art! We're partnering with you and the Kansas Forest Service to celebrate your favorite Lawrence tree! Bring your tree photos, drawings, stories, and poems. More details to come, but it's not too soon to start your arboricultural art! Questions? Ask Jake: jvail@lplks.org.

Free Homebuyers Workshop with Tenants to Homeowners

SAT | Aug 8 | 10 AM–1 PM | Auditorium

Register here: bit.ly/TTHworkshop

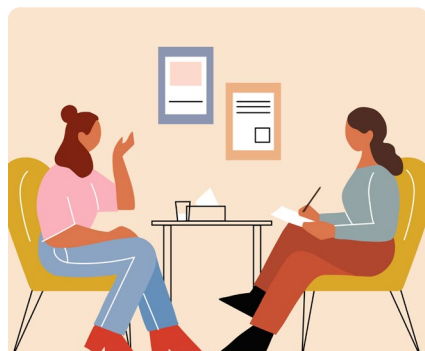
Join Tenants to Homeowners (TTH) to learn about the steps to buying a home, why credit matters, the types of mortgage loans available, and more! The workshop is sponsored in part with US Bank. A HUD approved workshop certificate is issued when you finish the workshop. Attending a workshop is a requirement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

Job Interview Clinic

TUE | Aug 11 | 4–6 PM | Meeting Room A

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

Learn job interviewing best practices and immediately put them to use with mock interviews. Staff from Catholic Charities will provide practical information and hands-on learning experiences for job seekers at all career stages. Laptops are available for checkout, and attendees are welcome to bring a laptop or print a paper copy of their resume. Need more information? Ask Liz: lstuewe@lplks.org.



BOOK CLUBS

Queer Book Club

MONTHLY | 1st SAT | 4–5 PM
Meeting Room A

Have a little PRIDE in your reading! Discuss a variety of genres: memoirs, graphic novels, fantasy, contemporary fiction, and more! Stories center authors or characters with queer identities. We chat books, but one main goal is to provide a safe space for LGBTQIAP+ folks who deserve to see a version of themselves in a book. Allies looking to expand their bookish horizons are welcome, too!

May 2 | *Atmosphere*
Jun 6 | *The Picture of Dorian Gray*
Jul 11 | *The Everlasting*
Aug 1 | *The Unworthy*



Thriller Thursday Book Club

MONTHLY | 3rd THU | 6:30–8 PM
Auditorium

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. Christina has more info: cjames@lplks.org.

May 21 | Appalachian Horror
Jun 18 | Queer Fear
Jul 16 | Hack + Slash
Aug 20 | Techno Horror

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.

May 17 | Remote & Rural Settings
Jul 19 | Based on Real Events



Third Thursday Book Club

MONTHLY | 3rd THU | 7–8:30 PM
Lawrence Beer Co. West
4811 Bob Billings Pkwy

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.

May 21 | *Emma*
Jun 18 | *The Everlasting*
Jul 16 | *Atmosphere*
Aug 20 | BYOB! Best of Summer Reading!

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.

May 27 | *All My Puny Sorrows*
Jun 24 | *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*
Jul 29 | *Unsheltered*
Aug 26 | TBD



Nature Book Club

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

Come discuss both fiction and nonfiction books connected to the natural world. Share what you're reading and get some new book recommendations from Jake and Shirley. Looking ahead, we'll meet the 2nd TUE before the change of season. Shirley has info: sbraunlich@lplks.org.

Jun 9 | Summer meeting

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.

May 12 | *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

Jun 9 | *Saltcrop*

Jul 14 | *Red City*

Aug 11 | *The Left Hand of Darkness*



HEALTH SPOT +

Demystifying Death

SAT | Jun 13 | 11 AM-12:30 PM

Auditorium

Death is one of the only experiences we all share, and yet it's something that we rarely talk about. Join us for an open, meaningful conversation with Carol Rubino, a certified end-of-life doula. We'll explore customs and rituals surrounding the "The Farewell Journey" and learn about the work of death doulas. Whether you are currently navigating a loss, caregiving for a loved one, or simply curious about the mystery of the end, this program offers a safe space for reflection, education, and connection. Questions? Ask Gabby: gboyle@lplks.org.

Community Resource Clinic

TUE | Jun 16; Jul 21; Aug 18 | 3-5 PM

Lobby

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

Community Blood Center Blood Drive @ LPL

THU | Jun 25 | 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.

Yoga at the Library

SUN | Jun 28; Jul 12; Aug 9

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. No experience or registration needed. Questions? Email Ben at: hbolt@lplks.org.

SMART Recovery Groups

WED | 5-6:30 PM

Meeting Room C and Zoom

Zoom link: bit.ly/4mBhnpU

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, and work towards long-term quality and satisfaction. Join SMART Recovery in-person or online. More info: Bruce Liese: bliese@kumc.edu.

Wellness Wednesdays w/ ALIVE Inc.

MONTHLY | 1st WED | 10 AM-12 PM

Auditorium

Drop in for a low-pressure learning space focused on mental health and connection. You'll learn skills to help you manage and regulate your emotions; decompress with a mindful crafting activity; and share compassionate conversations. Lunch will be provided by the Jax Project and peer support specialists from ALIVE Inc. will be on-site to help navigate life's challenges.

If you can't make it, but still want to meet with peer support specialists, head over to aliveincks.org for info. Gabby's here for questions, too: gboyle@lplks.org.

Recovery Wednesdays with ALIVE Inc.

MONTHLY | 3rd WED | 10 AM-12 PM

Auditorium

If you're navigating mental health or substance use recovery, you don't have to do it alone. Join ALIVE Inc. for a monthly peer-led support group. All are welcome, whether you're just exploring recovery support options, strengthening ongoing recovery, or want to connect with people who understand your experience. All the facilitators have lived experience with recovery and use a secular, inclusive approach. Lunch will be provided by the Jax Project. No registration required. Questions? Ask Gabby: gboyle@lplks.org.

Lifelines Brain Injury Support Group

MONTHLY | 2nd FRI | 4-6 PM

Meeting Room A or Online

If you or a loved one have had a brain injury of any kind (TBI, stroke, anoxic injury, etc.), this group is for you. LifeStreams staff are dedicated to creating an open, informative environment where community members connect, share resources, feel encouraged, lifted up, and heard. Virtual options are available if you can't attend in person. Gabby has more info: gboyle@lplks.org.

KanCare Enrollment Support w/ GraceMed

MONTHLY | Last THU | 10 AM-12 PM

Lobby

KanCare offers free or low-cost health insurance for low-income families with children, elderly and pregnant people, and persons with disabilities. Need help enrolling? A GraceMed Outreach staff member will be available to assist families with the application process, or who are new applicants, and yearly reviews. Got questions? Ask Gabby: gboyle@lplks.org.

Life Skills Support Group w/ Independence Inc.

TUE | Jun 9, 23; Jul 7, 21; Aug 4, 18
11 AM-12 PM | Meeting Room B

Connect with your peers and learn the basics of skills like sewing, cooking, first-aid, budgeting, and home maintenance in a safe, judgement free zone! There will be step-by-step instructions with photos, videos, and hands-on practice so that group members can learn in a variety of different ways. All supplies are provided by the instructor. This group is open to anyone in Douglas, Franklin, or Jefferson counties with a disability. No registration needed. For folks new to Independence, Inc.'s services, a brief intake form will be filled out at the first session. A virtual option is available if you can't participate in person. Gabby can answer questions: gboyle@lplks.org.

TECHNOLOGY

Computer Basics

FRI | May 1; Jun 5; Jul 3; Aug 7
10-11:30 AM | Meeting Room C

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

This introductory course offers a hands-on foundation for navigating modern tech. We will be going over Windows 11 with laptops provided, but you are welcome to bring your own device.

Search & AI

FRI | May 8; Jul 10 | 10-11:30 AM
Meeting Room C

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

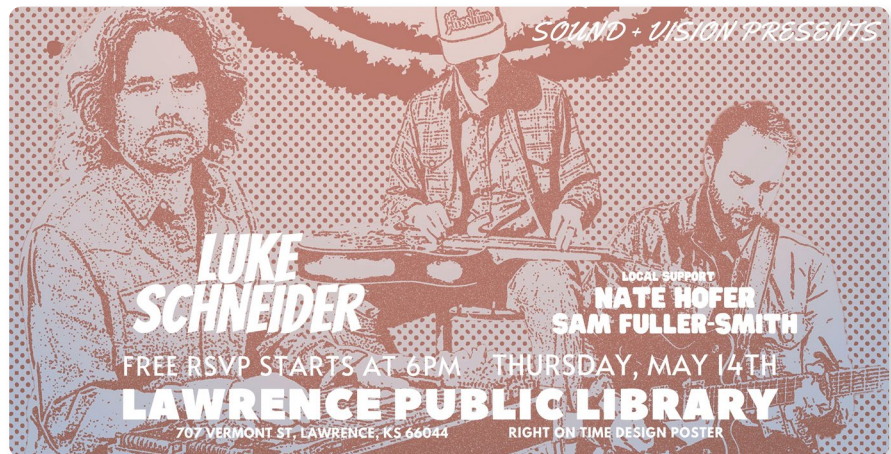
Learn how to search the internet with best practices as well as how to use AI with practical prompts that may end up part of your daily routine.

Stay Safe Online

FRI | Jun 12; Aug 14 | 10-11:30 AM
Meeting Room C

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

Improve your digital security by learning the essentials of password management and practical tips for staying safe online.



SOUND+VISION

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Ambient Americana Pedal Steel Concert

THU | May 14 | 6-8 PM | Auditorium

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

Luke Schneider is a Nashville-based pedal steel artist whose ambient and meditative, drone-based compositions transform the instrument's traditional country role into immersive soundscapes. His releases on Third Man Records, Leaving Records, and Northern Spy position him at the forefront of modern experimental pedal steel. With sets from Sam Fuller-Smith and Nate Hofer, join us for an evening of ambient, new-age Americana pedal steel playing.

780s Songwriters Circle

WED | Jun 10 | 6-7:30 PM | Auditorium

Chris Molla hosts an intimate night of music and conversation. This series pulls back the curtain on the creative process, featuring three local songwriters sharing the stage to perform their original work and dive into the "how" and "why" behind their craft. Expect a unique blend of live performances followed by a deep-dive Q&A session where the artists answer your questions about songwriting, inspiration, and the life of a performer.



RETROACTIVE RETIREES



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We add new events all the time. The best way to stay updated is to sign up for our eNewsletter. Email Lorel with any questions and to get on our mailing list:

retirement@lplks.org

Tech Club and Wine Around the World are taking a break for the summer. They'll be back in September.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Poetry Workshop w/ Annette Billings

MON | Jun 8 | 1:30-2:30 PM
Meeting Room C

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

Get your creativity flowing in this special session with Annette Billings. Using her engaging exercises, she'll help you discover your inner poet.

Wine Trail

Dates & times at lplks.org/retirement

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

Summer is perfect for wine tasting! Join fellow retirees as we explore wineries near Lawrence.

Jun | Just Beyond Paradise Winery

Jul | Trivedi Winery

Aug | Bluejacket Winery



Table for Two w/ Chef Paige Vandegrift

TUE | Jul 28 | 5-6 PM | Zoom

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

Paige Vandegrift taught sold-out cooking classes at the Merc for several years. This special online cooking class focuses on seasonal food prepared for the smaller household. We'll send you the recipe in advance and you can cook along with Paige, or simply sit back and take notes. Thanks to Weaver's Home Shop for sponsoring this wonderful series.

ONGOING EVENTS

Coffee Break

FRI | Jun 5-Aug 21 | 10-11 AM

Zoom

Email to sign up: retirement@lplks.org
No programs 6/26; 7/31; 8/28

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 make friendships.

Stitch & B*tch

MON | Jun 15; Jul 20; Aug 17 | 2-4 PM
Meeting Room C

Free, but registration requested; 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.

Gray Anatomy: Surviving the Epidemic of Loneliness

TUE | Jun 16 | 4-5 PM | Zoom

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

We spend time and money on our physical health, but what about our emotional well-being? Join a very special presentation by Lou Flessner, a retired pastor who works with friends from many traditions to restore Rights of Passage into elderhood and form elder circles in local communities. Lou will share about elder circles and focus on the skill and importance of building friend-ship as we age.

Dessert & A Movie

THU | Jun 18; Jul 16; Aug 20 | 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! Find out what movie we'll discuss at lplks.org/retirement.

Fun & Games

FRI | Jun 26; Jul 31; Aug 28 | 10 AM-12 PM
Auditorium

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

Meet up for board games, camaraderie, and making friends. You bring the good convo; we'll bring coffee, tea, and snacks.

Pop-Up Programs!

In-person

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

Join us for field trips, tours, social events, musical programs, and presentations. It's a great way to experience community and make new friends. For details or to get on the email list: retirement@lplks.org.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer Reading Kickoff Party: Dinosoccer!

All Ages

THU | May 21 | 6-8 PM | Library Lawn

A huge thank you goes to McGrew Real Estate for making a super community party possible!

Summer Reading is officially here, and we're celebrating with Dinosaurs. Playing. Soccer. Join us for the ultimate Summer Reading kickoff featuring **beats** (live DJ sets from KJHK), **eats** (free cookies from Eileen's; for sale are Minsky's Pizza and Free State beer), and **feats** (larger-than-life bubbles, crafts, games, and giveaways!) Don't miss out on the weirdest, coolest kickoff in town. Come for the giveaways, stay for the soccer-playing dinosaurs, and leave ready to read all summer.

Last Bash: Breakfast Before Time



All Ages

Sat | Aug 15 | 10-11:30 AM | Library Lawn

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We're throwing the ultimate prehistoric pancake party! Come celebrate the end of Summer Reading with Chris Cakes, who'll be serving stacks of pancakes alongside very special guests—a roaming herd of inflatable dinosaurs! Whether you're a T. Rex-sized eater or a lil' Raptor, grab a plate and snap a selfie with our prehistoric pals. Want to join the herd? We encourage you to wear your own favorite dino costume and help celebrate your reading victories before the season goes extinct.

Scavenger Hunt: Dino Dashers Assemble!

All Ages

Jun 1-Jul 31 | Various locations

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The Dino Dasher's big match is about to start, but the team's jerseys are missing! Ten of the jerseys have been spotted in parks around town, but the location of the goalie's shirt is a mystery. Your Mission: Visit our local parks to find the missing jerseys. Each one you find will help you get closer to locating the goalie's jersey. Once the jerseys have been found, the team will be ready to play, and you'll win a prehistoric prize! Full instructions for this year's park hunt will be available online starting June 1.



Fun Stuff Fridays

Grades 6–12

FRI | Jun 5–Jul 17 | 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 5 Dino Relays

Jun 12 Murder Mystery Party by In Cahoots Murder Mysteries

Jun 26 Circus School w/ Sikha Ann Destroy

Jul 3 Laser Tag

Jul 10 Jurassic Park Party

Jul 17 K-Pop and Idol Zumba w/ LUX

Teen Lock In: Art Heist

Grades 6–12

FRI–SAT | Jul 24–25 | 7 PM–7 AM

Free, but registration required; sign up online or at 785-843-3833. Application and parent or guardian permission form required.

Get ready for the heist of a century! This year's Teen Summer Lock-In is going to be an event to remember. Pick your team, plan your route, and plot your escape. This after-hours event will take place all night long, though an option to leave at 11 PM will be available for any teens who don't want to stay for the entire event. We'll play capture the painting, make our own masterpieces, and more!

ONGOING EVENTS

Chess at the Library: Youth Edition

Grades 2–12

MONTHLY | 1st Sun | 1–3 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Join fellow Chess enthusiasts for a free community chess gathering on the first Sunday of each month in the Readers' Theater. All skill levels are welcome; bring your own board or use one of ours. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of open play with friendly competition. Meet new people, sharpen your skills, and enjoy a classic game in a welcoming environment.



Pokémon League

Ages 8–18

THU | Jun 18; Jul 16; Aug 20 | 3:45–5:15 PM

Readers' Theater

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!

Teen Gaming Tournament

Grades 6–12

MONTHLY | 4th SUN | 1–3 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Compete monthly against fellow gamers. Games include *Mario Kart 8*, *Ultimate*, *Super Smash Bros.*, and more.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Grades 6–12

MONTHLY | 2nd MON | Jun 8; Jul 13

4–5 PM | Readers' Theater

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

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!

TAB Presents Art Club

Grades 6–12

MON | Jun 22; Jul 27 | 3:30–5 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Hang out with members of Teen Advisory Board (TAB)! Art Club is run by TAB and aims to promote creativity by teens for teens. No TAB membership required! We'll start with a 30-minute TAB meeting, then move on to creative shenanigans. We'll have a specific project in mind weekly, but you're welcome to bring your own. Themes, activities, and projects are all decided by TAB members.

TTRPG Club: D&D & More!

Grades 6–12

THU | Jun 11, 25; Jul 9, 30 | 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 epic adventures. First-timers and seasoned adventurers welcome. Inquisitive questers will play either 5th edition *Dungeons and Dragons* or *Kids on Bikes*. *D&D* suits rules-loving players; *Kids on Bikes* is a fantastic intro to tabletop games. Players assigned by preference, experience, and availability. *D&D* requires finished 5th edition sheets; *Kids on Bikes* players create sheets at TTRPG. Mallory's got info: mpearson@lplks.org.

Magic: The Gathering Club

Grades 6–12

TUE | Jun 23; Jul 7 | 3–4:30 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Learn, play, and win at *Magic: The Gathering Club*. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting your journey, this club is for you. Cards are provided for players without their own decks.

KIDS

Ages 0–11



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Story Stroll

All Ages

Jun 1-Jun 29 | South Park

Jul 2-Jul 31 | Deerfield

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 *Dino-Soccer* by Lisa Wheeler. Our bilingual book for July this year is *How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?* by Jane Yolen.

Todas las edades

1 de junio-29 de junio | South Park

2 de julio-31 de julio | Deerfield

¡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 *Dino-Soccer* by Lisa Wheeler. Nuestro libro bilingüe para julio de este año es *How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?* by Jane Yolen.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Books & Babies Social Hour

Ages 2+

WED | Jul 29 | 10:30-11:30 AM

Readers' Theater

To celebrate caregivers and do something extra special for them, we're having a little social hour. Mix up your own mocktail, do a craft, chat with other caregivers. We'll have toys for the little ones to play with, and bubbles, too, of course!

Bookworms & Waterbugs

Ages 2+

FRI | Jun 12; Jul 10 | 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Outdoor Aquatic Center

(727 Kentucky Street)

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

Dance Party for Littles

Ages 0-5

FRI | May 29; Jul 24 | 10:30 AM-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.

Dinosaur Snacktivity

Ages 5-11

TUE | Jun 16 | 2-3 PM

FRI | Jul 31 | 2-3 PM

Auditorium

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

Stomp, chomp, and ROOOAR your way into the library for dino snacks, games, and crafts! Explore different dinosaur snacktivities on June 16 and July 31.

Stuffie Storytime & Clinic

Ages 3+

TUE | Jul 28 | 10:30-11:15 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 stuffie from our friends at LMH Health.



PERFORMERS

Science Heroes: Digging It

All Ages

MON | Jun 1 | 10:30-11:15 AM
Auditorium

Unearth your love for science in this fun and interactive S.T.E.M. show for the whole family. With help from audience volunteers, we'll conduct exciting experiments about the changing states of matter, pressure, and more – while raising a shovel to scientists who work with dirt! If you didn't already love science, you'll really 'dig it' after seeing Science Heroes in action!

Dino O'Dell: Unearth a Story

All Ages

MON | Jun 8 | 10:30-11:15 AM
Auditorium

Journey back in time to 550 million years ago, when life began on planet Earth! We'll explore the Paleozoic, the Mesozoic, and the Cenozoic eras—marine life to dinosaurs to mammals—with an interactive, animated, musical show.

STEMusic!

Ages 5-11

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

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

Stone Lion Puppet Theater Presents: 1000 Cranes & The Tiny Roar

All Ages

MON | Jun 22 | 10:30-11:15 AM
Auditorium

A puppet show inspired by the ancient belief that if you can fold one thousand origami birds, your wish will come true! Join us for a choose-your-own-adventure tale full of wishes, silliness, and surprises!



Operation Wildlife: Raptor Show!

All ages

MON | Jun 29 | 10:30-11:15 AM
Auditorium

We'll have live animals, including a mixture of hawks, falcons, and owls, for a total of five or six raptors. The audience members will learn about the hunting habits and adaptive characteristics of these incredible birds!

Mad Science: Spin, Pop, Boom

All ages

MON | Jul 6 | 10:30-11:15 AM
Auditorium

Mad Scientists will defy gravity in this energetic and spectacular special event! Get ready for fascinating sounds, spins, and an explosion of foam!

123 Andrés

All ages

MON | Jul 13 | 10:30-11:15 AM
Auditorium

Join the GRAMMY-winning bilingual duo 123 Andrés for a lively concert filled with music, rhythm, and audience participation. With catchy tunes and high-energy fun, this dynamic performance invites families to sign, clap, and dance together en español y en inglés.

What If Puppets Presents: T-Rex Took My Toothbrush

All ages

MON | July 20 | 10:30-11:15 AM
Auditorium

A paleontologist discovers a dinosaur egg—and when it hatches, he suddenly becomes the surrogate parent of a baby T-Rex! This playful, wordless show uses comedic movement, original music, and plenty of silly surprises to tell a heartwarming story about an unusual but loving family.

SUMMER CLUB IMAGINARIUM

Ages 8-11

MON | Jun 1-Jul 20 | 2-3 PM

Weekly we'll explore our summer reading theme, "Read, Score, ROAR!" with dinosaur bones, science experiments, soccer, and snacks/crafts from all over the world. We'll be joined by some incredible special guests, including the KU Natural History Museum, Mad Science, and Topeka Zoo!

Grand Soccer Kick-Off!

Ages 8-11

MON | Jun 1 | 2-3 PM | Library Lawn

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

This Summer, Imaginarium adventures start with a grand kick-off—literally! To celebrate the World Cup, we'll head out to the library lawn, learn some soccer moves from a professional coach, and score some epic goals! Wear something you aren't afraid to go a little wild in.

Kansan Fossils w/ KU Natural History Museum

Ages 8-11

MON | Jun 8 | 2-3 PM
Auditorium

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

Join us as we learn from the KU Natural History Museum about Kansan fossils, our state dinosaur, and how dinosaur bones are preserved and uncovered. We'll have the chance to look at replicas and real dinosaur fossils, and even get to 'make' some fossils of our own!

Davidious the Dino w/ Mad Science

Ages 8-11

MON | Jun 15 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

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

Embark on an expedition with Mad Science! As we search for fossils, we'll come across underwater volcanoes, mini explosions, and roars from millions of years past.



Afrobeats w/ Maya Tilman-Rayton Director of Dance at KU

Ages 8-11
MON | Jun 22 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

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

Algeria has chosen Lawrence as their base camp for the World Cup! To celebrate, we'll be learning moves from Maya!

Dino Descendants w/ Topeka Zoo

Ages 8-11
MON | Jun 29 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

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

Join us as we learn about animals that descended from dinosaurs, animals that descended from other prehistoric critters, and animals that are modern dinosaurs in their own right. The Topeka Zoo will be bringing some creatures that harken back to Earth's distant past.

Around the World in Snacks & Crafts

Ages 8-11
MON | Jul 6 | 2-3 PM
Auditorium



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

As the World Cup continues, we'll go on a journey around the world and explore different cultures through their snacks and crafts. Each country has its own special traditions and treats, and during a special Imaginarium session, we'll explore those in a hands-on way.

Dino Soccer Cookies w/ Eileen's Colossal Cookies

Ages 8-11
MON | Jul 13 | 2-3 PM
Auditorium

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

What's better than a cookie? A dino soccer cookie! Eileen's hosts a very special cookie decoration session where you become a patissier for the day, then enjoy the fruits (or should we say cookies) of your labor.



Dino Soccer Drawing w/ Matt Lord

Ages 8-11
MON | July 20 | 2-3 PM
Auditorium



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

To close out the summer club season and say 'farewell!' to the World Cup, Matt Lord will help us draw some dinosaur soccer masterpieces. It's the perfect keepsake to remind you later of this very special, international soccer-filled season.

SUMMER CLUB WEDNESDAY WONDERS

Ages 5-7
WED | Jun 3-Jul 22 | 2-3 PM
Dinosaurs and soccer are taking over LPL this summer and Wednesday Wonders will have BOTH. Our theme this year is *Read, Score, ROAR!* and we'll be doing a little bit of both with some of the best community partners in town! Programs can get messy and wiggly, so wear something you aren't afraid to go a little wild in.

Dinosaurs @ KU Natural History Museum

Ages 5-7
WED | Jun 3 | 2-3 PM
KU Natural History Museum
(1345 Jayhawk Blvd)



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

Take a trip to the best place in Lawrence to see real dinosaurs: KU Natural History Museum! We'll get a tour, learn about dinos, and have an hands-on activity.

Ready, Set, GOAL!

Ages 5-7
WED | Jun 10 | 2-3 PM | Library Lawn

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

The World Cup is here, and we're jumping on the bandwagon! We'll learn a little bit about soccer, practice some soccer moves from a professional coach, and score some epic goals!

Davidious the Dino w/ Mad Science

Ages 5-7
WED | Jun 17 | 2-3 PM
Auditorium

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

Embark on an expedition in search of fossils, then discover underwater volcanoes, mini explosions, and roars from millions of years past.

Afro Dance w/ Maya Tillman-Rayton

Ages 5-7
WED | Jun 24 | 2-3 PM
Auditorium

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

Amazing dancer, choreographer, and teacher Maya Tillman-Rayton from the Arts Center & KU Dance will be joining us for an hour of dancing fun. She'll teach us some moves from Algeria (the World Cup team staying in town) and explore Afro Dance with us!

Topeka Zoo

Ages 5-7
WED | Jul 1 | 2-3 PM
Auditorium



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

Our friends from the zoo are bringing some amazing creatures for us to ooh and aah at. Will some of them be related to dinosaurs? You'll only know if you come!

Dino Watercolor-Along

Ages 5-7
WED | Jul 8 | 2-3 PM
Auditorium

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

Grab a pencil and paintbrush for an art lesson from one of our favorite artists and friends, Matt Lord. He'll help us create the perfect dinosaur watercolor with easy to follow steps!



Decorate a Cookie

Ages 5-7

WED | Jul 15 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

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

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

Read, Score, ROAR Party!

Ages 5-7

WED | Jul 22 | 2-3 PM | Auditorium

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

We explored so much this summer from dinos to cookies to dancing, so we'll wrap up Wednesday Wonders with a party for you! We'll have snacks, friends, and fun!

ONGOING EVENTS & CLUBS

STORYTIMES

Regular Storytimes start on June 1 and are on break starting July 28.

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 sessions on 6/12; 6/19; 7/10; 7/24.

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 storytime and bubble party! Bounce with little ones to enchanting tales, soothing melodies; 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 7/29.

Morris the Monkey and Lauren host this joyous book-filled adventure with early literacy tips, laughter, and fun songs. It's a wiggle-friendly storytime perfect for littles!

Cuentacuentos Spanish Storytime

Todas las edades son bienvenidas;

All ages

BIMONTHLY

1o y 3o Sábados | 10:30-11:00 AM

1st & 3rd SAT | 10:30-11:00 AM

Readers' Theater

No habrá hora del cuento el 7/4. No session 7/4.

¡Acompaña a Yari el primer y tercer sábado de cada mes para una hora de cuentos en español! Join Yari for Spanish language storytime on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month!

CLUBS

Chess at the Library: Youth Edition

Grades 2-12

MONTHLY | 1st Sun | 1-3 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Join fellow Chess enthusiasts for a free community gathering on the first Sunday of each month. All skill levels welcome; bring your own board or use ours. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of open play. Meet new people, sharpen your skills, and enjoy a classic game in a welcoming place.

Kids' Action Club

Ages 8-11

WED | Jun 3, Jul 1 | 4-5 PM | Auditorium

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

Make a difference in your community by joining Kids' Action Club today! We do projects to help make Lawrence better for everyone. Past work includes fundraising for local organizations, raising awareness of community needs, and learning about civics. Kids' Action Club: "Kids working together for a better tomorrow."

Lego Club

Ages 5-11

SUN | Jun 21, Jul 12 | 2-3 PM

MON | Jul 27 | 10:30-11:30 AM

Readers' Theater

Free, but registration required; sign up online or at 785-843-3833. No sessions in August.

Everything's awesome at Lego Club! Bring your imagination, build with our Legos, and display your creations here 'til next month.

Parent Support Group

Parents and kids ages 0-5

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

Readers' Theater

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Pokémon League

Ages 8-18

THU | Jun 18; Jul 16; Aug 20 | 3:45-5:15 PM

Readers' Theater

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

Love playing the Pokémon card game? Want to find new friends who love it, too? Come learn more about the game and stay to play!

Tail Wagging Readers

Ages 5-11

SAT | Jun 13, 27; Jul 11, 25; Aug 8, 22

10:30-11:30 AM

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

SUN | Jun 14; Jul 19 | 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, compare the book with the movie? Eat popcorn? Join our summer book club! Get a copy at the Kid's desk or email Kady: kbischmann@lplks.org.

Jun 14 | *Wild Robot*

Jul 19 | *Artemis Fowl*



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