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Please note: All start times are Central Standard Time. Space is limited.

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Check out our **MCPL YouTube channel** at youtube.com/MCPLMO. We archive a number of our programs here for on-demand viewing.

Frida Kahlo: Dreams, Demons, and Devotion (Zoom) NEW

Frida Kahlo's paintings illustrate the anguish and passion of a fascinating, complicated personal and artistic life. The astonishing works of the Mexican and feminist icon will be looked at through the lens of her ethnicity, disabilities, and political activism, especially emphasizing her engagement with the natural world. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, September 18 6:30 p.m.

Horror Movies That Are So Bad, They're Frightening (Zoom) NEW

Ideally, horror movies are meant to frighten, shock, disturb, or intimidate. But some are so campy, over-the-top, overacted, or low in production value that they become caricatures of the genre. Join Frank Mandosa for a fun look at some of the most (in)famous "so bad that they're good" horror flicks. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, October 29 6:30 p.m.

LatinX in Hollywood (Zoom) NEW

The films of Hollywood's Golden Age offered depictions of Latinx individuals and often featured top Latinx studio talents. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she explores a selection of the studio system's on- and off-screen Latinx talents, discussing their stories, career accomplishments, and challenges during the studio system. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, October 10 7:00 p.m.

Rita Moreno: A Fiery Ambition (Zoom) NEW

Explore the life and career of the charismatic EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, Tony) winner Rita Moreno! From bit parts to her Oscar-winning performance in *West Side Story* to live shows to her work on *The Electric Company*, Rita's star continues to shine brightly as she enters her 90th decade. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, September 25 6:30 p.m.

Rock Revolution of the '70s NEW

Acts such as Led Zeppelin, Stevie Wonder, Elton John, and Fleetwood Mac contributed to a diverse music scene in the 1970s. From rock to pop, soul, progressive rock and straight-out dance music, '70s artists propelled multiple genres to new heights. Join musician Kent Rausch for an exploration of this rock revolution. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, November 9 10:30 a.m.

North Oak Branch

Wednesday, November 6 7:00 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Wednesday, November 20 6:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, September 21 2:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, October 8 6:30 p.m.

Starr Time: A Celebration of Ringo Starr's Contributions to the Beatles (Zoom) NEW

Contrary to popular belief, Ringo Starr was an integral component of the Beatles. This program explains how and why Ringo replaced the band's previous percussionist, Pete Best, and celebrates Ringo's contributions to the Beatles through his personality, singing, drumming, and songwriting. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, November 14 7:00 p.m.

The Beatles in Missouri (Zoom)

The Beatles performed just twice in Missouri, but the Show-Me State shaped the band's history. Join Beatles scholar Aaron Krerowicz for a look at both shows, as well as the band's 1964 stay at Pigman Ranch. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, October 9 7:00 p.m.

The Hollywood Canteen (Zoom) NEW

During World War II, Hollywood went to war alongside America. Many Golden Age films were released to boost morale on the home front, while the stars themselves traveled to entertain soldiers. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek for an exploration of Hollywood's unique approach to entertaining servicemen. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, November 6 7:00 p.m.

History**Margarete Steiff: The Woman Behind the Teddy Bear (Zoom)** NEW

It is common knowledge that President Theodore Roosevelt was the namesake of the iconic Teddy Bear. But the toy was invented by an amazing woman who turned it into one of the most recognizable international brands. Join historian Anette Isaacs as she relates the story of toy maker and business maven Margarete Steiff. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, September 5 7:00 p.m.

On the Road with the Royals Hall of Fame

The Royals weren't Kansas City's first major league team, but they have cemented an enduring legacy in the community. Join the Royals Hall of Fame for history, trivia and a look back at some of the Royals' most memorable moments through objects from the players and team. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch

Thursday, October 3 6:30 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, September 30 6:30 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, September 14 10:30 a.m.

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, September 11 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, September 12 6:30 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Wednesday, October 2 7:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Thursday, October 24 7:00 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Wednesday, October 16 5:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Sunday, November 17 2:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, September 25 6:00 p.m.



Our Very Own: Women in World War II NEW

Join Mary L. Schmidt as she brings the stories and the uniforms of women in World War II to life. She will explore the unheralded contributions that women in the military made to the war effort. You will be introduced to the Kansas girl that inspired cartoonist Milton Caniff's "Taffy Tucker, Army Nurse." For adults.

Antioch Branch

Wednesday, October 23 7:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, October 19 2:30 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, October 24 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, October 28 7:00 p.m.

The Civilian Conservation Corps in Missouri NEW

Join historian Tom Emery as he discusses the lasting legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), one of the hallmark New Deal programs of the Great Depression. Considered one of the most successful government programs in American history, the CCC put millions of young men to work in the 1930s. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Tuesday, September 24 2:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Tuesday, September 24 7:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Wednesday, September 25 6:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Wednesday, September 25 2:00 p.m.

The Exorcism of Roland Doe (Zoom) NEW

Did you know the book and film *The Exorcist* was inspired by an actual case in St. Louis? Join the Missouri State Museum for a look at the case of Roland Doe, and hear how it became the basis for William Peter Blatty's award-winning works. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, September 24 6:30 p.m.

The People of the River's Mouth: In Search of the Missouria Indians (Zoom) NEW

Many people do not realize that Missouri and the Missouri River were named for an indigenous people who once lived here. Join historian Michael Dickey for an overview of Missouria culture and history as well as what happened to the tribe and where they are now. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, November 19 7:00 p.m.

Vaqueros: The Origins of the American Cowboy NEW

Discover the story of the Spanish vaqueros and how their methods of managing and moving livestock on horseback influenced American settlers and gave rise to the American cowboys. For adults.

Lee's Summit and Online

Wednesday, September 25 6:30 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Saturday, September 14 10:30 a.m.

Parkville Branch

Wednesday, October 9 7:00 p.m.

People and Places

Exploring Cuba: Erasing Fears Through Multicultural Education NEW

Join journalist Lewis Diuguid to explore how the use of cultural and professional exchanges with Cubans helped bridge the decades of discord with Americans. Diuguid will share lessons learned from six trips for educators he led to Cuba from 2015 to 2019 after President Obama and Raul Castro began to normalize relations between the two countries. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Tuesday, October 22 11:00 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, September 19 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Friday, September 20 3:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, October 3 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Thursday, September 12 7:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Sunday, October 13 2:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Thursday, October 10 6:30 p.m.



Exploring Lake Michigan and Lake Superior NEW

Join Tom Tucker and Tina Yocum-Magaz as they escape the summer heat and travel the shores of Lake Superior and Lake Michigan. Enjoy the beautiful beaches, lighthouses, and waterfalls of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan and explore parks and attractions in this armchair travel program. For adults.

Green Hills Library Center

Thursday, October 17 6:00 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Saturday, October 12 10:30 a.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, October 19 11:00 a.m.

Riverside and Online

Thursday, October 24 11:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, October 22 2:00 p.m.

Exploring Western Provence (Zoom) NEW

Join the Library for a virtual trip to Western Provence. Roman ruins, Middle Age hill towns, rich wines, lavender fields, and welcoming locals have drawn in artists and tourists in large numbers for 150 years. The past and present are intertwined in this unique area, and we will explore both. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, October 8 7:00 p.m.

BOOKS AND READING

Books and Reading

Book Speed Dating

Your perfect match awaits you—book match, that is! Join us for this adults-only event where Library staff share some of the Library's most desirable books. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, October 28 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, October 24 6:00 p.m.

Buzzworthy Books (Zoom)

Are you interested in what's new on the Library's shelves? Join Reader Services Librarian Angie Strathman to hear about this season's buzzworthy titles and authors. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, November 20 7:00 p.m.



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: More Than Sherlock (Zoom) NEW

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was a prolific writer and created many characters other than Sherlock Holmes and Watson. His works include fantasy and science fiction stories, as well as plays, romances, poetry, nonfiction, and historical novels. This program goes beyond Sherlock and introduces you to Doyle's equally striking works of fiction. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, September 19 6:30 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT



A Christmas Carol with Gerald Dickens: A Special Engagement

Gerald Dickens, the great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens, is returning to MCPL for a live performance of *A Christmas Carol*. In this solo performance, Dickens portrays the voices of nearly all the characters in the Christmas classic. His striking resemblance to his great-great-grandfather and his dramatic rendition brings *A Christmas Carol* to life. Seating is limited for this special live performance. Registration required. A meet and greet with Gerald Dickens will follow the performance. All ages.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, November 9 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 9 7:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Sunday, November 10 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 10 7:00 p.m.

Gerald Dickens Presents:

Sikes and Nancy and The Tale of Captain Murderer NEW

Watch two tales of terror by Charles Dickens come to life as his great-great-grandson Gerald Dickens performs *Sikes and Nancy* and *Captain Murderer*. *Sikes and Nancy* tells the story of a murder from the classic *Oliver Twist*. *Captain Murderer* tells the story of a wealthy Captain with a sinister preoccupation with matrimony. The performance will be followed by a Q&A session. Seating is limited for this special live performance. Registration is required. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Friday, November 8 7:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Friday, November 8 2:00 p.m.

No audio or visual recordings or still photographs are allowed during the performance. For more information, visit www.disckenstourusa.com.

Board Game and Puzzle Swap: Dropoff NEW

Have some board games or puzzles that you're done with? Swap gently used puzzles and games with fellow puzzling and gaming enthusiasts. Please bring in well-maintained puzzles and games in their original boxes with no missing pieces, and a visible image of the completed puzzle or game instructions. For adults.

Antioch Branch Dropoff

Friday, September 13 9:00 a.m.

Swap

Saturday, September 14 2:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center Dropoff

Friday, November 15 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 16 10:00 a.m.

Swap

Monday, November 18 6:30 p.m.

East Independence Branch Dropoff

Friday, September 13 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 14 10:00 a.m.

Swap

Tuesday, September 17 6:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch Dropoff

Monday, September 30 9:00 a.m.

Swap

Tuesday, October 1 6:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch Dropoff

Tuesday, November 12 9:00 a.m.

Swap

Wednesday, November 13 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch Dropoff

Saturday, September 14 2:00 p.m.

Swap

Saturday, September 14 3:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch Dropoff

Friday, November 1 9:00 a.m.

Swap

Saturday, November 2 3:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch Dropoff

Wednesday, November 13 5:00 p.m.

Swap

Thursday, November 14 7:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch Dropoff

Monday, September 16 5:00 p.m.

Swap

Tuesday, September 17 5:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch Dropoff

Thursday, September 19 9:00 a.m.

Swap

Saturday, September 21 11:00 a.m.

Adult Game Night

Enjoy board games and meeting new people? Join us for a fun evening of gameplay and conversation! Come alone or bring a friend! For adults.

Claycomo Branch

Monday, September 30 6:00 p.m.

Monday, October 28 6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 25 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, October 21 6:30 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Tuesday, September 17 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Tuesday, October 8 6:00 p.m.

Adult Tabletop Role-Playing Games

Enjoy tabletop role-playing games and meeting new people? Join us for a fun time of gameplay and conversation! Come alone or bring a friend. For adults.

Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, October 15 6:00 p.m.

Adults Who Geek Trivia

Calling geeks of all kinds! Do you like impressing people with your wide range of nerdy knowledge? Then join us at the Library for trivia. Trivia topics vary. For adults.

Parkville Branch

Thursday, September 26 7:00 p.m.

The Great Puzzle Race NEW

Form a group of four to six friends and race to be the first team to complete the same 500-piece puzzle. At least one adult required per team. Space is limited to six teams. Please have ONE person complete the registration form for the whole team. In the number of people field, please list the number of people on your team. Teams of less than four people may be paired with another team. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, September 16 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, November 14 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Saturday, September 28 2:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Saturday, November 9 3:00 p.m.

Weston Branch

Saturday, September 14 2:00 p.m.

Holidays

Let's Create Tin Art Ornaments NEW

Create bright and festive tin ornaments inspired by Mexican folk art with artist Sarah Hirtzel. Mexican tin art, known as hojalata, dates back to the 16th century. We will work with heavy tin, whimsical and traditional designs, and finish with bright color. All materials provided. Recommended for ages 18 and up. For adults.

Claycomo Branch

Monday, November 4 2:00 p.m.

Dearborn Branch

Tuesday, November 12 7:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Monday, November 25 6:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Monday, November 18 6:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Wednesday, November 6 7:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, November 19 7:00 p.m.

Performance



The Wires: A Fall Equinox Concert NEW

Celebrate the fall equinox with a concert of original, introspective music for cello and violin by The Wires. The duo's music encompasses wide-ranging styles, all infused with the precision of classical form and interspersed with personal storytelling. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, September 23 6:30 p.m.



A Grandfather Unknown (Zoom) NEW

For Pamela Wong, the quest started with a photo of her grandfather posing in front of an early model biplane with Chinese writing across the top. Wong will share how she placed her grandfather's story in the context of world events and how it motivated her to write her family's stories. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Monday, November 4 6:00 p.m.

Adding Your Own Stories to Your Family History (Zoom) NEW

Family history begins with YOUR history. Join Sunny Jane Morton, the author of *Story of My Life: A Workbook for Preserving Your Legacy*, to learn why your stories are worth telling. Discover tips for researching gaps in your memories, how to turn a memory into a good story, and what to leave out. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Monday, October 21 6:00 p.m.

Ancestry Library Edition (Hybrid)

Research your family history with *Ancestry Library Edition*. Search the U.S. Federal Census from 1790 to 1950, as well as immigration, vital, military, court, church, and ethnic records. Explore city directories, Social Security Death Index, and more. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Wednesday, October 9 6:30 p.m.

Archiving a Life Story: How to Preserve Family Records NEW

Your family's records give clues about their lives and what they valued. This program will teach you how to arrange your "stuff" into an organized personal collection. Learn how to preserve documents, photographs, and artifacts to pass your family's story on to future generations. This program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Friday, October 11 2:00 p.m.

Beginning Genealogy (Hybrid)

Learn the fundamentals of beginning a genealogical research project. We will discuss organization, census information, vital records, and where to look for information. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Tuesday, October 1 2:00 p.m.

Brick Wall Discussion Group (Zoom)

Have you hit a brick wall in your genealogy research? You are not alone. Get together with others to share helpful information, network, and gather inspiration to help continue your genealogy project. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Sunday, September 22 2:00 p.m.

Cemetery Art for Genealogy (Hybrid)

Discover the meanings of commonly found tombstone icons with an overview of changes in tombstone materials and design along with some tips to maximize your family research. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Thursday, October 31 2:00 p.m.

Census Records Research (Hybrid)

The U.S. Federal Census is a great place to start tracing your ancestors. Learn what census years are available, the information each contains, and how to access them. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Thursday, October 17 10:30 a.m.

Coffee and Conversations NEW

Join us on the first Friday of each month for coffee and conversations. We will discuss a specific research topic and answer questions in this discussion-led class. This program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Friday, September 6 10:30 a.m.
Friday, October 4 10:30 a.m.
Friday, November 1 10:30 a.m.

FamilySearch (Hybrid)

Get the most out of the FamilySearch website. Learn tips for searching records, using the research wiki, finding family trees, using the Family History catalog, and more. This beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Thursday, September 19 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 29 2:00 p.m.

Finding Your Italian Ancestors: Italian Civil Registration Records (Hybrid)

If you have located where in the home country your ancestors are from, this class will show you how to find and request Italian civil records online to discover more about them. Learn about the history of recordkeeping in Italy, the types of records available, and how to extract information from them. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Saturday, October 5 2:00 p.m.

Findmypast (Hybrid)

Learn to search billions of records to find your ancestors from across the world. Records include U.S. and U.K. censuses, Irish records, and parish records from England and Wales. This class focuses on search tips and the types of records available on Findmypast.com. This beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Tuesday, October 15 2:00 p.m.

Fold3 (Hybrid)

Learn how to use Fold3 to access U.S. military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of veterans. This class focuses on search tips and the types of records available. This beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Wednesday, September 11 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 24 10:30 a.m.

German Special Interest Group (Zoom)

The German Special Interest Group presents and preserves genealogical information about the German regions, traces German ancestors, and fosters a better understanding of the lives they led. The group relies on each individual to participate and discuss the subject matter they know best. All skill levels are welcome. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Sunday, October 20 2:00 p.m.

HeritageQuest (Hybrid)

Learn how to search thousands of resources, from history books to Revolutionary War records, with HeritageQuest Online. This beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Thursday, October 10 10:30 a.m.

Hidden Treasures: Down Yonder: Resources for the South NEW

Were your ancestors one of the first to immigrate through New Orleans? Perhaps your ancestor kept a journal or diary of their lived experiences in the South. Learn more about resources available for researching your Southern ancestors. This program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, November 6 2:00 p.m.

Hidden Treasures: Home Sweet Home NEW

Moving into a new home? Perhaps you have started remodeling your current abode? Whatever the reason may be, you've found yourself questioning the history of your home. Join us at the Midwest Genealogy Center to learn tips and suggestions for places to find the history of your home or land. This program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, September 4 2:00 p.m.

Hidden Treasures: Jackson County Bounty NEW

Repeat after me—977.841, 977.841, 977.841. That's the not-so-secret code (or Dewey Decimal) number needed to unlock the Midwest Genealogy Center's nearly 900 Jackson County, Missouri, resources. Learn more about Jackson County, Missouri, and the bountiful local records available as we celebrate the county's 197th birthday. This program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, September 18 2:00 p.m.

Hidden Treasures: Kindly DIRECT Your Attention NEW

Learning about city directories can open new vistas of understanding to the world of our ancestors and the research potential found within each publication. DIRECT your attention to our treasure trove of city directories, and learn how to use these resources to better understand the places our ancestors called home. This program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, October 16 2:00 p.m.

Hidden Treasures: Midwest Genealogy Center Archival Collections NEW

If archives did not exist, would that mean an event did not occur? Technically, no, but having proof of events and more information about people and institutions makes it harder to disprove. Join us the Midwest Genealogy Center to discuss our archival resources and learn how to use them in your research. This program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, October 2 2:00 p.m.

Hidden Treasures: Tell Me A Story NEW

How many times have you wished you had recorded your elders' stories? It's not too late to digitize and save those memories or record new ones. Join Midwest Genealogy Center staff to learn how to record your family's memories. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, November 20 2:00 p.m.

Homesteading: Land for All (Zoom) NEW

Homestead application papers are great sources of genealogical information. They can paint a vivid portrait of your ancestor's life and efforts to own land. This federal program was open to men, women, and people of all races. It attracted recent immigrants who wanted to achieve the American dream of homeownership. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Monday, September 16 6:00 p.m.

Interlibrary Loan for Genealogy (Hybrid)

Discover how Mid-Continent Public Library's Interlibrary Loan service can help you access resources from other libraries across the country. This is a beginner-level class. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Tuesday, September 3 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23 6:30 p.m.

Introduction to Internet Genealogy (Hybrid)

Discover the best genealogy websites for your research. This beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Thursday, October 3 10:30 a.m.

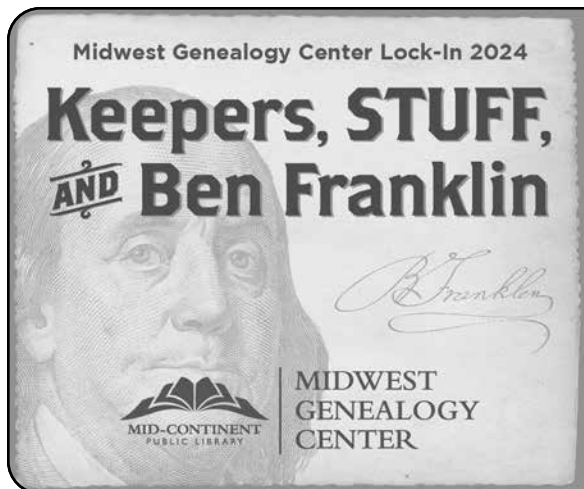
Tuesday, November 12 2:00 p.m.

Introduction to Oral History at the Midwest Genealogy Center NEW

Want to preserve the memories of your loved ones and community before they're gone? Join us for an introduction to the field of oral history and the Library's Tell Me a Story program. Learn how to develop an oral history project, from defining project goals to ethical interview techniques and equipment tips and tricks. This program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, October 30 2:00 p.m.



Lock-In 2024: Beyond the Basics

Join the Midwest Genealogy Center for a night full of research, brand-new classes, and fun! Start the evening off with keynote speaker Kim Alberg's presentation *Keepers, STUFF, and Ben Franklin*. Then, choose from new classes: *From Clues to a Conclusion: Evaluating Evidence in Genealogy*; *Researching House Histories*; *Researching WWI Heroes*; and *Navigating United States Land Records*. Tickets will be \$15. Visit mymcpl.org/genealogy for more information on registration. This is an in-person only event. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Friday, November 15 6:00 p.m.

Irish Records Research (Hybrid)

Learn about Ireland's jurisdictions, online resources, and the information needed to trace your ancestors in Ireland in the early and late Colonial, pre-Famine, and Famine periods. Learn about church records, civil registration, land records, migration, and much more. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Saturday, September 7 2:00 p.m.

Irish Special Interest Group

Anyone with an interest in Irish genealogy is welcome to join this group. Topics will include Irish culture, traditions, immigration, traveling to Ireland, research resources, brick wall questions, and more. This program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, November 2 2:00 p.m.

Irish Special Interest Group (Zoom)

Anyone with an interest in Irish genealogy is welcome to join this group. Topics will include Irish culture, traditions, immigration, traveling to Ireland, research resources, brick wall questions, and more. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Sunday, November 3 2:00 p.m.

Memory Lab Open House NEW

The Memory Lab is a do-it-yourself space that provides equipment for digitizing materials, such as home movies, audio tapes, recipe books, and family photographs. Drop in for a live demonstration of the Lab's digitization equipment where you'll learn more about personal archiving and how to preserve your family memories.

This program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Friday, October 4 1:00 p.m.
Friday, October 25 10:00 a.m.

Native American Research: The "Five Civilized Tribes" (Hybrid)

Do you have Native American ancestors who lived in Oklahoma? If so, they may have been members of one of the "Five Civilized Tribes": Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, or Seminole. Learn how to research your ancestors using U.S. Census and Dawes Rolls records. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Sunday, November 10 2:00 p.m.

Newspaper Research for Genealogy (Hybrid) NEW

Newspapers can be used to find genealogical information, such as birth, marriage, and death records; obituaries; probate cases; and interesting information about your ancestors' lives. Join Midwest Genealogy Center staff to learn about the Library's newspaper resources and beyond. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Monday, October 7 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 13 6:30 p.m.

Not Just Historical Events: Weaving Context into Family Stories (Zoom) NEW

Are you looking to make your stories more compelling? Join us as we delve into finding rich context that makes both personal and genealogical stories more intellectually and emotionally impactful, while leaving a more accurate understanding of history, as well as of "characters" of the past. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Monday, October 14 6:00 p.m.

Periodicals for Genealogy (Hybrid)

Learn how to search for and use periodicals at the Midwest Genealogy Center and other libraries, as another resource in your genealogy research. This is a beginner-level class. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Saturday, November 16 2:00 p.m.

Publishing Your Genealogy Project (Hybrid) NEW

Join Story Center Publication Manager Kyndall Tiller to learn about the options for printing and publishing your genealogy project. She will discuss the different publishing models, from self-publishing to traditional, while highlighting specific opportunities for genealogy publication. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Monday, October 7 2:00 p.m.

Researching Your Civil War Veteran (Hybrid)

Did your ancestor serve in the U.S. Civil War? Discover the resources you need to find your ancestors and learn where those records are located. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Saturday, September 21 2:00 p.m.

Tracing Immigrant Origins (Hybrid)

In order to find 19th- and 20th-century genealogical records in a foreign county, you often need to know your ancestor's hometown. Learn what records exist in the United States to help you find where your immigrant ancestor was born. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Tuesday, October 8 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 21 10:30 a.m.

Tracing Your Native American and Alaska Native Ancestors (Hybrid)

Are there family stories that you have Native American ancestors in your family tree? Learn tips for researching U.S. federal records and other documents that will help you follow a trail to your Indigenous ancestor. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Wednesday, November 13 2:00 p.m.

Unearthing Your Story Through Writing: Part 1 NEW

The Midwest Genealogy Center is partnering with the Kansas City Veterans Write and Veterans Voices Writing Project to present a writing workshop. In Part 1, Virginia Brackett shares her writing journey that produced a family memoir. *In The Company of Patriots* tells the story of her father's death while serving in Korea and its effect on her family. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Friday, October 18 6:30 p.m.

Unearthing Your Story Through Writing: Part 2 NEW

The Midwest Genealogy Center is partnering with the Kansas City Veterans Write and Veterans Voices Writing Project to present a writing workshop. In Part 2, Shana Youngdahl will lead veterans, their families, and allies in a workshop on how to begin or continue writing their veteran-centered stories. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Saturday, October 19 10:00 a.m.

Walkabout at the Midwest Genealogy Center

Take a walk around the Midwest Genealogy Center, and learn about the valuable resources available for genealogy and historical research. Each department will be explored as we tour the building, displays, periodicals, microforms, rare books, maps, and more. This is a beginner-level class. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Tuesday, October 22 2:00 p.m.

Warm Memories: Stories, Cocoa, and Connections NEW

Join us to celebrate Grandparent's Day with cocoa and oral history! We will begin with a short presentation on the importance of oral histories. Then participants will have a chance to record their story. Participation in this program is not limited to grandparents; everyone is welcome. This program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Sunday, September 8 2:00 p.m.

The image shows a 1930 US Census Population Schedule form for Indiana. The form is filled out for a household in the town of Ellettsville, Indiana. The head of the household is Robert Hazy, a 35-year-old male, single, with a high school education, working as a laborer. His wife is Anita S. Douglas, a 32-year-old female, single, with a high school education, working as a housewife. They have several children, including a 10-year-old son named William and a 7-year-old daughter named Joseph. The form also lists other household members like a 15-year-old son named Robert and a 12-year-old daughter named Elizabeth. The form includes columns for name, sex, age, race, marital status, education, and occupation. It also has a section for 'Other persons in household' and a section for 'Persons in household who are not related to the head of household'.

Beginning Genealogy

Learn the fundamentals of beginning a genealogical research project. We will discuss organization, census information, vital records, and where to look for information. This is an in-person beginner-level class. For adults.

- Grain Valley Branch**
Thursday, October 24 2:00 p.m.
- Kearney Branch**
Tuesday, November 12 6:30 p.m.
- Riverside Branch**
Thursday, November 21 11:00 a.m.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The Library is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross to help ensure reliable blood inventories in our area and beyond. To review donor eligibility requirements or make an appointment to donate, visit redcrossblood.org. Please allow an hour for your donation and bring a photo ID. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Wednesday, September 11 1:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, November 29 1:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, November 14 1:00 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Friday, September 20 10:00 a.m.

Friday, November 15 10:00 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, October 25 11:00 a.m.

Platte City Branch

Friday, September 13 10:00 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, November 13 11:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, October 3 11:00 a.m.



Truman Historic District Walking Tour NEW

Explore the Truman Historic District with a National Park Service Ranger. Hear stories and visit sites from Truman's youth, early public service, presidency, and retirement as you traverse the Independence Square and Delaware Street. The tour will begin on the south-side steps of the Jackson County Courthouse (112 W Lexington Ave., Independence, MO 64050). Please wear shoes suitable for walking and dress for the weather. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, September 21 10:30 a.m.

North Independence Branch

Saturday, October 5 10:30 a.m.



Stay up to date on everything happening at the Culinary Center by visiting mymcpl.org/Culinary

Animals and Nature

Bats: Essential to Our Ecosystems (Zoom) NEW

Bats are important as predators of agricultural pests, pollinators, and seed dispersers. Their benefits far outweigh their potential for damage. Join Burr Oak Woods Naturalist Lisa Richter to learn about the 14 species of bats found in Missouri and how you can encourage bats to eat insects on your property. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Tuesday, October 22 6:30 p.m.

Monarch Magic NEW

Learn about the Monarch butterfly's lifecycle and its magical trek to Mexico with a Burr Oak Woods naturalist. Then discover how you can become a citizen scientist by tagging Monarchs and tracking their journey. Ages 10 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch
Tuesday, October 8 7:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch
Saturday, October 26 2:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Tuesday, October 1 7:00 p.m.



Monarch Mania (Zoom) NEW

The monarch is without a doubt one of the most remarkable insects we can enjoy in Missouri. Discover the majesty of this butterfly and learn about the life cycle of the monarch, conservation efforts, migration patterns, and the current population status. Join the mania and learn how you can help! For adults.

Virtual Branch
Thursday, September 26 6:30 p.m.

Technology

Computer Basics: Navigating

Learn how to find apps and organize files on a Windows computer. Laptops will be provided. For adults.

Antioch Branch
Wednesday, September 18 2:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch
Monday, October 28 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch
Wednesday, September 4 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 6 2:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch
Monday, October 7 3:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch
Monday, November 4 3:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch
Tuesday, October 8 4:00 p.m.

Digital Media Literacy NEW

Learn how the information you see online is affected by the way you use the internet and different digital media platforms. For adults.

Blue Springs South Branch
Thursday, September 19 6:30 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center
Wednesday, October 9 6:30 p.m.

East Independence Branch
Tuesday, October 15 2:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch
Saturday, October 5 2:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch
Monday, September 16 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch
Wednesday, September 18 2:00 p.m.

Riverside Branch
Thursday, September 19 11:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch
Thursday, September 12 2:00 p.m.

Withers Branch
Tuesday, October 1 2:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Wednesday, September 11 2:00 p.m.

Go Digital with the Library

Did you know Mid-Continent Public Library has a great selection of digital entertainment resources? Come learn about the free eBooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers, documentaries, and more available from the Library. For adults.

Antioch Branch
Wednesday, November 20 2:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch
Monday, November 18 2:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch
Wednesday, October 16 2:00 p.m.

Withers Branch
Tuesday, October 22 2:00 p.m.

Tech Talk

Whether you are a first-time computer user or have had lots of experience, there are always questions waiting to be asked about technology. Bring your questions to the branch, or just come to listen and learn from other participants. You can bring your own laptop computer or tablet. For adults.

Antioch Branch
Wednesday, October 16 2:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch
Tuesday, September 17 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 15 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 19 2:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch
Monday, September 30 6:30 p.m.
Monday, October 14 6:30 p.m.
Monday, November 11 6:30 p.m.
Monday, November 25 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center
Friday, September 6 10:30 a.m.
Friday, October 4 10:30 a.m.
Friday, November 1 10:30 a.m.

Kearney Branch
Monday, September 16 2:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch
Thursday, November 7 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch
Wednesday, October 2 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 20 2:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch
Monday, November 4 3:00 p.m.

Arts Instruction

Artistic Recycling (MCPL360) NEW

Have fun learning to recycle paper scraps and other items bound for the trash! Explore making paper pulp to create your own decorative papers, build creations using found objects, tape, papier mâché, and more! For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, September 11 7:00 p.m.

Chiefs: Back-to-Back Champions NEW

Celebrate the Chiefs latest Super Bowl win by creating an acrylic painting with A to Z Artistry. Each participant will leave with a 9 x 12 canvas featuring two Lombardi trophies and the Super Bowls the Chiefs have won. All materials provided. Recommended for age 18 and up. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, October 19 2:00 p.m.

Camden Point Branch

Saturday, September 7 10:30 a.m.

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, September 18 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, October 3 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, October 23 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Thursday, October 17 6:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, September 21 11:00 a.m.

Fall Pumpkin Painting (MCPL360) NEW

Celebrate fall with artist Sarah Poff. We'll follow easy step-by-step instructions to create a painting of pumpkins. Materials needed: paint (acrylic, tempera, or watercolor in red, yellow, blue, black, and white), background to paint on (watercolor paper, illustration board, poster board, masonite boards, or canvas), masking tape, brushes (several sizes), a blow dryer, water, paper towels. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, October 30 7:00 p.m.

Let's Draw Meyer Lemons with Chalk Pastels NEW

Meyer Lemons are a year-round favorite with their bright yellow color and elegant shape. Join artist Sarah Hirtzel and learn how to draw them with chalk pastels. No experience with chalk pastels needed. All materials provided. Recommended for ages 18 and up. For adults.

Blue Springs South Branch

Tuesday, September 3 7:00 p.m.

Buckner Branch

Monday, October 14 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, September 9 6:30 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, September 26 7:00 p.m.

Edgerton Branch

Thursday, October 3 7:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, October 23 7:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Wednesday, October 9 7:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Tuesday, October 1 7:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, October 22 7:00 p.m.

Our Spot Painting (MCPL360) NEW

Join artist Sarah Poff and paint the splendor of the moonlight coming though and reflecting on a peaceful camp site. Materials needed: paint (acrylic, tempera, or watercolor in red, yellow, blue, black, and white), background to paint on (watercolor paper, illustration board, poster board, masonite boards, or canvas), masking tape, brushes (several sizes), a blow dryer, water, and paper towels. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, September 18 7:00 p.m.



Shadows and Light in Watercolor (MCPL360) NEW

From sunlight to streetlight, this program will explore painting contrasting value in watercolor. Get inspired by observing artwork; then learn how to use glazing to make a streetlight glow, under-painting to create the darkness of a night sky, and contrast to create a silver lining in the clouds. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, October 16 7:00 p.m.

Tiny Art Show NEW

Hey, adults! Show off your artistic talents and be a part of our Tiny Art Show! Join us to release your inner artist and create your masterpiece. We'll provide a miniature canvas, paint brushes, and acrylic paint. You create a work of art to be displayed in the Library. For adults.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Wednesday, November 13 6:00 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Saturday, November 9 10:30 a.m.

Riverside Branch

Thursday, November 7 11:00 a.m.

Get creative with online art courses from
LinkedIn Learning for Libraries and *Universal Class*.
mymcpl.org/TheArts.

Culinary

Watercolor Collage Altars NEW

Create your own collage altarpiece a la Frida Kahlo. Learn how this beautiful Mexican folk-art can inspire a deeper personal connection to our own individual spirituality using art. Participants may bring their own images, found objects, adornments, and cutouts to use. Collage materials will also be provided. Recommended for age 18 and up. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Saturday, October 12 11:00 a.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Saturday, September 7 1:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, September 14 11:00 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Tuesday, November 19 6:30 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, October 15 6:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, October 26 10:30 a.m.

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, October 23 10:00 a.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Saturday, October 5 10:30 a.m.

Kearney Branch

Monday, September 16 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, November 9 11:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, September 17 6:30 p.m.

Crafts and Hobbies

Loom Knitting NEW

Do you like the look of knitting but dislike the needles? Try out loom knitting by making a slim scarf in this two-week program. Participants should bring one skein of weight number 4 yarn. A limited number of skeins of yarn will be available for use during the class. For adults.

Camden Point Branch

Monday, October 7 6:00 p.m.

Monday, October 14 6:00 p.m.

East Independence Branch

Tuesday, November 12 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19 5:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, October 15 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 22 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Thursday, September 5 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 12 7:00 p.m.

Apple Season Recipes (Zoom) NEW

With apple season in full swing, learn new recipes featuring the quintessential fall ingredient. Culinarian Vanessa Young will demonstrate how to infuse flavors from the orchard throughout your cooking. We will be covering a variety of recipes that incorporate apples including a cider-braised chicken with pan sauce. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, September 12 7:00 p.m.

Autumn Harvest Breads (Zoom) NEW

In the fall, it's finally cool enough to bake! Discover the delights of breads like spiced apple shortcake; a harvest braid with apples, cheese, ham, and walnuts; pumpkin scones with a cream cheese filling; or traditional Irish barm brack for Halloween with Father Dominic, the "Bread Monk." For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, October 2 7:00 p.m.



Autumn Suppers (Zoom) NEW

Cozy soups, braises, and vegetable dishes in the rich colors of fall are perfect for the season. Even leafy greens return in abundance. Learn how to pick the best cool-weather ingredients and turn them into warm and comforting autumn suppers with Culinarian Vanessa Young. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, November 13 7:00 p.m.

Barbeque: An Introduction to the Art of Smoking NEW

Learn the basic smoking techniques used to create mouth-watering barbeque. Certified Barbeque Judge Mel Cole will cover the basics of equipment, fuel, meat preparation, temperature control, recipes, and more. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch

Monday, October 7 5:30 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, October 14 6:30 p.m.

East Independence Branch

Wednesday, November 20 6:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, September 21 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, September 24 6:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, November 2 11:00 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Sunday, September 15 2:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Thursday, November 21 6:30 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, September 17 7:00 p.m.

Tea Tasting Adventure

Embark on a journey to explore the origins of tea and its diverse range of varieties with Alan and Marlys Arnold. You'll also discover the art of brewing the perfect cup and the health benefits associated with this popular beverage. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Saturday, September 7 2:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Thursday, September 12 6:30 p.m.

East Independence Branch

Monday, September 9 6:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Wednesday, October 23 6:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, November 21 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, September 16 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Sunday, November 24 2:00 p.m.

Weston Branch

Saturday, November 9 2:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, November 19 6:30 p.m.

Health and Well-Being

Ask-A-Nurse Biometric Screenings

Join nurses from North Kansas City Hospital for free blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose screenings. Free consultation with a nurse following results. Registration required at nkch.org/healthfair. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, November 7 10:00 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, September 26 10:00 a.m.

Grandview Branch

Friday, November 15 10:00 a.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, November 21 10:00 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, September 13 10:00 a.m.

Basic Yoga

Join this three-week restorative yoga class to learn basic poses and relaxation techniques. All levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or towel. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Wednesday, November 6 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 13 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Tuesday, October 8 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 15 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 22 3:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Thursday, September 12 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 19 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 26 10:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch

Monday, September 16 6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 23 6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 30 6:30 p.m.

Busting Food Myths (Zoom) NEW

Bust through common food and nutrition myths with Registered Dietitian Lindsey Moore. Learn the truth about food and nutrition and its vital role to our health and well-being. Explore ways to better your relationship with food and reject the diet mentality. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, October 15 6:30 p.m.

Chair Yoga

If you've always wanted to try yoga but have trouble with mobility, this three-week chair yoga class is for you. Learn basic poses, simple breathing exercises, and slow-paced stretches. Wear comfortable clothing. For adults.

Blue Springs South Branch

Tuesday, October 22 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5 6:30 p.m.

East Independence Branch

Wednesday, October 23 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6 6:00 p.m.

Fall Herb Walk NEW

Enjoy a fall trail walk where you'll learn about locally abundant medicinal plants with herbalist Robin Flaharty. These walks are suitable for most fitness levels as we proceed slowly, stopping often to take a closer look at the plants we pass by everyday. Wear comfy shoes and dress in layers to be ready for changes in the weather. For adults.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, September 14 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 14 2:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Sunday, September 15 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 15 3:30 p.m.

Gluten-Free Eating (Zoom) NEW

Take a comprehensive look at eating a gluten-free diet for health or weight loss. University of Missouri Extension staff will share practical information about dietary outcomes and popular gluten-free products, as well as tips for altering favorite recipes. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, October 17 6:30 p.m.

High Blood Pressure:

The Silent Killer (Zoom) NEW

Many people with high blood pressure, or hypertension, don't know they have it. It causes damage slowly, often without visible symptoms. It puts you at greater risk for developing other medical conditions. Learn what blood pressure is, why it's important to control it, and steps to manage it. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, September 17 6:30 p.m.

Mental Wellness is a Muscle (Zoom) NEW

Mental health is something we all have, but mental wellness is something we must strengthen and practice regularly. Join us to learn about mental wellness, the impact of stress on the body, understanding our own emotions, as well as ways you can strengthen your mental wellness with simple self-care and coping skills. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, November 12 6:30 p.m.

Mindful Breathing and Guided Meditation NEW

Join Certified Yoga Teacher Amber Sexton to learn how to use mindful breathing and guided meditation to promote emotional balance and focus, release stress, and promote personal growth. Participants are welcome to bring a yoga mat so they may lie down for breath work and meditation, or you may sit in the chairs provided. For adults.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, November 7 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, October 24 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Sunday, October 20 2:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Saturday, November 16 11:00 a.m.

Personal Finance



Take Control of Your Life with Mindfulness NEW

Mindfulness is the habit of living in the moment and appreciating what you are presently doing instead of thinking of the past or worrying about the future. This presentation offers simple strategies to increase your mindfulness and why this is beneficial to your health. For adults.

- Blue Ridge Branch**
Thursday, November 7 6:00 p.m.
- Colbern Road Library Center**
Monday, November 11 6:30 p.m.
- North Oak Branch**
Wednesday, September 4 7:00 p.m.
- Woodneath Library Center and Online**
Friday, November 1 10:00 a.m.

Citizen Education Against Scams and Exploitation NEW

Do you know how to identify common scams? Do you know what to do if you think you have been the victim of a scam? Join Clay County Prosecutor Zachary Thompson to learn how to identify scammers, handle potential harassment, and take the appropriate steps if you have been targeted. For adults.

- Antioch Branch**
Friday, September 20 10:00 a.m.
- Claycomo Branch**
Tuesday, September 10 10:00 a.m.
- Excelsior Springs Branch**
Thursday, October 10 7:00 p.m.
- Kearney Branch**
Monday, September 23 6:30 p.m.
- North Oak Branch**
Wednesday, September 11 7:00 p.m.
- Smithville Branch**
Monday, September 16 10:30 a.m.
- Woodneath Library Center**
Wednesday, October 30 2:00 p.m.

Medicare Educational Seminar

Learn about the 2024/2025 Medicare changes; what original Medicare covers; and the real differences between Part C, Part D, and Medicare supplement plans. For adults.

- Blue Ridge Branch**
Tuesday, October 22 10:00 a.m.
- Blue Springs North Branch**
Thursday, October 10 6:30 p.m.
- East Lee's Summit Branch**
Wednesday, October 23 10:30 a.m.
- Grain Valley Branch**
Thursday, October 17 2:00 p.m.
- Grandview and Online**
Wednesday, October 9 3:30 p.m.
- Riverside Branch**
Thursday, October 10 11:00 a.m.
- Woodneath Library Center**
Wednesday, October 16 2:00 p.m.

Medicare Part D Enrollment Event

Sign up for a one-on-one appointment with a trained Medicare counselor who can answer questions about your Part D or Advantage plan. SHIP is Missouri's State Health Assistance Insurance Program and offers free, confidential, and unbiased Medicare counseling and education to Missouri's Medicare beneficiaries. Call 800.390.3330 to make your appointment. For adults.

- Blue Ridge Branch**
Tuesday, October 29 10:00 a.m.
- Grain Valley Branch**
Saturday, November 16 10:30 a.m.
- Grandview Branch**
Wednesday, October 30 10:00 a.m.
- Platte City Branch**
Monday, October 28 10:00 a.m.
- Raytown Branch**
Friday, November 1 10:00 a.m.
- South Independence Branch**
Friday, October 18 10:00 a.m.
- Weston Branch**
Saturday, October 19 10:00 a.m.

Self-Development

Navigating the Citizenship Process NEW

Join the Library to prepare for the citizenship test administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. We will cover the citizenship application, potential test questions and practice mock interviews. For adults.

- Green Hills Library Center**
Monday, September 16 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 17 6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 23 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 24 6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 30 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 1 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 7 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 8 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 14 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 15 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 21 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 22 6:00 p.m.
- South Independence Branch**
Friday, September 13 3:00 p.m.
Friday, September 20 3:00 p.m.
Friday, September 27 3:00 p.m.
Friday, October 4 6:00 p.m.
Friday, October 11 6:00 p.m.
Friday, October 18 6:00 p.m.

Whether you're trying to understand college loans, preparing for retirement, or just trying to make a smart budget that fits your needs, the Library has the tools for you!

mymcpl.org/MyMoney



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Business

A Culture of Connection (Hybrid) NEW

Join us for “A Culture of Connection,” where we will focus on fostering understanding of identity and promoting inclusion. We will explore topics such as intersectionality, the role of empathy in building inclusive spaces, and strategies for embracing diversity. For adults.

North Independence and Online

Tuesday, November 12 1:00 p.m.

AI and Email Marketing Campaigns (Zoom)

Email marketing often gets overlooked as an effective way to reach your target customer, and AI technology can be beneficial. Learn about ways that you can use library databases like *Reference Solutions* to do targeted email blasts to your potential customers. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, September 5 3:00 p.m.

Build Your Business Plan (Zoom)

In this five-week activity-based workshop, participants will learn how to create a business plan using Gale’s Plan Builder database. For adults.

Week 1: Entrepreneur Profile

Week 2: Business Ideation

Week 3: Break-Even Analysis

Week 4: Business Plan

Week 5: Financial Projections

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, September 24 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 15 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 22 4:00 p.m.

Canva Collaboration Meetup NEW

Join Square One for Canva Collaboration Meetup, where creators gather to connect, collaborate, and work on projects. Get assistance from specialists, share ideas, and unleash your Canva creativity. No agenda, just community building and collaboration! For adults.

North Independence Branch

Friday, September 27 9:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Friday, October 25 9:00 a.m.

CapCut Crash Course NEW

Short-form video is a popular and widely used content type. It’s easy to get lost in the maze of where to start and that’s where CapCut comes in. During this program, we will walk you through how to use CapCut, and you’ll walk away with a created video ready to post. For adults.

For adults.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, September 11 2:00 p.m.

Coffee and Coworking NEW

Join us for Coffee and Coworking, an opportunity to mingle with and meet others. Bring your favorite coffee (or support the in-branch coffee shop!) as you work in the Library’s community room. Connect with new faces, catch up with old friends, and forge valuable business and career connections. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Friday, November 8 9:00 a.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Friday, October 11 9:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Friday, September 13 9:00 a.m.

Creating Your Brand

Do you know your brand’s story? Let Cynthia Fails lead you through this 90-minute exploration of your brand by helping you understand the relationship between businesses and customers, your business story, and how to effectively communicate that story to your customers. For adults.

East Independence Branch

Wednesday, October 16 5:30 p.m.

Keeping a Profitable Business (Zoom)

Spreadsheets got you down? Join us for a small group working session to get back to the basics of business finance. We know not everyone spends their day working on a computer, so we’ll start off working the numbers on paper and work our way up to introducing basic applications. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, October 30 1:00 p.m.

Resources for Business Owners and Career Seekers (Zoom) NEW

It takes hard work to level up in your business or your career. Square One is here to help! In this program, you’ll learn about all the resources available to you through Square One Small Business Services and walk away with a toolkit to help you in your journey. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, September 3 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 1 10:00 a.m.

Friday, November 1 10:00 a.m.

Simple Ways to Use AI in Your Business (Zoom)

AI has become an essential tool for businesses in any industry. Many of the tools you are already using will be integrating AI features if they have not already. Learn about ways to leverage AI to work smarter not harder. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, October 4 11:00 a.m.

Social Media Content Batching

Are you overwhelmed by the amount of content you know you SHOULD be creating and posting? What if we told you there was a secret to posting consistently online without the burden of creating something new every day? Join Alaina Meekins-Kent as she shows you the technique of Social Media Content Batching and how you can apply it to save you hours in your marketing efforts. For adults.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, September 25 5:30 p.m.

Square One Outreach Day NEW

Square One Small Business and Career Services supports local entrepreneurs and career seekers through access to information and programs. Stop by to learn more about our program offerings and how you can schedule a one-on-one appointment with one of our business and workforce specialists. We'll be at your branch to connect with you and share resources. For adults.

Dearborn Branch

Friday, October 18 10:00 a.m.

Summits at the Summit: Self-Care NEW

With the busy holiday season approaching, it's important to take a step back to make sure you feel confident and relaxed. Join us for interactive self-care activities like yoga and breathwork, plus breakout sessions on topics like balance, and mind mastery as well as a moderated panel on "Self-Care Hot Takes." Lunch is provided. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, September 19 9:00 a.m.

The Networked Professional NEW

If you immediately withdraw when you hear the word "networking," you're not alone. It doesn't come naturally to everyone, but it can be greatly beneficial to building your system of connections and accomplishing your goals. Join Square One in a structured social event to learn how to network with the intention of building relationships first, not revenue. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, October 3 6:00 p.m.

Careers and Education

Career Corner: Career Transitioning NEW

Square One is here to guide you through the complexities of changing career paths. We'll explore methods for identifying new opportunities, leveraging your transferrable skills, and confidently embracing the change. Whether you're contemplating a shift or actively seeking change, this session provides the tools and support to take the next steps in your professional journey. For adults.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, October 2 11:00 a.m.

Career Corner: Professional Branding and Online Presence NEW

Join Square One and learn how to Enhance your professional identity and make a lasting impression in the digital age. You'll gain insights into effectively showcasing your skills and experiences, and developing a consistent personal brand to ensure you stand out to potential employers and networks. For adults.

Green Hills Library Center

Wednesday, November 6 12:00 p.m.

Career Corner: Work-Life Balance NEW

Join Square One as we delve into practical strategies for achieving a healthy relationship between your professional and personal life. We will dig into self-awareness, mindset, and more. This full-day event is designed to help you enhance both your well-being and productivity, ensuring a more fulfilling career and personal life. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Wednesday, September 4 10:00 a.m.

How to Set Boundaries with Confidence (Hybrid) NEW

How do you reduce stress, quit people-pleasing, and stop over-committing? Clearly communicated boundaries. Join confidence coach and boundaries expert Megan Reed to learn about what boundaries are (and aren't), why they're important, and how you can start implementing them in your work and life. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center and Online

Wednesday, October 23 4:00 p.m.

Identifying and Communicating Your Skillset for Career Success NEW

Join Career Coach Victorie Kelley for an introduction to career exploration tools and exercises designed to help you identify your skills, interests, personality, and values. Participants will learn how to align this knowledge to finding a career that fits, plus how to communicate their value to a future employer. For adults.

Riverside Branch

Thursday, October 17 3:00 p.m.

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Identifying and Communicating Your Skillset for Career Success (Hybrid) NEW

Join Career Coach Victorie Kelley for an introduction to career exploration tools and exercises designed to help you identify your skills, interests, personality, and values. Participants will learn how to align this knowledge to finding a career that fits, plus how to communicate their value to a future employer. For adults.

Blue Springs North and Online
Thursday, September 26 2:00 p.m.

Blue Springs South and Online
Wednesday, November 13 11:00 a.m.

LinkedIn 101 (Hybrid)

Whether you're a recent graduate, a seasoned professional, or looking to transition into a new career, LinkedIn can be a valuable tool to showcase your skills, connect with industry leaders, and discover exciting job opportunities. Join Square One to learn how to make the most out of this powerful professional networking platform. For adults.

North Oak and Online
Tuesday, October 29 2:00 p.m.

Nonprofit Nuts and Bolts (Hybrid) NEW

Kickstart your career in nonprofits with Nonprofit Nuts & Bolts! Discover more about what a nonprofit is (and what it's not), explore the pros and cons of nonprofits, and dive into key career considerations. Leave with valuable insights and resources to fuel your passion and drive change in your community. For adults.

Red Bridge and Online
Thursday, November 14 4:00 p.m.

Square One Frequently Asked Questions

What is a 1-on-1 consultation?

Learn how the Library can help with your business and what kind of resources are available to you by making a 1-on-1 appointment with a Business Specialist or Business Librarian. After filling out the inquiry survey, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to prepare for the appointment. These complimentary consultations are held at one of our Library locations (with some virtual availability) where you will learn how the Library can benefit your business specifically.

What kind of resources are available?

Our Business Specialists have several resources that can be geared toward your business, employees, or group. Resources include topics such as hiring employees, social media marketing, business research, and more.

Are the Square One Small Business services free?

Yes! All Square One services are free, including consultations, presentations, access to research databases, and live events. If there is anything outside the scope of Square One, the business team will be glad to refer you to another organization who can help.

How much can you help me?

While Square One can't run your business for you, the Business Team can help you learn better ways to manage your business. The Library offers a wide range of online resources and live programming to help you make the best of your business endeavors.



Certification

Story Center Critique Group (Hybrid)

Join a community of your writing peers to provide supportive and constructive critique of each other's work. In-person participants should bring five copies of five pages of work, while Zoom participants should bring one to two pages of work. Pages should be in standard manuscript format (12 pt. double-spaced Times New Roman font) and will be shared via Share Screen on Zoom. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

The Story Center and Online

Monday, September 9	6:30 p.m.
Monday, October 7	6:30 p.m.
Monday, November 4	6:30 p.m.

Story Swap (Hybrid)

This open-mic storytelling event is open to anyone! Put your name in the hat for a chance to share a seven-minute story, or just come to enjoy the show. This class is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

The Story Center and Online

Thursday, September 19	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 17	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 21	6:30 p.m.

The Best, First Steps for New and Aspiring Authors (Zoom) NEW

Join Jessie Glenn, Director of Mindbuck Media Book Publicity for an overview of the objectives and specifics of author social media, the concept and point of "Literary Citizenship," the steps between finishing a manuscript and submitting it to agents and publishers, and the value of publishing short pieces. This program is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program as a storytelling elective. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, September 12	6:30 p.m.
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Writing

Story Center Write-In (Hybrid) NEW

Need a quiet space to write? Join us each month for designated time to work on your current project. Whether you join in person or on Zoom, this program will provide an opportunity for you to make progress on your writing as well as provide accountability and consistency for writers who need them. For adults.

The Story Center and Online

Saturday, September 7	1:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 12	1:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 9	1:30 p.m.



Authors

Local Author Fair

It's time for the Story Center's annual Local Author Fair! Bring your holiday shopping list, sip some hot cocoa or cider, and choose from the best of what your local authors have to offer. Please note this program will take place in person on the Woodneath Library Campus. For adults.

The Story Center

Saturday, November 16	1:00 p.m.
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Early Literacy

Babies Who Build

Play is a great way to develop early literacy skills for writing and imagining. Create lasting memories with your young architect as they enjoy building with different blocks. Designed for ages up to 2 years.

Blue Springs South Branch

Friday, September 13 10:00 a.m.

Claycomo Branch

Friday, November 8 10:00 a.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Friday, November 15 9:15 a.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Friday, November 22 10:15 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, September 10 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 8 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 12 10:00 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Friday, October 11 10:00 a.m.

Bee Inspired: Sensory Play NEW

"Bee" inspired by a read-aloud of *The Honeybee* by author Kirsten Hall. Learn about the life of bees and then play like a bee too! Activities will focus on sensory stimulation, crafting, and making their own mini sensory bin kit to take home. Please register participating children only. Ages 4 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, September 7 10:30 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Sunday, September 15 2:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Saturday, November 2 10:30 a.m.

North Independence Branch

Friday, October 4 10:00 a.m.

Platte City Branch

Tuesday, September 3 10:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, November 13 3:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Friday, September 13 10:00 a.m.

Community Heroes Storytime

Hear stories, sing songs, join in movement activities, and create memories with community heroes! Come share an early literacy experience with the whole family and the amazing people who help keep us safe. Designed for children of all ages.

Antioch Branch

Wednesday, October 16 10:00 a.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, November 5 10:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch

Tuesday, October 15 10:00 a.m.

Riverside Branch

Wednesday, October 2 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 9 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 16 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 23 10:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Thursday, September 12 10:30 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Thursday, September 26 10:00 a.m.

Early Literacy Music and Movement

Early Literacy Music and Movement encourages the development of early literacy skills through music, instrument play, and big body movement. This program is a very active session, so make sure to put on your dancing shoes! Ages 3 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch

Friday, November 8 10:00 a.m.

Kearney Branch

Saturday, September 28 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 23 2:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Friday, September 13 10:00 a.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, September 28 11:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, November 9 10:30 a.m.



Early Literacy Music and Movement: Baby Bounce NEW

Families of children ages birth to two years are invited to rock and roll at the Library. Get ready to wiggle, giggle, and have a fun music experience!

Blue Springs South Branch

Friday, October 11 10:00 a.m.

Camden Point Branch

Saturday, November 16 10:30 a.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Friday, October 11 9:15 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Friday, September 27 10:00 a.m.

Early Literacy Music and Movement: Spooky Dance Party NEW

Rattle your bones and stomp your feet to songs and rhymes with a spooky theme. Costumes are optional for this event. Geared for children ages 0-5.

Antioch Branch

Monday, October 14 6:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Saturday, October 26 2:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, October 18 10:00 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, October 29 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 30 10:00 a.m.

Platte City Branch

Tuesday, October 29 10:00 a.m.

Riverside Branch

Wednesday, October 30 10:00 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Thursday, October 31 10:00 a.m.

Weston Branch

Wednesday, October 30 10:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, October 31 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 31 10:30 a.m.

Hear stories, sing songs, join in movement activities, and create memories together. Designed for children of all ages, MCPL storytimes help build early literacy skills.

Find schedules at
mymcpl.org/Storytime.



Pajama Storytime

Put on your PJs and enjoy a family storytime at the Library. We'll sing songs, play with bubbles, and share a bedtime story. Ages 2 and up.

Antioch Branch

Monday, September 23 6:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Thursday, November 21 10:00 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Wednesday, September 18 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, September 5 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 3 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 7 6:30 p.m.

East Independence Branch

Wednesday, September 11 10:00 a.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, September 11 6:30 p.m.

Monday, November 11 6:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, November 12 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 13 10:00 a.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, November 20 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 21 10:00 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Tuesday, November 12 6:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, September 3 6:30 p.m.

Play and Learn

Enjoy a special preschool playtime that is designed to stimulate young minds and strengthen early literacy skills. There will be exhilarating and fun activities and the opportunity to meet other preschoolers and caregivers. The open playtime allows you to come and go as your schedule permits.

Blue Springs South Branch

1st and 3rd Weds. every month 10:00 a.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

3rd Wednesday every month 10:00 a.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

2nd Friday every month 10:30 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Every Tues. and Weds. 10:30 a.m.

except Nov. 26th and 27th

Grandview Branch

Every Tuesday 11:00 a.m.

except November 5th

Every Thursday 5:00 p.m.

except November 28th

Green Hills Library Center

Saturday, September 28 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 26 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 23 10:30 a.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Monday, September 9 4:00 p.m.

Monday, September 16 4:00 p.m.

Monday, September 23 4:00 p.m.

Monday, September 30 4:00 p.m.

Monday, November 4 4:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

2nd Tues. & Weds 10:30 a.m.

every month

Red Bridge Branch

Every Friday 10:00 a.m.

Riverside Branch

Wednesday, September 25 10:30 a.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, September 4 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 28 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 27 9:30 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, September 14 10:30 a.m.

Play and Learn: Fun with Playdough

Let your creativity flow with activities surrounding this childhood favorite craft item. Kids will have fun exploring shapes, naming colors, and creating sculptures with playdough. All ages.

Withers Branch

Saturday, November 23 10:00 a.m.

Sensory Sensitive Storytime

This storytime is a celebration of all children's differing abilities. It is designed to be inclusive of sensory processing differences and will feature a more relaxed tone than our regular Family Storytimes. Expect low lighting, softer music, and fewer stories with more interactive elements. Children of all abilities are welcomed. This program is designed for children (developmental ages 3-5) and their caregivers. Registration is required, and both children and adults should be registered. All ages.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, September 12 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 10 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 14 4:00 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Every Monday 11:00 a.m.

except Nov. 25th

Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, September 4 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 2 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 6 10:00 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, September 4 10:00 a.m.

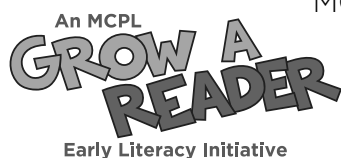
Wednesday, October 2 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 6 10:00 a.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, September 25 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23 4:00 p.m.



MCPL invites you to participate in this free initiative that encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before starting kindergarten.

If you read just one book a night, you'll easily reach your goal!

Ask a staff member or visit mymcpl.org/1000Books.

Early Literacy

Storytime in the Great Outdoors

Join us for a twist on our traditional storytime with songs, stories, and movement activities while adding in some outdoor fun! Families are invited to bring their blankets or camp chairs to enjoy this storytime outside the branch. In the event of bad weather, we will move storytime inside the branch. Designed for children of all ages, come share the early literacy experience with the whole family.

Colbern Road Library Center

Wednesday, September 18 10:00 a.m.
Friday, September 20 2:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, September 10 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 11 10:00 a.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, September 10 10:00 a.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, September 4 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, September 5 10:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Tuesday, November 12 10:30 a.m.



Storytime in the Park

The Library is taking storytime outside! Join our storytime staff at an area park for stories, music, and activities. Participants may bring blankets for a more comfortable experience. All ages.

Riverside Branch

Wednesday, September 4 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 18 10:00 a.m.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

The Library's stuffed animals invite your stuffed friends to a sleepover! Drop off your friend at the Library; then come back for a special program featuring their overnight adventures. Dolls and other toys are welcome. One toy per child. Contact your branch for details. All ages.

Claycomo Branch

Dropoff

Tuesday, September 3 9:00 a.m.

Storytime

Wednesday, September 4 10:00 a.m.

North Oak Branch

Dropoff

Thursday, September 26 5:00 p.m.

Storytime

Saturday, September 28 10:30 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Dropoff

Tuesday, September 10 10:00 a.m.

Storytime

Wednesday, September 11 10:00 a.m.



Costume Storytime

Wear your favorite costume to this special storytime!

Designed for children of all ages. Come share the early literacy experience with the whole family.

Antioch Branch

Wednesday, October 30 10:00 a.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Thursday, October 31 10:00 a.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Wednesday, October 30 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 31 10:00 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Thursday, October 31 10:00 a.m.

Camden Point Branch

Thursday, October 31 10:00 a.m.

Claycomo Branch

Wednesday, October 30 10:00 a.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, October 29 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 29 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 30 10:00 a.m.

Dearborn Branch

Tuesday, October 29 10:00 a.m.

East Independence Branch

Wednesday, October 30 10:00 a.m.

Edgerton Branch

Wednesday, October 30 10:00 a.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Tuesday, October 29 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 30 10:30 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, October 29 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 30 10:00 a.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Wednesday, October 30 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday, October 30 10:15 a.m.
Thursday, October 31 9:15 a.m.
Thursday, October 31 10:15 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, October 30 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday, October 30 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday, October 30 11:15 a.m.
Thursday, October 31 9:15 a.m.
Thursday, October 31 10:15 a.m.
Thursday, October 31 11:15 a.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, October 29 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 30 10:00 a.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, October 30 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 31 10:00 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, October 24 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, October 29 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 30 10:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch

Thursday, October 31 10:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Tuesday, October 29 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 31 10:30 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Monday, October 28 9:30 a.m.
Monday, October 28 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 29 9:15 a.m.
Tuesday, October 29 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 29 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday, October 30 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 30 10:30 a.m.

Animals and Nature

Happening Habitats NEW

Burr Oak Woods is home to many plants and animals, but they don't all live in the same place. Meet three live animals from three different habitats (forest, prairie, and pond), and learn about the adaptations they use to thrive in each habitat. Ages 6 and up.

Grain Valley Branch
Saturday, November 2 10:30 a.m.

North Independence Branch
Saturday, November 16 11:00 a.m.

Withers Branch
Thursday, September 19 4:00 p.m.

Kansas City Zoo and Aquarium's Adapt to That!

Investigate the similarities and differences in living creatures around the world. Participants will observe, compare, and contrast live animal ambassadors and animal biofacts to explore adaptations and habitats. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Ridge Branch
Tuesday, November 5 6:00 p.m.

Claycomo Branch
Friday, September 20 1:00 p.m.

East Independence Branch
Monday, September 16 2:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch
Saturday, September 21 3:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch
Saturday, September 28 10:30 a.m.

Green Hills Library Center
Wednesday, November 27 10:15 a.m.

Kearney Branch
Friday, October 25 10:00 a.m.

North Independence Branch
Saturday, October 12 11:00 a.m.

North Oak Branch
Saturday, November 23 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch
Saturday, September 21 3:00 p.m.

Weston Branch
Saturday, October 12 11:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Monday, November 18 6:30 p.m.

Operation Wildlife Presents: The Day Shift

Find out what it takes to work the day shift for a bird of prey. Meet up to four hawks and falcons, and learn their hunting habits and adaptive characteristics. Ages 6 and up.

Colbern Road Library Center
Saturday, October 19 10:30 a.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch
Saturday, October 12 3:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch
Tuesday, November 19 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch
Saturday, October 26 11:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch
Tuesday, September 10 5:30 p.m.

Withers Branch
Thursday, November 14 4:00 p.m.

Books and Reading

Author Read-Aloud: *Creep, Leap, Crunch!* by Jody Jensen Shaffer NEW

Join author Jody Jensen Shaffer for a fun and interactive look at how people, animals, insects, and even plants use the food chain to get the energy they need to live. Each registered child will receive a complimentary book at a book signing following the presentation. Ages 4 and up.

Riverside Branch
Tuesday, September 10 10:00 a.m.

Growing Up with Tamales

Growing Up with Tamales is a bilingual story about sibling relationships that introduces an important Hispanic tradition—making tamales. It is an affectionate and amusing story read in both English and Spanish by the Founder of The Tamale Kitchen and her Kitchen Manager for the delight of anyone at any age, followed by a tamale tasting. Ages 8 and up.

Raytown Branch
Saturday, September 21 3:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch
Tuesday, October 15 4:30 p.m.

Read to a Pet

Read to some very good listeners—registered therapy pets. These special animals will be available for 10-minute sessions to help children improve their reading skills and build self-confidence. Register participating children only. Space is limited. Check with your local branch for more information. Ages 5 and up.

Colbern Road Library Center
Saturday, September 14 10:30 a.m.

Dearborn Branch
Tuesday, September 24 5:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch
Saturday, September 7 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, November 2 10:30 a.m.

North Oak Branch
Thursday, October 24 5:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch
Tuesday, September 17 6:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch
Wednesday, November 13 6:00 p.m.

Crafts and Hobbies

Art with an Exotic Animal NEW

Enjoy a fun and unique experience making art using an animal from the Exotic Animals Education Institute for inspiration. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch
Saturday, September 28 10:30 a.m.

Buckner Branch
Saturday, September 14 10:30 a.m.

Camden Point Branch
Saturday, November 2 10:30 a.m.

Dearborn Branch
Saturday, September 21 10:30 a.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch
Saturday, November 16 2:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch
Thursday, September 26 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch
Saturday, November 16 11:00 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch
Saturday, October 12 11:00 a.m.

South Independence Branch
Saturday, September 7 11:00 a.m.



Calavera Catrina NEW

In this festive workshop, participants will create a mixed-media portrait of the iconic Catrina. Paint with white on a black background to create the skeletal details, and use tissue paper flowers to decorate Catrina's sombrero. Various other items will be provided to bring Catrina's outfit to life in this beautiful portrait. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Antioch Branch

Monday, November 4 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Saturday, November 2 11:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Monday, October 28 6:30 p.m.

Kids Create Art

Craft and create at the Library. We provide the supplies; you supply the imagination! Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Springs South Branch

Monday, September 9 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 14 6:30 p.m.

Monday, November 11 6:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, November 19 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Wednesday, September 11 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 13 3:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, September 18 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20 6:00 p.m.

Kids Create Art: Día de los Muertos

Celebrate Día de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead) by creating artwork associated with this unique cultural event. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, October 29 7:00 p.m.

East Independence Branch

Thursday, October 10 6:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, October 23 3:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, October 29 6:30 p.m.

Weston Branch

Saturday, November 2 11:00 a.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, October 30 6:00 p.m.

Kids Create Art: Fall Crafts

It's fall, y'all! Come to the Library to create fall-themed crafts. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Antioch Branch

Monday, September 16 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, November 12 7:00 p.m.

Camden Point Branch

Saturday, October 5 10:30 a.m.

Claycomo Branch

Tuesday, October 15 6:00 p.m.

Edgerton Branch

Thursday, September 5 4:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Saturday, September 7 3:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, October 15 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, October 17 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, September 23 5:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Friday, November 22 4:00 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, September 28 10:30 a.m.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, November 21 6:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, October 17 6:30 p.m.

Riverside Branch

Wednesday, November 6 4:00 p.m.

Weston Branch

Thursday, November 14 3:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Monday, September 23 6:30 p.m.

Kids Create Puppets NEW

Craft and create puppets at the Library. We provide the supplies; you supply the imagination! Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, September 24 7:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, October 3 5:30 p.m.

Edgerton Branch

Thursday, November 7 4:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, September 19 3:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, November 19 4:00 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, September 26 6:30 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Saturday, October 12 10:30 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, October 7 3:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Thursday, September 26 4:00 p.m.

Perfect Faux Pottery: Native American Style NEW

Learn about the Native American art of pottery making while creating your own faux pottery design. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Dearborn Branch

Saturday, October 19 10:30 a.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, November 16 10:30 a.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, November 23 10:30 a.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, November 16 2:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, September 14 11:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Saturday, November 23 3:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Saturday, November 2 2:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, October 5 2:00 p.m.

Entertainment

Kids Games

We invite kids to join the Library for card and board games. There are options for everyone! Play as a team or get competitive; try something new or play an old favorite—no matter what, it’s going to be fun. Please register participating children only. Ages 8 and up.

Antioch Branch
Monday, November 25 6:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch
Tuesday, September 3 4:30 p.m.

Withers Branch
Wednesday, October 16 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 21 4:00 p.m.

Kids Games: Role-Playing Games

Join the Library for cooperative role-playing games! These board games are perfect for first-time players or gaming pros. Talk to your branch for more information about which game will be offered. Please register participating children only. Ages 8 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch
Tuesday, September 17 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 15 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 19 7:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch
Friday, September 20 4:00 p.m.

Genealogy

Discovering Your Family Stories

Have you ever wondered where your family came from? Bring your children to the Library and embark on a journey through your family’s past. Using our genealogy resources, you and your children will start your own family tree project to take home! This program will be held in person. Ages 6 and up.

Red Bridge Branch
Tuesday, November 19 3:00 p.m.

Exploring Family Trees: Midwest Genealogy Center Storytime

Hear stories, sing songs, join in movement activities, and create memories together. Designed for children of all ages. Come share the early literacy experience with the whole family. All ages.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Monday, September 23 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 28 6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 25 6:00 p.m.

Health and Well-Being

Pumpkin Yoga

Kids will celebrate the change of seasons by learning “the Pumpkin” and other autumn poses while they move, play games, listen to stories, and relax to the quiet thoughts of falling leaves. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Springs South Branch
Saturday, October 26 11:00 a.m.

Colbern Road Library Center
Tuesday, October 1 6:30 p.m.

East Lee’s Summit Branch
Sunday, September 29 2:30 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch
Thursday, November 21 10:30 a.m.

Green Hills Library Center
Saturday, October 12 10:30 a.m.

Smithville Branch
Thursday, September 26 1:00 p.m.

Holidays

Kids Create Art: Spooky Crafts NEW

Craft and create at the Library! Spooky season is upon us, and it’s a great time to make art. We provide the supplies; you supply the imagination. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Buckner Branch
Thursday, October 24 6:00 p.m.

Camden Point Branch
Saturday, October 26 10:30 a.m.

Edgerton Branch
Thursday, October 3 4:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch
Saturday, October 5 3:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch
Tuesday, October 29 6:30 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Saturday, October 26 10:30 a.m.

Parkville Branch
Tuesday, October 1 4:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch
Monday, October 21 3:00 p.m.

Riverside Branch
Tuesday, October 22 4:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch
Tuesday, October 15 6:00 p.m.

Weston Branch
Thursday, October 24 3:30 p.m.

Withers Branch
Thursday, October 31 4:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Monday, October 14 6:30 p.m.

Find fun seasonal and holiday activities for kids of all ages that you can do from home. Create a shadow puppet, write a mini-book, or act out a play!

Learn more at mymcpl.org/Teachables.

Kids sBOOKtacular Party

Are you ready for the spooky season? Come hear an eerie tale, play chillingly fun games, make ghoulish creations, and check out our favorite hair-raising books at this thrilling party! Wear a costume or come as you are for this terribly enjoyable event! Ages 6 and up.

Antioch Branch

Monday, October 28 6:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Wednesday, October 30 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Monday, October 28 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Friday, October 25 2:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, October 29 5:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Monday, October 28 4:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Tuesday, October 29 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, October 26 11:00 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Sunday, September 8 2:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Thursday, October 24 4:00 p.m.

Not-So-Scary Halloween Show

It's fun. It's funny. It's Halloween. Join Dinosaur O'Dell and the gang as we jam our way through some great tunes and a not-so-scary Halloween tale. Be sure to wear your costume. All ages.

Antioch Branch

Monday, October 21 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, October 26 2:30 p.m.

Buckner Branch

Saturday, October 12 10:30 a.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Friday, October 25 10:30 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, October 19 10:30 a.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, October 15 6:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, October 26 11:00 a.m.

StoneLion Puppets Presents: Boneyard Jamboree

It's a fantastic Halloween spooktacular, featuring Pumpkin Man, the invisible couple, spooky scary skeletons, Martians, and ghosts in a cabaret show full of trick marionettes that are a sure treat. Ages 4 and up.

Blue Springs South Branch

Friday, October 25 10:30 a.m.

Performance

Experience the Guitar NEW

Watch a professional guitarist at work as Aidan Elwell performs a varied guitar repertoire. After the performance, youth audience members will have an opportunity to try out guitars for themselves with Mr. Elwell's instruction. Ages 5 and up.

Blue Springs South Branch

Monday, September 23 6:30 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, November 14 6:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, November 12 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Saturday, September 21 2:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Saturday, November 16 3:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, September 17 6:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, November 20 6:00 p.m.

Riverside Branch

Tuesday, September 24 6:30 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Wednesday, November 13 6:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, October 2 6:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Saturday, October 12 3:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Monday, September 9 6:30 p.m.

Gobble Across the USA with Mr. Stinky Feet NEW

Join Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove for delicious songs about our favorite festive foods. A rockin' celebration for the whole family! All ages.

Antioch Branch

Monday, November 11 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Friday, November 22 10:00 a.m.

North Independence Branch

Saturday, November 9 2:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Monday, November 25 10:00 a.m.



KC Magic Man

Take a magical journey into the world of illusions with KC Magic Man Brad Lynn. Be prepared to be amazed by his magical feats using cards, coins, cups, and more. Ages 3 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, November 9 10:30 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Saturday, October 5 11:00 a.m.

Claycomo Branch

Monday, October 7 2:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, November 23 3:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Saturday, November 16 10:30 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Saturday, September 14 10:30 a.m.

Science

Martin City Melodrama Presents: Goldilocks and the Three Dogs NEW

Join Martin City Melodrama as they tell the story of an animal-loving girl named Goldie and three down-on-their-luck dogs for whom she is determined to find a "fur-ever" home. The show will enlighten animal lovers of all ages and reveal how any dog can be loved, one tail at a time. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Ridge Branch

Saturday, September 28 2:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, September 26 6:30 p.m.

East Independence Branch

Saturday, November 9 10:00 a.m.

North Independence Branch

Tuesday, November 5 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, September 14 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Stinky Feet's Tail-Rockin' Tales NEW

Join author and award-winning kid rocker Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove for musical tall tales about dinosaurs, dancing bugs, and a slimy western outlaw named Sammy the Snail. All ages.

Edgerton Branch

Saturday, September 14 11:00 a.m.

StoneLion Puppets Presents: Monkeying with Mozart NEW

Join StoneLion Puppets for a charmingly funny musical revue featuring the classic works of Mozart, Tchaikovsky, and friends narrated by the maestro himself. It is sure to be classical music as you have never seen it before with puppet fun for all ages. Ages 4 and up.

Green Hills Library Center

Wednesday, September 4 10:15 a.m.

Kids STEAM

Learn while you play with STEAM games and activities at the Library. Join us for science, technology, engineering, art, and math fun. Please register participating children only.

Ages 8 and up.

Antioch Branch

Monday, September 30 6:00 p.m.

Buckner Branch

Thursday, September 26 6:00 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

Tuesday, September 10 6:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, September 25 3:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Wednesday, September 25 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23 3:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Every Monday beginning Sept. 9 at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, September 12 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 10 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 14 6:30 p.m.

Kids STEAM: Brick Building

Love building and creating with bricks, gears, and other interlocking parts? Build unique creations and let your imagination run wild at the Library with various brick-building activities, including free play, fun challenges, and themed builds. Please register participating children only.

Ages 6 and up.

Antioch Branch

Monday, October 7 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, September 24 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 22 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 26 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, September 10 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 12 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Friday, September 13 4:00 p.m.

Friday, October 18 4:00 p.m.

Friday, November 15 4:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Thursday, September 5 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6 6:00 p.m.

Kids STEAM: Foldscopes NEW

Become a Citizen Scientist! Foldscopes are folded paper microscopes that let you observe and investigate the world around you. Join us at the Library to magnify your curiosity and explore the Micro-Verse. Attendees will take home their own Foldscope device. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, October 17 6:30 p.m.

Edgerton Branch

Thursday, October 17 4:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, September 17 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, September 19 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Friday, October 11 4:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, September 25 3:30 p.m.

Riverside Branch

Tuesday, November 26 4:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, November 4 3:00 p.m.

Weston Branch

Saturday, September 21 11:00 a.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, September 11 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 3 4:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Friday, October 18 2:00 p.m.

Kids

Mad Science: Brixology Aerospace NEW

Launch your imagination to new heights as you explore aerospace engineering! Discover the secrets of working in space—efficiency and compact design. Create a trussed space station module, then connect it with others to create a massive modular spacecraft. Please register participating children only. Ages 7 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch
Saturday, November 23 10:30 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch
Monday, November 4 4:30 p.m.

Buckner Branch
Saturday, November 9 10:30 a.m.

Colbern Road Library Center
Tuesday, September 3 6:30 p.m.

North Oak Branch
Saturday, October 26 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch
Thursday, September 19 6:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch
Saturday, November 16 11:00 a.m.

Storytelling

Kids Create Stories

Join us at the Library as we build our storytelling skills through a variety of verbal storytelling games designed to spark creativity and tickle your funny bone. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Antioch Branch
Monday, November 18 6:00 p.m.

Claycomo Branch
Tuesday, November 12 6:00 p.m.

Stories Out Loud

Come to the Library for an introduction to Readers' Theatre for kids! Kids will learn how to adapt an early reader text into a fun, interactive read-aloud activity for the group. Caregivers are encouraged to attend as audience members. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Ridge Branch
Tuesday, September 10 4:00 p.m.

East Independence Branch
Monday, November 4 1:00 p.m.

Writing

Kids Create Stories: Round Robin Storytelling

Learn how to write silly stories using our fun and creative prompts. Participants will write a short story together, one sentence at a time, round-robin style. Stories will be read aloud, and hilarity will ensue! Please register participating children only. Ages 8 and up.

Lee's Summit Branch
Tuesday, September 17 6:30 p.m.

Student Library Card

The best school supply
you could ever have is

FREE!

Your student ID number is now your
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Your school's media specialist or an MCPL
branch staff member can help you start
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Top 5 ways

to use your student
MCPL Library Card

- 1 Free live homework help and ACT and AP exam prep from *Tutor.com*
- 2 Free online resources to help with projects
- 3 Free downloads of eBooks, eMusic, eMagazines, and more
- 4 Free online language courses with *Mango Languages*
- 5 Free 24-hour Library access through mymcpl.org

Authors

LitUp 2024

LitUp is an all-day event that brings Kansas City-area teens together with authors, poets, illustrators, and other creators. Special guests include keynote speakers Ruta Sepetys and Holly Black, as well as featured authors Ellen Oh, Mindy McGinnis, Haley Newsome, Randy Ribay, and Jeff Zentner. Check out mymcpl.org/LitUp for more details. For teens.

Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, September 21 9:00 a.m.

Crafts and Hobbies

Clay Sugar Skulls NEW

Participants will work with air-dried clay to create a sugar skull wall hanging. Stamps and glaze will be used to decorate and complete sugar skull artwork. Ages 12 and up.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, October 17 6:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Wednesday, November 6 2:00 p.m.

East Independence Branch

Wednesday, October 30 3:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, October 9 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Thursday, October 3 6:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, October 9 2:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, September 28 11:00 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, October 21 6:00 p.m.

Salsa Dancing for Teens

Learn some basic salsa moves and practice in a safe space. No salsa dancing experience or partner required. Shoes that allow for less traction are recommended. For teens.

Kearney Branch

Saturday, November 2 4:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, November 11 6:30 p.m.

Teens Create Art

Let's create! The Library will have the supplies; you just have to bring the ideas. Learn a new skill and make something new. For teens.

Claycomo Branch

Tuesday, October 22 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, September 10 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, September 3 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, September 23 3:00 p.m.

Monday, October 21 3:00 p.m.

Monday, November 18 3:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, September 26 6:30 p.m.

Teens Create Art: Bad Art

How bad can you make your art look? Take an art break and create something truly tacky and terrible. For teens.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, September 12 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, September 10 7:00 p.m.

Buckner Branch

Thursday, September 12 6:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, September 12 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Monday, November 11 6:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Tuesday, November 19 7:00 p.m.

Teens Create Art: Cosplay Creations

Whether you're looking to brainstorm your next cosplay creation or just enjoy the company of fellow cosplay crafters while you create, the Library is the place to be! Get some new ideas, a couple of tips and tricks, and maybe even walk out with a new piece for your cosplay. For teens.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, October 22 7:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, October 10 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Monday, October 14 7:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, September 3 6:00 p.m.

Teens Create Art: Día de los Muertos

Celebrate Día de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead) by creating artwork associated with this unique cultural event. For teens.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Saturday, November 2 3:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Friday, October 25 4:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, October 19 11:00 a.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, October 29 6:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, October 17 6:30 p.m.

Upcycled Pocket Notebook NEW

Learn how to make your own notebook with repurposed materials. For teens.

East Independence Branch

Monday, November 18 1:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, September 17 4:00 p.m.

Entertainment

Mad Skillz

Crews will be created and teamwork tested when you and your fellow players show off your mad puzzle-solving skills. For teens.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, September 12 6:30 p.m.

Teen After-Hours: Unleash Your Creativity

At this event, teens will have a blast exploring their artistic side in a wide variety of ways. Join us as we unleash creativity after hours at the Library! This program is designed for teens 13 and older. A signed permission slip is required.

Blue Ridge Branch

Friday, September 13 6:00 p.m.

Teen Anime

Come to the Library for a celebration of all things anime. From Japanese culture and manga to cosplay and anime screenings, we'll explore it all. For teens.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, September 5 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 3 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 7 6:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Wednesday, September 18 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 16 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 20 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, October 1 7:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, October 30 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, November 19 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Monday, September 9 6:30 p.m.
Monday, October 7 6:30 p.m.
Monday, November 4 6:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, November 6 2:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Thursday, September 5 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 3 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 7 6:30 p.m.

Teen Games

Play card and board games at the Library. There are options for everyone. Play as a team or get competitive one-on-one. Try something new or play an old favorite—no matter what, it's going to be fun! For teens.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, November 14 6:00 p.m.

Buckner Branch

Thursday, November 14 6:00 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

Saturday, September 28 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 23 3:00 p.m.

East Independence Branch

Thursday, September 12 6:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, October 1 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, November 12 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, September 30 3:00 p.m.

Teen Games: Role-Playing Games

Play tabletop role-playing games at the Library! From D&D to Fate, Starfinder to Lasers and Feelings, join us for a campaign-style gaming experience. Talk to your branch for more information about which system will be played. Character sheets and dice will be provided. For teens.

Blue Springs South Branch

Thursday, September 26 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 17 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 21 6:30 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, September 17 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 15 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 19 6:30 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Monday, September 9 6:30 p.m.
Monday, October 7 6:30 p.m.
Monday, November 4 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Thursday, September 12 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 10 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 14 6:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, September 16 3:00 p.m.
Monday, September 30 3:00 p.m.
Monday, October 14 3:00 p.m.
Monday, October 28 3:00 p.m.
Monday, November 11 3:00 p.m.
Monday, November 25 3:00 p.m.

Teen Hangout: All Things Fandom

From superheroes to anime to K-Pop to video games and more! Come celebrate your fandom at the Library. There will be games, trivia, and opportunities to create and learn. You are welcome to come in costume! Obscene or offensive costumes are not allowed. For teens.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, September 24 6:30 p.m.

Teen Hangout: Relax and Regroup

Take a break at the Library! This teen event will feature a variety of activities designed to help you de-stress and unwind. For teens.

Kearney Branch

Saturday, September 7 3:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, October 8 6:30 p.m.

Teen Hangout: Unleash Your Creativity

At this event, teens will have a blast exploring their artistic side in a wide variety of ways. Join us as we unleash creativity at the Library! For teens.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, November 19 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Tuesday, November 12 5:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, November 18 6:00 p.m.

Health and Well-Being

Teen Yoga

Learn basic yoga poses in a fun, non-judgmental environment. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to try something new. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. For teens.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, October 29 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, September 10 6:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, September 9 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 7 6:00 p.m.

Holidays

Teen After-Hours: HalloTeen

Come join the revelry, don't be late; dance your spooky heart out, cosplay, and create! Once the lights go out, the Library will transform into a haunted haven for all of the ghouls and goblins to showcase their costumes, bone up on creepy crafting skills, and ramble like the recently risen. This program is designed for teens 13 and older. A signed permission slip is required.

North Oak Branch

Friday, October 25 6:00 p.m.

Teen Hangout: HalloTeen

Come join the revelry, don't be late; Dance your spooky heart out, cosplay, and create! Watch your Library transform into a haunted haven for all of the ghouls and goblins to showcase their costumes, bone up on creepy crafting skills, and ramble like the recently risen. For teens.

Buckner Branch

Thursday, October 10 6:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Monday, October 28 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Monday, October 21 6:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, October 26 11:00 a.m.

Teens Create Art: Spooky Crafts NEW

Craft and create at the Library! Spooky season is upon us, and it's a great time to make art. We provide the supplies; you supply the imagination. For teens.

Blue Ridge Branch

Wednesday, October 9 2:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, October 29 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, October 22 6:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, October 31 6:30 p.m.

Thundermaker and Other Scary Stories

In these blood-spattered tales, you'll meet whistling skeletons, vampires, and ghosts wailing right out of the pages of history. Not for the faint of heart. For teens.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, October 31 6:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Tuesday, October 29 7:00 p.m.

My Community

Teen Advisory Group

Interested in learning more about the Library? Want to help plan teen programs for your community? Join a Teen Advisory Group (TAG) and be a voice for teens at your local branch! Monthly meetings will be held to discuss upcoming activities, community needs, and more. For teens.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, September 24 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 22 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 26 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Thursday, October 17 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, September 23 6:00 p.m.

Science

Teen STEAM

Join the Library for hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math games, activities, and more. For teens.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, September 4 2:00 p.m.

Storytelling

Teen Hangout:

Teens Take the Mic NEW

Step up to the mic to speak your truth: share a poem or song, some spoken word or comedy, maybe a monologue or story. Present an original or a piece by your favorite writer, get creative, and hang out with other teen creatives. Register to attend this event, then sign up to take the mic when you arrive. For teens.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, November 12 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Saturday, September 7 2:30 p.m.

Technology

Teen Coding: Hour of Code

Join the Library for an hour of coding. Learn new skills, practice what you already know, and code something awesome! For teens.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, September 17 3:30 p.m.

Test Prep

Free Full-Length, Diagnostic Practice ACT Test

MCPL and the Sylvan Learning Center have partnered to provide free practice ACT tests. Bring a #2 pencil, a calculator, a watch, and a valid email address to receive your results. This is a full version of the ACT and will last about four hours. The test will begin right at the program start time, and no late arrivals will be allowed to participate after the test begins. For teens.

Colbern Road Library Center

Saturday, November 9 10:00 a.m.

East Independence Branch

Saturday, September 28 10:00 a.m.

Grandview Branch

Saturday, November 2 10:00 a.m.

Writing

Cemeteries: Oh, What Tales They Inspire NEW

Looking for a spark of inspiration, cool characters, or a peaceful place to work? Whether your tales are spoken or written head to the nearest cemetery! In this presentation, we'll explore the many ways these free, outdoor art and history museums can feed a storyteller's muse any time of year. For teens.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, October 15 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, September 10 6:30 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, October 12 2:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Thursday, October 24 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Tuesday, October 29 5:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, November 14 6:30 p.m.

Teen Writers Guild NEW

Meet with other teen writers to brainstorm, exchange ideas, encourage one another, and maybe get some actual writing done! For teens.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, October 8 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, September 9 3:00 p.m.

Monday, October 7 3:00 p.m.

Monday, November 4 3:00 p.m.



MIDWEST GENEALOGY CENTER

Celebrate National Family History Month!

Join us this October to see how the Midwest Genealogy Center is celebrating National Family History Month! Visit to participate in activities throughout the month, including creating a family tree, a family recipe swap, family tree coloring sheets, one-hour oral history recordings, and classes for adults, teens, and kids. All activities and classes are free for the entire family. Watch MGC's Facebook page to see when events and fun activities are planned, or stop by and see what it has to offer.

The MGC staff is always happy to welcome visitors any time of the year. For those who are just beginning to research their family history, they can help you dig so much deeper. Visit mymcpl.org/FamilyHistory to find tips for getting started and online resources that can be used from home, as well as events, tours, and classes offered all year long.



Visit the Midwest Genealogy Center to explore all the free resources needed to research your ancestry, and to meet the friendly reference staff who can help guide you. MGC is a great place to find out more about your family's story and to have fun!

Location Guide

Visit mymcpl.org/Locations to learn more about your local branch.

Clay County

Antioch Branch

6060 N. Chestnut Ave.
Gladstone, MO 64119
816.454.1306
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Claycomo Branch

309 NE 69 Hwy.
Claycomo, MO 64119
816.455.5030
Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Excelsior Springs Branch

1460 Kearney Road
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
816.630.6721
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Kearney Branch

100 S. Platte-Clay Way
Kearney, MO 64060
816.628.5055
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

North Oak Branch

8700 N. Oak Trfwy.
Kansas City, MO 64155
816.436.4385
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Smithville Branch

120 Richardson St.
Smithville, MO 64089
816.532.0116
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Withers Branch

1665 S. Withers Road
Liberty, MO 64068
816.781.9240
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Woodneath Library Center

8900 NE Flintlock Road
Kansas City, MO 64157
816.883.4900
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Platte County

Camden Point Branch

401 Hardesty St.
Camden Point, MO 64018
816.280.3384
Mon. 9–8, Tues.–Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Dearborn Branch

206 Maple Leaf Ave.
Dearborn, MO 64439
816.450.3502
Mon. 9–6, Tues. 9–8, Wed.–Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Edgerton Branch

404 Frank St.
Edgerton, MO 64444
816.790.3569
Mon.–Wed. 9–6, Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Green Hills Library Center

8581 N. Green Hills Road
Kansas City, MO 64154
816.741.9011
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Parkville Branch

8815 Tom Watson Pkwy.
Parkville, MO 64152
816.741.4721
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Platte City Branch

2702 NW Prairie View Road
Platte City, MO 64079
816.858.2322
Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Riverside Branch

4510 NW Gateway Ave
Riverside, MO 64150
816.741.6288
Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Weston Branch

18204 Library Dr.
Weston, MO 64098
816.640.2874
Mon.–Thur. 9–7, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Jackson County

Blue Ridge Branch

9253 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64138
816.761.3382
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Blue Springs North Branch

850 NW Hunter Dr.
Blue Springs, MO 64015
816.224.8772
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Blue Springs South Branch

2220 S. 7 Hwy.
Blue Springs, MO 64014
816.229.3571
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Buckner Branch

19 E. Jefferson St.
Buckner, MO 64016
816.650.3212
Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Colbern Road Library Center

1000 NE Colbern Road
Lee's Summit, MO 64086
816.525.9924
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

East Independence Branch

4505 S. Little Blue Parkway
Independence, MO 64057
Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

East Lee's Summit Branch

2240 SE Blue Pkwy.
Lee's Summit, MO 64063
816.759.2085
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Farview Neighborhood Library

18109 E. 12th St. North
Independence, MO 64056
816.252.0951
Tues.–Sat. 10–6

Grain Valley Branch

400 SW Buckner Tarsney Road
Grain Valley, MO 64029
816.228.4020
Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Grandview Branch

12930 Booth Lane
Grandview, MO 64030
816.763.0550
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Lee's Summit Branch

150 NW Oldham Pkwy.
Lee's Summit, MO 64081
816.524.0567
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Lone Jack Branch

211 N. Bynum Road
Lone Jack, MO 64070
816.697.2528
Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Midwest Genealogy Center

3440 S. Lee's Summit Road
Independence, MO 64055
816.252.7228
Mon.–Sat. 10–8, Sun. 1–8

North Independence Branch

317 W. 24 Hwy.
Independence, MO 64050
816.252.0950
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Oak Grove Branch

2320 S. Broadway St.
Oak Grove, MO 64075
816.690.3213
Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6,

Raytown Branch

6131 Raytown Road
Raytown, MO 64133
816.353.2052
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Red Bridge Branch

453 E. Red Bridge Road
Kansas City, MO 64131
816.942.1780
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

South Independence Branch

13700 E. 35th St. South
Independence, MO 64055
816.461.2050
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

LITUP



September 21, 2024

The Auditorium at Woodneath Library Center

Save the date now for LitUp 2024, learn more about the 2024 Creative Contest, and discover opportunities to get involved!

LitUp is an all-day event that brings Kansas City-area teens together with authors, poets, illustrators, and other creators. Special guests include keynote speakers Ruta Sepetys and Holly Black, as well as featured authors Ellen Oh, Mindy McGinnis, Haley Newsome, Randy Ribay, and Jeff Zentner. Check out mymcpl.org/LitUp for more details.

Learn more and register now at
mymcpl.org/LitUp

