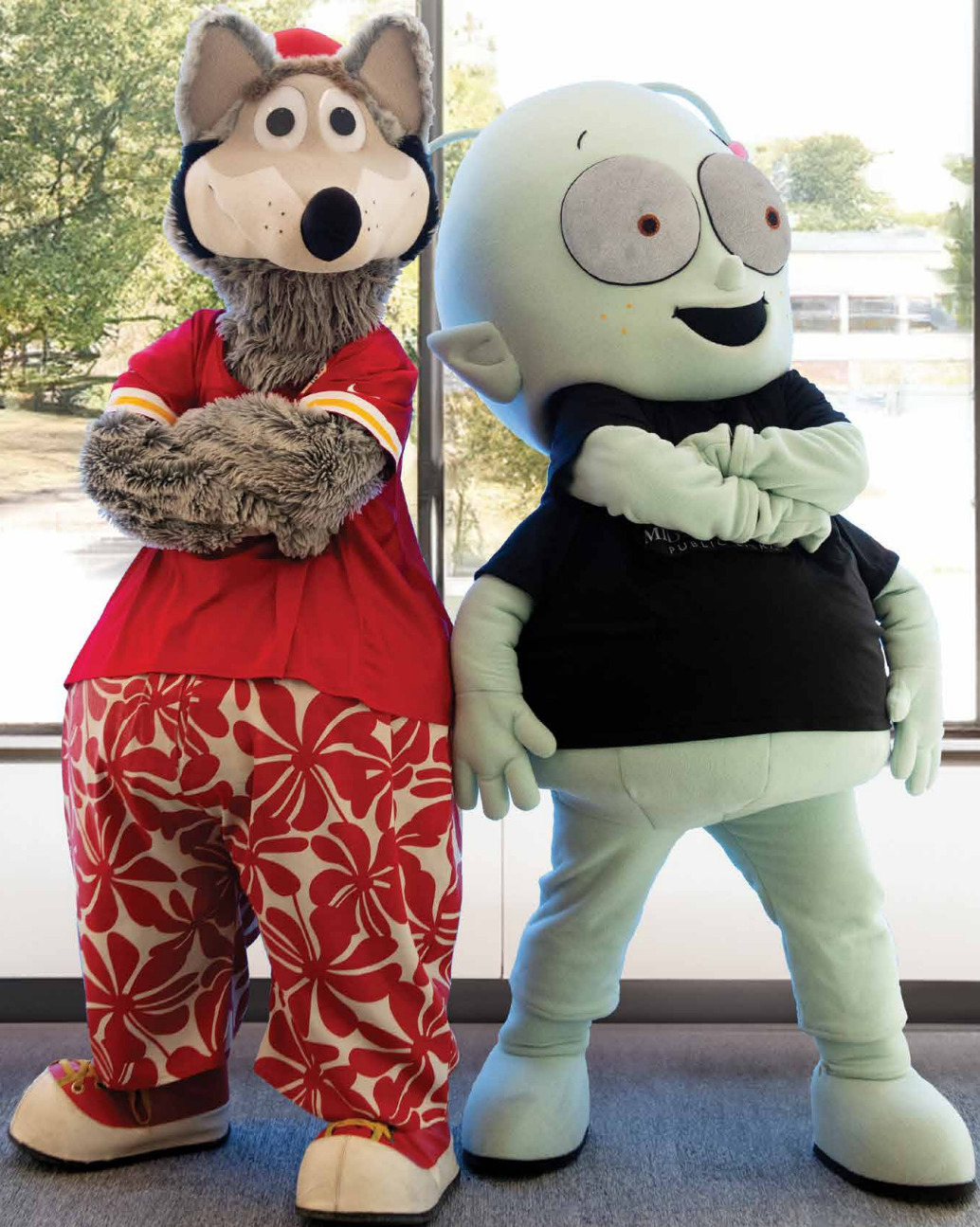


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4 Ways to Stay Up to Date on Upcoming MCPL Programs

1 Visit mymcpl.org/Events, download the **Mid-Continent Public Library app**, or scan the QR code below to view the events calendar and register for programs.



2 Sign up for a customizable **weekly email** to learn about events at your branch or subjects you are interested in at mymcpl.org/MyEvents.

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On the Cover: Chiefs mascot KC Wolf and MCPL's Marty the Martian celebrate the Library's new Reading Rocket.

Virtual Program Viewing Information

Zoom programs require an email address and registration to receive the Zoom access code.

Hybrid programs are presented on Zoom and in person simultaneously. Participants will need to indicate how they would like to attend the program when registering. An email address and registration are required to receive the Zoom access code.

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

To enjoy **MCPL360 virtual programs**, go to our Facebook page at facebook.com/MCPL360 on the scheduled day and time.

Please note: Participants do not need a Facebook account to attend the programs. All start times are Central Standard Time.

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

Andy Warhol: One Singular Sensation (Zoom) NEW

Andy Warhol's iconic paintings, silk screens, photography, films, and sculptures explore the relationship between artistic expression and celebrity culture. Art Historian Janet Mandel will examine Warhol's works from his beginnings as a commercial illustrator to his iconic pop masterpieces, the avant-garde to his innovative use of ready abstraction. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, March 11 6:30 p.m.

Comics to Classics (Zoom) NEW

Many classic films were inspired by comics, bringing beloved comic strip characters to life on the big screen. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek for a discussion about comics that led to classic films, from superhero feats to everyday fun. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, January 29 7:00 p.m.

Faith Ringgold: Artist, Author, Educator, Organizer (Zoom) NEW

Faith Ringgold, best known for her story quilts, also created politically charged paintings, prints, sculptures, public art, performance art, and more. Get an in-depth look at this formidable woman whose life and works continue to astonish art lovers around the world. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, February 4 6:30 p.m.

Home Alone (Zoom) NEW

Take a behind-the-scenes look at the conception, production, and reception of one of the most iconic holiday films of all time with film teacher Frank Mandosa. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, December 18 6:30 p.m.

How the Walt Disney Company Conquered the Entertainment Universe (Zoom) NEW

Over the last nine decades, the Walt Disney Company has transformed every facet of the entertainment business—from the creation of feature-length cartoons to television programming like *The Wonderful World of Disney*, from theme parks that span the globe to Broadway musicals with their new streaming service Disney+, to ownership of the greatest collection of franchise movies under the control of a single studio in Hollywood history. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, February 19 6:30 p.m.

Learning from Gordon Parks (Zoom) NEW

African American author, photographer, and filmmaker Gordon Parks was well known for his documentation of American life and culture. Born in Fort Scott, Kansas, in 1912, he is one of the most esteemed image makers of all time. Photographer Ann Dean discusses the impact and inspiration found in Parks's books: *The Learning Tree*, *A Choice of Weapons*, and *Half Past Autumn*. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, February 27 7:00 p.m.

Morgan Freeman: The Man Behind the Voice (Zoom) NEW

With a deep, hypnotic voice that has provided countless narrations and voiceovers, Freeman is one of the best actors of his generation. Join Frank Mandosa for a look at the life and career of the Academy Award-winning icon from his early days to his starring turns in *Glory*, *The Shawshank Redemption*, and *Million Dollar Baby*. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, February 18 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.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Wednesday, February 26 6:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, February 18 6:00 p.m.

Riverside Branch

Thursday, February 6 11:00 a.m.

The Beatles' White Album (Zoom) NEW

The Beatles' *The White Album* is the band's most individualized and stylistically diverse work. This program observes and analyzes *The White Album* by putting it in musical and historical context. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, December 17 7:00 p.m.

The Day The Music Died (Zoom) NEW

In the early morning hours of February 3, 1959, the careers of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J.P. "Big Bopper" Richardson all came to a tragic end when the small charter plane carrying them crashed. Richard Knox will examine the careers and lives of these three artists and address some of the questions that continue to haunt fans of rock and roll's early years. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, January 28 7:00 p.m.

The Monuments Men: Saving Art During World War II (Zoom) NEW

Discover the story of the Monuments Men, a group of men and women who shared the common goal of saving cultural treasures from the destruction of World War II, and from theft by Adolf Hitler and the Nazis. Art Historian Martha Chiarchiaro will explore several of the great art treasures these valiant soldiers saved. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, January 14 7:00 p.m.

Walt Disney of Missouri NEW

Walt Disney was the most successful and influential producer in the history of the movies, and he revolutionized the amusement park and resort industries. Explore Walt's years growing up and beginning his career in Marceline and Kansas City. Learn how his years in Missouri influenced his films and his theme park designs. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch

Thursday, March 6 6:30 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, March 6 2:00 p.m.

Riverside Branch

Thursday, March 13 2:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center and Online

Thursday, March 13 6:30 p.m.

Women Artists in the 20th Century (Zoom) NEW

Explore the history of women artists from the 1970s to the present with art historian Dr. Andrea Lee. She will discuss artists from 20th century art movements, such as Photorealism, Feminist Art, and the Pattern and Decoration movement. Artists covered include Miriam Schapiro, Judy Chicago, Betye Saar, Audrey Flack and others. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, February 11 7:00 p.m.

History**John Henry: Man, Myth, and Legend** NEW

Join motivational storyteller Brother John as he shares the larger-than-life tale of the legendary railroad worker and steel driver—John Henry, as told through the eyes and perspective of his father, "Preacher Henry." For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch

Thursday, February 27 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Tuesday, February 4 6:30 p.m.

East Independence Branch

Wednesday, February 5 6:30 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Saturday, February 1 10:30 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, February 8 11:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Monday, February 3 6:30 p.m.

REDLINED: Cities, Suburbs, and Segregation (Hybrid) NEW

Redlining—the systematic disinvestment of some neighborhoods and people in favor of others on the basis of race—shaped cities and suburbs across the nation. Join Johnson County Museum's Curator Andrew Gustafson for a look at how redlining impacted communities locally and nationally. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center and Online

Thursday, February 13 6:30 p.m.

Tuskegee Airmen from Lincoln University of Missouri NEW

The only pre-World War II Civilian Pilot Training program exclusively for Black pilots west of the Mississippi River was offered at Lincoln University of Missouri. More than two dozen students and professors joined the first-ever Black military aviation unit, the Tuskegee Airmen. Join author Michelle Brooks to meet these trailblazing African Americans. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Saturday, February 22 2:00 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Friday, February 21 6:00 p.m.

Riverside Branch

Friday, February 21 2:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Saturday, February 22 11:00 a.m.

People and Places**Lyon: The Cultural Heart of France (Zoom)** NEW

Americans are just learning what Germans and Brits have known for years: that Lyon is a joy to visit. Lyon, the culinary capital of France, offers visitors a chance to enjoy food, fashion, history, and entertainment in a relaxed and welcoming way. This presentation will help you plan a visit or just enjoy the good life. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, January 16 7:00 p.m.

**The Villisca Axe Murders of 1912: Unsolved and Haunted**

Join paranormal investigator Becky Ray for the story of one of the most notorious unsolved murders in Midwestern history and the ghosts who remain in the house. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch

Thursday, January 23 6:30 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, February 24 6:30 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Tuesday, February 18 6:30 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Monday, January 13 6:00 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Saturday, January 4 10:30 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, January 11 2:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, February 11 7:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, January 14 6:30 p.m.

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, January 13 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, February 20 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Saturday, December 14 2:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, January 8 2:00 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

Tuesday, January 7 7:00 p.m.

Winter Reading Challenge Kick-Off Party

Listen up, everybody—it's time for the Winter Reading Challenge Kick-Off event! This open house kick-off event is full of activities, games, and crafts. We are celebrating the annual Winter Reading Challenge. For adults.

East Independence Branch

Wednesday, January 8 2:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Thursday, January 16 6:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, January 21 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Thursday, January 16 2:00 p.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

Thursday, December 5 6:00 p.m.
 Thursday, January 2 6:00 p.m.
 Thursday, February 6 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, January 27 6:30 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Tuesday, January 28 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, January 30 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Tuesday, January 14 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.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Saturday, December 14 2:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, December 3 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, January 7 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, February 4 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. Contact your branch for details. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch

Thursday, December 12 6:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, January 23 6:30 p.m.



Board Game and Puzzle Swap 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. Contact your branch for more details. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch

Thursday, December 5 7:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Dropoff
 Thursday, December 5 5:00 p.m.

Puzzle Swap

Thursday, December 5 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 is required per team. Space is limited to six teams. Please have ONE person contact the branch to register for the whole team. Teams of less than four people may be paired with another team. For adults.

Camden Point Branch

Saturday, January 4 10:30 a.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, December 16 6:30 p.m.

East Independence Branch

Thursday, December 19 5:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, January 6 7:00 p.m.

Holidays

A Classic Hollywood Christmas, Part II (Zoom) NEW

Ring in the holidays with some classic movie magic! Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents the history of additional beloved holiday classics from the Golden Age of Hollywood. Enjoy memorable performances from *Babes in Toyland*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Christmas in Connecticut* and more. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, December 10 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Morning Treats (Zoom) NEW

Fr. Dominic, the "bread monk," demonstrates some quick breads that can easily be made on Christmas morning, including chocolate orange biscuit twists and shortcut stollen, plus some festive coffeecakes and braided loaves for your holiday brunch table. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, December 4 7:00 p.m.



Christmas Through the Ages NEW

Who was St. Nicholas? What is the significance of the pickle ornament? Why do we hang mistletoe? Explore the history of these Christmas traditions and more with historian Alisha Cole. Then, learn how to make your own Victorian Christmas cracker. For adults.

Dearborn Branch

Saturday, December 7 10:30 a.m.

East Independence Branch

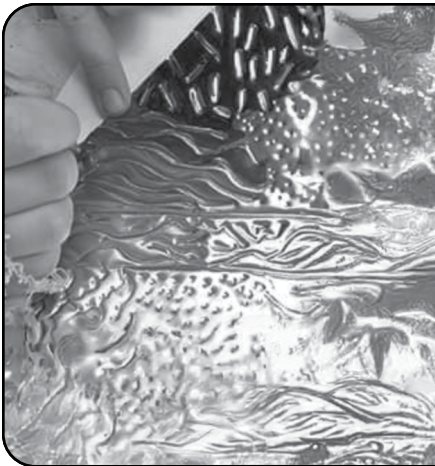
Saturday, December 14 2:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, December 7 3:00 p.m.

Read digital magazines and newspapers, including the *Kansas City Star*, *Kansas City Business Journal*, *Wall Street Journal*, and more!

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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.

- Antioch Branch**
Wednesday, December 18 7:00 p.m.
- East Lee's Summit Branch**
Thursday, December 5 7:00 p.m.
- Withers Branch**
Tuesday, December 10 7:00 p.m.

Frohe Weihnachten: Unwrapping the Charms of German Christmas Traditions (Zoom) NEW

Uncover the rich history and cultural significance behind cherished customs, such as the Advent calendar, Christkindlmarkt, and St. Nicholas Day. Join historian Anette Isaacs and journey through time and tradition, exploring how Germany's unique customs have shaped the magic of Christmas celebrations worldwide. For adults.

- Virtual Branch**
Wednesday, December 11 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Songs Hollywood Style NEW

Why have the lyrics for "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" changed several times? Why did Gene Autry reluctantly agree to record "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer?" Join The Ain't Misbehavin's as they perform songs from holiday movie classics and share fun movie facts. Ages 8 and up.

- North Oak Branch**
Wednesday, December 4 6:30 p.m.
- Riverside Branch**
Thursday, December 5 11:00 a.m.
- Smithville Branch**
Thursday, December 12 6:30 p.m.

The Dickens Carolers

Get into the Christmas spirit with a performance from The Dickens Carolers. These festive singers will share holiday carols while dressed in beautiful Victorian attire. All ages.

- East Lee's Summit Branch**
Sunday, December 1 3:00 p.m.
- Lee's Summit Branch**
Thursday, December 12 6:30 p.m.
- Midwest Genealogy Center**
Monday, December 16 2:00 p.m.
- Raytown Branch**
Monday, December 16 6:00 p.m.

Performance

Ida y Vuelta: Flamenco Music and Dance from Mexico and Cuba NEW

Ida y Vuelta is Spanish for "round trip," which is what songs are called in flamenco that were taken from abroad and woven into the art form born in the south of Spain. Through music, song, and dance, we will introduce flamenco history and its relationship to "borrowed" melodies from Cuba and Mexico. For adults.

- Woodneath Library Center**
Sunday, January 26 2:00 p.m.

Take a Trip to St. Paradise with Steel Drums

Join Lazell Williams for steel drum music from the islands with a twist of jazz, a slice of reggae, and topped off with your favorite popular tunes. All ages.

- Blue Springs North Branch**
Wednesday, February 19 6:30 p.m.
- East Independence Branch**
Wednesday, February 26 6:30 p.m.
- Lee's Summit Branch**
Wednesday, February 12 6:30 p.m.
- Red Bridge Branch**
Saturday, February 22 11:00 a.m.

The Fountain City String Quartet: A Tribute to Beyoncé NEW

Enjoy an afternoon with The Fountain City String Quartet as they bring the music of Beyoncé to the Beyhive with a classical twist. Ages 12 and up.

- Woodneath Library Center**
Saturday, February 8 2:00 p.m.

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Ancestors on the Move (Hybrid) NEW

Discover the modes of transportation our ancestors used! We will follow westward expansion across the U.S. while discussing different types of transportation. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Saturday, February 22 2:00 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
Tuesday, February 4 10:30 a.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
Wednesday, February 26 6:30 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, February 20 2:00 p.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, December 6 10:30 a.m.
Friday, January 3 10:30 a.m.
Friday, February 7 10:30 a.m.

East European Genealogy (Hybrid)

Learn which countries are considered part of Eastern Europe and when they were established, as well as when and why people emigrated from these countries. Explore the history of the region and the Slavic people, their settlements, and their three ethnic groups. Learn how to start and focus your research, explore the records available, and which U.S. websites may be helpful as well as how to overcome a language barrier. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Tuesday, January 28 2:00 p.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
Friday, January 17 2:00 p.m.

Finding Your Scottish Ancestors (Hybrid)

This class will provide you with the necessary tools to trace your Scottish ancestors. Topics covered include how to start your research, Scottish records divisions, record types, and sources you will encounter in your research. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Sunday, February 2 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
Wednesday, December 11 6:30 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
Thursday, January 23 2:00 p.m.

From Clues to a Conclusion: Evaluating Evidence in Genealogy (Hybrid) NEW

Learn how to develop effective research questions, follow a research plan, and evaluate and analyze sources, information, and evidence. We will explore how to analyze evidence in accordance with the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) to reach sound conclusions. This class is intended for intermediate researchers who have a solid foundation in beginning research methodology. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Thursday, January 30 2:00 p.m.

German Special Interest Group

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 everyone to participate and discuss the subject matter they know best. All skill levels are welcome. This program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Saturday, January 18 2:00 p.m.

German Special Interest Group (Zoom)

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Midwest Genealogy Center
Sunday, January 19 2:00 p.m.

German Special Interest Group: Holiday Edition

Learn about German holiday traditions and how to celebrate them locally in this special holiday edition of the discussion group. This class will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Friday, December 6 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
Tuesday, December 3 10:30 a.m.

Hidden Treasures: Fort Sumter to Appomattox: The War of Rebellion Official Records NEW

In 1880, under the direction of the Secretary of War, the incredible task of organizing, editing, and publishing the records of the Civil War began. Muster into the Midwest Genealogy Center where we will learn to use these records to step back onto the battlefield in search of our ancestors. This program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, January 15 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 15 6:00 p.m.

Hidden Treasures: The National Archives and Records Administration NEW

For many, the very thought of finding records for their ancestors among the 13.5 billion records at the National Archives and Records Administration can seem insurmountable! Join the Midwest Genealogy Center and discover research methods for narrowing down your search and receiving better results. This program will be held in-person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, February 19 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 19 6:00 p.m.

How to Date Old Photographs (Hybrid)

Discover how to uncover clues to help determine when a photograph was taken. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Saturday, January 11 2:00 p.m.

Interlibrary Loan for Genealogy (Hybrid)

Discover how Mid-Century 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, January 7 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Genetic Genealogy (Hybrid)

Are you considering taking a DNA test, or have taken a DNA test but don't know what to do with the results? This two-part series will discuss the basics of DNA, how to choose the right test for you, and how to utilize test results in your genealogy research. For adults.

Week 1: DNA Basics
Week 2: Strategies for Analysis

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Saturday, December 14 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 15 2:00 p.m.

Join us for in-person genealogy classes!

Beginning African American Genealogy

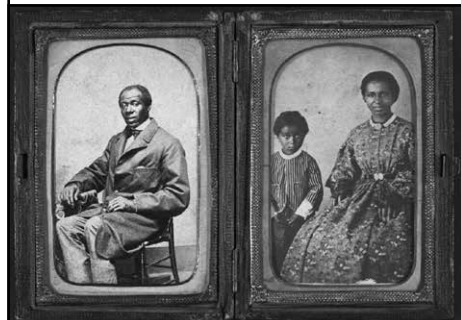
While sometimes challenging, researching your African American ancestry can take you on an amazing journey to the names, places, and stories of your family's past. In this introductory-level class, you'll explore the basics of research and learn about federal, state, and local records that can be helpful to anyone researching ancestors of African descent. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch
Thursday, January 30 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch
Thursday, February 6 6:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch
Thursday, February 20 2:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch
Thursday, February 27 6:30 p.m.



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Blue Springs North Branch
Thursday, December 5 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch
Wednesday, January 29 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch
Thursday, February 27 7:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Tuesday, February 25 2:00 p.m.

Mexican and Central American Genealogy Research (Hybrid) NEW

This class covers Mexico and Central America and their genealogical records. Topics include jurisdictions for finding records, brief timelines, naming conventions, types of records, Spanish language, and resources. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Saturday, December 7 2:00 p.m.

Polish Genealogy Research (Hybrid)

Did your ancestor come from Russian Poland, Galicia-Austria, or East or West Prussia? These regions may be now within the present boundaries of Poland. Learn basic techniques, resources available, how to deal with foreign records, and more. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Tuesday, December 10 2:00 p.m.

Ports of Call (Hybrid) NEW

Expand your understanding of U.S. ports of entry during the waves of immigration spanning the 19th and early 20th centuries. We will discuss major and minor ports, trends and policies impacting immigration research, and an overview of online and print resources to use when searching for an immigrant ancestor's port of entry. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Monday, January 6 2:00 p.m.

Researching Your World War II Veteran (Hybrid)

Piece together your WWII veteran's military experience using web resources, Library resources, and outside sources. Learn what records still exist and how to locate them. For adults.

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

Romancing the Archives (Hybrid) NEW

Delve deep into letters, diaries, and historical records to discover tales of hope, hidden passions, and true love among your ancestors' stories. Whether you are a seasoned writer or an aspiring novelist, the Midwest Genealogy Center can teach you how to unearth stories that can be used to craft authentic historical tales. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Saturday, February 15 2:00 p.m.

SANKOFA: Returning to Our Past-Looking for Our Future NEW

Join the Midwest Genealogy Center and the Midwest Afro-American Genealogical Interest Coalition (M.A.G.I.C) to explore the importance of honoring our past to shape our future. Through the lens of genealogy, history, and technology, our speakers will delve into the richness of African American heritage and how we can preserve it for generations to come. This is an in-person event. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Saturday, February 1 10:00 a.m.

The Anatomy of BMD: What You Don't Know About Vital Records (Zoom) NEW

Vital records are one of the first record sets we look for in the hunt for our ancestors. But do you know everything about these records? What do you do when no records exist? We will examine the history of vital records in the United States, variations of those records, and alternatives. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Monday, February 10 2:00 p.m.

U.S. Probate Records for Genealogy (Hybrid)

Probate records can help genealogists scale that brick wall between generations and add information about their family. If your ancestor had assets, they probably had probate papers. This class follows the estate from the documents to the final settlement. It also covers items such as dower rights. It does not offer legal advice. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center and Online
Friday, February 14 2:00 p.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
Thursday, December 19 2:00 p.m.



Explore online genealogy resources to delve deeper into your family's story.

**[mymcpl.org/
GenealogyResources](http://mymcpl.org/GenealogyResources)**

My Community

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.

Antioch Branch

Friday, February 28 10:00 a.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Friday, January 3 10:00 a.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Friday, December 13 12:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, February 14 1:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, January 30 12:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Thursday, December 19 10:00 a.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Friday, January 10 10:00 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, January 31 11:00 a.m.

Platte City Branch

Friday, January 17 12:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, January 22 10:00 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Friday, January 10 10:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Friday, January 10 11:00 a.m.



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Animals and Nature

Sap to Syrup (Zoom) NEW

Winter is full of wonder, including processing tree sap into syrup. Join naturalist Steve Jacobson to learn the basics of tree selection, collection, and processing as the equipment needed to turn watery sap into delicious syrup. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, February 26 6:30 p.m.

Technology

Computer Basics: Getting Started

This hands-on program introduces you to the basic features of a Windows computer and how to use them. Laptops will be provided. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch

Tuesday, December 10 2:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, January 8 2:00 p.m.

Computer Basics: Navigating

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

East Independence Branch

Monday, December 16 2:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, January 22 2:00 p.m.

Internet for Beginners

Learn the basics of internet use, including terminology, how to get connected, and how to find what you're looking for online. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, February 6 2:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Tuesday, February 11 2:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Monday, December 9 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, February 19 2:00 p.m.

Internet Safety Basics

Protect yourself while surfing the web by learning a few of the more typical dangers found online and how to proactively keep you and your information safe. For adults.

Grandview Branch

Monday, January 6 6:30 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, December 17 2:00 p.m.

Microsoft Word®: Part 1

This introduction will focus on how to create, save, and print a document using Microsoft® Word. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, December 12 2:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Monday, February 3 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, December 4 2:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Monday, December 2 3:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, January 21 2:00 p.m.

Microsoft Word®: Part 2

Sharpen your document creation skills with several great features of Microsoft® Word. Attendance of the program Microsoft Word®: Part 1 is suggested. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, January 9 2:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Monday, February 10 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, December 18 2:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Monday, January 6 3:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, February 18 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.

Blue Ridge Branch

Tuesday, January 14 2:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Tuesday, January 21 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12 2:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Monday, December 23 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 13 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, February 5 2:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Monday, February 3 3:00 p.m.



Arts Instruction

Concept Sketching for Anime, Cartoon, Comic, and Manga NEW

Cartoons, manga, anime, and graphic novels have one thing in common—storytelling through the power of illustration. Join art teacher Manabu Takahashi to explore concept sketches and learn how to draw in the style of your favorite comic books or mangas. For adults.

Green Hills Library Center
Thursday, February 27 6:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch
Tuesday, February 11 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch
Thursday, January 9 6:30 p.m.

Smithville Branch
Thursday, February 20 6:00 p.m.

Withers Branch
Tuesday, January 28 6:30 p.m.

Design Your Own Pendant Necklace NEW

A To Z Artistry will guide participants through the process of designing their own one-of-a-kind bezel pendant necklace. Participants will draw, paint, and create their design, then use UV resin to seal it. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Colbern Road Library Center
Monday, December 2 6:30 p.m.

Dearborn Branch
Saturday, February 1 10:30 a.m.

Grandview Branch
Wednesday, January 8 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch
Thursday, December 5 6:00 p.m.

Platte City Branch
Thursday, January 16 6:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Wednesday, December 4 6:30 p.m.

Drawing Poppies like Georgia O'Keeffe (MCPL360) NEW

In this program, we will work with chalk pastels to create a bold beautiful poppy flower in a style inspired by the famous American female artist Georgia O'Keeffe. This medium allows for bright bold color and a beautifully finished piece of artwork. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Thursday, January 23 6:30 p.m.

Love Birds Painting (MCPL360) NEW

Dream of spring as you paint these love birds with artist Sarah Poff. 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, February 5 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.

Camden Point Branch
Saturday, February 22 10:30 a.m.

Claycomo Branch
Tuesday, December 10 6:00 p.m.

East Independence Branch
Wednesday, January 22 6:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch
Thursday, January 16 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch
Tuesday, February 18 6:30 p.m.

Smithville Branch
Saturday, January 4 3:00 p.m.

Watercolor and Ink: Painting and Sketching Trees (MCPL360) NEW

In this program, we will explore several different techniques artists use for painting and drawing trees. We will learn various structures for drawing trees, how to paint them in watercolor, use pen and ink and watercolor to create a line and wash, and then finally paint trees in watercolor focusing on texture. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Thursday, December 5 7:00 p.m.

Crafts and Hobbies

Bachata Dance Class NEW

Learn the Bachata, a playful Latin dance from the Dominican Republic, with the Library! Participants will learn about dance frame, and practice turns for leaders and followers. The class will involve partner dancing, but a dance partner is not required to attend. Shoes that allow for less traction are recommended. For adults.

East Lee's Summit Branch
Wednesday, January 29 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch
Sunday, February 16 2:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Saturday, February 8 11:00 a.m.

Discover Embroidery: Snowflake Stocking Cap NEW

Learn some basic embroidery stitches and create a personalized snowflake stocking cap to keep you warm and cozy this winter season. Perfect for all skill levels, this is a great way to add a personal touch to your winter wardrobe. Stocking caps are one size fits most, and colors will vary. For adults.

Claycomo Branch
Wednesday, January 8 6:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch
Wednesday, December 18 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch
Thursday, December 12 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch
Thursday, December 5 6:30 p.m.

Introduction to Crochet

Learn the basics of crochet during this two-session class, and create a unique mug rug that uses beginning stitches and techniques. Supplies needed: One skein yarn (weight number 4) and a crochet hook (size G or H). For adults.

Buckner Branch
Wednesday, January 8 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 15 6:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch
Thursday, January 30 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 6 6:30 p.m.

Smithville Branch
Thursday, February 13 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 27 6:30 p.m.



Make a Mini Zine NEW

Learn how to make your own mini zine, a self-published work on paper that can be about anything you want. We'll look at examples, gather inspiration, and learn tips and tricks for layout, self-publishing on the cheap, as well as where to get your work out there once it exists. For adults.

- Blue Springs South Branch**
Saturday, January 18 11:00 a.m.
- Colbern Road Library Center**
Saturday, January 25 2:00 p.m.
- Parkville Branch**
Saturday, February 15 2:00 p.m.
- Woodneath Library Center**
Saturday, February 22 2:00 p.m.

Upcycled Paper Beads NEW

Join eco-artist Alexis Webb-Bechtold and learn how to give book pages a second life by upcycling them into paper beads. For adults.

- Colbern Road Library Center**
Monday, January 6 6:30 p.m.
- Grandview Branch**
Wednesday, February 19 6:30 p.m.
- Lone Jack Branch**
Thursday, January 30 6:00 p.m.
- North Oak Branch**
Wednesday, February 5 6:30 p.m.
- Platte City Branch**
Saturday, December 7 11:00 a.m.
- Weston Branch**
Saturday, January 18 3:30 p.m.
- Withers Branch**
Tuesday, January 7 7:00 p.m.
- Woodneath Library Center**
Tuesday, December 10 6:30 p.m.

Culinary

Pumpkin Lasagna and Winter Squash Recipes (Zoom) NEW

Warm up your fall cooking with pumpkin and winter squash recipes. With their beautiful colors and earthy flavors, they transform meals into seasonal treats. Vanessa Young will show us how to use these versatile autumn ingredients in delicious ways including a pumpkin lasagna with some flavor twists. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Tuesday, February 25 6:30 p.m.

Vibrant Soups (Zoom) NEW

Join Vanessa Young for a cooking demonstration of a healthy Italian soup while exploring how to make a hearty vegetable stock, roasted vegetable soup, and more. She will share customizations, flavor combinations, and tips for creating delicious meals based around recipes that can also be made vegan or vegetarian. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, January 22 6:30 p.m.

Winter Gatherings and Appetizers (Zoom) NEW

Get ready for the holidays with culinarian Vanessa Young. Learn to make winter-themed boards, including cheese and charcuterie versions (or with plant-based substitutes), delicious sliders, and other appetizers. Table setting ideas will help you present your dishes festively. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Tuesday, December 3 7:00 p.m.

Winter Soups and Stews NEW

Winter brings visions of sweaters, woolly hats, and warm comforting foods. What better time to explore the soothing, filling goodness of stews and soups. Chef Mel Cole will introduce variations of main ingredients, vegetables, and seasonings to create a symphony of flavorful goodness for your winter table. For adults.

- Dearborn Branch**
Saturday, January 11 10:30 a.m.
- Grain Valley Branch**
Saturday, December 14 2:00 p.m.
- Kearney Branch**
Tuesday, January 14 6:30 p.m.
- Lee's Summit Branch**
Thursday, January 16 6:30 p.m.
- Lone Jack Branch**
Monday, December 9 6:00 p.m.
- North Independence Branch**
Saturday, December 7 11:00 a.m.
- North Oak Branch**
Wednesday, January 8 6:30 p.m.
- Raytown Branch**
Wednesday, February 12 6:00 p.m.
- Riverside Branch**
Monday, January 13 6:30 p.m.

Health and Well-Being

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.

- North Independence Branch**
Monday, January 27 10:00 a.m.
Monday, February 3 10:00 a.m.
Monday, February 10 10:00 a.m.
- Red Bridge Branch**
Sunday, January 19 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 26 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 2 2:00 p.m.



Boosting the Immune System NEW

A strong immune system is important for staying healthy and keeping contagious illnesses at bay. This program focuses on five ways to support your immune system and give yourself the best chance to fight off illness. For adults.

- Antioch Branch**
Saturday, January 11 11:00 a.m.
- Grandview and Online**
Wednesday, January 8 2:30 p.m.
- Kearney Branch**
Tuesday, December 3 6:30 p.m.
- South Independence Branch**
Thursday, February 6 4:00 p.m.

Cooking for Weight Loss (Zoom) NEW

Talk with Registered Dietitian Lindsey Robinson about sustainable weight loss. Discover how to best fuel and nourish your body with food. Learn how to become a mindful eater, enjoy all foods, and stay on track with your health goals. For adults.

- Virtual Branch**
Wednesday, January 8 6:30 p.m.

Deck Your Halls with Herbs NEW

Keep your days merry and bright with immune supporting herbal recipes for the whole family. Learn about herbal recipes and lore for the holiday season as well as supportive herbs like elderberry, reishi mushroom, and garlic. Participants will leave with recipes and an herbal soup sachet. For adults.

- East Lee's Summit Branch**
Saturday, December 7 2:30 p.m.
- Parkville Branch**
Saturday, December 7 10:30 a.m.
- Woodneath Library Center**
Sunday, December 8 2:00 p.m.

Eat the Mediterranean Way (Zoom) NEW

Learn how people eat in the countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea with Registered Dietitian Lindsey Robinson. Discover all the benefits of the Mediterranean diet and how you can incorporate this style of eating into your everyday life. For adults.

- Virtual Branch**
Tuesday, January 21 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.

- Blue Springs South Branch**
Tuesday, January 21 6:30 p.m.
- Colbern Road Library Center**
Wednesday, January 8 6:30 p.m.
- Raytown Branch**
Saturday, January 11 3:00 p.m.

Home and Garden



Composting 101: Turning Waste into Garden Gold NEW

Put the valuable nutrients found in food waste to use by turning them into compost—rather than sending them to the landfill. Gardener Myriam Totta will discuss what to compost, different composting methods, and the benefits of using compost in your garden or yard. For adults.

- Edgerton Branch**
Saturday, February 8 11:00 a.m.
- Green Hills Library Center**
Saturday, February 1 3:00 p.m.
- Platte City Branch**
Tuesday, February 18 6:00 p.m.
- South Independence and Online**
Thursday, January 23 7:00 p.m.
- Weston Branch**
Saturday, February 22 11:30 a.m.



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Business

Building Your Business Presence NEW

Learn how to effectively establish your business presence with both online and in-person strategies. This program will cover ideas for increasing visibility, how to leverage local and in-person events, and more. Discover actionable steps to start promoting your business and making a lasting impact. For adults.

Riverside Branch

Thursday, January 16 5:15 p.m.

Business Operations Basics NEW

Learn essential software, systems, and security basics for new business owners. Discover low-cost (or free) tools and strategies that simplify setup and boost your chances of success. This class ensures you're well-equipped to manage and grow your business effectively. For adults.

Riverside Branch

Thursday, January 16 4:00 p.m.

Canva Collaboration Meetup

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, January 31 9:00 a.m.

Withers Branch

Friday, December 20 9:00 a.m.

Capcut Collaboration Meetup NEW

Join Square One for Capcut Collaboration Meetup, an open community-building event where business owners and creators of all kinds come together to connect with each other and work on their video projects. Specialists will be there to assist with quick how-tos if you have questions. Otherwise, it's just pure Capcut creativity! For adults.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, February 28 9:00 a.m.

Clear is Kind: Overcoming Anxiety Over Difficult Conversations NEW

Difficult conversations are challenging for both parties involved. Whether it's delivering tough feedback or managing client expectations, these moments require courage and preparation. In this session, you'll learn to recognize when a hard conversation is needed, how to prepare, and how to foster trust and safety during the exchange. For adults.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, January 23 3:15 p.m.

Coffee and Coworking

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, February 14 9:00 a.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Friday, January 10 9:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Friday, December 13 9:00 a.m.

Create Your Customer Avatar

Having the right customer avatar is key to the success of your marketing! A fully conceived customer avatar will help you find better customers, fine-tune your brand, and say all the right things to make the sale. In this hands-on workshop, entrepreneurial strategist Kim Beer will walk you through the five essential categories you need to know to attract the perfect customers to your business. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Tuesday, January 21 4:45 p.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.

Antioch Branch

Tuesday, January 21 3:00 p.m.

Define Your Direction: A Business Model Canvas Workshop

Is your business model working? Join Kimberly Beer to learn how to stop the chaos and create meaningful direction in your business while ensuring your business idea is solid. Ideal for new entrepreneurs looking to define their concept and seasoned business owners who want to prevent the dreaded three- and five-year business slumps. Registration is required to receive the packet with supplies for this activity-based class. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch

Tuesday, December 3 6:00 p.m.

Delegating Like a Pro NEW

Effective delegation is key to successful leadership, but it can be challenging. Learn to overcome common barriers like trust issues, time constraints, and fear of mistakes. In this session, you'll gain strategies for delegating tasks, setting clear expectations, and monitoring progress without micromanaging, all while empowering your team to succeed. For adults.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, February 27 3:15 p.m.

SQUARE ONE SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES



Developing a Social Media Mindset

Between deciding on a platform, understanding how posting works, learning about analytics and more, social media can feel like too big of a task to take on. Join Square One and dive into cultivating a social media mindset and capturing content in a way that aligns with your business and schedule and feels authentic to you. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Tuesday, February 25 3:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, January 28 6:30 p.m.

First Impressions Matter: Onboarding Done Right NEW

In a post-pandemic world, small business owners face mounting challenges, with onboarding emerging as a top priority. Join us to elevate your onboarding process, ensuring compliance and effectiveness. Learn to analyze, enhance, and align your approach with ATD's (Association of Talent Development) capability model, setting the stage for long-term success. For adults.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, January 23 2:00 p.m.

Getting Creative with Canva

Canva is the graphic design platform you never knew you needed! Join Square One for answers to your Canva questions and help with your designs. Participants will discover tools within Canva to improve designs, edit existing and new designs for future use, and acquire design tricks and tips from the experts. Participants should create a free Canva account at canva.com prior to attending. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch

Thursday, January 16 6:30 p.m.

East Independence Branch

Tuesday, January 14 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Wednesday, January 8 6:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Tuesday, January 21 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, February 10 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Thursday, January 23 7:00 p.m.

Introduction to Gale Business Plan Builder NEW

Explore the *Gale Business Plan Builder*, a free tool available with your Library card. This overview introduces you to its features and how to use it effectively. It's perfect for those looking to start a business and serves as a lead-in to an in-depth five-week series. For adults.

East Independence Branch

Monday, February 10 5:00 p.m.

Launch Simply: Key Steps to Start Your Business NEW

Learn to launch your small business with just the essentials. This class covers key steps for starting successfully, focusing on what truly matters. Discover you don't need things like business cards or a website to begin. Perfect for aspiring entrepreneurs seeking a straightforward, efficient path to business ownership. For adults.

East Independence Branch

Monday, January 6 6:15 p.m.

Manage the Project, Not the Person NEW

Learn to shift your focus from micromanaging employees to managing the work itself. Discover strategies to empower your team, boost productivity, and increase loyalty by giving employees the freedom to perform in ways that suit them. Plus, explore simple, flexible management techniques that enhance your leadership without overhauling policies. For adults.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, February 27 2:00 p.m.

Resources for Business Owners and Career Seekers (Zoom)

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

Monday, December 2 10:00 a.m.

Should You Be a Business Owner? NEW

Thinking about starting a business? This class helps you evaluate key considerations and explore alternatives before diving in. Assess your readiness, understand the challenges, and make informed decisions about your entrepreneurial journey. Ideal for those contemplating business ownership. For adults.

East Independence Branch

Monday, January 6 5:00 p.m.

Simple Ways to Use AI in Your Business

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.

Riverside Branch

Thursday, February 20 5:15 p.m.

SQUARE ONE SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES

Square One Outreach Day

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.

Lone Jack Branch

Thursday, January 30 10:00 a.m.

Streamline Your Social Media: Content Creation Workshop NEW

Join us for a hands-on workshop where you'll learn to streamline your social media strategy. Discover how to create a 30-day content calendar and batch your posts for efficiency. Perfect for boosting productivity and planning ahead with guided support and practical tips. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Tuesday, February 25 4:15 p.m.

Structure Your Day, Strengthen Your Business NEW

Optimize your workday by establishing structure. This class helps business owners create processes to start and end the day, enhancing productivity and ensuring that daily operations run smoothly, so that long-term success is inevitable. Master the art of systemizing your day for better focus and business success. For adults.

Riverside Branch

Thursday, February 20 4:00 p.m.

Summits at the Summit: Goal-Setting NEW

Get ready to wrap up your year with intention and dive into 2025 with clarity and purpose. Join us for a dynamic day of breakout sessions focused on setting goals, planning, and staying motivated. Walk away energized, organized, and ready to tackle the year ahead! Lunch is provided. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, December 12 9:30 a.m.

What You Need When You Need It in Your Business NEW

Struggling to know when to hire, outsource, add marketing efforts or really do anything in your business? This program helps you determine the right time for determining what you need and how to know when you'll need it. Learn to grow gradually and add essential components as needed, ensuring sustainable and manageable business expansion. For adults.

East Independence Branch

Monday, February 10 6:15 p.m.

Careers and Education

Boost Your Marketability with Soft Skills NEW

Do you know if you're marketable? Join us to learn about essential soft skills and conduct a self-assessment to identify strengths and areas for improvement. Gain insights to improve your interpersonal abilities and increase your marketability in the job market and as an entrepreneur. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Wednesday, February 12 11:45 a.m.

Build Better Boundaries NEW

Learn practical concepts for setting and maintaining boundaries in both personal and professional settings. This program is designed for those who find it easy to say "no" and those who struggle with boundary enforcement. Engage with reflection questions and enjoy a fun, interactive experience tailored to your needs. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Wednesday, February 12 10:00 a.m.

Master Your Time, Master Your Life NEW

Unlock time management strategies to enhance your work and life. Learn techniques to master your schedule, boost productivity, and achieve your goals. Discover how managing your time effectively can help you build a balanced life. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Wednesday, January 8 11:15 a.m.

Mind Mastery NEW

Harness the power of your mind to achieve your goals. In this workshop, you'll explore self-mastery, cognitive cycles, and belief systems, learning how to align your thoughts, emotions, and actions. Uncover practical techniques to reshape your reality, cultivate resilience, and propel yourself toward success. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Wednesday, January 8 10:00 a.m.

Authors

Story Center Speaker Series: Tiffany Killoren NEW

Join The Story Center for a visit from author Tiffany Killoren (also writing as Lilian West) for a discussion of her debut mystery novel, *Pretty Dead Things*. This event is offered in partnership with Rainy Day Books and will be followed by a book sale and signing. For adults.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, January 23 7:00 p.m.

Certification

Every Decoration Has a Story NEW

Explore your holiday customs and family traditions in this generative workshop with writer and founder of Salt Tooth Writers / The Writing Workshop KC, Frances Story. Bring a decoration along for inspiration and your favorite medium to write in. This class is part of the Oral and Written Storytelling Certificate Programs as a Storytelling Elective. For adults.

The Story Center

Thursday, December 12 6:30 p.m.

Introduction to Storytelling Varieties (Zoom)

Learn about storytelling varieties from nationally known storyteller and Grammy-nominated recording artist Milbre Burch. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, February 27 6:30 p.m.

Marketing for Storytellers (Zoom)

Entrepreneurial expert Kimberly Beer will teach you how to cultivate a brand that speaks to your audience as a writer or storyteller. You will also get a chance to explore effective marketing tactics, including networking, social media platforms, and resources from MCPL's Square One Small Business Services. This class is part of the Written and Oral Storytelling Certificate Programs. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, February 12 6:30 p.m.

Resources for Storytellers

It takes various tools to become a seasoned storyteller, including books, websites, organizations, and more. Learn about some basic resources and walk away with a list to use along your storytelling journey. This class is part of the Written and Oral Storytelling Certificate Programs. For adults.

Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, December 17 6:30 p.m.

Starting a Writing Project (Zoom)

Start your writing project with Story Center. Dive into creative inspiration, learn to maneuver the building blocks of story, and discover tools to help set realistic goals and stay on track. Come prepared to put pen to paper. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Monday, January 13 6:30 p.m.

Story Center Critique Group (Hybrid)

Join a community of your writing peers to provide supportive and constructive critiques 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, December 2 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 6 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 3 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, December 19 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 16 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 20 6:30 p.m.

Storycrafting Fundamentals (Zoom)

Writer and storyteller Laura Packer will explore character development, story structure, point of view, understanding your audience, and other storycrafting techniques. Designed for creative writers and storytellers, this class doesn't require previous writing or storytelling experience. This class is part of the Oral and Written Storytelling Certificate Programs. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, January 22 6:30 p.m.

Storytelling Certificate Celebration: Oral Storytelling (Hybrid)

Join The Story Center as we recognize the participants who have earned their certificate from the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

Woodneath Library Center and Online

Saturday, December 7 10:30 a.m.

Storytelling Certificate Celebration: Written Storytelling (Hybrid)

Join The Story Center as we recognize the participants who have earned their certificate from the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

Woodneath Library Center and Online

Saturday, December 7 1:30 p.m.

Telling Stories from Other Cultures: Things to Consider NEW

What is the difference between cultural appropriation and utilizing storytelling as a tool to engage with other traditions and ways of life? Join veteran storytellers Jim “Two Crows” Wallen and Brother John as they discuss their thoughts on how—or if—to tell the stories of other cultures. This class is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program as a Storytelling Elective. This program is presented in collaboration with River and Prairie Storyweavers. For adults.

The Story Center

Thursday, February 13 6:30 p.m.

Writing Basics (Zoom)

Learn the basics of writing, including creating dialogue, character, and description, from Assistant Professor of English at Park University Glenn Lester. This course includes a segment on resources, which attendees can take home. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, February 5 6:30 p.m.

Winter Winds Annual Storytelling Festival

Open-Mic Storytelling and Lunch

This open-mic storytelling event is a chance to share a story and connect with other storytellers, while enjoying a provided boxed lunch. Drop your name into a hat if you are interested in telling a 5-6-minute story or sit back and enjoy the show. For adults.

Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, February 22 12:00 p.m.

Permission to Play: Discovering the Story You Want to Tell

Unlock the story within you through play! Join Kevin Cordi in this unique workshop where play becomes the key to uncovering and exploring your narrative as he guides beginners and seasoned storytellers alike towards discovering multiple story directions. For adults.

Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, February 22 1:30 p.m.

The Personal Is Powerful: Share Your Experience in Story

Your life story matters. Join Kevin Cordi as he empowers you to uncover and share the powerful narratives hidden within your experiences. Through practical methods and emotional and sensory engagement strategies, Kevin helps you craft compelling stories that resonate deeply. For adults.

Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, February 22 10:00 a.m.

Winter Winds Annual Storytelling Concert (Hybrid)

Warm up your winter and get ready for spring with a selection of stories told by featured teller Kevin Cordi and guests. Joyce Slater, veteran storyteller and founder of the Kansas City Storytelling Celebration, will be your emcee for this Winter Winds event for all ages. For adults.

Woodneath Library Center and Online

Friday, February 21 7:00 p.m.

THE STORY CENTER

History

Architectural Tour of Historic Woodneath House

Join Trudy Faulkner, Vice President of Strata Architecture + Planning, for an inside look at the historic Woodneath home. She will describe the extensive adaptive reuse project that turned the original house, built in 1855-1856, into a dynamic space for MCPL's Story Center. Space is limited and reservations are required. For adults.

The Story Center

Saturday, January 25 10:30 a.m.

Storytelling

Stories by the Hearth NEW

Join us for a batch of cozy, family-friendly stories. This program will feature storyteller Mary L. Schmidt and graduates of The Story Center's Oral Storytelling Certificate Program, and will be hosted by certified storyteller Brenda Lowe. All ages.

Woodneath Library Center

Wednesday, January 29 6:30 p.m.

Writing

Developing a Marketing Plan for Self-Published Authors (Zoom)

Join Publication Manager Kyndall Tiller as she discusses the steps to develop a marketing plan specifically designed for self-published authors. Learn how to determine your target audience, create metadata, utilize your key selling points, and more. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, January 9 6:30 p.m.

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, December 14 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 18 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 15 1:30 p.m.

TikTok for Storytellers and Writers NEW

Learn the basics of storytelling with content creator Taylor Santini. Using examples from well-known writers and storytellers, we will discuss the skills needed to create and polish engaging videos. We will also discover how to recognize and adapt to trends to help you promote your own work while connecting with community. For adults.

The Story Center

Thursday, February 6 6:30 p.m.

Special Presentation:
Ida's Journey in America

Arts and Culture

Artist's Talk: Ida's Journey in America NEW

Kansas City-based artist Karen E. Griffin shares the inspiration behind her textile panels on display in The Story Center at the Woodneath Library Center. She will also discuss the connection between her two creative practices, textile art and storytelling. For adults.

The Story Center

Monday, December 9 6:30 p.m.

Exhibits

Ida's Journey in America Exhibition NEW

Created by artist and storyteller Karen E. Griffin, the textiles in this exhibit represent the career of Ida B. Wells. The exhibit will be on display in The Story Center at the Woodneath Library Center from December 6, 2024, through March 3, 2025, and viewable during regular opening hours. For adults.

Performance

Ida's Journey in America NEW

Join Ida B. Wells, as portrayed by storyteller Karen E. Griffin, as she shares her experiences. This performance complements Griffin's exhibition, "Ida's Journey in America," on display in The Story Center at the Woodneath Library Center from December 6, 2024, through March 3, 2025, and viewable during regular opening hours. For adults.

The Story Center

Monday, February 24 6:30 p.m.

The Story Center's programs and resources will help connect you with the stories of people across the street and around the world.

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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 Ridge Branch

Thursday, February 6 10:00 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Friday, January 10 10:00 a.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Friday, January 17 9:15 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, December 10 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 14 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 28 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 11 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 25 10:00 a.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Wednesday, February 12 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 26 10:00 a.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, February 22 11:00 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.

Antioch Branch

Wednesday, January 22 2:00 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Saturday, February 15 10:30 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, December 6 10:00 a.m.

Friday, January 3 10:00 a.m.

Friday, February 7 10:00 a.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Wednesday, January 8 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 15 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 22 10:00 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!

Lone Jack Branch

Wednesday, February 5 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 19 10:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch

Friday, February 21 3:30 p.m.

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, February 3 6:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Thursday, December 12 10:00 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Wednesday, January 22 6:00 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

Wednesday, January 15 10:00 a.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, December 5 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 2 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 6 6:30 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, December 11 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 13 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Monday, January 6 4:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, February 11 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 12 10:00 a.m.

Parkville Branch

Wednesday, January 15 10:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Wednesday, February 26 7:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Tuesday, February 11 5:30 p.m.

Withers Branch

Saturday, January 18 10:30 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.

Lone Jack Branch

Monday, December 9 4:00 p.m.

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READER**
Early Literacy Initiative

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.

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.

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| Blue Springs South Branch | |
| 1 st and 3 rd Friday every month | 10:00 a.m. |
| East Lee's Summit Branch | |
| 3 rd Wednesday every month | 10:00 a.m. |
| Excelsior Springs Branch | |
| 2 nd Friday every month | 10:30 a.m. |
| Grain Valley Branch | |
| Every Tues. | 10:30 a.m. |
| except Dec. 17 th , 24 th , and 31 st | |
| Every Weds. | 10:30 a.m. |
| except Dec. 18 th , 25 th , and Jan 1 st | |
| Grandview Branch | |
| Every Tuesday | 11:00 a.m. |
| except Dec 24 th and Feb. 4 th | |
| Every Thursday | 5:00 p.m. |
| Green Hills Library Center | |
| Saturday, December 21 | 10:30 a.m. |
| Saturday, January 25 | 10:30 a.m. |
| Saturday, February 22 | 10:30 a.m. |
| Kearney Branch | |
| Every Wednesday | 9:30 a.m. |
| except Dec. 25 th and Jan 1 st | |
| North Oak Branch | |
| Friday, December 27 | 10:30 a.m. |
| Friday, January 3 | 10:30 a.m. |
| Oak Grove Branch | |
| 2 nd Tues. & Weds every month | 10:30 a.m. |
| except Dec 24 th and 25 th | |
| Red Bridge Branch | |
| Every Friday | 9:30 a.m. |
| except Dec. 27 th and Jan 3 rd | |
| Withers Branch | |
| Tuesday, December 31 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday, January 21 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Wednesday, February 19 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Woodneath Library Center | |
| Saturday, January 4 | 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.

Colbern Road Library Center
Friday, January 3 10:30 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.

East Lee's Summit Branch
Thursday, December 12 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 9 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 13 4:00 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center
Monday, December 2 4:30 p.m.
Monday, December 9 4:30 p.m.
Monday, December 16 4:30 p.m.
Monday, January 6 4:30 p.m.
Monday, January 13 4:30 p.m.
Monday, January 27 4:30 p.m.
Monday, February 3 4:30 p.m.
Monday, February 10 4:30 p.m.
Monday, February 24 4:30 p.m.

Withers Branch
Wednesday, January 22 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 26 4:00 p.m.

STEAM Lab Storytime NEW

Join us for a STEAM Lab Storytime! Enjoy a STEAM-themed storytime and then explore a STEAM-related activity. Geared for ages 4-6. Please register participating children only.

Antioch Branch
Monday, January 13 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 19 2:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch
Thursday, January 23 10:00 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch
Tuesday, February 25 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch
Monday, January 27 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 29 10:00 a.m.
Monday, February 24 4:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch
Monday, February 3 4:30 p.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.

Blue Springs North Branch
Dropoff
Thursday, February 13 9:00 a.m.
Storytime
Saturday, February 15 10:30 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch
Dropoff
Wednesday, January 29 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 30 9:00 a.m.
Storytime
Saturday, February 1 11:00 a.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch
Dropoff
Thursday, February 27 9:00 a.m.
Storytime
Friday, February 28 10:00 a.m.

Kids

Animals and Nature



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.

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| Antioch Branch | |
| Saturday, January 18 | 2:00 p.m. |
| Parkville Branch | |
| Saturday, January 25 | 11:00 a.m. |
| Withers Branch | |
| Saturday, February 8 | 2:00 p.m. |

Books and Reading

Author Read Aloud: *Victoria Wears a Mask* by Victoria Barbee NEW

Join author Victoria Barbee as she shares how being different is special. Through her story, song, and craft, Victoria will show how everyone can smile through hard times and learn to love themselves just the way they are. Please register participating children only. Ages 5 and up.

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| Blue Springs South Branch | |
| Saturday, January 11 | 11:00 a.m. |
| Parkville Branch | |
| Tuesday, February 18 | 4:30 p.m. |
| Platte City Branch | |
| Saturday, February 15 | 11:00 a.m. |
| Withers Branch | |
| Thursday, January 2 | 4:00 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.

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| Antioch Branch | |
| Saturday, February 22 | 2:00 p.m. |
| Blue Springs South Branch | |
| Saturday, December 28 | 11:00 a.m. |
| East Independence Branch | |
| Saturday, January 25 | 2:30 p.m. |
| Edgerton Branch | |
| Thursday, February 13 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Excelsior Springs Branch | |
| Wednesday, January 15 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Grain Valley Branch | |
| Saturday, February 8 | 10:30 a.m. |
| Lee's Summit Branch | |
| Saturday, January 25 | 2:00 p.m. |
| Monday, February 3 | 6:00 p.m. |
| North Independence Branch | |
| Saturday, January 4 | 11:00 a.m. |
| Parkville Branch | |
| Tuesday, February 4 | 4:30 p.m. |

School Age Storytime NEW

Join us for a School Age Storytime! We will read a book or two, and then explore a STEAM-related activity! Geared for ages 5 and up. Please register participating children only.

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| Blue Springs South Branch | |
| Monday, December 2 | 4:30 p.m. |
| Monday, December 16 | 4:30 p.m. |
| Monday, January 6 | 4:30 p.m. |
| Monday, February 3 | 4:30 p.m. |
| Dearborn Branch | |
| Friday, January 3 | 10:00 a.m. |
| East Lee's Summit Branch | |
| Thursday, January 23 | 4:30 p.m. |
| Kearney Branch | |
| Thursday, February 13 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Lone Jack Branch | |
| Monday, January 13 | 4:00 p.m. |
| Monday, February 10 | 4:00 p.m. |
| Parkville Branch | |
| Tuesday, January 7 | 4:30 p.m. |

Crafts and Hobbies

DIY Accomplishment Badge NEW

Join us as we design and sew a felt badge to recognize an accomplishment or to set a goal. Take home the badge as a reward for yourself or a gift for someone else. Basic beginning sewing skills will be taught to make these badges from felt material. Please register participating children only. Ages 7 and up.

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| North Independence Branch | |
| Tuesday, January 14 | 6:30 p.m. |
| Smithville Branch | |
| Tuesday, February 4 | 6:30 p.m. |
| South Independence Branch | |
| Tuesday, February 25 | 6:00 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.

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| Buckner Branch | |
| Thursday, January 30 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Colbern Road Library Center | |
| Tuesday, February 4 | 6:30 p.m. |
| East Lee's Summit Branch | |
| Wednesday, February 26 | 3:30 p.m. |
| Excelsior Springs Branch | |
| Thursday, January 9 | 4:00 p.m. |
| Green Hills Library Center | |
| Wednesday, January 15 | 3:00 p.m. |
| Midwest Genealogy Center | |
| Saturday, February 22 | 10:30 a.m. |
| South Independence Branch | |
| Wednesday, December 18 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Weston Branch | |
| Wednesday, January 15 | 10:30 a.m. |
| Withers Branch | |
| Wednesday, December 4 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, February 19 | 6:00 p.m. |

Kids Create Art: Love to Craft

Celebrate the season with love-inspired crafts. Create a variety of themed craft items for yourself and the special people in your life. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

- Blue Springs North Branch**
Tuesday, February 11 7:00 p.m.
- Camden Point Branch**
Saturday, February 8 2:30 p.m.
- Claycomo Branch**
Tuesday, February 11 6:00 p.m.
- Excelsior Springs Branch**
Thursday, February 13 4:00 p.m.
- Grain Valley Branch**
Tuesday, February 11 6:30 p.m.
- Green Hills Library Center**
Wednesday, February 12 3:00 p.m.
- Lone Jack Branch**
Tuesday, February 11 4:00 p.m.
- North Oak Branch**
Thursday, February 20 6:30 p.m.
- Woodneath Library Center**
Monday, February 10 6:30 p.m.

Kids Create Art: Lunar New Year

It's the Year of the Snake! Celebrate the Lunar New Year with holiday-inspired crafts and learn about holiday traditions. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

- Colbern Road Library Center**
Thursday, January 30 6:30 p.m.
- East Independence Branch**
Thursday, January 30 6:30 p.m.
- Lone Jack Branch**
Wednesday, January 29 4:00 p.m.
- Midwest Genealogy Center**
Saturday, January 18 10:30 a.m.
- Red Bridge Branch**
Wednesday, January 29 4:00 p.m.
- Smithville Branch**
Wednesday, January 29 6:30 p.m.
- Withers Branch**
Wednesday, January 22 6:00 p.m.

Kids Create Art: Winter Crafts

Get out of the cold and create some fun winter crafts as a family. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

- Antioch Branch**
Monday, December 9 6:00 p.m.
- Blue Springs North Branch**
Tuesday, January 14 7:00 p.m.
- Camden Point Branch**
Saturday, January 18 10:30 a.m.
- Colbern Road Library Center**
Tuesday, January 7 6:30 p.m.
- Grain Valley Branch**
Tuesday, December 10 6:30 p.m.
- Green Hills Library Center**
Wednesday, December 11 3:00 p.m.
- Lee's Summit Branch**
Monday, December 16 6:00 p.m.
- Lone Jack Branch**
Friday, December 20 4:00 p.m.
- Oak Grove Branch**
Thursday, January 16 6:30 p.m.
- Riverside Branch**
Tuesday, January 28 4:30 p.m.
- Smithville Branch**
Saturday, December 21 10:30 a.m.
- Weston Branch**
Thursday, January 2 10:00 a.m.
- Woodneath Library Center**
Monday, December 9 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.

- Antioch Branch**
Monday, January 6 6:00 p.m.
- Grain Valley Branch**
Tuesday, January 14 6:30 p.m.
- Lone Jack Branch**
Friday, January 24 4:00 p.m.
- North Oak Branch**
Thursday, January 23 6:30 p.m.
- Raytown Branch**
Monday, January 27 5:00 p.m.
- Weston Branch**
Saturday, February 8 11:30 a.m.
- Woodneath Library Center**
Monday, February 24 6:30 p.m.

Vintage Victorian Valentines NEW

Fold, flip, and tuck this origami style valentine, concealing your valentine secret message. View vintage valentines, some over 100 years old and learn some history about Valentine's Day. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

- Green Hills Library Center**
Saturday, January 25 3:00 p.m.
- Lee's Summit Branch**
Saturday, February 15 2:00 p.m.
- Riverside Branch**
Saturday, February 1 2:00 p.m.
- Woodneath Library Center**
Saturday, January 25 11:00 a.m.

Entertainment

Countdown to Noon: A Family New Year's Party

Celebrate New Year's Eve kids' style! Staying up late can be fun, but it also can be hard. The Library will host a countdown to noon where we will have games, STEAM activities, and a balloon drop. Let's say farewell to 2024 and welcome 2025! Ages 6 and up.

- Blue Springs North Branch**
Friday, December 27 11:00 a.m.
- Claycomo Branch**
Tuesday, December 31 11:00 a.m.
- Dearborn Branch**
Tuesday, December 31 10:00 a.m.
- Green Hills Library Center**
Tuesday, December 31 11:30 a.m.
- Lone Jack Branch**
Tuesday, December 31 11:00 a.m.

Jay and Leslie's Math Show

Join Jay and Leslie Cady for some fun with numbers. They will use juggling, circus skills and stories to explore the way numbers look and sound as well as their mathematical properties. This lively and entertaining program culminates with a hilarious game of 20 Questions. Ages 6 and up.

- East Lee's Summit Branch**
Saturday, February 15 3:30 p.m.
- North Oak Branch**
Saturday, February 22 10:30 a.m.



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, January 27 6:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, December 17 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 14 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 18 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, January 15 6:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, January 8 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 16 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, December 17 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 21 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 18 7:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Thursday, December 12 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 9 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 13 6:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Monday, January 13 6:30 p.m.

Genealogy

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, January 27 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 24 6:00 p.m.

History

Tommy Terrific's Black Cowboys of the Old West

Join magician Tommy Terrific for a trip back in time to meet famous Black cowboys—Bill Pickett, Mary Fields, Nat Love, Bass Reeves—and learn their role in American history. Ages 4 and up.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, February 13 10:00 a.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Wednesday, February 12 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Thursday, February 13 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Wednesday, February 12 2:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, February 12 10:00 a.m.

Withers Branch

Thursday, February 13 3:30 p.m.

Holidays

Christmas Storytime NEW

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas at this special storytime. Geared for ages 0-5.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Tuesday, December 17 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 18 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 19 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Wednesday, December 11 10:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch

Thursday, December 19 10:00 a.m.

Riverside Branch

Wednesday, December 18 10:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, December 7 10:30 a.m.

Holidays Around the World Storytime NEW

Celebrate winter holidays from around the world at this special storytime. Geared for ages 0-5.

East Independence Branch

Wednesday, December 18 10:00 a.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Monday, December 16 4:00 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Tuesday, December 17 10:00 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Thursday, December 12 10:00 a.m.

How the Grinch Stole Storytime NEW

The Grinch is coming to the library to spread holiday cheer! After storytime, the Grinch will visit with everyone and be available for photo opportunities.

Please register participating children only. Ages 3 and up.

Antioch Branch

Wednesday, December 11 10:00 a.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Thursday, December 12 10:00 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Saturday, December 7 11:00 a.m.

Buckner Branch

Thursday, December 19 10:00 a.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Wednesday, December 4 10:00 a.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, December 16 10:00 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Wednesday, December 18 10:00 a.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, December 17 10:30 a.m.

Kearney Branch

Tuesday, December 10 10:30 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, December 20 10:00 a.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, December 3 10:00 a.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, December 11 10:00 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, December 10 10:00 a.m.

Parkville Branch

Monday, December 9 4:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, December 11 5:30 p.m.

Riverside Branch

Wednesday, December 4 10:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Tuesday, December 17 10:30 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, December 9 10:00 a.m.

Weston Branch

Wednesday, December 18 10:00 a.m.

Withers Branch

Saturday, December 14 2:00 p.m.



Jim "Two Crows" Wallen Presents: A Visit with Santa Claus

Get in the Christmas spirit with a story from Santa, and make a simple craft to take home. An adult must accompany each child and may take photos of their child with Santa. Please register participating children only. All ages.

Kearney Branch
Tuesday, December 17 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch
Tuesday, December 10 6:00 p.m.

North Oak Branch
Saturday, December 7 2:30 p.m.

Riverside Branch
Friday, December 20 11:00 a.m.

Kids Create Art: Holidays Around the World

Celebrate the season with holiday-inspired crafts. Create a variety of themed craft items for yourself and the special people in your life. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch
Tuesday, December 10 7:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch
Thursday, December 12 4:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch
Thursday, December 12 6:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch
Friday, December 13 4:00 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Saturday, December 28 10:30 a.m.

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

Red Bridge Branch
Wednesday, December 11 4:00 p.m.

Withers Branch
Thursday, December 12 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Stinky Feet's Christmas

Jim Cosgrove presents Mr. Stinky Feet's Christmas. Celebrate the holidays with singing, dancing, and stinky feet! All ages.

Claycomo Branch
Saturday, December 14 11:00 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch
Saturday, December 14 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Claus Tells It All

Mrs. Claus tells all of Santa's best-kept secrets. Hear about the time Santa got stuck in a chimney, learn what Santa's favorite cookie is, and get all the best North Pole gossip. Ages 4 and up.

Buckner Branch
Saturday, December 7 10:00 a.m.

Edgerton Branch
Saturday, December 14 2:30 p.m.

Storytime with Santa

Santa is making a special trip to the Library to read a story and spread holiday cheer. After the story, children are welcome to visit with Santa to tell him what they want for Christmas. All ages.

Blue Ridge Branch
Thursday, December 5 10:00 a.m.

Camden Point Branch
Monday, December 2 6:30 p.m.

Claycomo Branch
Monday, December 16 6:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch
Monday, December 9 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center
Monday, December 23 10:30 a.m.

Lone Jack Branch
Tuesday, December 17 10:00 a.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Tuesday, December 3 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch
Tuesday, December 17 6:30 p.m.

Smithville Branch
Wednesday, December 11 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch
Tuesday, December 17 6:00 p.m.

Weston Branch
Thursday, December 19 3:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Tuesday, December 3 5:00 p.m.

Storytime with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Santa and Mrs. Claus are making a special trip to the Library to read a story and spread holiday cheer. After the stories, children are welcome to visit with Santa to tell him what they want for Christmas and pose for photos if desired. Please register participating children only. All ages.

Antioch Branch
Monday, December 16 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch
Monday, December 2 6:30 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch
Sunday, December 22 2:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch
Tuesday, December 17 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch
Saturday, December 21 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch
Tuesday, December 3 6:00 p.m.

Platte City Branch
Tuesday, December 3 10:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch
Friday, December 20 4:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch
Wednesday, December 4 10:00 a.m.

What If Puppets Presents: Jingle Jamboree NEW

Chipper chipmunk Randall P. Nutbutter is preparing for the biggest Christmas party, the Jingle Jamboree! Yet his holiday decorations, cookies, and presents keep going missing. With the help of the audience and a cast of wacky characters, Randall solves the mystery just in time for the Jamboree to begin. All ages.

East Lee's Summit Branch
Sunday, December 15 2:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Saturday, December 14 11:00 a.m.



Kids

Performance

Dino O'Dell's Book Detective: Zar and the Broken Spaceship

Join Dinosaur O'Dell as he introduces us to Zar, an alien who has lost his way, from his book *Zar and the Broken Spaceship*. Participants will be entertained as they learn about the five Ws and discover the differences between fiction and nonfiction. This fun and interactive show will teach how anyone can become a Book Detective. Designed for ages 4 to 8.

North Oak Branch

Saturday, January 25 2:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, January 25 11:00 a.m.

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.

Camden Point Branch

Saturday, February 15 2:30 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

Saturday, February 8 2:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Thursday, February 6 11:00 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, January 4 2:00 p.m.

StoneLion Puppets Presents: Take Flight NEW

Explore our solar system and beyond with astronauts, aliens, asteroids, and a talking moon all from StoneLion Puppet Theatre. All ages.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, February 1 10:30 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Friday, January 24 10:00 a.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Saturday, February 8 11:00 a.m.

What If Puppets Presents: Little Red Riding Hood: A Newfangled Prairie Tale NEW

Based on the adaptation by Kansas City-based author and illustrator Lisa Campbell Ernst, this updated classic finds Little Red Riding Hood, nicknamed for her beloved red sweatshirt, pedaling her bike to deliver muffins to her grandma. When a hungry wolf attempts to steal the recipe for himself, grandma must set him straight. All ages.

Buckner Branch

Saturday, January 18 10:00 a.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, February 8 10:30 a.m.

Raytown Branch

Thursday, January 23 5:30 p.m.

Science

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.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, January 28 7:00 p.m.

Buckner Branch

Thursday, February 27 6:00 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

Tuesday, January 14 6:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, January 22 3:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, December 3 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Thursday, January 2 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26 3:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Every Monday 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
(except Dec. 23 and 30, Jan 20, and Feb. 17)

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, December 12 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 9 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 13 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Tuesday, January 14 5:00 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, December 2 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, February 25 7:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, January 28 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25 6:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, January 28 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, January 14 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 1 3:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, January 9 6:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Friday, January 3 4:00 p.m.

Friday, February 14 4:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Thursday, February 13 4:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Sunday, February 9 2:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Tuesday, February 11 6:30 p.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, February 5 6:00 p.m.

Storytelling

Mad Science Presents the Human Body

Join a Mad Scientist to learn about the human body. Junior Scientists will discover the skeleton, the heart, and the lungs and how they all work together. This program is recommended for ages 4 to 6. Please register participating children only.

Blue Springs North Branch
Saturday, January 18 10:30 a.m.

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

East Lee's Summit Branch
Monday, February 3 4:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch
Saturday, February 22 2:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch
Saturday, January 25 2:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch
Thursday, February 20 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch
Saturday, December 14 2:00 p.m.

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. This program is recommended for children ages 7 to 12. Please register participating children only.

Grandview Branch
Saturday, February 1 1:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch
Monday, February 3 6:30 p.m.

North Oak Branch
Thursday, December 19 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch
Tuesday, January 28 5:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch
Tuesday, January 14 6:30 p.m.

Withers Branch
Thursday, February 27 4:00 p.m.

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, February 10 6:00 p.m.

Seuss on the Loose NEW
Join storyteller Becky Everly as she uses stories and props to bring Dr. Seuss's funny characters and powerful lessons to life. Ages 5 and up.

Antioch Branch
Monday, February 24 6:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch
Thursday, January 30 10:00 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch
Saturday, February 22 11:00 a.m.

East Independence Branch
Saturday, February 8 10:30 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch
Saturday, January 11 2:00 p.m.

North Oak Branch
Saturday, December 28 10:30 a.m.

Raytown Branch
Wednesday, February 26 5:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch
Saturday, February 15 2:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Wednesday, February 19 10:00 a.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.

Lee's Summit Branch
Friday, January 3 3:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch
Monday, December 2 4:00 p.m.
Monday, February 3 4:00 p.m.

Writing

Kids Create Stories: *Battle Bunny!*

Battle Bunny! by Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett shows children if you don't like a story, you can rewrite it. We will read the reimagined story before letting kids loose on their own copy of *Birthday Bunny*. Kids will explore creative writing and drawing in this fun, cheeky program. Please register participating children only. Ages 8 and up.

Lee's Summit Branch
Tuesday, January 7 6:30 p.m.

Get festive at the Library!

Find fun programs for the whole family and browse holiday book lists at mymcpl.org/Celebrate.

Teens

Arts Instruction

En Garde, Bard! Stage Combat

Learn the art of stage combat from the masters at The Heart of America Shakespeare Festival. Take up a wooden sword, and join this interactive lesson using scenes from Shakespeare's plays.

For teens.

Colbern Road Library Center

Saturday, February 8 2:00 p.m.

East Independence Branch

Thursday, January 9 6:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Saturday, January 25 2:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Saturday, February 22 2:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, January 11 2:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, January 18 2:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, February 18 6:00 p.m.

Crafts and Hobbies

Discover Embroidery for Teens: Snowflake Stocking Cap NEW

Learn some basic embroidery stitches and create a personalized snowflake stocking cap to keep you warm and cozy this winter season. Perfect for all skill levels, this is a great way to add a personal touch to your winter wardrobe. Stocking caps are one-size-fits-most, and colors will vary. For teens.

Blue Springs South Branch

Thursday, January 16 6:30 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

Wednesday, December 11 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, December 19 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Wednesday, December 4 6:30 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Thursday, January 23 6:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, January 9 6:30 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.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, February 8 2:00 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.

Buckner Branch

Thursday, February 13 6:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, February 27 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, December 3 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, December 16 3:00 p.m.

Monday, January 6 3:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, December 19 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.

Blue Ridge Branch

Wednesday, February 19 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, January 7 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4 7:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, December 10 6:30 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.

South Independence Branch

Monday, January 6 3:00 p.m.



Teens Create Art: Love to Craft

Celebrate the season with love-inspired crafts. Create a variety of heart-themed craft items for yourself and the special people in your life. For teens.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, February 13 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, February 11 6:30 p.m.

East Independence Branch

Thursday, February 13 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Monday, January 27 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, February 11 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Friday, February 7 4:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, February 6 6:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, February 6 6:30 p.m.

Entertainment

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. For teens.

North Oak Branch

Friday, February 28 6:30 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, December 5 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 2 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 6 6:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Wednesday, December 18 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, December 3 7:00 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

Saturday, January 25 3:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Monday, December 2 6:30 p.m.
Monday, February 3 6:30 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, January 9 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 13 6:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, February 5 1:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, January 22 4:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Thursday, December 5 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 9 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 6 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.

Blue Ridge Branch

Wednesday, January 15 6:00 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

Saturday, December 28 3:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, January 14 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, January 21 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 18 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Thursday, December 5 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 2 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 6 6:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, February 5 4:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, February 3 3:00 p.m.

Weston Branch

Thursday, December 5 3:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, December 5 6:30 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.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, December 17 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 21 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 18 6:30 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Monday, December 2 6:30 p.m.
Monday, January 6 6:30 p.m.
Monday, February 3 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Thursday, December 12 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 9 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 13 6:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, December 9 3:00 p.m.
Monday, December 23 3:00 p.m.
Monday, January 13 3:00 p.m.
Monday, January 27 3:00 p.m.
Monday, February 10 3:00 p.m.
Monday, February 24 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.

Platte City Branch

Tuesday, February 11 5:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, December 4 1:30 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.

Buckner Branch

Thursday, December 12 6:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, December 3 6:00 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

Monday, December 30 2:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Friday, January 17 4:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, January 23 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.

Blue Springs South Branch

Monday, January 6 6:30 p.m.

East Independence Branch

Thursday, February 27 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, December 9 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 14 6:30 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.

Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, February 26 4:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, December 16 6:30 p.m.
Monday, January 27 6:30 p.m.
Monday, February 24 6:30 p.m.

Teens

Science

Teen STEAM

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

Antioch Branch

Thursday, December 12 6:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Monday, February 24 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, January 14 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 11 6:30 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Saturday, February 8 3:00 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.

Smithville Branch

Saturday, January 11 2:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, January 14 6:00 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.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, January 16 6:00 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

Saturday, February 22 3:00 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.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, January 11 10:00 a.m.

Writing

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.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, February 20 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Sunday, January 19 2:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, December 30 3:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, January 28 6:30 p.m.

Teens Create Stories

Get creative with writing games and prompts at the Library! For teens.

Lone Jack Branch

Friday, February 28 4:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, December 2 3:00 p.m.

Teens Create Zines NEW

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

Antioch Branch

Thursday, January 9 6:00 p.m.

Buckner Branch

Thursday, January 9 6:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, February 25 6:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, January 8 1:30 p.m.

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Location Guide

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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

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400 SW Buckner Tarsney Road
Grain Valley, MO 64029
816.228.4020
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816.763.0550
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Lee's Summit, MO 64081
816.524.0567
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Lone Jack, MO 64070
816.697.2528
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Oak Grove, MO 64075
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Raytown, MO 64133
816.353.2052
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Kansas City, MO 64131
816.942.1780
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