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## 4 Ways to Stay Up to Date on Upcoming MCPL Programs

- 1 Visit [mymcpl.org/Events](https://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](https://mymcpl.org/MyEvents).

- 3 Follow us on social media to stay in touch.



On the Cover: Love a good board game? Race into your library this season for games, puzzle races, and more!

For more information, see page 7.

## 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](https://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](https://youtube.com/MCPLMO). We archive a number of our programs here for on-demand viewing.



## Early Rock 'n' Roll Ballads (Zoom) NEW

Up-tempo songs dominated the first decade of the Rock 'n' Roll Era. However, artists such as The Platters, the Everly Brothers, Ben E. King, Johnny Mathis, Roy Orbison, and Bobby Vinton became famous for singing ballads. Join Richard Knox and explore famous ballads that have endured for over a half-century. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Thursday, May 22 7:00 p.m.

## John James Audubon and *The Birds of America* (Zoom) NEW

Discover John James Audubon's extensive studies documenting American birds and his detailed illustrations that depict the birds in their natural habitats. *The Birds of America*, a collection of 435 life-sized prints, combined his work as an artist, naturalist, and ornithologist. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Tuesday, April 15 6:30 p.m.

## Julie Andrews: Our Drop of Golden Sun (Zoom) NEW

Explore the life and career of the Oscar-winning soprano sensation Julie Andrews with film teacher Frank Mandosa. Andrews headlined classics such as *The Sound of Music* and *Mary Poppins* and keeps shining in 21st century fare from *The Princess Diaries* to the *Shrek* movies. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Thursday, April 10 6:30 p.m.

## Steve Martin: The Craftsman of Comedy (Zoom) NEW

From his early days of standup, to his stint as a Saturday Night Live host, to his decades-long film career in comedy, Steve Martin is a star that has yet to dim. Join film enthusiast Frank Mandosa for a look at Martin's distinguished career. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Tuesday, May 20 6:30 p.m.

## The History of Elvis Presley (Zoom) NEW

Elvis revolutionized popular music when he exploded onto the scene in 1956 with his blend of rhythm and blues, and country music. His energetic performances, distinctive voice, and charismatic persona made him a worldwide cultural icon. Elvis's impact was seismic, and he forever remains the "King of Rock and Roll." For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Tuesday, April 8 7:00 p.m.

## The Three Stooges: Legends of Slapstick (Zoom) NEW

From their early days in vaudeville to the transition to films, the Three Stooges have entertained audiences all over the world for close to a century. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she shares the history of the Three Stooges, some memorable moments, and their legacies today. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Tuesday, May 6 7:00 p.m.

## The Women Who Built Hollywood (Zoom) NEW

Women have been highly influential in the film industry ever since the Silent Era, both on-screen and off. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek for a look at the lives and legacies of some of classic Hollywood's incredible female directors and stars who possessed a keen sense of business acumen and innovation. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Wednesday, March 12 7:00 p.m.

## Tony Bennett: Entertainer Extraordinaire (Zoom) NEW

With more than 70 years in show business, few vocalists have engendered more devoted fans around the world than Tony Bennett. Join Richard Knox for an opportunity to revel in Tony's rendition of classic hits, including his signature song, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco." For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Wednesday, April 16 7:00 p.m.

## Women Painters of the Impressionists (Zoom) NEW

Explore the varied lives of four women: Mary Cassatt, Berthe Morisot, Marie Bracquemond, and Eve Gonzales. These women were part of the Impressionism movement in the late 19th century and contributed to this avant-garde style in their own unique way. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Tuesday, March 4 6:30 p.m.

## History

### Bertha Benz and the History of the German Automobile (Zoom) NEW

The superb reputation of German cars is legendary. But did you know the automobile's origin is largely due to Bertha Benz, who became the first person to drive an automobile over a long distance? Historian Anette Isaacs introduces you to Bertha Benz and her exciting and history-making adventure of 1888. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Thursday, March 20 6:30 p.m.

### Cathay Williams: Buffalo Soldier

Discover the story of Cathay Williams, the only documented female Buffalo Soldier, and learn about her service in the 38th U.S. Infantry from 1866 to 1868. Ages 10 and up.

**Blue Ridge Branch**  
Thursday, March 27 6:00 p.m.

**Blue Springs North Branch**  
Thursday, March 20 6:30 p.m.

**Claycomo Branch**  
Monday, March 17 6:30 p.m.

**Platte City Branch**  
Saturday, March 1 2:00 p.m.



## People and Places

### Engineered Irony: Octave Chanute's Kansas City Bridge (Hybrid) NEW

Join historian David W. Jackson as he examines the engineering marvel that transformed frontier Kansas City into the metropolis of today and recounts the fanfare that led up to the Hannibal Bridge's dedication on July 3, 1869. Hear stories of the men and women who constructed the bridge and see never-before-compiled images. For adults.

#### East Lee's Summit Branch

Sunday, May 11 2:30 p.m.

#### North Independence Branch

Monday, May 19 6:30 p.m.

#### Riverside Branch

Monday, May 5 6:30 p.m.

#### Woodneath Library Center and Online

Wednesday, April 23 7:00 p.m.

### Giving Voice to Clem!: The Kansas Icon Who Chronicled How America Eats NEW

Kansan Clementine Paddleford traveled the world as one of America's preeminent food editors. Spend some time with "Clem," as portrayed by storyteller Mary L. Schmidt, as she shares stories of her life and the food she experienced. From Winston Churchill to church basements, she truly dined at America's tables and beyond. For adults.

#### Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, March 27 6:30 p.m.

#### Green Hills Library Center

Thursday, March 13 6:30 p.m.

#### Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, March 22 2:00 p.m.

#### South Independence Branch

Monday, March 24 7:00 p.m.

#### Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, March 11 6:30 p.m.

### Harry S. Truman: Paving the Road to Civil Rights (Zoom) NEW

Between 1945 to 1953, President Harry S. Truman worked with Congress and used the powers of the presidency to advance the cause of Civil Rights. His work influenced the efforts of his successors. At the same time, Truman overcame some of the biases and prejudices evidenced in his earlier writing. Truman's story is proof that people can grow. For adults.

#### Virtual Branch

Wednesday, May 28 6:30 p.m.

### Hedy Lamarr: The Beauty and the Inventor (Zoom) NEW

Hedy Lamarr starred in such hit films as *Algiers*, *Lady of the Tropics*, *Boom Town*, and *Samson and Delilah*. She was also an inventor who created technology that is still used in Bluetooth and Wi-Fi systems today. Discover her fascinating life story with Dr. William Thierfelder. For adults.

#### Virtual Branch

Thursday, March 27 6:30 p.m.

### The Harvey Girls: Women's Roles in Railroads, Kansas, and U.S. History NEW

The Fred Harvey Company, a concessionaire along the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, offered young women employment opportunities as waitresses and tour guides. These women played a role in the economic and cultural history of Kansas and the American Southwest. Join Dr. Michaeline Chance-Reay to hear stories of the Harvey Girls and founder Fred Harvey. For adults.

#### Green Hills Library Center

Tuesday, April 29 2:00 p.m.

#### Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, April 30 2:00 p.m.



### Beyond London: Let's Explore England, Wales, and Scotland (Zoom) NEW

Visit the amazing areas of Great Britain outside London in this armchair travel program. We will explore major cities, such as Liverpool and Edinburgh, as well as rural villages where the past and present coexist, and discover the transition from global empire to modern reality. For adults.

#### Virtual Branch

Wednesday, May 14 6:30 p.m.

### More Abandoned Midwest (Hybrid) NEW

Join photographer Regina Daniel for deeper look into abandoned urban and rural places. We will explore the histories of these places and examine how the methods of decay and abandonment differ from the city to the countryside. For adults.

#### Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, March 22 3:00 p.m.

#### Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Monday, May 19 2:00 p.m.

#### North Independence Branch

Saturday, May 3 3:00 p.m.

#### Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, April 12 2:00 p.m.

#### Smithville Branch

Thursday, March 20 6:30 p.m.

#### Weston Branch

Saturday, April 26 3:30 p.m.

#### Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, May 13 6:30 p.m.

Learn a new hobby, or increase your skill in painting, drawing, photography, and more! Take an online art course from *LinkedIn Learning for Libraries*, *Udemy Business*, or *Universal Class*.  
[mymcpl.org/TheArts](http://mymcpl.org/TheArts).

# BOOKS AND READING

## Books and Reading

### Book Speed Dating

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

#### Colbern Road Library Center

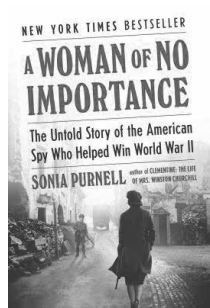
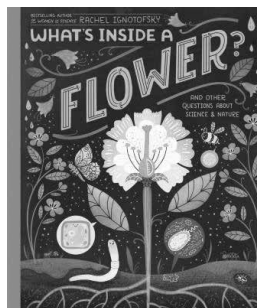
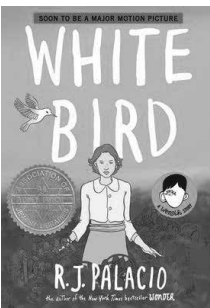
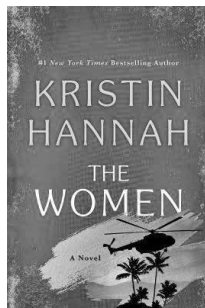
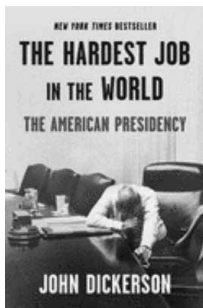
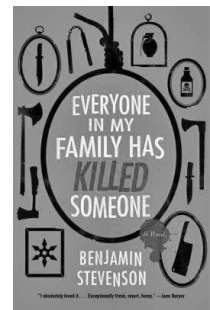
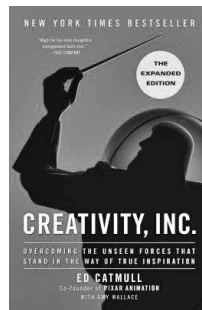
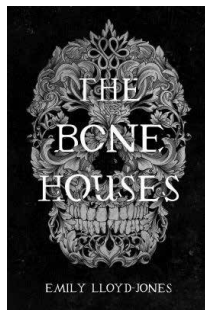
Monday, April 14 6:30 p.m.

### 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

Thursday, May 8 7:00 p.m.



**MCPL Book Groups** are a great way to explore and expand reading interests, meet new people, and enjoy dynamic conversations! Book groups are organized and facilitated by Library staff, so join the conversation today!

**Adult Book Groups** – Discuss a wide range of titles in both fiction and nonfiction with eclectic groups. Virtual and in-person groups available.

**Teen Book Groups** – Discover popular Young Adult titles. (Ages 13 & up)

**Kids Book Groups** – Make your favorite books come to life by playing games and trivia and doing hands-on activities at your local branch. (Ages 8 & up)

**Family Book Groups** – Bring the family to your branch to hear stories and follow along with a copy. Reading aloud, along with games and activities, allows kids to hear and see new vocabulary in fun ways. (Ages 6 & up)

For schedules, groups, and topics, visit [mymcpl.org/BookGroups](https://mymcpl.org/BookGroups).



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For these programs' recipes and to see the Culinary Center waiver, visit [mymcpl.org/Culinary/Resources](http://mymcpl.org/Culinary/Resources). Registration required. Space is limited.

## A Cookie for Any Occasion

Join the Culinary Center for an afternoon of baking! You'll make a versatile cookie recipe from scratch and explore ways to modify the recipe using mix-ins. Take home a few delicious cookies as well as the recipe. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Friday, March 21	2:00 p.m.
Monday, March 31	2:00 p.m.
Friday, April 11	2:00 p.m.

## A Taste of New Orleans NEW

Create your own French Quarter celebration with Alan and Marlys Arnold, featuring tea-infused Creole Jambalaya, Shrimp Po' Boys with Remoulade Sauce, and Bananas Foster Bread Pudding. Plus, you'll learn how to make Pralines. *Laissez les bons temps rouler!* For adults.

### Culinary Center

Tuesday, March 25	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 24	6:00 p.m.

## Barbeque: An Introduction to the Art of Smoking

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

### Culinary Center

Thursday, March 13	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 10	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 20	6:00 p.m.

## Beginning Culinary Knife Skills

Learn how to expertly and safely cut, chop, mince, dice, and julienne in the kitchen using the right knives, techniques, and surfaces. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Tuesday, March 11	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 12	2:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 22	6:00 p.m.

## Chili, How I Love Thee? Let Me Count The Ways

Beef, chicken, pork, or vegetarian is just the starting point for making a great pot of chili. Join Mel Cole for a discussion about the numerous ways to make this wonderful stew. Participate in an interactive chili-making demonstration and take home recipes. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Saturday, March 8	2:00 p.m.
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## Coconut Rice from Around the World NEW

Join Victorie Kelley for a demonstration of how to make coconut rice. We will also learn about the diverse types of rice, preparation methods for cooking rice, ways to season rice, and how other cultures prepare their coconut rice. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Sunday, March 9	2:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 13	2:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 24	2:00 p.m.

## Easy and Fast Pizza for Busy People

Watch a demonstration of how to make your own pizza with minimum fuss. This program will show you how to make your own pizza dough and sauce. You will also get the chance to explore different toppings and cooking techniques, as well as how to cut and serve your pizza. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Sunday, March 2	2:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 1	6:00 p.m.

## Eat Your Garden NEW

What you can grow in your garden depends on the space you have. Mel Cole will help you understand what vegetables work best for different spaces. Then participants will make a primavera sauce using vegetables that are easily grown in a home garden. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Tuesday, April 15	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 17	2:00 p.m.

## Eggs and Omelets Made Easy

From over-easy to scrambled, hard-boiled to fluffy omelets, learn different egg cooking techniques and omelet filling options with the Culinary Center. Participants will sample different types of eggs and leave with recipes. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Sunday, March 30	2:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 26	2:00 p.m.

## Family Meal Essentials: Chicken Potpie NEW

Transform your meals with our Family Meal Essentials series. Gain confidence in the kitchen and learn how to create dishes that your whole family will enjoy, featuring chicken potpie. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Thursday, April 3	6:00 p.m.
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## Family Meal Essentials: Macaroni and Cheese NEW

Transform your meals with our Family Meal Essentials series. Gain confidence in the kitchen and learn how to create dishes that your whole family will enjoy, featuring macaroni and cheese. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Monday, March 3	2:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 27	6:00 p.m.

## Family Meal Essentials: Pizza NEW

Transform your meals with our Family Meal Essentials series. Gain confidence in the kitchen and learn how to create dishes that your whole family will enjoy, featuring pizza. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Sunday, March 23	2:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 11	2:00 p.m.

## Five Mother Sauces of Classical Cuisine: Espagnole NEW

Discover the five "Mother Sauces" of classical cuisine. In this hands-on program, you will make and take home Espagnole sauce while we explore the little sister variations. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Monday, May 12	2:00 p.m.
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# CULINARY CENTER

## Five Mother Sauces of Classical Cuisine: Hollandaise

Discover the five "Mother Sauces" of classical cuisine. In this hands-on program, you will make and take home Hollandaise sauce while we explore the little sister variations. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Monday, April 21 2:00 p.m.

## Five Mother Sauces of Classical Cuisine: Tomato

Discover the five "Mother Sauces" of classical cuisine. In this hands-on program, you will make and take home tomato sauce while we explore the little sister variations. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Monday, March 10 2:00 p.m.

## Food Preservation 101: Canning

Saving your garden's bounty is just one reason to preserve food at home. Learn the basics of water bath and pressure canning with the University of Missouri Extension. Basic safety and canning techniques will be demonstrated along with a display of equipment options. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Wednesday, March 26 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 16 6:00 p.m.

## Food Preservation 101: Freezing

Saving your garden's bounty is just one reason to preserve food at home. A University of Missouri Extension Specialist will cover basic food safety and preservation principles as they demonstrate how to properly freeze fruits and vegetables. Participants will prepare peppers to take home and freeze. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Wednesday, March 12 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 2 6:00 p.m.

## Healthy Caribbean Cooking

Discover tasty Caribbean cuisine that is healthy too. In this interactive demonstration, you will learn how to make traditional Puerto Rican Sofrito. For teens.

### Culinary Center

Sunday, March 16 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 6 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday, May 18 2:00 p.m.

## Introduction to Greek Cuisine NEW

Greek food is vibrant, simple, and delicious, while also being nutritious. Explore the foods and flavors of Greek cuisine, and make your own spanakopita, a traditional spinach and cheese pie. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Tuesday, March 4 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 1 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, May 8 6:00 p.m.

## Jazz Up Your Picnic

Summer is the perfect time to dine outdoors, whether grilling on the patio or picnicking in the park. Join Alan and Marlys Arnold for a tea-infused menu featuring flavors of the season: Chicken with Berry BBQ Sauce, Fiesta Gazpacho, and a fun dessert. Plus, we'll cook a Zucchini Quinoa Salad together. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Thursday, May 15 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 27 6:00 p.m.

## Let's Do Brunch

Brunch is the perfect setting to gather with friends or family, whether for a special event or simply a relaxed weekend. This tea-infused brunch menu includes Crème Brûlée French Toast Sticks, Apple Berry Compote Parfait, and a tea-infused mocktail. Alan and Marlys Arnold will also guide you through the crepe-making process. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Saturday, March 29 2:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 8 6:00 p.m.

## Pasta You Can Make at Home NEW

Learn how to make a basic pasta from scratch with the Culinary Center. Participants will mix, ball, and roll their own noodles to take home and enjoy. Please note: This item does contain gluten. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Friday, March 28 2:00 p.m.  
Friday, April 18 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday, May 3 2:00 p.m.

## Culinary Kids!

### Flour Power: A Kid's History of the Tortilla

Did you realize that your burrito is wrapped in history? Join Gene Chavez for a well-rounded lesson on the history of the tortilla. Then take part in a tortilla-rolling contest. Ages 8 and up.

### Culinary Center

Saturday, March 15 2:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 5 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday, May 4 2:00 p.m.

## Plant-Based Nutrition NEW

Are you interested in a plant-based diet but aren't sure where to begin? Join Kathryn Miner for a discussion on the types of plant-forward diets, and learn how to replace traditional animal-based ingredients with healthy plant-based alternatives. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Tuesday, March 18 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 22 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 13 6:00 p.m.

## Quality for Keeps: Sweet Spreads NEW

Learn the science and safety information behind the practice of home food preservation, specifically sweet spreads. Participants will prepare and take home a jar of jam. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Wednesday, May 7 6:00 p.m.

## Start a Food Business

Have you ever dreamed of opening a restaurant or seeing your food product on a grocery store shelf? Let the Culinary Center help get your dream off the ground. Learn how to develop your food business plan from finance and marketing to regulations and resources. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Saturday, May 31 11:00 a.m.

## Taste of the Tropics

Warmer weather means it's the perfect time for a tropical dinner on the patio! Alan and Marlys Arnold will share a tea-infused menu that includes Coconut Lime Quinoa Salad, Chicken with Mango Peach Salsa, Grilled Pineapple with Crème Brûlée Glaze. Plus, you'll craft a bread pudding with island flair. For adults.

### Culinary Center

Tuesday, May 6 6:00 p.m.

**'80s Mall Murder Madness** NEW

Time to whip out that credit card and tease that hair as big as it can go—we're shopping for a murderer. It's 1985, and real estate developer and "entrepreneur" Whit Wiley just cut the ribbon on the newest marvel in his shopping mall empire. That is before he washed up in the mall fountain, strangled by his skinny tie. Join the Library for a murder mystery party. Contact the branch for more information. For adults.

**East Lee's Summit Branch**

Sunday, April 13 1:30 p.m.

**North Independence Branch**

Saturday, March 22 2:00 p.m.

**Parkville Branch**

Saturday, May 24 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, March 6 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 3 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 1 6:00 p.m.

**Colbern Road Library Center**

Monday, April 21 6:30 p.m.

**Excelsior Springs Branch**

Tuesday, March 11 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8 6:30 p.m.

**Lee's Summit Branch**

Thursday, May 29 6:30 p.m.

**Lone Jack Branch**

Thursday, May 15 6:00 p.m.

**Platte City Branch**

Thursday, May 15 5:30 p.m.

**Red Bridge Branch**

Tuesday, March 18 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20 6:00 p.m.

**Adult Tabletop Role-Playing Games**

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

**Lone Jack Branch**

Thursday, March 27 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 24 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 22 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**

Wednesday, May 7 6:00 p.m.

**East Independence Branch**

Wednesday, April 9 6:30 p.m.

**Board Game and Puzzle Swap**

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.

**Colbern Road Library Center****Dropoff**

Friday, May 16 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 17 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 18 1:00 p.m.

**Swap Session**

Monday, May 19 6:30 p.m.

**Grain Valley Branch****Dropoff**

Friday, April 18 10:00 a.m.

**Swap Session**

Saturday, April 19 3:30 p.m.

**Smithville Branch****Dropoff**

Thursday, April 24 9:00 p.m.

**Swap Session**

Saturday, April 26 3:00 p.m.

**Bullets on Broadway Murder Mystery** NEW

It's the opening night of Murder in the First on Broadway, and nerves are high. The cast and crew are all abuzz backstage with the excitement of the lights, the sounds—and the dead body of a big-shot Broadway producer. There lies Jack Bialystock, shot in the back center stage before the curtain could rise. Join the Library for a murder mystery party. Contact the branch for more information. For adults.

**Blue Ridge Branch**

Thursday, May 22 6:00 p.m.

**Colbern Road Library Center**

Saturday, March 29 2:00 p.m.

**Dearborn Branch**

Tuesday, March 11 6:00 p.m.

**Lone Jack Branch**

Thursday, April 17 5:00 p.m.

**The Great Puzzle Race**

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.

**Blue Springs South Branch**

Tuesday, March 4 6:30 p.m.

**Buckner Branch**

Monday, April 14 6:00 p.m.

**Colbern Road Library Center**

Monday, March 17 6:30 p.m.

**Dearborn Branch**

Saturday, April 5 10:30 a.m.

**East Lee's Summit Branch**

Saturday, April 5 3:30 p.m.

**Grain Valley Branch**

Saturday, May 10 3:30 p.m.

**North Independence Branch**

Saturday, April 5 3:00 p.m.

**Parkville Branch**

Saturday, March 15 2:00 p.m.

**Platte City Branch**

Saturday, March 29 1:00 p.m.

**Smithville Branch**

Thursday, March 13 6:00 p.m.

**South Independence Branch**

Wednesday, April 2 6:30 p.m.



# MIDWEST GENEALOGY CENTER

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[mymcpl.org/Genealogy](http://mymcpl.org/Genealogy)

## 10 Generative AI Prompts Every Genealogist Needs to Know (Zoom) NEW

The "prompt" is perhaps the most important aspect of generative artificial intelligence (AI). However, forming these prompts can be challenging, and it is rarely a one-shot attempt. We will identify how to formulate (and reformulate) AI prompts and look at 10 example prompts that can save us significant time and effort. For adults.

### Virtual Branch

Monday, May 12 2:00 p.m.

## Coffee and Conversations

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, March 7 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, April 4 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, May 2 10:30 a.m.

## FamilySearch (Hybrid)

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

### Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Wednesday, May 14 6:00 p.m.

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

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

### Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Saturday, April 5 2:00 p.m.

## Findmypast (Hybrid)

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

### Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Wednesday, April 9 6:00 p.m.

## Fold3 (Hybrid)

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

### Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Thursday, May 22 2:00 p.m.

## From Battlefield to Family Tree: Researching Military Ancestors (Hybrid) NEW

Join the Midwest Genealogy Center and the Missouri State Genealogical Association on for an in-depth event on military research in genealogy. This event will feature four expert-led sessions exploring military records from various eras. For adults.

### Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Saturday, April 12 10:00 a.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, April 19 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, April 1 10:30 a.m.

## Hidden Treasures: Digging Up and Deciphering U.S. Land Records NEW

Your ancestors may no longer be on the family farm, but the records can take you back. Using plat maps, deeds, tax records, and more, we will show you how to dig up information on where your ancestors lived, setting the scene of their daily lives. This is an in-person only event. For adults.

### Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, March 19 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 19 6:00 p.m.

## Hidden Treasures: Lineage Societies—You Could Say We're Familiar With Those NEW

Did you know there's a Lineage Society for the lineal descendants of tavernkeepers and innkeepers? Whaling masters? Farmers? These societies have their own requirements for membership, most of which are proof of your descendency. Join us for a discussion on these societies and the resources to help you establish membership. This is an in-person only event. For adults.

### Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, April 16 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 16 6:00 p.m.

## Hidden Treasures: Stories of Early American Settlers and the Paths West NEW

Join us as we showcase records that tell the story of early American settlers' westward movement, and the diverse people and cultures involved in this historic shift. This is an in-person only event. For adults.

### Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, May 21 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 21 6:00 p.m.



## How to Reopen and Work a Genealogical Cold Case (Zoom) NEW

Become a genealogical detective in this vital session. You'll learn to track ancestors like a criminal cold case detective, sniffing out holes in your research and getting missing information on the record with cutting-edge technology. This 12-step process is what you need to bust down genealogical brick walls. For adults.

### Virtual Branch

Monday, May 5 2:00 p.m.

## Interlibrary Loan for Genealogy (Hybrid)

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

### Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Tuesday, May 6 10:30 a.m.

## Introduction to Internet Genealogy (Hybrid)

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

### Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Tuesday, March 4 10:30 a.m.

## Irish Records Research (Hybrid)

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

### Midwest Genealogy Center and Online

Monday, March 17 2:00 p.m.

## Irish Special Interest Group

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

### Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, March 1 2:00 p.m.

## Irish Special Interest Group (Zoom)

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

### Midwest Genealogy Center

Sunday, March 2 2:00 p.m.

## Kings, Queens, and Castles! Am I Related to Royalty? (Zoom) NEW

Are you related to royalty? The answer may surprise you! This program will help you to determine if you have royal ancestry in your family tree. For adults.

### Virtual Branch

Monday, April 14 6:00 p.m.

## MGC Spring Seminar: From Ship to Shore—Uncovering Immigrant Origins with Rich Venezia

Join us for a full-day seminar led by expert genealogist Rich Venezia, where we will explore the journeys our immigrant ancestors took to reach new shores. Topics covered include discovering immigrant origins, navigating alien registration records, and understanding ship manifests. Bring your personal research challenges to an interactive "Immigration Records Roadshow" session. In-person attendance only. Tickets will be \$40 and light refreshments and lunch will be included. For more information on registration, please visit [mymcpl.org/Genealogy](http://mymcpl.org/Genealogy). For adults.

### Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, March 29 9:00 a.m.

## Join us for genealogy classes at your local branch!

### East European Genealogy

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.

### Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, April 9 6:30 p.m.

### Researching Your World War II Veteran

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.

### Blue Springs North Branch

Thursday, March 13 6:30 p.m.

### East Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, March 22 3:30 p.m.

### Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, May 7 6:30 p.m.

### North Oak Branch

Saturday, May 24 10:30 a.m.

### Platte City Branch

Saturday, April 19 11:00 a.m.

### Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, May 28 6:00 p.m.

### Riverside Branch

Thursday, March 6 11:00 a.m.

### Tracing Immigrant Origins

To find genealogical records in a foreign country, you often need to know your ancestors' hometown. Learn what types of records exist in the United States to help you find that information. This is an in-person beginner-level class. For adults.

### Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, May 1 6:30 p.m.

### Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, March 26 6:30 p.m.

### North Oak Branch

Saturday, March 1 10:30 a.m.

### Smithville Branch

Thursday, May 15 6:30 p.m.

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## Native American Lineages: Unlocking the Past Through Genealogy (Hybrid) NEW

Are you already an enrolled tribal citizen who is looking for further records and resources about your ancestors? Maybe your family has shared stories about Indigenous ancestors, and you are seeking proof? This class offers practical tips on finding records, understanding tribal affiliations, and navigating genealogical resources. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center and Online**  
Saturday, May 10 2:00 p.m.

## Navigating United States Land Records (Hybrid) NEW

Land records are the earliest and most complete record type available in the United States. Often underutilized, land records contain a wealth of information to aid in your family research. This class focuses on navigating land records online and requires a basic knowledge of the FamilySearch catalog. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center and Online**  
Friday, May 9 2:00 p.m.

## Newspaper Research for Genealogy (Hybrid)

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

**Midwest Genealogy Center and Online**  
Wednesday, March 12 6:00 p.m.

## Organizing Your Genealogy Research Process (Zoom) NEW

The research process includes goals, questions, sources, information, evidence, and conclusions. Learn to use task management software, research logs, and other tools to keep track. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Monday, April 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 now be 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**  
Saturday, March 15 2:00 p.m.

## Researching House Histories (Hybrid) NEW

In genealogy, we often wish walls could talk. If you know what to look for and where to look, sometimes they can! In this class, we will look at houses and their surrounding records to uncover more about our ancestors and how they lived. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center and Online**  
Saturday, May 3 2:00 p.m.

## Researching World War I Heroes (Hybrid) NEW

Learn how to research World War I soldiers' service records and find information that speaks to their experiences during the war. This information can help us understand what it was like to serve and give voice to their stories. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center and Online**  
Sunday, March 16 2:00 p.m.

## Researching Your German Ancestors (Hybrid)

Do you have a German ancestor in your family tree? Learn basic methods for German genealogy research. A brief history of Germany and formerly German lands will be presented, as well as resources available at Midwest Genealogy Center and online. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center and Online**  
Tuesday, April 22 2:00 p.m.

## Tracing Immigrant Origins (Hybrid)

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

**Midwest Genealogy Center and Online**  
Thursday, March 20 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 beginner-level class will be held in person. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center**  
Thursday, April 17 2:00 p.m.

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The Memory Lab is a do-it-yourself space that provides equipment for digitizing materials such as home movies, audio tapes, recipe books, and family photographs. Book an appointment today at [mymcpl.org/MemoryLab](http://mymcpl.org/MemoryLab)



# From Ship to Shore

*Uncovering Immigrant Origins with Rich Venezia*

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**  
**9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Join us for a full-day seminar led by expert genealogist Rich Venezia, where we explore the journeys our immigrant ancestors took to reach new shores.

Sessions include:

- Discovering Immigrant Origins
- Alien Registration in America
- Ship Manifests: An In-Depth Look
- Immigration Records Roadshow

Tickets will be \$40 and light refreshments and lunch will be included. For more information on registration, please visit [mymcpl.org/Genealogy](https://mymcpl.org/Genealogy). For adults.



**Rich Venezia** is a New Jersey native who now calls Philadelphia home. He was a member of the research team of *Genealogy Roadshow* (PBS) for two seasons, and also consulted on *Follow Your Past* (Travel Channel). He is an expert in the research of 20th-century immigrant ancestors, especially underutilized record sources and federal records. He also specializes in Italian and Irish research. Additionally, he assists clients with dual/citizenship applications for Ireland and Italy, and is a proud Italian dual citizen. He lectures nationwide, and spoke about *How to Grow Empathy From Uncovering Your Roots* at TEDx Pittsburgh 2017.



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## 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](http://redcrossblood.org). Please allow an hour for your donation and bring a photo ID. For adults.

### Antioch Branch

Friday, April 11 10:00 a.m.

### Blue Springs North Branch

Friday, March 14 10:00 a.m.

### Colbern Road Library Center

Friday, March 14 1:00 p.m.

### East Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, May 9 1:00 p.m.

### Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, May 29 12:00 p.m.

### Green Hills Library Center

Friday, March 14 10:00 a.m.  
Friday, May 9 10:00 a.m.

### Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, April 18 11:00 a.m.

### North Independence Branch

Friday, April 11 11:00 a.m.

### Parkville Branch

Monday, May 12 10:00 a.m.

### Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, May 7 10:00 a.m.

### Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, April 10 11:00 a.m.

## Walking Tours

### Truman Historic District Walking Tour NEW

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

### Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, May 10 10:30 a.m.

### North Independence Branch

Saturday, May 17 10:30 a.m.

# FREE ENGLISH CLASSES CLASE DE INGLES GRATIS

## In Person

### Beginners English- Ingles Para Principiantes

Join the beginners' classes to learn how to communicate in social places, school, your job, or during emergencies. Únase a las clases de principiantes para aprender cómo comunicarse en lugares sociales, en la escuela, su trabajo, o durante casos de emergencia.

### Blue Ridge Branch

- 9253 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64138
- Saturdays 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- March 29 through May 3
- To register, call (816) 761-3382

### Grandview Branch

- 12930 Booth Lane, Grandview, MO 64030
- Thursdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- April 19 through May 15
- To register, call (816) 763-0550

### Antioch Branch

- 6060 N. Chestnut Ave, Gladstone, MO 64119
- Tues. and Weds. 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- April 1 through May 7
- To register, call (816) 454-1306

### Conversacion en Ingles/ English Corner

Esta clase está diseñada para desarrollar sus habilidades de hablar ingles mas fluido, y mantener conversacion directa con nativo hablantes de inglés. *This class is designed to develop the non-native speaker's oral skills that will establish and maintain direct conversation and communication with native speakers of English.*

### Grandview Branch

- 12930 Booth Lane, Grandview, MO 64030
- Thursdays 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- March 6 through April 3
- To register, call (816) 763-0550

## Online

### Advanced English-Ingles Avanzado (Zoom)

Learn how to communicate in social places, school, your job, or during emergencies. A Zoom link to the program will be sent 30 minutes before class starts. Please include your email in the registration. Space is limited. Aprenda cómo comunicarse en lugares sociales, en la escuela, su trabajo, o durante casos de emergencia con maestros de inglés con años de experiencia. Regístrense con un email. Los participantes se les enviará un email con el link de zoom 30 minutos antes que comience la clase. El espacio es limitado.

- Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays 9-10:30 a.m.
- March 31 through May 14

### English Conversation Class- Clases de Conversacion en Ingles (Zoom)

This class is designed to develop the non-native speaker's oral skills that to establish and maintain direct conversation and communication with native speakers of English. A Zoom link to the program will be sent 30 minutes before class starts. Please include your email in the registration. Space is limited. Esta clase está diseñada para desarrollar sus habilidades de hablar ingles mas fluido, y mantener conversacion directa con nativo hablantes de inglés. Regístrense con un email. Los participantes se les enviará un email con el link de zoom 30 minutos antes que comience la clase. El espacio es limitado.

- Thursdays 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- April 3 through May 29

## Animals and Nature

### Birds of Missouri (Zoom) NEW

What's that critter flying high in the sky or skirting between the forest understory? Birds, of course! Join Rachel Mandi with the Missouri Department of Conservation to learn about the birds that call Missouri home and the birds that just pass through. For adults.

#### Virtual Branch

Tuesday, March 18 6:30 p.m.

### Missouri Mushroom Hunting 101 (Zoom) NEW

Mushrooms are a delight for animals and people alike! Explore the realm of the fungi and learn what role they play in our environment. We will explore what it takes to mushroom hunt in Missouri, where you can go, and which may be a good addition to your dinner plate. For adults.

#### Virtual Branch

Monday, April 21 6:30 p.m.

### Missouri Mushrooms

Missouri is famous for its wild mushrooms. Discover when and where to safely hunt for the most common types of mushrooms, including morels, with a Clay County naturalist. For adults.

#### Antioch Branch

Tuesday, March 25 2:00 p.m.

#### Blue Ridge Branch

Thursday, April 24 6:00 p.m.

#### Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, March 8 3:00 p.m.

#### East Independence Branch

Tuesday, April 29 6:00 p.m.

#### Excelsior Springs Branch

Friday, March 21 3:00 p.m.

#### Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, April 3 6:30 p.m.

#### Parkville Branch

Saturday, April 19 2:00 p.m.

#### Red Bridge Branch

Thursday, March 27 6:00 p.m.

### The Muddy Mo's Hidden Beauty (Hybrid) NEW

The Missouri River starts as a narrow clear-water stream in Montana and ends as a wide, muddy waterway in eastern Missouri. Along its 2,341-mile path, before it flows into the Mississippi River, it touches the lives of many Americans. We'll take a virtual float trip with veteran outdoors writer Brent Frazee and explore river life. For adults.

#### Blue Springs South Branch

Thursday, May 8 6:30 p.m.

#### Green Hills Library Center

Saturday, April 5 2:00 p.m.

#### Lee's Summit and Online

Thursday, April 17 6:30 p.m.

#### Withers Branch

Tuesday, April 15 6:30 p.m.

## Science

### The James Webb Space Telescope: Going Farther Back in Time (Hybrid) NEW

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) stunned the world after its launch in 2021. The telescope uses infrared light to look at the universe. Learn how the telescope works as we examine some of the images it has collected with astronomer Joe Wright. For adults.

#### Blue Springs North Branch

Thursday, May 22 6:30 p.m.

#### Colbern Road Library Center and Online

Monday, May 5 6:30 p.m.

#### Edgerton Branch

Saturday, March 22 11:00 a.m.

#### Green Hills Library Center

Saturday, March 29 3:00 p.m.

#### Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, April 29 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.

#### Antioch Branch

Thursday, March 13 2:00 p.m.

#### Blue Ridge Branch

Tuesday, March 18 6:00 p.m.

#### North Independence Branch

Wednesday, April 30 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.

#### Antioch Branch

Thursday, April 3 2:00 p.m.

#### Blue Ridge Branch

Tuesday, April 15 6:00 p.m.

#### North Independence Branch

Wednesday, May 14 2:00 p.m.

### Digital Media Literacy

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

#### Grandview Branch

Monday, April 7 6:30 p.m.

#### Raytown Branch

Thursday, April 24 6:00 p.m.

### Go Digital with the Library

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

#### North Independence Branch

Wednesday, March 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.

<b>Antioch Branch</b>	
Thursday, April 17	2:00 p.m.
<b>Blue Ridge Branch</b>	
Tuesday, May 20	6:00 p.m.
<b>Grandview Branch</b>	
Monday, March 3	6:30 p.m.
<b>North Independence Branch</b>	
Wednesday, March 5	2:00 p.m.

Microsoft Excel®: Part One

Learn Microsoft Excel® basic terminology, spreadsheet navigation, and formula writing as you create and format a simple spreadsheet. For adults.

<b>Antioch Branch</b>	
Thursday, May 1	2:00 p.m.
<b>Grandview Branch</b>	
Monday, May 5	6:30 p.m.
<b>North Independence Branch</b>	
Wednesday, April 2	2:00 p.m.
<b>Raytown Branch</b>	
Monday, March 3	3:00 p.m.

Microsoft Excel®: Part Two

If you are ready to go beyond Excel basics, this class adds to your Microsoft Excel® knowledge by introducing sorting, simple functions, and other useful tools. Attendance at the program Microsoft Excel®: Part One is recommended. For adults.

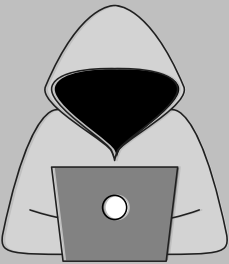
<b>Antioch Branch</b>	
Thursday, May 15	2:00 p.m.
<b>Grandview Branch</b>	
Monday, May 19	6:30 p.m.
<b>North Independence Branch</b>	
Wednesday, April 16	2:00 p.m.
<b>Raytown Branch</b>	
Monday, April 7	3:00 p.m.

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.

<b>Excelsior Springs Branch</b>	
Monday, March 17	2:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 24	2:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 15	2:00 p.m.
<b>Grandview Branch</b>	
Monday, March 17	6:30 p.m.
Monday, April 21	6:30 p.m.
<b>North Independence Branch</b>	
Wednesday, May 28	2:00 p.m.
<b>Raytown Branch</b>	
Monday, May 5	3:00 p.m.

IS IT LEGIT?



Using search engines like Google or Bing can help you search the internet to find the information you need. Unfortunately, some of the information you find online will not be accurate or even written by a human!

Scammers use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to create fake websites that look legitimate in an attempt to steal personal information. AI is used by bad actors to take advantage of popular search engines’ algorithms, causing questionable websites to appear in the top search results.

Here are some ways to evaluate search results:

Identify ads within results:

- Search engines allow paid advertisements that appear at the top of search results
- Look for results that say “ad”
- Paid results may not be relevant

Be a snippet skeptic:

- Google has auto-generated text snippets that appear at the top of search results to provide quick answers
- AI-generated fake content can sometimes appear in these snippets

Get info from websites:

- Do not rely on information found within search results
- Navigate to an organization’s official website instead



## Arts Instruction



### A Summer's Evening Painting (MCPL360) NEW

Join artist Sarah Poff as we create a painting of a relaxing summer evening on the patio. 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, May 21 6:30 p.m.

### Beautiful Blended Blossom (MCPL360) NEW

Blend your favorite colors together to create this quick, fun, and easy masterpiece in the Georgia O'Keeffe style 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, April 9 6:30 p.m.

### Dragonflies at Sunset Painting NEW

Paint a gorgeous moonlit night with dragonflies silhouetted against the moon. A To Z Artistry will teach you step by step how to create your own masterpiece. All supplies are provided. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

#### Antioch Branch

Saturday, May 24 2:00 p.m.

#### Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, May 3 3:00 p.m.

#### Buckner Branch

Monday, May 19 6:00 p.m.

#### Claycomo Branch

Monday, May 12 6:00 p.m.

#### Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, April 7 6:30 p.m.

#### Grandview Branch

Wednesday, May 14 6:30 p.m.

#### Oak Grove Branch

Saturday, April 5 3:00 p.m.

#### Raytown Branch

Thursday, March 13 6:00 p.m.



### Drawing En Plein Air (MCPL360) NEW

Use the outdoors as inspiration as you develop drawing techniques "en plein air." Participants will work on observational skills as well as learn about light and shadows, textural qualities, and depth perception. We will also discuss possible supplies to use, how to choose a good location, and the importance of keeping a sketchbook. For adults.

#### Virtual Branch

Wednesday, May 7 7:00 p.m.



### Free-Form Embroidery NEW

Experiment with stitches in this playful embroidery class. There will not be a pattern, just inspiration to use colors, lines, shapes, and repeated stitches to make a unique project. For adults.

#### East Independence Branch

Wednesday, March 26 6:00 p.m.

#### Grandview Branch

Monday, April 7 10:00 a.m.

#### Lone Jack Branch

Saturday, March 1 1:00 p.m.

#### Red Bridge Branch

Sunday, March 9 1:00 p.m.

#### Smithville Branch

Thursday, May 29 6:30 p.m.

#### Weston Branch

Saturday, May 17 3:30 p.m.

### Three Little Bunnies (MCPL360) NEW

Three little bunnies sitting by a tree... join artist Sarah Poff and paint your own adorable Easter scene. 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, March 19 6:30 p.m.

## Tiny Art Show

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.

### Buckner Branch

Monday, March 17 6:00 p.m.

### Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, May 12 6:30 p.m.

### Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, March 11 6:30 p.m.

### Oak Grove Branch

Saturday, March 1 3:00 p.m.

### Parkville Branch

Monday, May 5 7:00 p.m.

### South Independence Branch

Wednesday, May 7 7:00 p.m.

### Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, April 15 6:30 p.m.

## Water Lilies in Oil Pastel NEW

Inspired by Claude Monet's *Water Lilies* series, we will create our own interpretation of this beautiful subject matter with oil pastels. Learn how to draw and blend with oil pastels. No prior experience needed. All materials provided. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

### Antioch Branch

Wednesday, May 14 6:30 p.m.

### Blue Springs South Branch

Tuesday, May 6 7:00 p.m.

### East Lee's Summit Branch

Sunday, March 2 2:30 p.m.

### Excelsior Springs Branch

Wednesday, April 16 6:30 p.m.

### Green Hills Library Center

Sunday, April 27 2:00 p.m.

### North Independence Branch

Tuesday, March 25 6:30 p.m.

### Red Bridge Branch

Tuesday, May 27 6:30 p.m.

### South Independence Branch

Tuesday, March 4 6:30 p.m.

### Withers Branch

Tuesday, May 20 6:30 p.m.

### Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, April 29 6:30 p.m.

## Watercolor Shading in Landscapes and Still Life (MCPL360) NEW

When painting in watercolor, knowing how to create shadows and different values is an essential technique. Discover how to shade objects in a still life, as well as create shadow in a landscape. Learn the importance of an under painting, creating contrasts using the same color, and using glazing to build up object color. For adults.

### Virtual Branch

Wednesday, April 2 7:00 p.m.

## Crafts and Hobbies

### Kearney Quilt Gatherers

Come and enjoy the camaraderie of quilters, from beginners to experienced alike. We will work on personal projects along with group projects for local charities. For adults.

### Kearney Branch

Monday, March 3 10:00 a.m.

Monday, April 7 9:00 a.m.

Monday, May 5 9:00 a.m.

### Loom Knitting NEW

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

### Kearney Branch

Tuesday, March 11 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18 6:00 p.m.



## Recycled Papermaking NEW

Repurpose paper and make it usable again! Join eco-artist Alexis Webb-Bechtold and discover how easy it is to recycle paper into stationery, artwork, and more using regular household items. We will learn the "pour" method popularized by Arnold Grummer. For adults.

### Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, April 5 3:00 p.m.

### Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, March 3 6:30 p.m.

### Excelsior Springs Branch

Wednesday, March 26 6:00 p.m.

### Green Hills Library Center

Saturday, May 10 3:00 p.m.

### Parkville Branch

Monday, April 7 7:00 p.m.

### Withers Branch

Tuesday, April 22 7:00 p.m.

### Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, March 18 6:30 p.m.

## Culinary

### Baking Basics NEW

Break down the complexities of cake baking with the Culinary Center team. Learn how to measure ingredients, the purpose of each ingredient, and the science involved in baking, as well as tips for troubleshooting common problems. This program includes a take-home kit and recipe. For adults.

### Antioch Branch

Wednesday, April 30 11:00 a.m.

### Grain Valley Branch

Wednesday, April 23 6:30 p.m.

### North Oak Branch

Wednesday, March 5 6:30 p.m.

### Parkville Branch

Saturday, March 1 2:00 p.m.

### Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, March 19 6:00 p.m.

### South Independence Branch

Wednesday, May 21 7:00 p.m.



## Beyond Hot Cross Buns (Zoom) NEW

Hot cross buns are traditionally served on Good Friday, but what do you bake for Easter brunch? Father Dominic, "The Bread Monk," will share three delicious Easter recipes that can be made with any basic white bread dough. Learn how to make a braided loaf, a ham and cheese lattice loaf, and Austrian Povitica. For adults.

### Virtual Branch

Tuesday, April 1 7:00 p.m.

## Flavors of Greece (Zoom) NEW

Learn to make beautiful dishes featuring the flavors of Greece. In this class, we will learn to incorporate these flavors into appetizer, dinner, and dessert recipes. Throughout the class, you will pick up tips for incorporating Greek ingredients in creative ways. For adults.

### Virtual Branch

Thursday, May 1 7:00 p.m.

## Relaxed Spring Entertaining (Zoom) NEW

Sophisticated snacks, heartier bites, and seasonal treats form the basis for the apéro dînatoire, an elegant cross between a light dinner and a casual cocktail gathering. Learn how to adapt this relaxed style of dining at home using delicious ingredients, simple recipes, and an elegantly casual atmosphere. For adults.

### Virtual Branch

Thursday, April 17 7:00 p.m.

## Health and Well-Being

### Ask-A-Nurse Biometric Screenings

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

#### Blue Ridge Branch

Tuesday, March 4 10:00 a.m.

#### East Independence Branch

Tuesday, March 11 10:00 a.m.

#### East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, May 7 9:00 a.m.

#### Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, April 17 10:00 a.m.

#### Kearney Branch

Friday, May 16 10:00 a.m.

#### Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, May 23 10:00 a.m.

#### Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, April 30 9:00 a.m.

#### Riverside Branch

Thursday, May 22 10:00 a.m.

## Basic Yoga

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

#### Blue Springs South Branch

Tuesday, April 15 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29 6:30 p.m.

#### East Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, May 8 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 15 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 22 6:30 p.m.

#### Green Hills Library Center

Friday, April 4 3:00 p.m.

Friday, April 11 3:00 p.m.

Friday, April 18 3:00 p.m.

#### Red Bridge Branch

Sunday, March 23 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 30 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 6 3:00 p.m.

#### South Independence Branch

Tuesday, April 15 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29 7:00 p.m.

## Chair Yoga

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

#### Smithville Branch

Thursday, April 10 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 17 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 24 6:30 p.m.

## Cook Once, Serve Twice (Hybrid)

Eating meals at home is typically cheaper and healthier than eating out, but busy schedules, grocery costs, and other barriers can make meal prep and healthy eating feel overwhelming. Join MU Extension to learn easy ways you can lessen the stress of mealtime and improve your wellness. For adults.

#### Blue Springs North Branch

Thursday, April 24 6:30 p.m.

#### Claycomo and Online

Monday, March 3 2:00 p.m.

#### Dearborn Branch

Tuesday, March 4 6:00 p.m.

#### East Independence Branch

Wednesday, March 19 6:00 p.m.

#### Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, May 15 6:30 p.m.

#### Kearney Branch

Tuesday, April 15 6:30 p.m.

#### Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, May 8 6:30 p.m.

#### Platte City Branch

Monday, April 28 10:00 a.m.

#### Riverside Branch

Thursday, April 3 11:00 a.m.

## Heart-Healthy Eating on the Go (Zoom) NEW

Learn how to choose heart-healthy foods when eating out with Registered Dietitian Lindsey Robinson. Discover how to make healthy choices with convenience items, fast food, and dining at restaurants. For adults.

### Virtual Branch

Tuesday, May 13 6:30 p.m.

## Nutrition As We Age (Zoom) NEW

Learn how nutrition recommendations change as we age with Registered Dietitian Lindsey Robinson. Discover what to eat to best support healthy aging and prevent chronic diseases. For adults.

### Virtual Branch

Thursday, March 6 6:30 p.m.

## Home and Garden

### Gardening in Small Spaces (Hybrid) NEW

Learn how to grow fresh food no matter how small your space is with gardener Myriam Totta. We'll explore the best vegetables and herbs for container gardening. You'll walk away with tips and ideas that are perfect for apartments or tight spaces. For adults.

#### Antioch Branch

Saturday, April 12 11:00 a.m.

#### Colbern Road Library Center and Online

Monday, March 24 6:30 p.m.

#### East Independence Branch

Thursday, May 8 6:30 p.m.

#### Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, April 12 4:30 p.m.

#### Grandview Branch

Saturday, March 22 2:00 p.m.

#### Kearney Branch

Tuesday, May 6 6:30 p.m.

#### Platte City Branch

Monday, May 5 10:00 a.m.

#### Raytown Branch

Tuesday, April 22 5:30 p.m.

#### Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, April 19 2:00 p.m.

#### Riverside Branch

Thursday, May 8 11:00 a.m.

#### Weston Branch

Saturday, March 8 3:30 p.m.

#### Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, April 5 11:00 a.m.

## Growing and Using Herbs (Zoom) NEW

Herbs are wonderful plants that add color to our gardens, flavor and nutrients to our food, and health to our bodies. In this class, Mark Lyons, an experienced gardener, will show you how to plant, cultivate, use these wonderful plants. All ages.

### Virtual Branch

Wednesday, April 23 6:30 p.m.

### Growing and Using Root Crops (Zoom) NEW

Carrots, turnips, radishes, and other plants with edible parts underground are nutritious, delicious, and add color, crunch, and variety to our diets. Mark Lyons, an experienced vegetable gardener, will show you the techniques for planting, cultivating, harvesting, and using these underground culinary gems. For adults.

### Virtual Branch

Wednesday, March 26 6:30 p.m.

### Growing Terrific Tomatoes (Zoom)

Nothing compares to the sweetness and flavor of a fresh, home-grown tomato! Mark Lyons, an experienced garden consultant, will show you how to successfully grow this juicy, mouth-watering garden fruit in your own backyard or container garden. For adults.

### Virtual Branch

Tuesday, April 29 6:30 p.m.

## Seed Starting and Garden Preparation NEW

Discover the essentials of seed starting and garden preparation. We'll learn how to select the right seeds, prepare the soil, and create optimal growing conditions to ensure a thriving garden. Both novices and experienced gardeners will gain knowledge and confidence to cultivate a beautiful and productive garden. For adults.

### Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, April 10 6:30 p.m.

### Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, March 20 6:30 p.m.

### Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, March 18 6:30 p.m.

### South Independence Branch

Thursday, March 13 7:00 p.m.

## University of Missouri Extension Garden Steward: Green Thumb Bootcamp NEW

Interested in learning gardening basics while promoting a healthy environment? Then this 5-week series is for you.

For adults. We will cover:

- Site assessment
- Vegetable gardening
- Ornamental gardening
- Insect basics and integrated pest management
- Pollinator habitats and environmental stewardship

### Blue Springs South Branch

Wednesday, March 19 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16 5:30 p.m.

## Personal Finance

### Creating Your Estate Plan (Hybrid)

Estate planning is one of the most important things you can do to secure your future. Join financial advisor Brian Ross to learn the basics of estate planning. Topics covered include what to consider when creating a will, the benefits of trusts, how to reduce taxes on estates, and how insurance can help protect your family. For adults.

#### Antioch Branch

Saturday, March 8 2:00 p.m.

#### Blue Ridge and Online

Wednesday, April 2 6:00 p.m.

#### East Independence Branch

Wednesday, May 14 6:30 p.m.

#### Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, March 13 6:30 p.m.

#### North Oak Branch

Saturday, April 26 10:30 a.m.





## SQUARE ONE

Square One Small Business Services

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### Build a Basic Tech Stack with Google NEW

Explore how Google's suite of tools can power your business essentials without breaking the bank. Learn to navigate key apps for email, file storage, scheduling, and more; plus, get hands-on time to start setting up. Discover easy, budget-friendly solutions to simplify and strengthen your business's tech foundation. For adults.

#### Riverside Branch

Thursday, March 27 4:00 p.m.

### Building Your Business Presence

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.

#### Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, May 12 12:15 p.m.

### Business Operations Basics

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.

#### Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, May 12 11:00 a.m.

### Can You Compete? How to Conduct Market Research NEW

Discover essential tools and resources for conducting effective market research to set your business up for success. Learn why understanding your competition and market demand is crucial and how to evaluate if your idea meets market needs—not just personal goals. Gain insights to ensure your business idea thrives. For adults.

#### East Independence Branch

Monday, March 10 6:45 p.m.

### CapCut Crash Course

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

#### Antioch Branch

Wednesday, March 26 3:00 p.m.

### Clear Is Kind: Overcoming Anxiety In Difficult Conversations

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.

#### South Independence Branch

Tuesday, April 22 2:00 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, May 9 9:00 a.m.

#### Green Hills Library Center

Friday, April 11 9:00 a.m.

#### Woodneath Library Center

Friday, March 14 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.

#### Parkville Branch

Wednesday, May 21 5:45 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.

#### Parkville Branch

Wednesday, May 21 4:00 p.m.

### Decoding Joy NEW

Joy can feel elusive, like we're endlessly chasing it, only to feel it slip away. This pursuit often leaves us wondering if true joy is beyond reach. But what if discovering joy was simpler than it seems—an accessible key within reach rather than a distant, complex goal? For adults.

#### Withers Branch

Thursday, May 1 11:00 a.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.

#### East Independence Branch

Monday, March 10 5:00 p.m.

# SQUARE ONE SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES

## Designing Happier Businesses NEW

This session empowers you to leverage the science of happiness to fuel success. Attendees will learn why designing happier businesses boosts growth, productivity, and innovation. Through insights based on *The Eight Pillars of Happiness*, this session will provide strategies to create workplaces, cultures, and customer experiences that prioritize human flourishing. For adults.

### North Oak Branch

Thursday, April 3 2:00 p.m.

## Enhance Your Social Media Presence with a Quick Audit NEW

Get ready to boost your social media game! This program guides you through a quick, effective audit of your social media accounts. Learn how to evaluate your profiles, pinpoint areas for improvement, and make simple updates that enhance your presence and engagement—without a huge time commitment. For adults.

### Riverside Branch

Monday, April 14 3:00 p.m.

## Exploring Social Media Platforms NEW

Ready to dive into social media? In this session, explore Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, TikTok, and Pinterest. Learn the strengths of each platform and how they can boost your small business or personal brand. Perfect for those eager to harness social media for growth and connection. For adults.

### Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, March 13 5:00 p.m.

## First Impressions Matter: Onboarding Done Right

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.

### Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, May 20 10:00 a.m.

## Launch Simply: Key Steps to Start Your Business

Learn to launch your small business with just the essentials. This class covers key steps for starting successfully, focusing on what truly matters. Discover which things you don't really need like business cards or a website to begin. Perfect for aspiring entrepreneurs seeking a straightforward, efficient path to business ownership, this program is funded by a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. For adults.

### Withers Branch

Wednesday, May 7 4:15 p.m.

## Manage the Project, Not the Person

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.

### Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, May 20 11:15 a.m.

## Should You Be a Business Owner?

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.

### Withers Branch

Wednesday, May 7 3:00 p.m.

## 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.

### Kearney Branch

Monday, April 28 10:00 a.m.

## The Networked Professional

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

### Colbern Road Library Center

Wednesday, March 19 11:15 a.m.

## Values-Driven Stress Management NEW

Discover how to navigate stress in a welcoming, supportive setting. This workshop helps you understand your stress response, identify when stress is affecting you, and explore tools to manage it. Plus, learn how aligning with your core values can lead to clearer decisions and a more balanced, stress-resilient life. For adults.

### Parkville Branch

Wednesday, April 16 2:00 p.m.

## Your First Steps in Digital Advertising NEW

Ready to explore digital advertising? This program introduces you to key concepts: knowing when to start, setting a smart budget, and choosing where to place ads. With insights on both the benefits and challenges, you'll leave equipped to make informed advertising decisions to grow your brand. For adults.

### Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, May 27 11:00 a.m.

## Careers and Education

### Career Planning in Five Steps: Your Quick Guide to Success (Hybrid)

Are you ready to take charge of your career path? Join our Career Planning in Five Steps workshop for a concise and interactive journey to a brighter professional future. We'll cover the top five actions to create a career plan that works for you. For adults.

**Colbern Road Library Center and Online**  
Wednesday, March 19 10:00 a.m.

### Master Your Time, Master Your Life

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.

**Claycomo Branch**  
Thursday, May 8 6:15 p.m.

### Mind Mastery

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.

**Claycomo Branch**  
Thursday, May 8 5:00 p.m.



### Hands-On Career Exploration Through Virtual Reality NEW

Step into a virtual reality career simulation! Participants will select a career from our curated list and experience real-world tasks in that field. Gain insights into various occupations, explore career resources, and access assessments to help guide your career exploration journey. It's a hands-on way to discover your future path. For adults.

**Antioch Branch**  
Thursday, May 29 5:00 p.m.

**Blue Ridge Branch**  
Tuesday, March 18 2:00 p.m.

**Blue Springs North Branch**  
Tuesday, March 25 2:00 p.m.

**Blue Springs South Branch**  
Wednesday, April 23 2:00 p.m.

**Claycomo Branch**  
Thursday, May 29 2:00 p.m.

**East Independence Branch**  
Tuesday, March 25 5:00 p.m.

**East Lee's Summit Branch**  
Wednesday, April 23 10:00 a.m.

**Green Hills Library Center**  
Thursday, May 15 10:00 a.m.

**Midwest Genealogy Center**  
Thursday, May 22 10:30 a.m.

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

**North Oak Branch**  
Thursday, May 15 2:00 p.m.

**Parkville Branch**  
Wednesday, March 12 6:00 p.m.

**Raytown Branch**  
Wednesday, April 16 10:00 a.m.

**Red Bridge Branch**  
Tuesday, March 18 10:00 a.m.

**Riverside Branch**  
Wednesday, March 12 2:00 p.m.

**South Independence Branch**  
Thursday, May 22 2:00 p.m.

**Withers Branch**  
Wednesday, April 9 2:00 p.m.

**Woodneath Library Center**  
Wednesday, April 9 10:00 a.m.

## Authors

### Woodneath Press Book Launch: Heart of America NEW

Join us to celebrate the release of the newest title from Woodneath Press, *Heart of America: Kansas City Inspired Short Stories!* Enjoy refreshments while listening to readings from this collection of fiction short stories written by local authors. For adults.

**Woodneath Library Center**  
Tuesday, April 22 6:30 p.m.

## Certification

### Copyright Basics (Zoom)

Learn the basics of copyright law, what rights copyright holders have, the exceptions to those rights, and the proper application of fair use from Chris LeBeau, a member of the faculty for the University of Missouri's School of Information Science and Learning Technologies. This class is part of the Oral and Written Storytelling Certification Programs. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Thursday, April 24 6:30 p.m.

### Intensive Editing Masterclass (Zoom)

Learn how to effectively revise your manuscript from author Tiffany Killoren by creating action steps to edit and polish your manuscript. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Thursday, March 27 6:30 p.m.

### Introduction to Genre

Learn from Reader Services Librarian Angela Strathman about genre from the writer's point of view. Explore formulas, common conventions, and reader expectations—including subgenre, themes, and tropes—and some resources to get you started. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

**The Story Center**  
Thursday, March 6 6:30 p.m.

### Jumpstart Your Creativity NEW

Join Simaran Singh, BFA graduate in Sculpture at Kansas City Art Institute, to overcome the barriers of creative expression. This workshop is designed for writers, storytellers, visual artists, and anyone curious about flexing their creative muscle. For adults.

**The Story Center**  
Thursday, March 13 6:30 p.m.

### Performance Showcase & Masterclass (Zoom)

Bring your best seven-minute story to perform and get feedback from expert storyteller Angela J. Williams. This class is part of the Oral Storytelling Certification Program. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Wednesday, May 21 6:30 p.m.

### Publishing Options and Opportunities (Zoom)

How do you pick a publishing option that works best for you? How can you recognize if a deal is the right one to take? Join Story Center Publication Manager Kyndall Tiller as she discusses the different publishing models: self-publishing, e-publishing, hybrid, independent, and traditional. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Monday, April 21 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 Certification Programs. For adults.

**Smithville Branch**  
Monday, March 31 6:30 p.m.

### Social Media for Authors (Zoom) NEW

Social media is a great way for authors to connect with their audience and build their readership, but building a platform from scratch can be daunting! Join Story Center Publication Manager Kyndall Tiller and Square One Small Business Specialist Chloe Yotter to learn how to begin building your author platform on social media. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program as a storytelling elective. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Wednesday, April 23 6:30 p.m.

### Starting a Writing Project

Start your longform writing project with Story Center Program Manager and author Melanie Pierce. Dive into creative inspiration; learn to maneuver the building blocks of story, like character development and world building; and discover tools to set realistic goals. Come prepared to put pen to paper. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

**Antioch Branch**  
Wednesday, April 2 6:30 p.m.

### Starting to Tell Stories (Zoom)

You have a great story to tell, and the Library wants to help you tell it! Learn tips and tricks from storyteller Priscilla Howe, including brainstorming story ideas and discovering resources in your community to help grow your craft. This class is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Wednesday, March 5 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, March 3	6:30 p.m.
Monday, April 7	6:30 p.m.
Monday, May 5	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, March 20	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 17	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 15	6:30 p.m.

## Storytelling as a Successful Business (Zoom)

Learn the fundamentals of creating and running a successful storytelling business from award-winning storyteller Tracey Segarra. This event is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

### Virtual Branch

Thursday, May 1	6:30 p.m.
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## Storytelling for the Environment NEW

Biologist Dr. Fran Stallings utilizes storytelling to inspire compassion toward nature and show how individuals and communities can cooperate to preserve it. In this workshop, Dr. Stallings will teach you how to do the same. This class is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program as a storytelling elective. For adults.

### The Story Center

Thursday, April 10	6:30 p.m.
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## Taking the Mystery Out of Mystery Writing NEW

Join mystery author Tiffany Killoren (aka Lilian West) for a discussion about writing a compelling mystery, tips and tricks for creating suspense, and how to structure your story to keep your readers guessing. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program as a storytelling elective. For adults.

### The Story Center

Thursday, May 8	6:30 p.m.
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## The Business of Writing and Authorship

A sustainable writing career requires more than good writing; it requires an understanding of the industry and a consistent investment of time in your writing business. This workshop lays a foundation of effective, sustainable, long-term business practices for writers. Author Jessica Conoley will discuss an authorpreneur's mindset, time-blocking, marketing efficiently, and business basics. For adults.

### The Story Center

Thursday, May 22	6:30 p.m.
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## Genealogy

## Researching House Histories NEW

In genealogy, we often wish walls could talk. If you know what to look for and where to look, sometimes they can! In this class, we will look at houses and their surrounding records to uncover more about our ancestors and how they lived. For adults.

### The Story Center

Monday, March 24	6:00 p.m.
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## Storytelling

## At Home with Naomi Crouch

Join Mrs. Naomi Crouch, as portrayed by storyteller Mary L. Schmidt, in the historic home as she shares her memories of living and raising a family at Woodneath during the 20th century. For adults.

### The Story Center

Wednesday, March 26	6:30 p.m.
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## Environmental Stories NEW

In celebration of Earth Day, join us for stories about the environment. This program will feature PhD biologist and storyteller Dr. Fran Stallings and graduates of The Story Center's Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. It will be hosted by certified storyteller Brenda Lowe. For adults.

### Woodneath Library Center

Wednesday, April 9	6:30 p.m.
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## Writing

## How to Get Your Book Traditionally Published NEW

Learn the basics of how to get your book traditionally published with an overview of the different types of publishers, as part of Traditional Publishing 101 with Jane Friedman. For adults.

### Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m.
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# THE STORY CENTER

## Plein Air Micro Essay Writing NEW

Join *The New Territory* magazine and The Story Center for a full-day intensive on the micro essay form. Through a series of talks and guided writing prompts, participants will draw from the natural and cultural history of the Woodneath property to write an essay of 300 words or less. For adults.

### The Story Center

Saturday, May 31 10:00 a.m.

## Publishing Trends Today And What To Watch NEW

Even though the publishing industry is often considered slow and not as susceptible to technological change (and print just enjoyed its most robust sales in more than a decade), it's been a transformative time for the business of books. This program is part of Traditional Publishing 101 with Jane Friedman. For adults.

### Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, April 26 3:00 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, March 15 1:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 19 1:30 p.m.  
Saturday, May 17 1:30 p.m.

## The Writer's Future with Artificial Intelligence: A Practical Guide (Hybrid) NEW

Whether you are excited about or afraid of Artificial Intelligence's effects on storytelling, join this seminar and discussion with Michael Humphrey, Assistant Professor of Journalism at Johnson County Community College. For adults.

### The Story Center and Online

Wednesday, April 30 6:30 p.m.

## Write a Query Letter That Gets Manuscript Requests NEW

Learn the key elements of every query letter and how to avoid problems that plague (and sabotage) queries, part of Traditional Publishing 101 with Jane Friedman. For adults.

### Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, April 26 1:00 p.m.

## The Story Center SPEAKER SERIES

in partnership with  
**RainyDayBooks**

Presents:

## SILVIA PARK

Join The Story Center for a visit from author and University of Kansas professor Silvia Park in a discussion of their debut novel, *Luminous*. For adults.



## AMY STUBER

Join The Story Center for a visit from author Amy Stuber for a discussion of *Sad Grownups*, her debut short story collection about searching for joy in a dying world. For adults.



**Wednesday, March 12,  
7:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 14,  
7:00 p.m.**

These events will be followed by a book sale and signing.

**Register at [mymcpl.org/SpeakerSeries](https://mymcpl.org/SpeakerSeries)**

## 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.

### Colbern Road Library Center

Friday, April 25 9:15 a.m.

### Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, March 18 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 15 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 20 10:00 a.m.

### North Independence Branch

Tuesday, March 18 2:00 p.m.

### Parkville Branch

Saturday, March 22 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 26 11:00 a.m.

### Weston Branch

Saturday, April 12 10:30 a.m.

### Withers Branch

Saturday, May 10 10:00 a.m.

### Woodneath Library Center

Friday, April 11 9:30 a.m.

## Baby Prom

Families of children ages birth to 2 years are invited to Baby Prom at the Library. Come dressed in your fanciest clothes (or your kiddo's favorite outfit), take pictures at our selfie station, and dance to music!

### Blue Springs North Branch

Friday, May 2 10:00 a.m.

### Blue Springs South Branch

Friday, May 23 10:00 a.m.

### East Independence Branch

Saturday, April 26 10:30 a.m.

### East Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, May 29 10:00 a.m.

### Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, May 17 10:30 a.m.

### Parkville Branch

Saturday, May 17 11:00 a.m.

### Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, May 31 11:00 a.m.

### South Independence Branch

Friday, May 2 10:00 a.m.

## Community Heroes Storytime

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

### North Independence Branch

Wednesday, April 9 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 10 10:00 a.m.

### Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, April 22 10:00 a.m.

### Parkville Branch

Wednesday, April 23 10:00 a.m.

### Woodneath Library Center

Friday, March 21 10:30 a.m.

## Early Literacy Fair

Parents and caregivers, along with their children ages birth through 6, are invited to an open house-style event to explore many of the Library's early literacy resources. A variety of fun activities will be provided as we play and learn together!

### Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, April 5 10:30 a.m.

## Early Literacy Music and Movement

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

### Blue Springs North Branch

Friday, March 7 10:00 a.m.

### Excelsior Springs Branch

Friday, March 28 10:30 a.m.

### Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, March 14 10:00 a.m.

Friday, April 11 10:00 a.m.

Friday, May 9 10:00 a.m.

### North Oak Branch

Saturday, April 12 10:30 a.m.

### Raytown Branch

Wednesday, April 30 3:00 p.m.

### South Independence Branch

Thursday, May 22 10:00 a.m.

## Early Literacy Music and Movement: Baby Bounce

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

### Blue Springs South Branch

Friday, March 21 10:00 a.m.

Friday, April 25 10:00 a.m.

Friday, May 16 10:00 a.m.

### Claycomo Branch

Friday, March 21 11:00 a.m.

### East Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, March 10 10:00 a.m.

### Platte City Branch

Tuesday, March 11 10:00 a.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, March 3 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 7 6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 5 6:00 p.m.

### Blue Ridge Branch

Thursday, March 6 10:00 a.m.

### Blue Springs South Branch

Friday, March 14 10:00 a.m.

Friday, May 9 10:00 a.m.

### Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, March 6 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 20 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 3 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 17 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 1 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 15 6:30 p.m.

### East Independence Branch

Wednesday, March 19 10:00 a.m.

### East Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, April 7 6:30 p.m.

### Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, March 18 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 19 10:00 a.m.

### Kearney Branch

Monday, May 12 6:30 p.m.

### Weston Branch

Wednesday, March 19 10:00 a.m.



# Early Literacy

## 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.

### Antioch Branch

Wednesday, March 12 10:00 a.m.

### Blue Springs South Branch

1<sup>st</sup> Friday every month 10:00 a.m.

### East Independence Branch

Wednesday, April 9 10:00 a.m.

### East Lee's Summit Branch

3<sup>rd</sup> Weds. every month 10:00 a.m.

### Excelsior Springs Branch

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday every month 10:30 a.m.

### Grain Valley Branch

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

### Grandview Branch

Every Tues. & Weds. 11:00 a.m.  
Every Thursday 5:00 p.m.

### Green Hills Library Center

Saturday, March 22 10:30 a.m.  
Saturday, April 19 10:30 a.m.  
Saturday, May 17 10:30 a.m.

### Kearney Branch

Every Weds. 10:30 a.m.

### Lone Jack Branch

Wednesday, March 12 10:30 a.m.

### North Oak Branch

Friday, March 28 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, April 18 10:30 a.m.

### Oak Grove Branch

2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. every month 10:30 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Weds. every month 10:30 a.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Tues. every month 10:30 a.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Weds. every month 10:30 a.m.

### Red Bridge Branch

Every Friday 10:00 a.m.

### Riverside Branch

Wednesday, March 26 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, April 30 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 28 10:30 a.m.

### South Independence Branch

Monday, April 14 10:00 a.m.

### Withers Branch

Saturday, March 15 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, April 23 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 28 9:30 a.m.

## Play and Learn: Fun with Playdough

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

### East Independence Branch

Wednesday, May 7 10:00 a.m.

### South Independence Branch

Friday, April 18 10:00 a.m.

## Sensory Sensitive Storytime

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

### Green Hills Library Center

Every Wednesday 11:15 a.m.  
except May 28

### South Independence Branch

Wednesday, March 5 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, April 2 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 7 10:00 a.m.

## Storytime in the Great Outdoors

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

### Blue Ridge Branch

Thursday, May 1 10:00 a.m.

### Colbern Road Library Center

Wednesday, April 2 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, April 16 10:00 a.m.

### Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, May 13 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 14 10:00 a.m.

### Weston Branch

Wednesday, May 14 10:00 a.m.

### Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, May 15 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday, May 15 10:30 a.m.

## Storytime in the Park

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

### Claycomo Branch

Wednesday, May 14 10:00 a.m.

### Edgerton Branch

Wednesday, May 14 10:00 a.m.

### Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, May 6 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, May 13 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, May 20 10:30 a.m.

## Stuffed Animal Sleepover

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

### Blue Ridge Branch

#### Dropoff

Tuesday, April 8 10:00 a.m.

#### Storytime

Thursday, April 10 10:00 a.m.

### Buckner Branch

#### Dropoff

Tuesday, April 8 9:00 a.m.

#### Storytime

Thursday, April 10 10:00 a.m.

### Claycomo Branch

#### Dropoff

Tuesday, April 15 9:00 a.m.

#### Storytime

Wednesday, April 16 10:00 a.m.

### Grain Valley Branch

#### Dropoff

Tuesday, April 29 10:00 a.m.

#### Storytime

Wednesday, April 30 10:00 a.m.

### Green Hills Library Center

#### Dropoff

Thursday, March 27 9:00 a.m.

#### Storytime

Friday, March 28 10:15 a.m.

### Kearney Branch

#### Dropoff

Friday, April 4 9:00 a.m.

#### Storytime

Saturday, April 5 2:00 p.m.

### Lee's Summit Branch

#### Dropoff

Thursday, April 17 9:00 a.m.

#### Storytime

Saturday, April 19 11:00 a.m.

### Parkville Branch

#### Dropoff

Monday, March 17 5:00 p.m.

#### Storytime

Tuesday, March 18 10:00 a.m.

## Animals and Nature

### Horse Hooves in the Grass (at the Library)

Who said horses can't visit the Library? Come to the Library to meet, groom, and pet a beautiful horse. Then learn about horse care, horse safety, and much more. All ages.

<b>Antioch Branch</b>	
Saturday, March 15	2:00 p.m.
<b>Edgerton Branch</b>	
Saturday, April 19	10:30 a.m.
<b>Excelsior Springs Branch</b>	
Saturday, April 5	3:00 p.m.
<b>Platte City Branch</b>	
Saturday, May 31	11:00 a.m.
<b>Withers Branch</b>	
Wednesday, May 21	6:00 p.m.

### Inspiring Scales with EpicStyle

Why not reptiles? Learn fun facts about reptiles and meet some. See why reptiles make good pets and consider if they are right for you. Ages 4 and up.

<b>Antioch Branch</b>	
Monday, May 19	6:00 p.m.
<b>Blue Springs North Branch</b>	
Saturday, May 17	10:30 a.m.
<b>Blue Springs South Branch</b>	
Saturday, May 3	11:00 a.m.
<b>East Lee's Summit Branch</b>	
Wednesday, April 9	3:30 p.m.
<b>Kearney Branch</b>	
Saturday, April 19	2:00 p.m.
<b>Lone Jack Branch</b>	
Saturday, May 17	2:00 p.m.
<b>Parkville Branch</b>	
Tuesday, March 25	4:30 p.m.
<b>Smithville Branch</b>	
Saturday, March 1	10:30 a.m.
<b>Withers Branch</b>	
Thursday, March 27	3:30 p.m.

### Kansas City Zoo and Aquarium's Adapt to That

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

<b>East Lee's Summit Branch</b>	
Monday, April 14	2:30 p.m.
<b>South Independence Branch</b>	
Friday, May 30	11:00 a.m.



### Operation Wildlife Presents: The Night Shift

Ever seen a barn owl up close? Come see it and other owls as Operation Wildlife tells us about these beautiful birds and gives us insight into their nighttime habits. Ages 6 and up.

<b>Antioch Branch</b>	
Monday, March 10	6:00 p.m.
<b>Blue Springs North Branch</b>	
Saturday, April 26	10:30 a.m.
<b>Colbern Road Library Center</b>	
Saturday, March 8	10:30 a.m.
<b>Green Hills Library Center</b>	
Wednesday, May 28	3:00 p.m.
<b>Lee's Summit Branch</b>	
Saturday, May 31	11:00 a.m.
<b>North Independence Branch</b>	
Tuesday, May 13	6:30 p.m.
<b>North Oak Branch</b>	
Saturday, May 17	10:30 a.m.

## Arts Instruction

### Beautiful Blooming Cherry Tree Painting NEW

Join teaching artist Sarah Poff and learn to paint a beautiful blooming cherry tree, like the ones in Washington D.C. Learn about the history of the trees and the country of Japan. Ages 6 and up.

<b>Camden Point Branch</b>	
Saturday, April 26	10:30 a.m.
<b>Colbern Road Library Center</b>	
Saturday, May 3	2:00 p.m.
<b>East Lee's Summit Branch</b>	
Saturday, May 17	3:30 p.m.
<b>Excelsior Springs Branch</b>	
Saturday, April 26	3:00 p.m.
<b>North Independence Branch</b>	
Saturday, March 15	3:00 p.m.
<b>Red Bridge Branch</b>	
Saturday, May 17	11:00 a.m.
<b>Smithville Branch</b>	
Saturday, March 15	10:30 a.m.
<b>South Independence Branch</b>	
Saturday, May 3	11:00 a.m.

## Books and Reading

### 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.

<b>Blue Springs South Branch</b>	
Saturday, May 24	11:00 a.m.
<b>Claycomo Branch</b>	
Saturday, April 5	3:00 p.m.
<b>Colbern Road Library Center</b>	
Saturday, April 5	10:30 a.m.
<b>Dearborn Branch</b>	
Saturday, May 3	10:30 a.m.
<b>Excelsior Springs Branch</b>	
Wednesday, May 21	6:00 p.m.
<b>Grain Valley Branch</b>	
Saturday, March 8	10:30 a.m.
<b>Lee's Summit Branch</b>	
Monday, May 5	6:00 p.m.
<b>North Oak Branch</b>	
Thursday, May 22	6:30 p.m.
<b>Parkville Branch</b>	
Saturday, March 8	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 26	4:30 p.m.
<b>Red Bridge Branch</b>	
Saturday, May 24	2:00 p.m.
<b>South Independence Branch</b>	
Thursday, March 27	6:00 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.

<b>Antioch Branch</b>	
Monday, April 21	6:00 p.m.
<b>Blue Springs South Branch</b>	
Monday, March 3	4:30 p.m.
Monday, March 17	4:30 p.m.
Monday, April 7	4:30 p.m.
Monday, May 5	4:30 p.m.
Monday, May 19	4:30 p.m.
<b>Colbern Road Library Center</b>	
Thursday, May 29	2:00 p.m.
<b>East Independence Branch</b>	
Monday, March 31	3:30 p.m.
Monday, April 28	3:30 p.m.
<b>East Lee's Summit Branch</b>	
Wednesday, March 5	4:30 p.m.
<b>Parkville Branch</b>	
Tuesday, March 4	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 1	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 6	4:30 p.m.

## Crafts and Hobbies

### Art with an Exotic Animal NEW

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

<b>Antioch Branch</b>	
Monday, April 14	6:00 p.m.
<b>Camden Point Branch</b>	
Wednesday, May 28	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 28	10:15 a.m.
<b>Claycomo Branch</b>	
Tuesday, April 22	6:00 p.m.
<b>East Independence Branch</b>	
Monday, May 12	6:30 p.m.
<b>Grain Valley Branch</b>	
Tuesday, April 8	6:30 p.m.
<b>Kearney Branch</b>	
Thursday, May 29	6:30 p.m.
<b>Lee's Summit Branch</b>	
Monday, May 19	6:00 p.m.
<b>North Oak Branch</b>	
Saturday, March 22	10:30 a.m.
<b>Oak Grove Branch</b>	
Thursday, May 15	6:30 p.m.
<b>Raytown Branch</b>	
Thursday, May 22	6:00 p.m.
<b>Red Bridge Branch</b>	
Thursday, March 13	6:00 p.m.
<b>Weston Branch</b>	
Friday, May 30	11:00 a.m.
<b>Woodneath Library Center</b>	
Monday, May 5	6:30 p.m.

### Kids Create Art

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

<b>Antioch Branch</b>	
Monday, March 17	6:00 p.m.
<b>Blue Springs North Branch</b>	
Tuesday, March 25	7:00 p.m.
<b>Blue Springs South Branch</b>	
Monday, March 10	4:30 p.m.
Monday, May 12	4:30 p.m.
<b>Buckner Branch</b>	
Thursday, May 29	6:00 p.m.
<b>East Lee's Summit Branch</b>	
Wednesday, April 23	3:30 p.m.
<b>Excelsior Springs Branch</b>	
Saturday, March 22	3:00 p.m.
<b>Grain Valley Branch</b>	
Tuesday, May 6	6:30 p.m.
<b>Green Hills Library Center</b>	
Wednesday, March 12	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 9	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 14	3:00 p.m.
<b>Midwest Genealogy Center</b>	
Saturday, March 22	10:30 a.m.
<b>Parkville Branch</b>	
Monday, March 24	3:00 p.m.
<b>Red Bridge Branch</b>	
Wednesday, May 7	6:00 p.m.
<b>Withers Branch</b>	
Wednesday, March 19	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 16	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 30	6:00 p.m.

### Kids Create Art: Spring Crafts

Hop on down to the library and create crafts to celebrate Spring! Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

<b>Blue Springs North Branch</b>	
Tuesday, April 22	7:00 p.m.
<b>Blue Springs South Branch</b>	
Monday, April 14	4:30 p.m.
<b>Dearborn Branch</b>	
Friday, March 14	10:00 a.m.
<b>East Independence Branch</b>	
Monday, March 3	3:30 p.m.
<b>Edgerton Branch</b>	
Thursday, March 6	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 3	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 1	4:00 p.m.
<b>Excelsior Springs Branch</b>	
Saturday, April 19	3:00 p.m.
<b>Grain Valley Branch</b>	
Tuesday, March 11	6:30 p.m.
<b>Kearney Branch</b>	
Thursday, April 3	6:30 p.m.
<b>Lee's Summit Branch</b>	
Monday, April 21	6:00 p.m.
<b>Lone Jack Branch</b>	
Friday, May 2	4:00 p.m.
<b>Midwest Genealogy Center</b>	
Saturday, April 26	10:30 a.m.
<b>Oak Grove Branch</b>	
Thursday, March 20	6:30 p.m.
<b>Parkville Branch</b>	
Tuesday, April 15	4:30 p.m.
<b>Platte City Branch</b>	
Tuesday, April 22	5:00 p.m.
<b>Raytown Branch</b>	
Monday, May 19	5:30 p.m.
<b>Riverside Branch</b>	
Tuesday, April 22	4:00 p.m.
<b>Smithville Branch</b>	
Saturday, April 26	10:30 a.m.
<b>South Independence Branch</b>	
Monday, March 17	3:00 p.m.
<b>Weston Branch</b>	
Friday, March 14	11:00 a.m.
<b>Woodneath Library Center</b>	
Monday, April 21	6:30 p.m.





## Kids Create Puppets

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

### Claycomo Branch

Tuesday, April 8 6:00 p.m.

### Kearney Branch

Thursday, March 6 6:30 p.m.

### Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, March 24 6:00 p.m.

### Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, May 17 10:30 a.m.

### Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, April 23 6:00 p.m.

### Weston Branch

Friday, April 18 11:00 a.m.

## Maker Challenge:

### Transportation of the Future NEW

How will people get around in the future? Will we make vehicles that are faster, more energy efficient, or able to travel to places humans have never ventured? Use recycled materials to design your own futuristic vehicle and build a prototype. Please register participating children only. Ages 7 and up.

### Excelsior Springs Branch

Wednesday, May 7 6:00 p.m.

### North Independence Branch

Wednesday, April 30 6:30 p.m.

### Platte City Branch

Monday, April 14 11:00 a.m.

### Withers Branch

Thursday, April 10 4:00 p.m.

## Culinary

### Tortillas and Me NEW

Are you ready to level up your family taco nights? Learn about the history of the corn tortilla and how easy they are to make at home. Leave with a batch of fresh tortillas ready to cook and enjoy. This program is gluten free. A signed release and the presence of a parent or guardian is required. Designed for ages 7 and up. Please register participating children only.

### East Independence Branch

Saturday, April 19 2:00 p.m.

### East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, May 14 4:30 p.m.

### Excelsior Springs Branch

Wednesday, April 9 6:00 p.m.

### Grandview Branch

Wednesday, May 28 6:30 p.m.

### Platte City Branch

Saturday, March 22 1:00 p.m.

### Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, May 10 11:00 a.m.

## Entertainment

### Kids Create:

#### Design a Board Game NEW

Art and games come together when you become a game designer! Create a board game out of a variety of materials and storyline prompts. Design solo or with a team, and then try out the game with your friends. Register participating children only. Ages 8 and up.

### Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, May 12 6:00 p.m.

### North Oak Branch

Thursday, March 27 6:30 p.m.

### Withers Branch

Wednesday, April 2 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 24 4:00 p.m.

Find a fun-filled Library program at a Branch near you!

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## SUMMER at MCPL

### Summer Reading Challenge Kick-Off NEW

This kick-off event is full of activities, games, and crafts the whole family will enjoy. All ages.

#### Blue Springs North Branch

Friday, May 30 10:00 a.m.

#### Edgerton Branch

Thursday, May 29 4:00 p.m.

#### Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, May 29 10:30 a.m.

#### Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, May 31 10:30 a.m.

#### Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, May 30 10:00 a.m.

#### Oak Grove Branch

Friday, May 30 3:00 p.m.

#### Parkville Branch

Friday, May 30 11:00 a.m.

#### Platte City Branch

Tuesday, May 27 10:00 a.m.

#### Smithville Branch

Saturday, May 31 10:30 a.m.

#### Withers Branch

Thursday, May 29 3:30 p.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, March 31 6:00 p.m.  
Monday, April 28 6:00 p.m.

#### Claycomo Branch

Tuesday, May 20 6:00 p.m.

#### Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, April 22 2:00 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, March 11 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 15 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 20 7:00 p.m.

#### North Independence Branch

Thursday, March 6 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, April 3 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, May 1 6:30 p.m.

#### Woodneath Library Center

Monday, March 10 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, March 24 2:00 p.m.  
Monday, April 28 2:00 p.m.

## Health and Well-Being

### Busy Bug Yoga

Kids may be bitten by the yoga bug after taking this class. Jump like crickets, dance the Buggy Wuggy, and rest quietly in ladybug pose. We will crawl like caterpillars, spread our butterfly wings, and calm ourselves using bumblebee breath. It will "bee" a lot of fun! Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

#### Antioch Branch

Saturday, April 26 11:00 a.m.

#### Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, March 29 10:30 a.m.

#### Camden Point Branch

Tuesday, May 27 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, May 27 10:15 a.m.

#### Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, March 4 6:30 p.m.

#### East Independence Branch

Thursday, April 24 6:30 p.m.

#### East Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, March 29 3:30 p.m.

#### Edgerton Branch

Saturday, May 10 11:00 a.m.

#### Parkville Branch

Tuesday, May 20 3:30 p.m.

#### Riverside Branch

Tuesday, March 25 11:00 a.m.

#### South Independence Branch

Thursday, May 8 6:00 p.m.

Looking for an award-winning book, or just a new book to read? Our librarians have created book lists geared towards students in every grade level.  
visit [mymcpl.org/FunReads](http://mymcpl.org/FunReads).

## Performance

### Dino O'Dell's Out of This World: Music and Stories from Outer Space

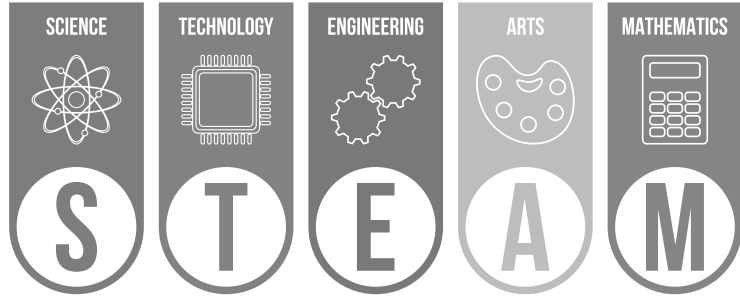
Join Dino O'Dell for a musical storytelling adventure that's so amazing it can only fit in outer space. Ages 4 and up.

<b>Blue Springs South Branch</b>	
Friday, April 18	10:00 a.m.
<b>Buckner Branch</b>	
Thursday, May 8	10:00 a.m.
<b>East Lee's Summit Branch</b>	
Saturday, May 24	3:30 p.m.
<b>Kearney Branch</b>	
Thursday, March 27	2:00 p.m.
<b>Lee's Summit Branch</b>	
Saturday, April 5	11:00 a.m.
<b>North Independence Branch</b>	
Saturday, May 10	2:00 p.m.
<b>Parkville Branch</b>	
Tuesday, April 29	4:30 p.m.

### Experience the Guitar

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.

<b>Green Hills Library Center</b>	
Friday, March 21	10:30 a.m.
<b>Lee's Summit Branch</b>	
Monday, April 7	11:00 a.m.
<b>Parkville Branch</b>	
Saturday, April 12	2:00 p.m.



### Kids STEAM

Learn while you play with STEAM games and activities at the Library. Join us for science, technology, engineering, art, and math fun. Please register participating children only. Ages 8 and up.

<b>East Lee's Summit Branch</b>	
Wednesday, March 26	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 28	3:30 p.m.
<b>Green Hills Library Center</b>	
Wednesday, March 26	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23	3:00 p.m.
<b>Kearney Branch</b>	
Thursday, March 20	6:30 p.m.
<b>Lone Jack Branch</b>	
Tuesday, April 29	4:00 p.m.
<b>North Independence Branch</b>	
Every Monday	1:30 p.m.
Every Monday except May 28	3:00 p.m.
<b>Oak Grove Branch</b>	
Thursday, March 13	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 10	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 8	6:30 p.m.
<b>Raytown Branch</b>	
Monday, March 24	5:00 p.m.
<b>Smithville Branch</b>	
Tuesday, March 11	6:00 p.m.
<b>South Independence Branch</b>	
Monday, May 12	3:00 p.m.
<b>Woodneath Library Center</b>	
Monday, April 7	6:30 p.m.

### Kids STEAM: Brick Building

Love building and creating with bricks, gears, and other interlocking parts? Build unique creations and let your imagination run wild at the Library with various brick-building activities, including free play, fun challenges, and themed builds. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

<b>Antioch Branch</b>	
Monday, March 24	6:00 p.m.
<b>Blue Springs North Branch</b>	
Tuesday, May 6	7:00 p.m.
<b>Claycomo Branch</b>	
Tuesday, March 25	2:00 p.m.
<b>Colbern Road Library Center</b>	
Tuesday, March 25	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 22	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 27	6:30 p.m.
<b>Grain Valley Branch</b>	
Tuesday, May 20	6:30 p.m.
<b>Grandview Branch</b>	
Tuesday, March 11	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 13	6:30 p.m.
<b>Kearney Branch</b>	
Thursday, April 17	6:30 p.m.
<b>Lone Jack Branch</b>	
Friday, March 21	4:00 p.m.
Friday, April 18	4:00 p.m.
Friday, May 16	4:00 p.m.
<b>Red Bridge Branch</b>	
Saturday, April 26	2:00 p.m.
<b>Smithville Branch</b>	
Saturday, April 12	10:30 a.m.
<b>South Independence Branch</b>	
Monday, March 3	3:00 p.m.
Monday, April 7	3:00 p.m.
<b>Withers Branch</b>	
Wednesday, March 5	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 13	4:00 p.m.
<b>Woodneath Library Center</b>	
Wednesday, March 19	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 16	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 21	3:30 p.m.

## KC Magic Man

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

### Blue Ridge Branch

Wednesday, May 7 10:00 a.m.

### Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, May 10 10:30 a.m.

### Buckner Branch

Thursday, March 13 10:00 a.m.

### Colbern Road Library Center

Wednesday, March 12 10:00 a.m.

### Dearborn Branch

Saturday, April 19 10:45 a.m.

### East Independence Branch

Monday, May 5 3:30 p.m.

### Green Hills Library Center

Friday, April 18 11:00 a.m.

### North Independence Branch

Tuesday, April 15 6:30 p.m.

### Raytown Branch

Thursday, April 10 6:00 p.m.

### Red Bridge Branch

Tuesday, March 4 3:00 p.m.

### South Independence Branch

Friday, March 28 10:00 a.m.

## Lyric Opera of Kansas City Presents: Maya and the Magic Ring NEW

Be careful what you wish for! In this hilarious new opera for families, a young girl named Maya discovers a magical ring, and after realizing her early wishes caused chaos, learns she must choose her final wish carefully. Ages 4 and up.

### Green Hills Library Center

Saturday, April 12 11:00 a.m.

### Midwest Genealogy Center

Monday, April 7 6:30 p.m.

### Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, April 3 6:30 p.m.

## Sing into Spring with Mr. Stinky Feet NEW

Celebrate Spring with award-winning kid rocker Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove. This interactive family sing-along features songs about gratitude, animals, and the earth. All ages.

### Excelsior Springs Branch

Saturday, March 8 3:00 p.m.

### Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, March 29 11:00 a.m.

### Woodneath Library Center

Wednesday, May 28 10:00 a.m.

## StoneLion Puppets Presents: The Emperor Penguin's New Clothes NEW

The classic fairytale by Hans Christian Anderson comes to life with a twist... or an iceberg. It's time to learn that it's not about how you look that counts but how you treat each other. All ages.

### Colbern Road Library Center

Wednesday, April 9 10:00 a.m.

### Lone Jack Branch

Saturday, April 26 3:00 p.m.

### North Independence Branch

Tuesday, March 4 6:30 p.m.

### Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, May 29 10:30 a.m.

## The Eximious Mike's Feats of Brawn and Balance

Turn the impossible into the possible! Through a combination of old-time strongman and contemporary hand-balancing skills, The Eximious Mike puts on an unbelievable performance showcasing feats of strength and balance, fused with empowering messages that will inspire you to be the best you can be. Ages 6 and up.

### Buckner Branch

Thursday, March 27 6:00 p.m.

### Colbern Road Library Center

Wednesday, May 28 10:00 a.m.

### Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, May 31 10:30 a.m.

### Green Hills Library Center

Wednesday, March 26 6:00 p.m.

### Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, April 28 6:00 p.m.



## Mad Science Presents Magnetic Attraction NEW

Watch out! Children will be attracted to this interesting workshop where they learn the elementary concepts of magnetism. This program is recommended for ages 4 to 6. Please register participating children only.

### Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, March 15 10:30 a.m.

### Camden Point Branch

Friday, May 30 9:00 a.m.

Friday, May 30 10:00 a.m.

### East Independence Branch

Monday, March 17 3:30 p.m.

### Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, April 22 6:30 p.m.

### North Oak Branch

Thursday, April 24 6:30 p.m.

### Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, April 17 6:30 p.m.

### Raytown Branch

Saturday, March 22 3:00 p.m.

### Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, April 9 6:00 p.m.

## Mad Science: Brixology Vehicles NEW

Get in gear as an automotive engineer! Build a motorized vehicle and learn how to optimize it. Use wheels, axles, and gears to reduce friction and make work easier. Then shift things into a higher gear to get a hands-on understanding of transmissions and gear ratio. This program is recommended for ages 7 to 14. Please register participating children only.

### Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, May 6 6:30 p.m.

### Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, March 25 6:00 p.m.



## Storytelling

### What If Puppets Presents: The Little Half-Chicken NEW

Based on traditional folktales, hear the story of the little half-chicken born with one leg, one wing, one eye, and half a beak as he makes his way in the world while expertly problem-solving his way through various obstacles. All ages.

#### Antioch Branch

Thursday, March 20 6:00 p.m.

#### Grandview Branch

Wednesday, March 19 10:30 a.m.

#### Riverside Branch

Saturday, May 17 2:00 p.m.

#### Smithville Branch

Saturday, May 17 10:30 a.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.

#### Buckner Branch

Thursday, April 24 6:00 p.m.

#### Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, May 27 6:30 p.m.

#### Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, March 26 6:00 p.m.

### The Coterie Theatre Presents: Introduction to Acting with Reader's Theatre NEW

Have you ever wanted to try performing on the stage? Join a professional teaching artist from the Coterie Theatre for a reader's theatre workshop, ending in the performance of a traditional folktale. All participants will have a chance to shine with a speaking role. Please register participating children only. Ages 7 and up.

#### Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, April 1 6:30 p.m.

#### East Independence Branch

Monday, April 7 3:30 p.m.

#### Withers Branch

Thursday, May 15 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.

#### Antioch Branch

Monday, May 12 6:00 p.m.

#### Kearney Branch

Thursday, May 1 6:30 p.m.

#### Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, March 18 6:30 p.m.

#### South Independence Branch

Monday, April 21 3:00 p.m.

### Kids Create Stories: Round Robin Storytelling

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

#### Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, April 1 2:00 p.m.



Scholastic Teachables offers a wide variety of learning resources for teachers, parents, and students. The thousands of resources include teacher-created lesson plans, activity sheets, and mini-books. Print, save, and share content for your kids and students. Teachables content extends from Pre-K to 6th grade, covering a variety of subjects.

[mymcpl.org/Teachables](http://mymcpl.org/Teachables)

## Crafts and Hobbies

### Discover Embroidery for Teens: Book Tote Bag NEW

Elevate your style when picking up your library books! We will learn the back stitch and fly stitch while creating a beautifully embroidered book design on a tote bag. All materials will be provided. For teens.

<b>Antioch Branch</b>	
Thursday, May 8	6:00 p.m.
<b>Claycomo Branch</b>	
Thursday, March 13	6:00 p.m.
<b>Colbern Road Library Center</b>	
Thursday, April 24	6:30 p.m.
<b>East Independence Branch</b>	
Thursday, April 3	6:30 p.m.
<b>North Independence Branch</b>	
Thursday, March 27	6:30 p.m.
<b>South Independence Branch</b>	
Wednesday, April 23	6:00 p.m.



### Henna Art for Teens

Learn all about henna and leave with some body art that will last for 1-2 weeks. Find out facts about henna, how it's made, and safety information. A signed permission slip is required for henna artwork. This program is designed for teens 13 and older. For teens.

<b>Camden Point Branch</b>	
Friday, May 30	1:00 p.m.
<b>Green Hills Library Center</b>	
Wednesday, April 30	4:30 p.m.
<b>Kearney Branch</b>	
Monday, May 19	6:30 p.m.
<b>North Independence Branch</b>	
Thursday, May 22	6:30 p.m.
<b>Raytown Branch</b>	
Wednesday, April 2	6:00 p.m.
<b>Withers Branch</b>	
Tuesday, April 1	6:00 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.

<b>Antioch Branch</b>	
Thursday, March 20	6:00 p.m.
<b>Claycomo Branch</b>	
Tuesday, May 6	6:00 p.m.
<b>Grandview Branch</b>	
Tuesday, March 4	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 1	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 6	6:30 p.m.
<b>Lee's Summit Branch</b>	
Tuesday, April 15	6:30 p.m.
<b>North Independence Branch</b>	
Monday, March 3	3:00 p.m.
Monday, April 21	3:00 p.m.
<b>Parkville Branch</b>	
Tuesday, March 18	3:30 p.m.
<b>South Independence Branch</b>	
Monday, March 10	6:00 p.m.
<b>Woodneath Library Center</b>	
Thursday, April 10	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.

<b>Blue Ridge Branch</b>	
Wednesday, April 16	6:00 p.m.
<b>Blue Springs North Branch</b>	
Tuesday, April 29	7:00 p.m.
<b>North Oak Branch</b>	
Thursday, March 20	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.

<b>Antioch Branch</b>	
Thursday, April 17	6:00 p.m.
<b>North Independence Branch</b>	
Thursday, May 8	6:30 p.m.
<b>Platte City Branch</b>	
Tuesday, March 25	5:00 p.m.
<b>Red Bridge Branch</b>	
Wednesday, April 30	6:00 p.m.

## Entertainment

### Teen After-Hours: World of Role-Playing Games NEW

Whether you are brand new to role-playing or a veteran player, sometimes you want a simple RPG adventure that only lasts a few hours. Welcome to our world of role-playing games! Join us for a thrilling standalone session of Crash Pandas, Honey Heist, Goblin Errands, and other amazing one-shot adventures. This program is designed for teens 13 and older. Permission slip required.

<b>North Independence Branch</b>	
Friday, March 14	5:30 p.m.
<b>Parkville Branch</b>	
Friday, May 2	6:00 p.m.

### Teen Anime

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

<b>Antioch Branch</b>	
Thursday, March 6	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 3	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 1	6:00 p.m.
<b>Blue Springs North Branch</b>	
Tuesday, March 4	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 13	7:00 p.m.
<b>Claycomo Branch</b>	
Saturday, March 22	3:00 p.m.
<b>East Independence Branch</b>	
Thursday, April 17	6:30 p.m.
<b>Kearney Branch</b>	
Monday, March 3	6:30 p.m.
Monday, April 7	6:30 p.m.
Monday, May 5	6:30 p.m.
<b>North Oak Branch</b>	
Thursday, March 13	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 10	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 8	6:00 p.m.
<b>Parkville Branch</b>	
Tuesday, March 11	3:30 p.m.
<b>Raytown Branch</b>	
Wednesday, May 7	1:30 p.m.
<b>Smithville Branch</b>	
Thursday, March 6	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 3	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 1	6:00 p.m.
<b>South Independence Branch</b>	
Monday, April 28	6:00 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.

### Claycomo Branch

Saturday, May 24 3:00 p.m.

### Kearney Branch

Monday, March 24 6:30 p.m.

### North Independence Branch

Monday, March 17 3:00 p.m.

Monday, April 7 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 5 3:00 p.m.

### Smithville Branch

Tuesday, May 6 6:00 p.m.

### South Independence Branch

Monday, May 5 6:00 p.m.

## Teen Games: Role-Playing Games

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

### Antioch Branch

Thursday, March 13 6:00 p.m.

### Blue Springs South Branch

Thursday, March 13 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 27 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 10 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 24 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 22 6:30 p.m.

### Claycomo Branch

Saturday, April 26 3:00 p.m.

### Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, March 18 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20 6:30 p.m.

### Excelsior Springs Branch

Monday, March 3 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 7 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 5 6:30 p.m.

### Lone Jack Branch

Thursday, March 13 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 10 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 8 6:00 p.m.

### North Independence Branch

Monday, March 10 3:00 p.m.

Monday, March 24 3:00 p.m.

Monday, March 31 3:00 p.m.

Monday, April 14 3:00 p.m.

Monday, April 28 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 12 3:00 p.m.

### Withers Branch

Tuesday, May 6 6:00 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.

### East Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, May 12 6:30 p.m.

### Parkville Branch

Tuesday, May 13 3:30 p.m.

### Woodneath Library Center

Wednesday, March 26 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 28 3:30 p.m.

## Teen Hangout: Unleash Your Creativity

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

### Blue Ridge Branch

Wednesday, May 21 6:00 p.m.

### Buckner Branch

Thursday, May 8 6:00 p.m.

### Kearney Branch

Monday, April 28 6:30 p.m.

### Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, May 22 6:30 p.m.

### Parkville Branch

Tuesday, April 8 3:30 p.m.

### Raytown Branch

Wednesday, March 5 1:30 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.

### North Independence Branch

Thursday, April 24 6:30 p.m.

### Withers Branch

Tuesday, March 11 6:00 p.m.

### Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, March 13 6:30 p.m.

## Science

### Teen STEAM

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

### Antioch Branch

Thursday, May 15 6:00 p.m.

### Blue Ridge Branch

Wednesday, March 19 6:00 p.m.

### Claycomo Branch

Tuesday, March 11 6:00 p.m.

### Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, April 10 2:00 p.m.

### Smithville Branch

Saturday, March 8 3:00 p.m.

### South Independence Branch

Monday, April 14 6:00 p.m.

## Storytelling

### Teen Hangout: Teens Take the Mic

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

### Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, April 29 6:30 p.m.

### North Independence Branch

Saturday, April 19 3:00 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.

### Buckner Branch

Thursday, April 10 6:00 p.m.

### Lone Jack Branch

Monday, March 17 4:00 p.m.

### North Independence Branch

Tuesday, May 20 6:30 p.m.

### Smithville Branch

Tuesday, May 13 7:00 p.m.

# Teens

## Writing

### From Fanfiction to Fantastic Originals

Writing fanfiction is a great first lesson in the craft of writing and can become a first step toward publishing a debut novel. This program will show how much can be learned from writing fanfiction and how to transition to creating worlds and characters that are completely one's own. For teens.

#### East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, April 16 6:30 p.m.

#### Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, May 13 6:00 p.m.

#### Parkville Branch

Tuesday, April 22 3:30 p.m.

#### Smithville Branch

Tuesday, April 8 6:30 p.m.

### Teen Writers Guild

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

#### Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, March 11 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13 6:30 p.m.

#### Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, May 8 4:00 p.m.

### Teens Create Stories

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

#### Antioch Branch

Thursday, April 10 6:00 p.m.

#### Buckner Branch

Thursday, March 6 6:00 p.m.

#### Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, March 4 6:30 p.m.

### Teens Create Zines

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.

#### East Independence Branch

Thursday, March 20 6:30 p.m.

## Student Library Card

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



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## Clay County

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### 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

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### 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

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### Blue Ridge Branch

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

### Blue Springs North Branch

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

### Blue Springs South Branch

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

### Buckner Branch

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

### Colbern Road Library Center

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

### East Independence Branch

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

### East Lee's Summit Branch

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

### Farview Neighborhood Library

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

### Grain Valley Branch

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

### Grandview Branch

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

### Lee's Summit Branch

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

### Lone Jack Branch

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

### Midwest Genealogy Center

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

### North Independence Branch

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

### Oak Grove Branch

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

### Raytown Branch

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

### Red Bridge Branch

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

### South Independence Branch

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



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