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## Your monthly guide to the Wichita Public Library • February 2007

Unless otherwise noted, all events are FREE. With 48-hour notice, the Library can provide signed programs and meet other special needs; call (316) 261-8590 for details. Seating is limited. The Central Library can accommodate larger groups; call 261-8500 for information. Programs are made possible in part by the City of Wichita. Thanks also to the Wichita Public Library Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Friends of the Wichita Public Library for making many of these programs possible.

## Standing Tall

### 19th Annual African-American History Month Celebration

For 19 years, the Wichita Public Library has offered multiple events in February for children and adults to celebrate and learn more about African-American history and culture.

The tradition continues in February 2007 with visits by storytellers Tejumola "Teju" Ologboni of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the Griots. Look for events revolving around Gordon Parks' *The Learning Tree*, a One Book Kansas project sponsored by the Kansas Center for the Book at the State Library. *Building Bridges: A Community Process to Heal Racism* will begin Feb. 6 and the Library's Senior Wednesday program will focus on how quilts were used on the Underground Railroad.

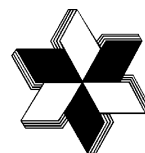
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Storyteller Tejumola "Teju" Ologboni

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# Standing Tall Events

## Central

### Senior Wednesday: African American Quilts and the Underground Railroad

Angela Bates from Nicodemus, Kansas, will share information on how African-Americans designed and used quilts on the Underground Railroad, with samples of quilts made in historic Nicodemus (est. 1877), the only remaining all African-American town west of the Mississippi. Offered in cooperation with seven other cultural institutions in Wichita, Senior Wednesdays are designed for active seniors and made possible by the Kansas Health Foundation, a private philanthropic organization dedicated to improving the health of all Kansans. (60 minutes)

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1:30 p.m.

## Alford

### Building Bridges: A Study Circle to Focus on Racism

Join your neighbors and other members of the community to build bridges and increase respect among people from different races, cultures, and religions through community dialogue. This six-week program utilizes the "study circle" technique which welcomes all participants on an equal basis and allows pressure-free exploration of an issue as a means of achieving consensus or making long-term commitments. (2 hours)

Tuesdays, Feb. 6-Mar. 13, 6:30 p.m.

### Teju the Storyteller

See description below.

Saturday, Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m.

## Angelou Northeast

### The Griots: Family Storytelling

This African-American storytelling troupe inspires and entertains families with stories, drumming and participatory tales of empowerment and wonder. For ages 3 and up. (45 minutes)

Saturday, Feb. 3, 3:00 p.m.

### Teju the Storyteller

See description below.

Friday, Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m.

(after-hours event; doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

### Storytelling Workshop with Teju

Tejumola F. Ologboni, a professional storyteller from Milwaukee, will share tips and tricks for captivating audiences with stories. Whether you want to speak before a crowded room or just share family stories at the dinner table, Teju's methods will improve your style and put you at ease. Especially recommended for teachers, librarians and all who do public speaking. (2 hours)

Saturday, Feb. 10, 3:00 p.m.

## Rockwell

### Teju the Storyteller

See description below.

Thursday, Feb. 8, 7:00 p.m.

## Westlink

### Teju the Storyteller

See description below.

Saturday, Feb. 10, 1:00 p.m.

### Teju the Storyteller

Tejumola "Teju" Ologboni of Milwaukee draws listeners into his stories with gestures, movements, and music made on traditional African instruments. Some of his stories are filled with magic and mystical characters, like "the Possum and the Hare"; others are factual, like the story of Joshua, a runaway slave whose case for freedom went all the way to the Supreme Court. Serious or humorous, political or festive, Teju's stories reflect on longstanding and contemporary cultural perspectives to give listeners a greater understanding of the profound influence of African heritage on our traditions and identities. Come listen to this culture keeper and be enlightened and inspired. For ages 3 and up. (45-60 minutes)

# Literary Events & Book Discussions

## Science Fiction:

### A Brave New World of Books

Learn more about the different kinds of books available under the category of science fiction. From fantasy to speculative fiction, science fiction keeps changing at the speed of light! What bold new galaxies will you explore next? (60 minutes)

#### Central Library

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7:00 p.m.

## AUTHORS

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### Rebecca Brandewyne

With millions of books in print in the United States alone, hometown legend Rebecca Brandewyne has written over thirty consecutive best-selling titles. Her romance novels have been translated into a number of languages, including Chinese, Russian and Turkish! She has also been named one of Love's Leading Ladies and inducted into *Romantic Times* magazine's Hall of Fame – and she's also a member of Mensa. Meet this fascinating author and learn more about her beginnings, her latest work, the romance genre and more. (60 minutes)

#### Central Library

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2:30 p.m.

## Monthly Book Discussions

The following book discussion groups meet every month, are open to the public and require no advance registration. Books may be available for checkout at the hosting branch; contact the branch for details. (Varies, most 60 minutes)

#### Angelou Northeast Branch Library

Vashti Lewis (1st Saturday) Group  
Saturday, Feb. 3, 1:00 p.m.

#### Evergreen Branch Library

1st Thursday Group  
Dan Brown's *Angels and Demons*  
Thursday, Feb. 1, 7:00 p.m.

#### 1st Tuesday Group

Sue Monk Kidd's *The Mermaid Chair*  
Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1:00 p.m.

#### 3rd Thursday Group

Barbara Kingsolver's *Prodigal Summer*  
Thursday, Feb. 15, 1:00 p.m.

#### Orchard Park Branch Library

1st Friday Group  
Friday, Feb. 2, 1:00 p.m.

#### Westlink Branch Library

3rd Tuesday Group  
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1:00 p.m.

## READ OUTSIDE THE BOX

### 4th Annual Adult Winter Reading Program CONTINUES!

Designed for participants aged 16 and up, *Read Outside the Box* asks you to read six books from at least three different genres: horror, memoir, mystery, romance, science fiction and western.

Enter to win monthly prizes with each book read. Earn finishers' prizes and go for the grand prize when you've read all six books.

For complete details, pick up an entry form at the Library or print one from the Library's website.

### Prizes Include

One night's stay  
at the Castle Inn Riverside

\$50 Visa gift card

Bookstore gift certificates

Friends of the Wichita Public  
Library Gold Cards

Movie tickets and more!



**READ BOOKS.**

**WIN PRIZES.**

**THROUGH MARCH**

# One Book Kansas: *The Learning Tree*

## Central Library

### *The Learning Tree*

Get into the One Book Kansas spirit with this film adaptation of Gordon Parks' classic. This film marks Gordon Parks' directorial debut. (2 hours)

Thursday, Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m.

## Angelou Northeast

### Gordon Parks' *The Learning Tree* Experience

A true Renaissance man, Gordon Parks was a photographer, novelist, poet, movie director and painter. Gordon Parks was born in Fort Scott, Kansas in 1912 and his first novel *The Learning Tree* is a remembrance of racial segregation. How did Parks navigate the color line to such remarkable literary, artistic, and cultural success? This talk



Humanities  
Council

by Dr. John Edgar Tidwell, associate professor of English at the University of Kansas, is made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council. (60 minutes)

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2:30 p.m.

## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Academy Award® Shorts: Feb. 24 - Mar. 3

See page 8 for complete schedule.

## Central

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## Alford

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Tuesdays, Feb. 6-Mar. 13, 6:30 p.m.

### How to Prepare Your Family History for Publication

Is your family tree ready for prime time? Chuck Crandall gives genealogists the information they need to organize and format their research as they prepare their family histories for publication. Co-sponsored by the Wichita Genealogical Society. (2 hours)

Saturday, Feb. 17, 1:00 p.m.

## Talks & Workshops

## Angelou Northeast

### Storytelling Workshop with Teju

See page 2 for full description.

Saturday, Feb. 10, 3:00 p.m.

## Rockwell

### Global Warming

Global warming has always been a heated issue – no pun intended. Learn more about the debates raging on the causes, dangers and solutions to this worldwide problem. (60 minutes)

Thursday, Feb. 22, 7:00 p.m.

# Technology Training Center Classes

Advance registration is required; class sizes are limited. To register, call the Wichita Public Library at (316) 261-8500 (evening and weekend number: 261-8510). Classes meet in the Technology Training Center at the Central Library, are 90 minutes long and are designed for ages 13 and up.

## Which classes are right for you?

### Level I Classes: Beginning Users

Learn the basic computer skills: mouse, keyboard, and Windows foundations

### Level II: Intermediate Users

After mastering Level I skills, learn about Microsoft Office programs and the Internet

### Level III: Advanced Users

Develop specialized abilities by building upon skills learned in Levels I and II

These classes are offered through the generosity of the City of Wichita, the Friends of the Wichita Public Library and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

## Electronic Resources for Readers

What do you do when you've read everything by your favorite author? Discover someone new! We will show you how to use our electronic resources to help you find books that interest you. Level III: Advanced Users.

Registration begins Tuesday, Jan. 30.  
Monday, Feb. 5, 2:30 p.m.

## Web Searching Skills

Learn how to find reliable information on the Internet quickly and efficiently with this course. Level I: Beginning Users.

Registration begins Tuesday, Feb. 13.  
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2:30 p.m.

## NEW! Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

Make a computerized presentation to lead your next business meeting or share your vacation photos. Level II: Intermediate Users.

Registration begins Tuesday, Feb. 13.  
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m.

## Introduction to Microsoft Publisher

Familiarize yourself with Microsoft's desktop publishing program and learn to create brochures, fliers, cards and more. Level II: Intermediate Users.

Registration begins Tuesday, Feb. 27.  
Tuesday, Mar. 6, 10:30 a.m.

## Spotlight on E-Resources

### Heritage Quest Online

Use Heritage Quest in the Library or from home with the free Kansas Library Card. (Get your Kansas Library Card at any service desk.) Heritage Quest Online offers searching of the U.S. Federal Census 1790-1930, information on over 20,000 family and local history books and an index of over 1.9 million genealogy and local history articles. One of Heritage Quest's special areas of interest are the records of Freedman's Bank (1865-1874), a banking institution established for the benefit of freed slaves.

# Storytimes

## Nursery Rhyme Time

Music, rhymes, activities and stories for children ages two and under with an adult helper. (20 minutes)

### Central Library

Wednesdays, Jan. 17-Apr. 18, 10:30 a.m.  
Fridays, Jan. 19-Apr. 20, 10:30 a.m.

### Alford Branch Library

Fridays, Jan. 26-Apr. 13, 10:30 a.m.

### Rockwell Branch Library

Tuesdays, Jan. 16-Apr. 17, 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesdays, Jan. 16-Apr. 17, 11:05 a.m.

### Westlink Branch Library

Fridays, Jan. 26-Apr. 13, 10:30 a.m.

## Toddle Time

Stories, rhymes and motion activities for two-year-olds with an adult helper. Registration required; contact the hosting library to register beginning Wednesday, Jan. 3. (20 minutes)

### Alford Branch Library

Tuesdays, Jan. 23-Apr. 10, 10:30 a.m.

### Rockwell Branch Library

Thursdays, Jan. 18-Apr. 19, 10:30 a.m.

### Westlink Branch Library

Tuesdays, Jan. 23-Feb. 27, 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesdays, Mar. 6-Apr. 10, 10:30 a.m.

## Standing Tall Storytimes

For ages 3 and up. See page 2 for descriptions.

### The Griots

Saturday, Feb. 3, 3:00 p.m., Angelou Northeast

### Teju the Storyteller

Thursday, Feb. 8, 7:00 p.m., Rockwell  
Friday, Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m., Angelou Northeast  
Saturday, Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m., Alford  
Saturday, Feb. 10, 1:00 p.m., Westlink

## Preschool Storytime

Stories, fingerplays and more for children aged 3-6. (30 minutes)

### Central Library

Tuesdays, Jan. 16-Apr. 17, 10:30 a.m.

### Alford Branch Library

Thursdays, Jan. 25-Apr. 12, 10:30 a.m.

### Rockwell Branch Library

Wednesdays, Jan. 17-Apr. 18, 10:30 a.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 17, 10:30 a.m. (repeat of Wednesday, Feb. 14 program)

### Westlink Branch Library

Tuesdays, Jan. 23-Apr. 10, 10:30 a.m. (children only)

## Preschool Storytime / Cuentos Bilingües

English and Spanish stories, fingerplays and more for children aged 3-6. (30 minutes)

### Evergreen Branch Library

Wednesdays, Jan. 10-Apr. 18, 10:30 a.m.

## Preschool Storytime / Kể chuyện bằng hai thứ tiếng (Việt ngữ và Anh ngữ)

English and Vietnamese stories, fingerplays and more for children aged 3-6. (30 minutes)

### Alford Branch Library

Saturday, Feb. 3, 10:30 a.m.

## Family Storytime

Interactive storytelling and activities for children aged 3-7 with their families. (30 minutes)

### Westlink Branch Library

Wednesdays, Jan. 24-Apr. 11, 10:30 a.m.  
Thursdays, Jan. 25-Apr. 12, 7:00 p.m.

# More Children's Events

## Central Library

### Family Fun Time

*Once Upon a Time*: Children aged 3-8 and their families will listen to stories, sing songs, and make a craft related to fairy tales. (45-60 minutes)

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m.

### KPTS Share a Story

KPTS staff will present engaging activities to inspire language and literacy skills. Each family receives a free Curious George book. For ages 3-5 and parent/caregiver. Registration required and begins Wednesday, Jan. 31; call 261-8500 to register. (45 minutes)

Thursday, Feb. 15, 10:30 a.m.

### Puppet Shows

Puppets share Maria Polushkin's story *Mother, Mother, I Want Another*; for children aged 3-10. (20-30 minutes)

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Repeat of morning show)

## Alford

### Reading Roundtable: Classics Club

Join a book discussion group for ages 10-14 (grades 5-8) featuring lively discussion of time-tested favorites. February's book is *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott; check it out at the library. (60 minutes)

Monday, Feb. 5, 4:30 p.m.

### Family Fun Time

Children aged 3-8 and their families will listen to stories, sing songs, and make a craft related to Valentine's Day. (45-60 minutes)

Monday, Feb. 12, 7:00 p.m.

### KPTS Share a Story

KPTS staff will present engaging activities to inspire language and literacy skills. Each family receives a free Curious George book. For ages 3-5 and parent/caregiver. Registration required and begins Wednesday, Jan. 31; call 337-9119 to register. (45 minutes)

Thursday, Feb. 15, 7:00 p.m.

## Angelou Northeast

### Make-and-Take Craft

Children aged 3-11 will make an art project that they can take home. (Available 6.5 hours)

Saturday, Feb. 24, 11:00 a.m.

## Evergreen

### Royal Tea

Children aged 6-11 will come dressed up for tea and to make royal crafts. Registration required and begins Wednesday, Jan. 24; call 303-8181. (30-60 minutes)

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2:30 p.m.

## Rockwell

### Puppet Show

For children aged 3-10. (20-30 minutes)

Saturday, Feb. 3, 10:30 a.m.

### Family Fun Time

Children aged 3-8 and their families will listen to stories, sing songs, and make a craft. (45-60 minutes)

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7:00 p.m.

## Westlink

### Puppet Show

Puppets share Raymond Briggs' story *Jim and the Beanstalk*; for children aged 3-10. (20-30 minutes)

Thursday, Feb. 22, 7:00 p.m.

### Coming in March

Look for Spring Break activities  
March 19-23.

# 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Academy Award® Shorts



View Academy Award® nominated animation, live action and documentary short films at the Murdock Theatre at the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club (536 N. Broadway). Shorts will be shown film-festival style on Feb. 24 and by category on Mar. 3. At branch libraries, live action and animation shorts will be shown.

**Murdock Theatre** (536 N. Broadway)  
Saturday, Feb. 24, 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday, Mar. 3, 10:00 a.m.

**Alford Branch Library**  
Sunday, Feb. 25, 1:00 p.m.

**Evergreen Branch Library**  
Monday, Feb. 26, 6:00 p.m.

**Rockwell Branch Library**  
Thursday, Mar. 1, 6:00 p.m.

**Westlink Branch Library**  
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6:00 p.m.

## Wichita Public Library Locations

**Central Library** ▲ Mon.-Thurs. 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
261-8500 Fri.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
223 S. Main Sun. 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
(Near Douglas & Main)

**Alford** ⬤▲♣ Mon.-Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
337-9119 Fri.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
3447 S. Meridian Sun. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
(Near I-235 & S. Meridian)

**Angelou** Tues. 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
**Northeast** ⬤▲ Wed.-Sat. 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
688-9580 Sun. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
3051 E. 21st Closed Mon.  
(Near 21st & Hillside)

**Comotara** ▲ Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
688-9350 Tues., Fri., Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
2244 N. Rock Rd Sun. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
*Inside Dillons*  
(At 21st & Rock)

**Evergreen** ⬤▲♣ Mon.-Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
303-8181 Fri.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
2601 N. Arkansas Sun. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
(At 25th & Arkansas)

**Linwood** ▲ Mon. 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
337-9125 Tues.-Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
1901 S. Kansas Closed Sat. and Sun.  
(Near Mt. Vernon & Hydraulic)

**Orchard Park** ▲ Mon. 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
337-9084 Tues.-Fri. 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
4808 W. 9th Closed Sat. and Sun.  
(Near 9th & West)

**Rockwell** ⬤▲ Mon.-Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
688-9361 Fri.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
5939 E. 9th Sun. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
(Near 9th & Edgemoor)

**Westlink** ⬤▲ Mon.-Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
337-9456 Fri.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
8515 Bekemeyer Sun. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
(Near Central & Tyler)

**Planeview Community Library**  
(Operated by Colvin Elementary School)  
973-7609 Mon.-Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
2820 S. Roosevelt Except school holidays  
(Near Ross Parkway and in-service days  
& Hillside) Closed Sat. and Sun.

All Library locations will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19.

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