

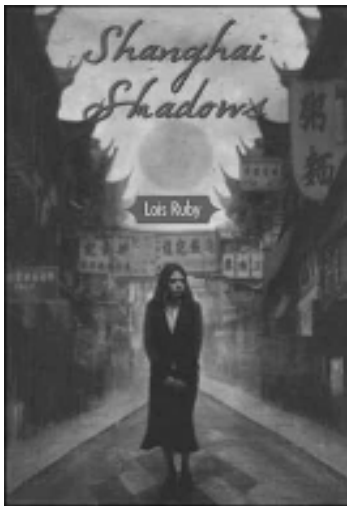
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Your monthly guide to the Wichita Public Library ● April 2007

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.

Can National Library Week Last All Month Long?



Wichita, we've got a problem. It's a good problem to have--don't get us wrong. We just have so many exciting things planned and National Library Week is so short. Just look at all the special events we've planned for National Poetry Month (Dr. Raymond Nelson, 2nd Annual Poetry Battle), National Library Week (a scavenger hunt) and TV-Turnoff Week (loads of evening family programs). Then add all the author visits by Sicily Yoder, Susan Wittig Albert, Lois Ruby and a showing and talk about *Shaft* with filmmaker Kevin Wilmott. How can libraries only get a week?

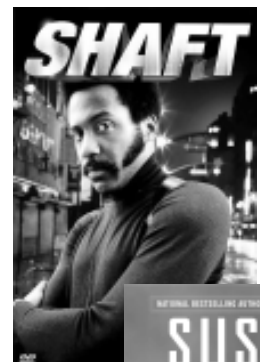
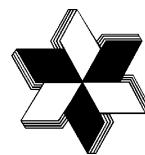


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Literary Events & Book Discussions

Central Library

Senior Wednesday: Come Live With Me and Be My Love

In honor of National Poetry Month, Dr. Raymond Nelson will share poems from his nine published works and the upcoming book *Thy Love is Better Than Wine*. Offered in cooperation with nine 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, Apr. 11, 1:30 p.m.

Lois Ruby

Former Wichitan Lois Ruby, author of the notable young adult novels *Steal Away Home*, *Soon Be Free* and others, returns to talk about her latest work *Shanghai Shadows*. At 10:30 a.m., authors of all styles are invited to a "meet and greet" session co-sponsored by the local chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI). Ruby will address topics of specific interest to others in the field. Ruby will appear at a general talk and booksigning at 1:00 p.m. before holding a writing workshop for teens (see page 7) at 3:00 p.m. Registration is required for the teen workshop, but not for either the author chat or general talk and booksigning.

Author Chat: Saturday, Apr. 14, 10:30 a.m.

Talk and Booksigning: Saturday, Apr. 14, 1:00 p.m.

Alford

Prime Thyme Crime: Susan Wittig Albert on Writing & Reading Mysteries

Albert, whose mysteries are national best-sellers, is the author of over a hundred books for adults and young readers. She is currently working on the sixteenth mystery in her popular China Bayles series, praised by *Publishers Weekly* for its humor, originality and sense of place. (60 minutes)

Monday, Apr. 9, 7:00 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, Apr. 7, 1:00 p.m.

Evergreen Branch Library

1st Tuesday Group

Rebecca Wells' *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*

Tuesday, Apr. 3, 1:00 p.m.

1st Thursday Group

Anita Shreve's *All He Ever Wanted*

Thursday, Apr. 5, 7:00 p.m.

3rd Thursday Group

Kaye Gibbons' *On the Occasion of My Last Afternoon*

Thursday, Apr. 19, 1:00 p.m.

Orchard Park Branch Library

1st Friday Group

Friday, Apr. 6, 1:00 p.m.

Westlink Branch Library

3rd Tuesday Group

Khalid Hosseini's *The Kite Runner*

Tuesday, Apr. 17, 1:00 p.m.

Save the Date for Khalid Hosseini!

Khalid Hosseini, author of *The Kite Runner* and the forthcoming *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, is coming to Wichita on **June 27** in partnership with Watermark Books and Café and the Friends of the Wichita Public Library. Watch for more details.

Talks and Workshops

Central

Parks in Action: Film and Discussion

View Gordon Parks' blaxploitation classic *Shaft*, featuring Richard Roundtree as a Harlem-based detective and Isaac Hayes' unforgettable (and Academy Award®-winning) theme song. Filmmaker and University of Kansas professor Kevin Wilmott will place the film in context. Part of the Library's January-April Kansas Reads: *The Learning Tree* celebration. (Rated R; approximately 2 hours.)

Wednesday, Apr. 18, 6:30 p.m.



Sicily Yoder will really get things cooking at Rockwell!

Alford

Using Land Records for Family Research

The deed to the family homestead has always been a valuable document, but can it shed light on your family tree too? Learn how to use land records to find more answers - including those hard-to-find maiden names -- while researching your genealogy. Co-sponsored by the Wichita Genealogical Society. (2 hours)

Saturday, Apr. 21, 1:00 p.m.

Traveling Kansas Highways

For those with itchy feet but who prefer armchair travel, this talk will stimulate discussion on the role of Kansas as the crossroads of America. Join us as we explore trail travel, familiar highways and what it means to go "on the road" in Kansas. (60 minutes)

Sunday, Apr. 29, 2:30 p.m.

Rockwell

Amish Cooking with Sicily Yoder

Learn more about the rich traditions of Amish cooking. Yoder encourages families, particularly those with teens, to cook together. With her mouthwatering recipes, you'll be inspired to don an apron yourself!

Sunday, Apr. 1, 2:30 p.m.

Every Day is Earth Day

Environmental and animal advocate Heather Merchant, an officer in Animal Outreach of Kansas, offers tip and ideas for living greener, even if you have little time or money to spend.

Tuesday, Apr. 24, 7:00 p.m.

Spotlight on E-Resources

HomeworkKansas

In April, summer seems so close, but there's all that learning still left to do! If it all seems overwhelming, don't fear. Get free one-on-one homework help online with HomeworkKansas. Tutoring is available from 4:00-11:00 p.m., seven days a week, in English, math, science and social studies for grades 4 and up. You can use the Library's computers or connect from home with your library card. For more information or to use HomeworkKansas, just visit www.wichita.lib.ks.us.

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.

Point and Click

Learn how to use the mouse and keyboard to work with a computer. These skills are the foundations for all our computer classes.

Level I: Beginning Users.

Registration begins Tuesday, Mar. 27.

Monday, Apr. 2, 10:30 a.m.

Working with Windows

Master the fundamentals of using Windows programs, including saving and opening files.

Level I: Beginning Users.

Registration begins Tuesday, Apr. 3.

Monday, Apr. 9, 10:30 a.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, Apr. 10.

Monday, Apr. 16, 10:30 a.m.

Sea Creativo Usando

Microsoft Word

Be Creative With Microsoft Word (Taught in Spanish)

Aprenda como escribir una carta comercial usando los elementos básicos del programa Microsoft Word. Además, le enseñaremos a crear su propia invitación, un volante con gráficos y una tarjeta personal. Todas las clases se reunirán en el Centro de Entrenamiento de Tecnología localizado dentro de la Biblioteca Central, 223 S. Main. Para inscribirse: Llame a la Biblioteca Pública de Wichita al (316) 261-8500. Los fines de semana y por las tardes sírvase llamar al 261-8510. Nivel 2.

Inscripciones empiezan el Martes, 10 de Abril.

Lunes, Abr. 16, 7:00 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

We'll explain how to create documents using Microsoft's powerful word processor, including its built-in tools and formatting options.

Level II: Intermediate Users.

Registration begins Tuesday, Apr. 17.

Wednesday, Apr. 25, 2:30 p.m.

Coming in May

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Learn to use Excel, Microsoft's spreadsheet program, and the advantages of working with information in tables.

Level II: Intermediate Users.

Registration begins Tuesday, Apr. 24.

Wednesday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.

Résumé Writing

Use Microsoft Word and its Résumé Wizard to create your own professional-looking résumé. General understanding of Word is recommended before taking this class.

Level III: Advanced Users.

Registration starts Tuesday, May 1.

Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 p.m.

Storytimes

Nursery Rhyme Time

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

Central Library

Wednesdays through Apr. 18, 10:30 a.m.
Fridays through Apr. 20, 10:30 a.m.

Alford Branch Library

Fridays through Apr. 13, 10:30 a.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

Tuesdays through Apr. 17, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesdays through Apr. 17, 11:05 a.m.

Westlink Branch Library

Fridays through 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. (20 minutes)

Alford Branch Library

Tuesdays through Apr. 10, 10:30 a.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

Thursdays through Apr. 19, 10:30 a.m.

Westlink Branch Library

Tuesdays through Apr. 10, 10:30 a.m.

No More Storytimes?!

After they end in April, series events such as Nursery Rhyme Time, Toddle Time and Preschool Storytime will resume in June. Watch www.wichita.lib.ks.us or your library for summer schedules.

Preschool Storytime

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

Central Library

Tuesdays through Apr. 17, 10:30 a.m.

Alford Branch Library

Thursdays through Apr. 12, 10:30 a.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

Wednesdays through Apr. 18, 10:30 a.m.

Westlink Branch Library

Tuesdays through 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 through 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, Apr. 7, 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

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

Westlink Branch Library

Wednesdays through Apr. 11, 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays through Apr. 12, 7:00 p.m.

More Children's Events

Central Library

Family Fun Time

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

Tuesday, Apr. 10, 7:00 p.m.

Pajama Time!

Children aged 3-8 will listen to some of our favorite bedtime stories, sing songs and more. Wear your pajamas and bring a stuffed animal if you like. (30-45 minutes)

Tuesday, Apr. 17, 7:00 p.m.

Alford

Reading Roundtable: Classics Club

Join a book discussion group for ages 10-14 (grades 5-8) featuring lively discussion of time-tested favorites. April's book is *Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann David Wyss; check it out at the library. (60 minutes)

Monday, Apr. 2, 4:30 p.m.

Family Invent-a-Game

Families with children aged 7 and up will invent, construct and demonstrate an original board game. Refreshments provided. (90 minutes)

Monday, Apr. 16, 7:00 p.m.

Evergreen

Puppet Show

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

Tuesday, Apr. 3, 7:00 p.m.

KPTS Share a Story

KPTS presents 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, Mar. 21; call 303-8181 to register. (45 minutes)

Thursday, Apr. 12, 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)

Monday, Apr. 16, 7:00 p.m.

Rockwell

KPTS Share a Story

KPTS presents 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, Mar. 21; call 688-9361 to register. (45 minutes)

Monday, Apr. 9, 7:00 p.m.

Pajama Time!

Children aged 3-8 will listen to some of our favorite bedtime stories, sing songs and more. Wear your pajamas and bring a stuffed animal if you like. (30-45 minutes)

Thursday, Apr. 19, 7:00 p.m.

Westlink

KPTS Share a Story

KPTS presents 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, Mar. 28; call 337-9456 to register. (45 minutes)

Monday, Apr. 9, 7:00 p.m.

Puppet Show

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

Thursday, Apr. 19, 7:00 p.m.

In grade 4 or higher?

There's more to explore
on page 7.

Children's and Teen Writing Events

2nd Annual Poetry Battle

Calling all poets in grades 4-12! Submit your original poem to the Wichita Public Library to participate in the 2nd Annual Poetry Battle. Poems are due by Monday, Mar. 26 at any Library location. Poems should be no more than one page long and must be suitable for family audiences. Name, school, grade, age and phone number should be submitted with poem. Family members of Wichita Public Library staff are not eligible to compete.

Central Library

Grades 4-5 Preliminary Battle: Monday, Apr. 2, 6:30 p.m.

Grades 4-5 Finals: Saturday, Apr. 7, 10:30 a.m.

Grades 6-8 Preliminary Battle: Tuesday, Apr. 3, 6:30 p.m.

Grades 6-8 Finals: Saturday, Apr. 7, 1:00 p.m.

Grades 9-12 Preliminary Battle: Thursday, Apr. 5, 6:30 p.m.

Grades 9-12 Finals: Saturday, Apr. 7, 3:30 p.m.

Writing Workshop with Lois Ruby

Young adult author Lois Ruby will share tips on creative writing and guide teens in grades 6-12 in the creation of their own stories. This workshop will give students the opportunity to work with an award-winning published author who has written numerous books for teens, including *Shanghai Shadows*, *Steal Away Home*, *Soon Be Free* and *Miriam's Well* (named one of the American Library Association's Best Books for Young Adults in 1995). Registration required and begins Wednesday, Mar. 28; call 261-8500 to register. (2 hours)

Central Library

Saturday, April 14, 3:00 p.m.

See page 2 for additional Lois Ruby events.

National Library Week Scavenger Hunt

Can you find it on the web? If you are in grades 4-12, you can test your skills and compete for prizes in the Library's National Library Week Scavenger Hunt. There will be two scavenger hunts: one for grades 4-8 and one for 9-12. All questions will test your ability to navigate the Wichita Public Library's website, www.wichita.lib.ks.us. If you answer nine of ten questions correctly, you will be entered in a drawing to win a \$10 Borders gift certificate. There will be five winners from each grade range.

Visit any Library location Mar. 19-Apr. 16 to pick up a hunt or print a copy from the Library's website. To be eligible for the drawing, all hunts must be turned in by closing on Monday, Apr. 16 to a Library location. The winners will be announced Friday, Apr. 20.

Teen Summer Volunteers Needed

As the temperature rises, so does the activity level at the Wichita Public Library. With over 10,000 participants in last year's summer reading programs and more anticipated to join this year, we need a little help! Last year 120 teen volunteers assisted the Wichita Public Library -- and helped thousands of youth stay away from the summer doldrums while maintaining or improving their reading skills.

Teen volunteers help the library by registering participants for the Summer Reading Club and Teens Read programs, shelving books and straightening bookshelves, assisting with events and helping library staff with special projects.

For more details or an application, visit your Library beginning Sunday, Apr. 1.

Thank You, Volunteers!

Thanks to all 231 volunteers who contributed their time and talents to the Wichita Public Library in 2006! Their contribution of 18,322.5 hours is worth \$330,537.90, according to Independent Sector. That is the equivalent of almost 9 full-time positions! Of those volunteers, 120 were teens. They donated a total of 4,357.5 hours -- primarily, but not exclusively, over the summer. (See page 7 for more on this summer's teen volunteer program.)

Volunteers make so much possible at your Library: they clean, shelve and help at service desks. Volunteers stock, sort and staff the Friends of the Library Used Book Store: proceeds enable the purchase of new Library materials and programs.

The Library is deeply grateful to all its volunteers. Should you wish to join their ranks, please contact Sherryl Torres, Volunteer Coordinator, at (316) 261-8526 or storres@wichita.gov.



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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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 Sunday, April 8.

Deaf Services TDD Line - 262-3972

Ⓢ ADA Computer Workstation Available ▲ Book/Video Drop ✚ Cassette/CD/DVD Drop

Check the Library catalog and manage your account online at www.wichita.lib.ks.us.