

February @ your library®

Your monthly guide to the Wichita Public Library • February 2008

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.

20th Annual African-American History Month Celebration

Celebrating Our Right to Read

Philadelphia author Dorothy Ferebee will share the powerful film *Nightjohn* (PG-13), the story of a slave girl whose world changed when she secretly learned to read. After the film, Ferebee will lead a discussion on the importance of reading and education to the African-American community. She will then sign copies of her book *How to Create Your Own African-American Library*. (2.5 hours)

Angelou Northeast Branch Library

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2:00 p.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

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

Dr. John Gaston, Storyteller

Dr. Gaston returns to Wichita to entertain, teach lessons, recount history and broaden cultural understanding. Listeners will be enchanted by his lively style which appeals to all ages. (45-60 minutes)



The Opportunity Project

Friday, Feb. 8, 7:00 p.m., 2300 N. Opportunity Drive

Alford Branch Library

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

Evergreen Branch Library

Saturday, Feb. 9, 1:00 p.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

Saturday, Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m.

Central Library

Senior Wednesday: Cowboy Stories and Poetry

Duane Nelson shares stories and poems about the experiences of black cowboys—and cowgirls! Enjoy both funny and true accounts of these unique individuals. 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, Feb. 13, 1:30 p.m.

Angelou Northeast

Vashti Lewis Monthly Book Discussion Group

No registration required. (2 hours)

Saturday, Feb. 9, 12:00 p.m.

Tips For Telling Your Story: A Storytelling Workshop with Dr. John Gaston

Learn to use storytelling as a tool for communicating, educating and entertaining, whether you want to captivate audiences of 5 or 500. Find a comfortable storytelling style and discuss the components of an effective story. (1.5 hours)

Saturday, Feb. 9, 3:00 p.m.

A Celebration of the Arts

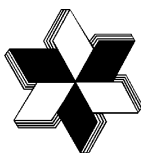
Join us for an afternoon of dance, music, poetry and storytelling for all ages. Special guests include The Griots, an African-American storytelling troupe. (3 hours)

Saturday, Feb. 16, 1:00 p.m.

Boys & Girls Club, 2400 N. Opportunity Drive

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Adult Programs

Central Library

Crafts of the Decades: '50s Rag Rugs

These fun rugs are a twist on the classic. We will show two different styles of rugs. Warm your toes and reuse old clothes! For ages 15 and up. Registration required and begins Wednesday, Jan. 30; call 261-8500. (60 minutes)

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

The Reading Channel: The 5th Annual Adult Winter Reading Program

Read books. Win prizes. It's really that simple! Read six books from any of the Library's special channels (categories) and enter to win prizes for each book read. Earn finisher prizes and enter for the grand prize drawing when you complete all six books. Find complete details, reading ideas and prize information at www.wichita.lib.ks.us. Program runs through Monday, Mar. 31.



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. (60 minutes unless otherwise noted)

Alford Branch Library

Masters of Mystery (4th Wednesdays) (1.5 hours) - *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote
Wednesday, Feb. 27, 7:00 p.m.

Angelou Northeast Branch Library

Vashti Lewis Book Discussion Group (2 hours)
Saturday, Feb. 9, 12:00 p.m.

Central Library

3rd Tuesdays Group - *The Double Bind* by Chris Bohjalian
Tuesday, Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Evergreen Branch Library

1st Thursdays Group - *The Bookseller of Kabul* by Asne Seierstad
Thursday, Feb. 7, 7:00 p.m.

1st Tuesdays Group - *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens
Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1:00 p.m.

3rd Thursdays Group - *Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwin
Thursday, Feb. 21, 1:00 p.m.

Orchard Park Branch Library

1st Fridays Group - *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
Friday, Feb. 1, 1:00 p.m.

Westlink Branch Library

3rd Tuesdays Group - *The Pursuit of Alice Thrift* by Elinor Lipman
Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1:00 p.m.

Alford

Sundays @ Alford

Romance Novels: The Gift We Give Ourselves

One out of every two paperback novels sold in the U.S. is a romance. Author Patricia Davids explores the genre's ongoing appeal, explosive growth and new publishing trends. Davids is a member of the Wichita Area Romance Authors and Romance Writers of America. Get an insider's look at writing a book from the heart. (45-60 minutes)

Sunday, Feb. 3, 1:30 p.m.

Wichita Genealogical Society Quarterly Meeting

To be announced. Open to the public. (2 hours)

Saturday, Feb. 16, 1:00 p.m.

Technology Training Courses

Registration is required; class sizes are limited. To register, call the Library at 261-8500 (evenings/weekends: 261-8510). Classes meet in the Technology Training Center at the Central Library, are 90 minutes long and designed for ages 13 and up.

Electronic Resources for Readers

What do you do when you've read everything by your favorite authors? Find new ones! 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. 29.
Monday, Feb. 4, 10:30 a.m.

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, Feb. 5.
Wednesday, Feb. 13, 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, Feb. 12.
Wednesday, Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m.

Web Searching Skills

Find reliable information on the Internet quickly and efficiently. Level I: Beginning Users.
Registration begins Tuesday, Feb. 19.
Wednesday, Feb. 27, 10:30 a.m.

Coming in March

Using a Free E-mail Account

Registration begins Tuesday, Feb. 26.
Tuesday, Mar. 3, 2:30 p.m.

Electronic Resources for Researchers

Registration begins Tuesday, Mar. 18.
Monday, Mar. 24, 7:00 p.m.

Storytimes & More

Nursery Rhyme Time

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

Central Library

Wednesdays, Jan. 16-Apr. 16, 10:30 a.m.

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

Alford Branch Library

Thursdays, Jan. 24-Apr. 10, 10:30 a.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

Tuesdays, Jan. 15-Apr. 15, 10:30 a.m. and 11:05 a.m.

Westlink Branch Library

Fridays, Jan. 25-Apr. 18, 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, Jan. 22-Apr. 8, 10:30 a.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

Thursdays, Jan. 17-Apr. 17, 10:30 a.m.

Westlink Branch Library

Tuesdays, Jan. 29-Mar. 4, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, Mar. 11-Apr. 5, 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

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

Central Library

Tuesdays, Jan. 15-Apr. 15, 10:30 a.m.

Alford Branch Library

Wednesdays, Jan. 23-Apr. 9, 10:30 a.m.

Evergreen Branch Library

English/Spanish bilingual storytime

Wednesdays, Jan. 16-Apr. 16, 10:30 a.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

Wednesdays, Jan. 16-Apr. 16, 10:30 a.m.

Westlink Branch Library

Tuesdays, Jan. 22-Apr. 15, 10:30 a.m. (children only)

Family Storytime

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

Westlink Branch Library

Wednesdays, Jan. 23-Apr. 16, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, Jan. 24-Apr. 17, 7:00 p.m.

See the African-American History Programs
on the front page for more storytelling fun!

More Children's Events

Central Library

Wichita Thunder Equipment Demonstration

Meet at least two Wichita Thunder players and learn about their safety equipment. For ages 5 and up. (30-60 minutes)

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

Puppet Shows

For children aged 3-10. Evening show is a repeat. (20-30 minutes)

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.*

Don't miss out on the Poetry Battle! See page
4 for details on the competition and workshops.

Alford

That's Funny! Humorous Fiction for Children

Learn about the many types of wacky fiction that exist and tell us about the most hilarious book you have read. Laugh it up with games and enjoy some snacks. For children aged 7-12. (45 minutes)

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

BFF: Best Friends Forever

Bring a buddy for friendship-related stories and activities, including a friendship bracelet craft. For children aged 5-8. (45 minutes)

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

Dad & Me

Children aged 3-8 with their dads are invited to the Library for stories, crafts and games. (30 minutes)

Saturday, Feb. 16, 10:30 a.m.

Pajama Time!

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

Monday, Feb. 25, 7:00 p.m.

Angelou Northeast

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. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Evergreen

Family Fun Time

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

Monday, Feb. 11, 7:00 p.m.

Westlink

Puppet Show

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

Thursday, Feb. 28, 7:00 p.m.



22nd Annual Academy Award® Shorts

View Academy Award® nominated animation, live action and documentary short films at the Murdock Theatre at the 20th Century Club. At branch libraries, live action and animation shorts will be shown. (Running time varies.)

Murdock Theatre, 536 N Broadway
Saturday, Feb. 23, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, Mar. 1, 10:00 a.m.

Alford Branch Library
Sunday, Feb. 24, 1:00 p.m.

Evergreen Branch Library
Monday, Feb. 25, 6:00 p.m.

Rockwell Branch Library
Thursday, Feb. 28, 6:00 p.m.

Westlink Branch Library
Tuesday, Feb. 26, 6:00 p.m.

3rd Annual Poetry Battle

Students in grades 4-12 are invited to participate in a poetry competition. Prizes will be awarded by age group for first, second and third place winners. Students may submit their original poetry at any Library Feb. 1-Apr. 14. Poems are limited to one page and one entry per person. Poems must be suitable for family listening. See www.wichita.lib.ks.us for complete details.

Attend a **Poetry Writing Workshop** for tips and more details on how to compete in the 3rd Annual Poetry Battle. Registration required; contact the hosting library to register. (60 minutes)

Rockwell Branch Library
Grades 4-5: Saturday, Feb. 23, 3:00 p.m.
(Registration begins Wednesday, Feb. 13.)

Additional Workshops Coming in March and April

The Friends of the Wichita Public Library Used Book Sale
Saturday, Feb. 9 & Sunday, Feb. 10
Central Library



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. - 5:00 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. 18.

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.