

April @ your library®

Your monthly guide to the Wichita Public Library • April 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.

Come Celebrate National Poetry Month

Senior Wednesdays

Three Voices: Grasslands, Lyrics & Paintings

Kansas Poet Laureate Denise Low will present a slide program featuring landscape paintings of Paul Hotvedt (www.paulhotvedt.com) and prose poems of place. The words and images comment on each other and consider motifs of art itself, nature and human stories on the prairies and Great Plains. 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. (1 hour)



Bluemound by Paul Hotvedt

Central Library

Wednesday, Apr. 9, 1:30 p.m.



Shakespeare's Birthday

Celebrate the Bard's birthday with us. Join us for a showing of John Madden's *Shakespeare in Love* (1998, rated R) and participate in a historical trivia game with prizes. (2.25 hours)

Central Library

Wednesday, Apr. 23, 6:30 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.



Central Library

Session 1 (Grades 4-5): Saturday, Apr. 26, 10:30 a.m.

Session 2 (Grades 6-8): Saturday, Apr. 26, 1:00 p.m.

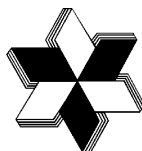
Session 3 (Grades 9-12): Saturday, Apr. 26, 3:00 p.m.

National Library Week is Sunday, Apr. 13 – Saturday, Apr. 19

The Grand Prize Drawing for *The Reading Channel*: The 5th Annual Adult Winter Reading Program will be held. Entries are due Mar. 31.

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Events for Adults

Central Library

Crafts of the Decades:

The '90s Friendship Bracelets

Did you miss out on swapping bracelets with your pals in '90s? It's not too late! Friendship bracelets are made with simple macramé techniques. We will supply the materials. Registration required and begins Wednesday, Mar. 26; call 261-8500. (1hour)
Tuesday, Apr. 8, 7:00 p.m.

[See more adult programs on the front page!](#)

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) - *The Lake of Dead Languages* by Carol Goodman
Wednesday, Apr. 23, 7:00 p.m.

Angelou Northeast Branch Library

Vashti Lewis Book Discussion Group (2 hours)
Saturday, Apr. 12, 1:00 p.m.

Central Library

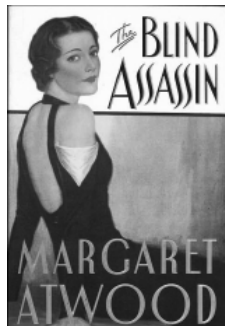
3rd Tuesdays Group - *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote
Tuesday, Apr. 15, 6:30 p.m.

Evergreen Branch Library

1st Tuesdays Group - Choose from available titles by Oliver Sacks
Tuesday, Apr. 1, 1:00 p.m.

1st Thursdays Group - *The Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw
Thursday, Apr. 3, 7:00 p.m.

3rd Thursdays Group - *The Blind Assassin* by Margaret Atwood
Thursday, Apr. 17, 1:00 p.m.

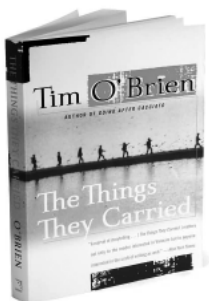


Orchard Park Branch Library

1st Fridays Group - *The Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith
Friday, Apr. 4, 1:00 p.m.

Westlink Branch Library

3rd Tuesdays Group - *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien
Tuesday, Apr. 15, 1:00 p.m.



Alford

Sundays @ Alford

History of the Wichita River Festival



Learn more about the history of Kansas' largest state festival. (45-60 minutes)
Sunday, Apr. 6, 1:30 p.m.

Photo courtesy of Wichita Festivals Inc.

Marriage Law and Customs

Join the Wichita Genealogical Society for a look at the laws and customs that govern marriage and divorce. We'll examine how these concepts can help you look for your ancestors and better understand their ways of living. (2 hours)
Saturday, Apr. 19, 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.

Point and Click

Learn how to use the mouse and keyboard to work with a computer. These skills are the foundations for all of our computer classes.
Level I: Beginning Users.
Registration begins Tuesday, Apr. 1.
Friday, Apr. 4, 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. 15.
Friday, Apr. 18, 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. 22.
Friday, Apr. 25, 10:30 a.m.

Coming in May

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Registration begins Tuesday, Apr. 29.
Monday, May 5, 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 through Apr. 16, 10:30 a.m.

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

Alford Branch Library

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

Rockwell Branch Library

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

Westlink Branch Library

Fridays through 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 through Apr. 8, 10:30 a.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

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

Westlink Branch Library

Tuesdays, Mar. 11-Apr. 15, 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

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

Central Library

Tuesdays through Apr. 15, 10:30 a.m.

Alford Branch Library

Wednesdays through Apr. 9, 10:30 a.m.

Evergreen Branch Library

English/Spanish bilingual storytime

Wednesdays through Apr. 16, 10:30 a.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

Wednesdays through Apr. 16, 10:30 a.m.

Westlink Branch Library

Tuesdays through 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 through Apr. 16, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays through Apr. 10, 7:00 p.m.

Special Children's Events

Central Library

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. 15, 7:00 p.m.

Alford

Kids in Dirt!

Help celebrate Earth Day by participating in games and activities that relate to the importance of taking care of the earth. Plant and take home a flower. For children aged 5-10 with family. (45 minutes)

Saturday, Apr. 12, 2:30 p.m.

Evergreen

El Día de los niños / El Día de los libros

Day of the Child / Day of the Book

Join us for a family fiesta of bilingual stories, crafts, songs and food to celebrate children and the power of language. (45 minutes)

Wednesday, Apr. 30, 7:00 p.m.

Rockwell

Readers' Theatre

Children aged 3-10 will enjoy helping our library "actors" perform stories from our favorite books. (45-60 minutes)

Saturday, Apr. 5, 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)

Friday, Apr. 18, 10:30 a.m.

Westlink

Poetry Writing Workshop

Want to become a better poet? Get tips in this workshop including details on how to compete in the 3rd Annual Poetry Battle. Registration required and begins Apr. 2; call 337-9456. (1 hour)

Grades 6-12: Saturday, Apr. 12, 3:00 p.m.

Puppet Show

For ages 3-10. (20-30 minutes)

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

[See Poetry Battle on front page for more details!](#)

Teens: The Summer Reading Club Needs You!

As the temperature rises, so does the activity level at the Wichita Public Library. The Summer Reading Club keeps all of our libraries very busy, and that's why we need your help. Sign up as a Teen Volunteer and assist your library in helping over 10,000 youth learn more about the world around them. Summer volunteers are needed from June 1 through July 31.

What Do Teen Volunteers Do?

- ★ Register participants for the Summer Reading Club and Teens Read programs
- ★ Distribute prizes
- ★ Shelve books
- ★ Straighten bookshelves
- ★ Assist with events
- ★ Assist library staff with special projects

Who Can Apply To Be a Teen Volunteer?

You can, if you:

- ★ Will be 12 years old by June 1 or entering grades 7-12 in the fall
- ★ Can give a minimum six-week commitment
- ★ Are able to offer two to six hours per week
- ★ Have transportation to and from the library where you volunteer
- ★ Are a dependable and responsible worker
- ★ Are able to alphabetize
- ★ Have your parent's or guardian's permission

What Are the Benefits?

- ★ You'll defeat summer boredom!
- ★ You'll help others enjoy their summers too!
- ★ You'll be helping to improve your library!
- ★ You'll gain valuable work experience!
- ★ You'll get a free volunteer T-shirt!
- ★ Many schools and organizations require community service. Here's one way to make a difference and earn your hours!

If you have questions or wish to apply, visit any Wichita Public Library service desk for assistance or call 261-8500. Applications will be accepted starting Apr. 1 and will be accepted until all positions are filled.

Sign up early as positions fill rapidly!

Wichita Public Library Locations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.