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Your monthly guide to the Wichita Public Library • May 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.

Sundays @ Alford The German Heritage of Kansas

Professor William Keel of the University of Kansas talks about the background of roughly 40% of Kansans today. In addition to those families who came directly from Germany, many came from German colonies in the Russian and Austrian empires as well as from Switzerland. Even today, large numbers of new Kansans can claim German roots – via Mexico! Learn more about the religious, linguistic and educational influences of Germans in Kansas at this talk.

Alford Branch Library

Sunday, May 4, 2:30 p.m.

Senior Wednesdays Best Short Films

A look back at selected Academy Award® shorts from the past 22 years. We'll show between four and six favorites, old and new! 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)

Central Library

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

FamilySearch

Information will be presented regarding the FamilySearch project to index family history information from digital images of historical documents to create searchable indexes that assist everyone in finding their ancestors. Co-sponsored by the Wichita Genealogical Society.

Alford Branch Library

Saturday, May 31, 1:00 p.m.

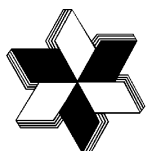
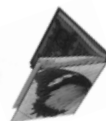


This bird's eye view of 1878 Wichita, looking west with Fourth Street (St. Francis) in the foreground, shows German Methodist Church (now Calvary United Methodist) and W.L. Johnson Feed Stables. From the Wichita Public Library Photograph Collection of the Local History Section. See this and more historical photos at wichitaphotos.org.



Attention Kids and Teens!

Summer reading programs are about to begin. Contact your local library branch to join us as we **Catch the Reading Bug** all summer long! Sign up begins June 1 and runs through July 24.



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The Discovery Center
www.wichita.lib.ks.us



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 Beach by Alex Garland
Wednesday, May 28, 7:00 p.m.

Angelou Northeast Branch Library

Vashti Lewis Book Discussion Group (2 hours)
Saturday, May 10, 1:00 p.m.

Central Library

3rd Tuesdays Group
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents by Julia Alvarez
Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.

Evergreen Branch Library

1st Tuesdays Group
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
Tuesday, May 6, 1:00 p.m.

1st Thursdays Group
Ines of My Soul by Isabel Allende
Thursday, May 1, 7:00 p.m.

3rd Thursdays Group
The Measure of a Man: A Spiritual Autobiography by Sidney Poitier
Thursday, May 15, 1:00 p.m.

Orchard Park Branch Library

1st Fridays Group
Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen
Friday, May 2, 1:00 p.m.

Westlink Branch Library

3rd Tuesdays Group
Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert Pirsig
Tuesday, May 20, 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.

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. (90 minutes)
Registration begins Tuesday, Apr. 29.
Monday, May 5, 7:00 p.m.

Summer Classes Begin After June 15!

Schoolwork Stressing You?

Students in grades 4 through basic college can get free online tutoring in English, math, science and social studies. HomeworkKansas is available daily from 4:00-11:00 p.m. To use it, just visit www.wichita.lib.ks.us and look for the Homework Help link.



Sams Photofacts Now Online

Ever since the 1940s, the Wichita Public Library has subscribed to the print Sams Photofact service. Sams provides wiring schematics, parts lists, and troubleshooting pamphlets that show how to repair and replace parts for TVs, VCRs, radios, and other electronic equipment to get them working again. Used by hobbyists and electronic repair service businesses alike, this vital resource has gone online-only for new schematics. Older schematics are also being made available in an on-going scanning project

Customers can access the Sams database at any Library Internet PC by pointing their browser to <http://www.photofactonline.com>. Then, search by entering the model or chassis number and click on the PDF file. Customers can view the information online and print out any needed pages at a cost of 10 cents per page. The Business and Technology section also has a vast collection of print editions. Contact B&T at 261-8507.

Wichita Public Library Locations

Central Library ▲ 261-8500 223 S. Main (Near Douglas & Main)	Mon.-Thu. 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sun. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Linwood ▲ 337-9125 1901 S. Kansas (Near Mt. Vernon & Hydraulic)	Mon. 12:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Closed Sat. and Sun.
Alford ☼▲ 337-9119 3447 S. Meridian (Near I-235 & S. Meridian)	Mon.-Thu. 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sun. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Orchard Park ▲ 337-9084 4808 W. 9th (Near 9th & West)	Mon. 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Closed Sat. and Sun.
Angelou Northeast ☼▲ 688-9580 3051 E. 21st (Near 21st & Hillside)	Tues. 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Wed.-Sat. 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sun. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Closed Mon.	Rockwell ☼▲ 688-9361 5939 E. 9th (Near 9th & Edgemoor)	Mon.-Thu. 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sun. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Comotara ▲ 688-9350 2244 N. Rock Rd <i>Inside Dillons</i> (At 21st & Rock)	Mon., Wed., Thu. 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tues., Fri., Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sun. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Westlink ☼▲ 337-9456 8515 Bekemeyer (Near Central & Tyler)	Mon.-Thu. 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sun. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Evergreen ☼▲ 303-8181 2601 N. Arkansas (At 25th & Arkansas)	Mon.-Thu. 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. 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.

All Library locations will be closed Sunday, May 25 and Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day observance.

Deaf Services TDD Line - 262-3972

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

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