

# November @ your library®

## Your monthly guide to the Wichita Public Library • November 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.



The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. Image: N.C. Wyeth's *The Homesteader* (1930). Oil on canvas, 36 3/8" x 40 1/4," purchased with funds donated by the Paul Ross Charitable Foundation, 1981.45, used courtesy of the Wichita Art Museum.

## The Big Read - Wichita

Willa Cather's "My Ántonia"

Oct. 1 - Nov. 15, 2008

### Preserving the Prairie:

#### Hope for the Future?

The vast prairie that once drew countless immigrants to a land rich with wildlife and fertile soil has become an endangered habitat. Will it survive the stresses of modern life? Master Gardener Kevin Holloway talks about what efforts are being made to keep our prairie safe for future generations. (60 minutes)

#### Westlink Branch Library

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2:30 p.m.

### Ántonia's Music:

#### The Popular Tunes of Her Time

The Big Read ends on a melodic note as music historian Michael Lasser entertains with samples of the ragtime and dance tunes that delighted Ántonia and Jim in Willa Cather's *Black Hawk*. (60 minutes)

#### Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, 204 S. Main

Saturday, Nov. 15, 2:00 p.m.

## Ride Into the Library for Western Days!

### Sundays @ Alford:

#### Wild, Wild Women of the Wild, Wild West

Belle Starr, Pearl Hart, Annie Oakley, Calamity Jane—enjoy their fascinating stories as Judy Coder becomes Mickie McKay, a composite character of Coder's creation, born on the range and raised to rope and ride with the wind. (45-60 minutes)

#### Alford Branch Library

Sunday, Nov. 2, 2:30 p.m.

### Cattle Tales

Fictional Georgiana Jackson tells tales of the cattle drive and how, when she returned home, her family thought she should give it up and be a lady. (60 minutes)

#### Alford Branch Library

Saturday, Nov. 8, 1:30 p.m.

These programs are presented in part by the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.



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### Cowboy Life in Song and Story:

#### Jeff Davidson Western Entertainment

Cowboys documented their lives in poetry and song—and this duet performance traces their history, and that of Kansas, through classic western tunes. Kansas history comes alive through western songs and poems. (60 minutes)

#### Alford Branch Library

Monday, Nov. 10, 2:30 p.m.

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## Events for Adults

### Central Library

#### Cowgirls: Contemporary Portraits of the American West

"Cowgirls: Contemporary Portraits of the American West" features photographs accompanied by narrative quotes that reveal the complex, unglamorous—yet often inspiring—reality of women in the modern West. Photographer Ronnie Farley spent three years documenting two very different kinds of cowgirls: women ranchers and rodeo contestants. The exhibit is curated by Patricia O'Connor, a veteran gallery professional currently working for the New York State Council on the Arts and the Tri-County Arts Council and toured by ExhibitsUSA. ExhibitsUSA's parent agency, Mid-America Arts Alliance, is a nonprofit regional arts organization based in Kansas City, Missouri.

Tuesday, Oct. 21 through Sunday Nov. 30

#### Senior Wednesday: Rancher Nancy Moore

Learn more about the life of a woman rancher from Nancy Moore, who raises Texas longhorn cattle at the Moore Ranch in Bucklin, Kansas.

(60 minutes)

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1:30 p.m.

### Evergreen

#### Tea and "My Ántonia": A Book Discussion

Join Wichita in a city-wide reading and discussion of Willa Cather's "My Ántonia," a fascinating portrait of life on the prairie with a Bohemian immigrant family as told by Ántonia's best friend Jim. Offered in conjunction with The Big Read – Wichita." The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute for Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. For more information, see bigreadwichita.org. (60 minutes)

Thursday, Nov. 13, 7:00 p.m.

### Rockwell

#### Family Memoirs: Putting the Puzzle Together

"My Ántonia" is rooted in the memories of Cather's experiences growing up in Nebraska. Virginia Downing, vice-president and education chair of the Wichita Genealogical Society, will show you how to search your home for household items, letters, pictures and family keepsakes that can be used as memoirs. The class will look at how to use published books to help piece together the puzzle and ways to document and preserve for the future what's found. Offered in conjunction with The Big Read – Wichita, a community wide reading and celebration of Willa Cather's "My Ántonia." The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute for Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. For more information, see bigreadwichita.org. (60 minutes)

Saturday, Nov. 1, 10:30 a.m.

#### A Mind of Her Own:

#### Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World

Led by Dr. Lorraine Madway of Special Collections and University Archives, Wichita State University, *A Mind of Her Own*, part of *Let's Talk About it: Jewish Literature*, explores the literary tradition of Jewish fathers and daughters. *A Mind of Her Own* is made possible by the American Library Association, Nextbook and the Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation. November's discussion is on Johanna Kaplan's "O My America." To register, please contact the Rockwell Branch Library at 688-9361. (2 hours)

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m.

#### Western Days Rag Rugs

Rustle up some rags and join us as we reuse old clothes to make a warm homestead cozier. Bring clean cotton or cotton blended materials to use for rag rug construction. (60 minutes)

Saturday, Nov. 22, 10:30 a.m.

## Western Days @ Alford

#### At Home on the Range with Donna Penley

Cowgirl poet Donna Penley will present contemporary humorous country poetry. She has performed numerous times at the Cowboy Hall of Fame and has been writing poetry for the past 30 years, in addition to publishing two Western novels. (60 minutes)

Monday, Nov. 3, 2:30 p.m.

#### What If the Civil War Never Happened?

J.P. Buellesfeld will show a video presentation and discuss what the United States might look like if the Civil War had not been waged. Co-sponsored by the Wichita Genealogical Society.

Saturday, Nov. 15, 1:00 p.m.

#### Cowboy Jack Sings Old and Older

Cowboy Jack sings "old and older" Western and gospel songs, picks a guitar, tells stories and recites poems. Cowboy Jack and his wife, Leona, operate Westward, Ho! roundups at their Jay-BAR Ranch near Walton. They also supply horses for the Flint Hills Overland Wagon Train company near El Dorado. (60 minutes)

Monday, Nov. 17, 2:30 p.m.

#### The Western: The Greatest Cattle Trail, 1874-1886

Learn more about the greatest cattle trail, the Western Trail, which carried more cattle over a greater distance for a longer period of time than the more-famous Chisholm Trail. Author Margaret Kraisinger tells of conflicts between drovers and homesteaders, Indian relocation, quarantine laws and other challenges cowboys encountered along the way. (60 minutes)

Monday, Nov. 24, 2:30 p.m.

#### Frontier Folklore with David Dary

Acclaimed Western author David Dary will speak about his books, including the latest, "Frontier Medicine." Dary is the author of nine previous books on the West, including "Cowboy Culture" and "The Santa Fe Trail." He is the recipient of a Cowboy Hall of Fame Wrangler Award, two Western Writers of America Spur Awards, the Westerners International Best Nonfiction Book Award, and the Owen Wister Award for lifetime achievement from the Western Writers of America. He lives in Norman, Oklahoma.

(30 minutes plus question and answer session)

Sunday, Nov. 30, 2:30 p.m.

## Storytimes & More Nursery Rhyme Time

Music, rhymes, activities and stories for children ages 2 and under with an adult helper. No programs on Tuesday, Nov. 11 and Friday, Nov. 28. (20 minutes)

### Central Library

Wednesdays, Sept. 17-Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m.

Fridays, Sept. 19-Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m.

### Rockwell Branch Library

Tuesdays, Sept. 16-Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m. and 11:05 a.m.

### Westlink Branch Library

Fridays, Sept. 12-Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m.

## Toddle Time

Stories, rhymes and motion activities for 2-year-olds with an adult helper. Registration required; contact the hosting library to register. No programs on Tuesday, Nov. 11 and Thursday, Nov. 27. (20 minutes)

### Alford Branch Library

Tuesdays, Sept. 16-Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m.

### Rockwell Branch Library

Thursdays, Sept. 18-Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m.

### Westlink Branch Library

Tuesdays, Sept. 9-Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m.

## Preschool Storytime

Stories, fingerplays and more for children aged 3-6. No programs on Tuesday, Nov. 11. (30 minutes)

### Central Library

Tuesdays, Sept. 16-Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m.

### Alford Branch Library

Mondays, Sept. 15-Dec. 1, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, Sept. 17-Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m.

### Evergreen Branch Library

English/Spanish bilingual storytime

Wednesdays, Sept. 10-Nov. 26, 10:30 a.m.

### Rockwell Branch Library

Wednesdays, Sept. 17-Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m.

### Westlink Branch Library

Tuesdays, Sept. 9-Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m. (children only)

## Family Storytime

Interactive storytelling and activities for children aged 2-7 with their families. No programs on Thursday, Nov. 27. (30 minutes)

### Westlink Branch Library

Wednesdays, Sept. 10-Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, Sept. 11-Nov. 20, 7:00 p.m.

## Special Children's & Teen Events Central Library

### Rider Round-up

Calling cowpokes aged 3-6! Wear your Western duds for a good ol' stories, songs and a craft. (45 minutes)

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m.

### Puppet Shows

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

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.\* (\*repeat show)

### Alford

#### "Grasslands" Book Discussion

Ages 10 and up will participate in a lively discussion of Debra Seely's "Grasslands." "Grasslands" tells the story of a young boy from Virginia in the 1880s who moves to a Kansas farm to join his father and new stepfamily. Part of The Big Read - Wichita. (60 minutes)

Saturday, Nov. 1, 10:30 a.m.

### Cowpoke Festival

Children aged 4 and up can try out their lassoing skills with instruction from Western historian Joyce Thierer. Presented in part by the Kansas Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. (60 minutes)

Saturday, Nov. 8, 3:30 p.m.

### Dad & Me

Children aged 3-8 with their fathers enjoy stories, crafts, games and donuts. (30 minutes)

Saturday, Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m.

### Evergreen

#### Follow the Yellow Brick Road

There's no place like the library! Enjoy games, craft and snacks with a wonderful land of Oz-theme. For ages 6-11. Registration required and begins Wednesday, Nov. 5; call 303-8181. (60 minutes)

Saturday, Nov. 22, 2:30 p.m.

### Rockwell

#### Puppet Show

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

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 10:30 a.m.

### Westlink

#### Meet the Author: Debra Seely

Seely talks to ages 8 and up about writing "Grasslands" and "The Last of the Roundup Boys." Learn more about the process of getting a book published and how to hone your writing skills. Part of The Big Read - Wichita. (60 minutes)

Saturday, Nov. 8, 11:00 a.m.

### Family Fun Time

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

#### Angelou Northeast Branch Library

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m.

#### Rockwell Branch Library

Friday, Nov. 21, 10:30 a.m.

#### Westlink Branch Library

Thursday, Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m.

## Monthly Book Discussions

These 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)

### Central Library

3rd Tuesdays Group  
"Saving Fish From Drowning" by Amy Tan  
Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7:00 p.m.

### Alford Branch Library

Masters of Mystery  
(4th Wednesdays) (1.5 hours)  
"The All-True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton" by Jane Smiley  
Wednesday, Nov. 19, 7:00 p.m.

### Angelou Northeast Branch Library

Vashti Lewis Book Discussion Group (4th Saturdays) (2 hours)  
Saturday, Nov. 22, 1:00 p.m.

### Evergreen Branch Library

1st Tuesdays Group  
"My Ántonia" by Willa Cather  
Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1:00 p.m.

1st Thursdays Group  
"My Ántonia" by Willa Cather  
Thursday, Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m.

3rd Thursdays Group  
"My Ántonia" by Willa Cather  
Thursday, Nov. 20, 1:00 p.m.

### Orchard Park Branch Library

1st Fridays Group  
"My Ántonia" by Willa Cather  
Friday, Nov. 7, 1:00 p.m.

### Westlink Branch Library

3rd Tuesdays Group  
"My Ántonia" by Willa Cather  
Tuesday, Nov. 18, 12:45 p.m.

## Technology Training Classes

Registration is required; class sizes are limited. To register, call 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.

### Create with 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, Oct. 28.  
Monday, November 3, 7:00 p.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, Nov. 4.  
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2:30 p.m.

### Working with Windows

Master the fundamentals of using Windows programs, including saving and opening files. Level I: Beginning Users.

Registration begins Tuesday, Nov. 4.  
Friday, Nov. 14, 2:30 p.m.

### Create with PowerPoint

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

Registration begins Wednesday, Nov. 12.  
Wednesday, Nov. 19, 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, Nov. 18.  
Monday, Nov. 24, 10:30 a.m.

## Coming in December

### Using a Free E-mail Account

Registration begins Tuesday, Nov. 25.  
Monday, Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m.

### Point and Click

Registration begins Tuesday, Dec. 2.  
Tuesday, Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m.

### Working with Windows

Registration begins Tuesday, Dec. 2.  
Thursday, Dec. 11, 10:30 a.m.

## Wichita Public Library Locations

**Central Library** ▲ Mon.-Thu. 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.-Thu. 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., Thu. 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.-Thu. 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.-Thu. 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.-Thu. 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 Tuesday, Nov. 11, Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28.

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