

# October @ your library®

## Your monthly guide to the Wichita Public Library • October 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 - Wichita

### Willa Cather's "My Ántonia"

Oct. 1 - Nov. 15, 2008

#### The Big Read Kickoff

Enjoy reader's theatre, music by the East High Piano Trio, book giveaways, an exhibition of prairie-themed artwork, and a taste of Ántonia's native Bohemia. (2 hours)

Wichita Art Museum, 1400 Museum Blvd.  
Saturday, Oct. 4, 2:00 p.m.

#### Senior Wednesdays

#### Living Like Badgers:

#### Life in a Prairie Dugout

Historian Sara Jane Richter shares the hard life of the pioneers who lived below ground. 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)

Central Library  
Wednesday, Oct. 8, 1:30 p.m.

#### Daily Life of Pioneer Women

Historian Patricia Michaelis examines the diaries and letters of pioneer women to show their struggles in coming to settle the prairie. (60 minutes)

Westlink Branch Library  
Monday, Oct. 13, 7:00 p.m.

#### Tea and "My Ántonia"

Join in a discussion of Willa Cather's "My Ántonia." (60 minutes)

Central Library  
Friday, Oct. 17, 2:30 p.m.

Alford Branch Library  
Saturday, Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m.

Angelou Northeast Branch Library  
Sunday, Oct. 12, 2:00 p.m.

Linwood Branch Library  
Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2:30 p.m.

Orchard Park Branch Library  
Friday, Oct. 24, 2:30 p.m.

Rockwell Branch Library  
Wednesday, Oct. 8, 3:30 p.m.

Westlink Branch Library  
Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7:00 p.m.

#### Willa Cather as Historian

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Willa Cather was a master at accurately portraying time and place. Discover what can we learn from "My Ántonia" in a lecture by Cather scholar Charlotte Rohrbach, ASC, Ph.D., professor emerita of history and Director of Mission Effectiveness/Archives at Newman University. (60 minutes)

Central Library  
Sunday, Oct. 19, 1:30 p.m.

#### "Grasslands" Book Discussion for Young People

Debra Seely's "Grasslands" tells of a young boy from Virginia who moves to a Kansas farm to join his father and new stepfamily. For ages 10 and up. (60 minutes)

Westlink Branch Library  
Monday, Oct. 20, 7:00 p.m.

#### "Sweet Land"

Based on Will Weaver's "A Gravestone Made of Wheat," the film "Sweet Land" shares a story of struggle, love and discovery on the Minnesota prairie. (2 hours)

Rockwell Branch Library  
Sunday, Oct. 26, 2:00 p.m.

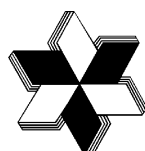


See all events at  
[www.bigreadwichita.org](http://www.bigreadwichita.org).

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.

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## Events for Adults

### Central Library

#### Durst Decorative Arts Collection Exhibit

View highlights from the Wichita Public Library's Durst Decorative Arts Collection, which includes paintings and drawings from the Sullivan-Gagliardo children's illustration collection, Anna Lee Christmas dolls, Prairie Prints collection, and figurines and dolls from around the world.

Through Wednesday, Oct. 15

#### Crafts 4 Fun: Decked Out Decoupage

Adults need creativity in their lives. Learn a craft with us; we'll provide the supplies! Registration required and begins Wednesday, Oct. 1; call 261-8500. (90 minutes)

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:00 p.m.

#### 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

#### Real-Life Ranch Rodeo Women

Learn more about the fast-growing sport of Women's Ranch Rodeo, where cowgirls and women ranchers compete against one another, as well as support one another, in events that challenge the skills needed to be a top cowhand. Billie Franks and other women from the Women's Ranch Rodeo Association will be on hand to talk about what it takes to compete in this sport. (60 minutes)

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2:30 p.m.

### Alford

#### Sundays @ Alford: Ethics of News Coverage in the Modern World

Why do people mistrust the media, yet can't seem to get enough of tabloids and cable television news? Mel Hanks, assistant professor in media studies at Fort Hays State University, looks at the basics of political news coverage—with a presidential election just weeks away—and the "do's and don'ts" of covering politicians. (45-60 minutes)

Sunday, Oct. 5, 2:30 p.m.

#### Lay of the Land

Your search can not begin until you know where they lived. This lecture may help family researchers by taking them back to the land. Learn what records to should look for and where to find them. Co-sponsored by the Wichita Genealogical Society. (2 hours)

Saturday, Oct. 18, 1:00 p.m.



"Tara working out with one of her cutting horses." By Ronnie Farley, ca. 1993, 16" x 20," courtesy the artist. See this photograph and more during "Cowgirls: Contemporary Portraits of the American West," Oct. 21-Nov. 30 at the Central Library.

### Angelou Northeast

#### Ready, Set, Go Digital!

Will the upcoming switch to digital television affect you? Learn the steps you can take to guarantee that you'll be able to receive clearer pictures, more channels and better sound quality. (60 minutes)

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2:30 p.m.

### Evergreen

#### Salsa Making Contest

Showcase your family recipe for salsa. To sign up for the contest, visit the Evergreen Branch Library or Evergreen Neighborhood City Hall to get a recipe card. On the day of the contest, bring a batch (at least one quart) of your salsa and the completed recipe card to the Evergreen Branch Library. The judges will choose the best entry in three categories: hot, medium and mild. There will also be a People's Choice award in the same three categories. Tasting will be from 12:00-1:00 p.m., followed by the announcement of winners. (90 minutes)

Saturday, Oct. 11, 12:00 p.m.

#### Baile Folklorico Dancers

Enjoy traditional Mexican dancing by local and regional student dance troupes. Their colorful costumes and choreographed dance moves are for all ages. (90 minutes)

Saturday, Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m.

### Rockwell

#### 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. October's discussion is on Anzia Yezierska's "The Bread Givers." To register, please contact the Rockwell Branch Library at 688-9361. (2 hours)

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 6:30 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. and 11:05 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

#### Puppet Shows

For children aged 3-10. \*Starred performances indicate repeat performances. (20-30 minutes)

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.\*

### Angelou Northeast

#### Teen Event: Real-Life Scrapbooking

Organize your pictures and express yourself! Bring 18-36 pictures from one event, such as a trip or family function. Registration begins Wednesday, Oct. 1; call 688-9580. For ages 12 and up. (60 minutes)

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2:30 p.m.

#### Family Fun Time

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

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m.

### Alford

#### Kit Kittredge Party

Celebrate the American Girl way. Make crafts from the past, play mystery games and prepare (and eat!) delicious foods. Old-fashioned dress is optional. For ages 7-11. Registration begins Wednesday, Sept. 24; call 337-9119. (60 minutes)

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2:30 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, Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m.

#### Dad & Me

Children aged 3-8 with their dads are invited to come to the library for stories, crafts, games and donuts! (30 minutes)

Saturday, Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m.

### Evergreen

#### Bilingual Bingo

Bingo with a twist! Families can practice English and Spanish in this version of an old favorite. (60 minutes)

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 7:00 p.m.

### Rockwell

#### Family Fun Time

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

Friday, Oct. 31, 10:30 a.m.

### Westlink

#### Puppet Show

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

Thursday, Oct. 9, 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  
"My Ántonia" by Willa Cather  
Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m.

### Alford Branch Library

Masters of Mystery  
(4th Wednesdays) (1.5 hours)  
"My Ántonia" by Willa Cather  
Wednesday, Oct. 22, 7:00 p.m.

### Angelou Northeast Branch Library

Vashti Lewis Book Discussion Group (4th Saturdays) (2 hours)  
Saturday, Oct. 25, 1:00 p.m.

### Evergreen Branch Library

1st Tuesdays Group  
"River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey" by Candice Millard  
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1:00 p.m.

1st Thursdays Group  
"A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini  
Thursday, Oct. 2, 7:00 p.m.

3rd Thursdays Group  
"No Ordinary Time" by Doris Kearns Goodwin  
Thursday, Oct. 16, 1:00 p.m.

Orchard Park Branch Library  
1st Fridays Group  
"What the Thunder Said" by Janet Peery  
Friday, Oct. 3, 1:00 p.m.

Westlink Branch Library  
3rd Tuesdays Group  
U.L. "Rip" Gooch will attend the discussion of his book "Black Horizons"  
Tuesday, Oct. 21, 12:45 p.m.

## Want to Reduce Waiting Times on Popular Library Items?

Support the Friends of the Wichita Public Library at their Barnes & Noble Bookfair on Saturday, Oct. 18, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., at Eastgate Barnes and Noble (Kellogg and Rock Road). The event will help to reduce waiting lists on popular Library materials through proceeds and direct donations of items from a Library wishlist. Check your library for vouchers and event listings.

## 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.

### Creating a Résumé

Use Microsoft Word and its Résumé Wizard to create your own professional-looking résumé. General understanding of Word is recommended. Level III: Advanced Users. (60 minutes)  
*Registration begins Tuesday, Sept. 30.*  
Monday, Oct. 6, 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, Oct. 14.*  
Monday, Oct. 20, 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, Oct. 14.*  
Wednesday, Oct. 22, 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, Oct. 21.*  
Friday, Oct. 31, 2:30 p.m.

## Coming in November

### Create with Microsoft Publisher

*Registration begins Tuesday, Oct. 28.*  
Monday, Nov. 3, 7:00 p.m.

plus four more classes!

## 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.

Deaf Services TDD Line - 262-3972

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