

December @ your library®

Your monthly guide to the Wichita Public Library • December 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.



Jim Two Crows Wallen brings Santa to the Library as well as Christmas stories and traditions. Courtesy photograph.

A Visit From Santa

Have you been good this year? Yes? Well, come hear Santa tell one of his favorite Christmas stories, give him your list and get your picture taken with him. For all ages. Please bring your own camera for pictures. (60 minutes)

Central Library

Sunday, Dec. 7, 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Cheer @ Your Library!

Come to the library and celebrate the holiday season with events for the whole family. From holiday music to a visit from the man in red, kids from 1 to 92 will enjoy this December's programs. Don't forget to make your holiday brighter by stopping by your local library to share some seasonal cheer.

Musical Holiday Celebration

Music, children and the holidays! Join us for a hands-on musical experience using a variety of simple musical instruments. Sing, dance and play our way through songs, fingerplays and stories. Simple musical instruments may be brought from home. Holiday snacks will be provided. Ages 5-10 with family. (60 minutes)

Alford Branch Library

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2:30 p.m.

Travel Through Time With Father Christmas

Jim Two Crows Wallen as Father Christmas will share Christmas customs, artifacts and stories from France and Puerto Rico with elementary aged children and their families. (45 minutes)

Central Library

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1:30 p.m.

Winter Carnival

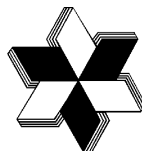
Children aged 3-8 will enjoy games and activities with prizes. Enjoy stories from the Snow Queen while drinking hot chocolate and eating homemade cookies. Drop in anytime between 2:30-4:00 p.m.! (90 minutes)

Rockwell Branch Library

Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2:30 p.m.

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Events for Adults Central Library

Crafts 4 Fun

Adults need creativity in their lives. This is your chance to come and learn a craft. We'll provide the supplies. December's project is making holiday ornaments from recycled and re-imagined materials. Come have fun with us! (Registration begins Wednesday, Nov. 26; call 261-8500) (90 minutes)
Tuesday, Dec. 9, 7:00 p.m.

Alford

Sundays@ Alford CoolYule: Holiday Ornaments

Create your own festive ornaments from recycled and re-imagined items. All materials will be provided.
Sunday, Dec. 7, 2:30 p.m.



Evergreen

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. Presented by a member of the Kansas Association of . (60 minutes)
Saturday, Dec. 13, 2:30 p.m.

Orchard

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. Presented by a local TV broadcaster. (60 minutes)
Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2:30 p.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. December's discussion is on Philip Roth's "American Pastoral." To register, please contact the Rockwell Branch Library at 688-9361. (2 hours)
Tuesday, Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Have You Used the New Catalog Yet?

The Wichita Public Library's new catalog is feature-packed! Customers love the ability to search and limit by material type and branch, save searches and preserve reading histories.

You can now view lists of newly received materials from the main page of the catalog. You may also opt to receive the lists via RSS feeds so you can see when the latest information has been added to the catalog.

To help you track the books that you have read, you may activate your reading histories to keep track of all items you have borrowed from the Library.

You may save searches and have results e-mailed monthly, which makes keeping up with prolific authors and favorite subjects effortless. Reviews, tables of content and first chapter excerpts are available for many items.

Even the format of the catalog is flexible, with a large print version available if you have difficulty reading regular sized text.

If you don't have an account with the Library, getting one is easier now than ever! You can register right from the catalog, even if you're not at the library. This is very convenient when you're using the catalog from work, home or school and find an item you'd like to request, but don't have a library card. You can register for an account and immediately place a request for that title. If you have self-registered, you may also save searches and lists. You need only bring proof of identification and current address to any Wichita Public Library location in order to obtain full borrowing privileges.



The new system also includes a special catalog just for children. The children's catalog features a colorful interface and searches only age-appropriate children's collections. While young customers may type in a search, they can also find materials by clicking on category titles, giving children the ability to find what they want in a kid-friendly way.

To experience the new Library catalog, visit our website or any Wichita Public Library location.

Storytimes & More

Nursery Rhyme Time

Music, rhymes, activities and stories for children ages 2 and under with an adult helper. (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. (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. (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.

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. (30 minutes)

Westlink Branch Library

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

Special Children's & Teen Events

Central Library

Dunk 'n' Slurp

Got milk? We do, and we're serving it with all things cookie: games, crafts and more! For children aged 4 to 9. Registration is required and starts Wednesday, Dec. 3; call 261-8500. (60 minutes)
Sunday, Dec. 14, 2:30 p.m.

Alford

Sock Puppets!

Have you ever wondered what to do with those extra single socks? Worry no more! Bring them to the library and create fabulous and funny sock puppets. Ages 5-10 with family. (45 minutes)
Monday, Dec. 29, 2:30 p.m.

Practical Crafts for Teens

Feeling creative? Use fabric, duct tape, foam, paint, markers and more. Design it yourself, follow simple instructions or learn to make items that can be used daily. For ages 12 and up. (2 hours)
Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1:30 p.m.

Evergreen

Puppet Show

For children aged 3-10. (20-30 minutes)
Wednesday, Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m.

Fun and Games

Children aged 6-10 can play board, party and guessing games any time between 2:30-4:30 p.m. Drop in and join us! (Available 2 hours)
Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2:30 p.m.

Rockwell

Reader's Theater

Children aged 3-10 will enjoy helping our library "actors" perform stories from our favorite books. (45-60 minutes)
Saturday, Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m.

Westlink

Puppet Show

For children aged 3-10. (20-30 minutes)
Thursday, Dec. 4, 7:00 p.m.

Winter Break Olympics

Games and activities for children aged 3-10. Drop in anytime between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. (60 minutes)
Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2:30 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
No December meeting.

Alford Branch Library

Masters of Mystery
No December meeting.

Evergreen Branch Library

1st Tuesdays Group
"Paula" by Isabel Allende
Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1:00 p.m.

1st Thursdays Group

No Book Discussed
Thursday, Dec. 4, 7:00 p.m.

3rd Thursdays Group

"Farther Afield," "Summer at Fairacre" and "The Year at Thrush Green" by Miss Read
Thursday, Dec. 18, 1:00 p.m.
Meeting off-site

Orchard Park Branch Library

1st Fridays Group
"Finding Father Christmas" by Robin Jones Gunn
Friday, Dec. 5, 1:00 p.m.

Westlink Branch Library

3rd Tuesdays Group
"River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey" by Candice Millard
Tuesday, Dec. 16, 12:45 p.m.

READ BOOKS. WIN PRIZES.

The Adult Winter Reading Program returns Jan. 2, 2009. Watch your library for details.

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.

Using a Free E-mail Account

We'll show you how to set up and use your own free electronic mail (E-mail) account that you can use from home or the Library's workstations. Level II: Intermediate Users.
Registration begins Tuesday, Nov. 25.
Monday, Dec. 1, 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, Dec. 2.
Tuesday, Dec. 9, 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, Dec. 2.
Thursday, Dec. 11, 10:30 a.m.

2009 Classes

The next series of classes will begin after January 20. Look for announcements in January @ Your Library.

Holiday Hours for All Wichita Public Library Locations

Wednesday, Dec. 24
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 25
CLOSED

Wednesday, Dec. 31
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 1
CLOSED

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.

See special holiday hours.

Deaf Services TDD Line - 262-3972

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