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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 “Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe” October-November 2009



Building on the success of last year's Big Read, which attracted over 16,000 attendees to partner events, exhibits and discussions, The Big Read returns in October and November 2009 with a new focus: “Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe.”

Poe is a timely choice. This year marks the bicentennial of his birth; Oct. 7 is the 160th anniversary of his death. An important writer who helped shape the popular genres of mystery, horror and science fiction, Poe's short works are also perfect for lapsed and reluctant readers looking to wade into the world of literature. Poe's works are also part of our cultural literacy: how many other poets have inspired the naming of a professional football team?

Join the Wichita Public Library and over 40 partners for book discussions, films, exhibits, talks and other events exploring the life and works of this unique American author. For more information about The Big Read, partners and events, visit bigreadwichita.org.

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The Big Read Kickoff

We'll start The Big Read off right with book giveaways, readings, an art exhibit, and special presentations by Ballet Wichita. (2 hours)

Wichita Art Museum, 1400 Museum Blvd.
Saturday, Oct. 3, 2:00 p.m.

Sundays @ Alford: Poe's Literary Legacy

Edgar Allan Poe's masterful tales of the macabre have inspired a long legacy of horror and suspense writers. Take a journey through fiction from Poe to Stephen King. (60 minutes)

Alford Branch Library
Sunday, Oct. 4, 2:30 p.m.

Poe in Film

Learn more about the challenges filmmakers face in interpreting Poe's work for the silver screen from local film critic Jim Erickson. After the talk, view “The Fall of the House of Usher” (starring Vincent Price) to see how these problems were addressed by Roger Corman. (90 minutes)

Central Library
Saturday, Oct. 10, 2:00 p.m.

Senior Wednesday: A Trio of Poe Reader's Theater

Enjoy dramatized versions of two favorite short stories and the humorous essay “Lionizing.” 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. 14, 1:30 p.m.

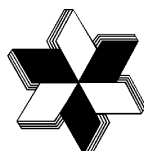
Finding Adoptive Parents and Documenting Family Health History

Raised by a foster family after his mother's death from tuberculosis, Poe's family history is a tragic tale itself and, had he not been famous, tough to research. What records could help? Learn more about records that include information on health, death and adoptions. Co-sponsored by the Wichita Genealogical Society. (2 hours)

Alford Branch Library
Saturday, Oct. 17, 1:00 p.m.

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Events for Adults Central Library

Crafts 4 Fun

Adults need creativity in their lives, so come learn a craft with us each month this fall! Have fun making jewelry in October. Registration is required so there will be enough supplies for everyone; call 261-8506 to register. (90 minutes)
Thursday, Oct. 8, 7:00 p.m.

Hands-on Help: Computer Basics

Our computer experts lead freeform sessions where you can bring your computing questions. Visit the Technology Training Center at the Central Library anytime during the session for coaching on computer basics. Bring your specific question or project. Registration not required. (90 minutes)
Thursday, Oct. 8, 10:30 a.m.

Hands-on Help: Internet Searching

Visit the Technology Training Center at the Central Library anytime during the session for coaching on searching the Internet more effectively and efficiently. Bring your specific question or project. Registration not required. (90 minutes)
Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2:30 p.m.

“The Phantom of the Opera” Revisited

View Carl Laemele’s 1925 silent film “The Phantom of the Opera,” starring Lon Chaney. Local organist Brett Valliant will improvise the musical score, bringing a new dimension to this spooky classic. (2 hours)
Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7:00 p.m.

Angelou Northeast Branch Library

The Red Dress Book Chat

Pearl Cleage’s life-changing books have inspired readers to join the characters in self-discovery. Come and connect with this conversation surrounding books that encourage and inspire you on your journey through life. October’s discussion is on “What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day.” (90 minutes)
Tuesday, Oct. 13, 6:00 p.m.

Monthly Book Discussions

These groups 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)

Central Library

3rd Tuesdays Group
“Great Tales & Poems of Edgar Allan Poe” by Edgar Allan Poe
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 7:00 p.m.

Alford Branch Library

Masters of Mystery
“Saving Faith” by David Baldacci and “Great Tales & Poems of Edgar Allan Poe” by Edgar Allan Poe
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 7:00 p.m.

Evergreen Branch Library

1st Thursdays Group
“Saving Fish from Drowning” by Amy Tan
Thursday, Oct. 1, 7:00 p.m.

1st Tuesdays Group

“What’s the Matter With Kansas?” by Thomas Frank
Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1:00 p.m.

3rd Thursdays Group

“Great Tales & Poems of Edgar Allan Poe” by Edgar Allan Poe
Thursday, Oct. 15, 1:00 p.m.

Orchard Park Branch Library

1st Fridays Group
To be announced
Friday, Oct. 2, 1:00 p.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

Cozy Mystery - Last Mondays
“Some Like It Hot-Buttered” by Jeffrey Cohen
Monday, Oct. 26, 1:00 p.m.

Westlink Branch Library

3rd Tuesdays Group
“My Sister’s Keeper” by Jodi Picoult
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 12:45 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration Continues

Hispanic Heritage Art Display

View artwork by Plaza de los Niños Head Start students.

Evergreen Branch Library

On display during regular hours, Sept. 15-Oct. 15

Quinceañera Fashion Show

Learn about the Latin American tradition of celebrating a girl’s fifteenth birthday with a *quinceañera* party. Local students will model fashions as presenters provide informative commentary. (60 minutes)

Alford Branch Library

Sunday, Oct. 11, 2:00 p.m.

Día de los muertos (Day of the Dead)

The entire family is invited to listen to stories about the Day of the Dead and make a skeleton out of pasta. (45 minutes)

Evergreen Branch Library

Thursday, Oct. 29, 7:00 p.m.



Events for Children & Families

Nursery Rhyme Time

Music, rhymes, activities and stories for children ages 2 and under with an adult helper. (20 minutes)

Central Library

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

Fridays, Sept. 11-Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

Tuesdays, Sept. 15-Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m. and 11:05 a.m.

Westlink Branch Library

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

Fridays, Sept. 18-Dec. 4, 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. 15-Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

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

Westlink Branch Library

Tuesdays, Sept. 15-Oct. 20 and Oct. 27-Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

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

Central Library

Tuesdays, Sept. 8-Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m.

Alford Branch Library

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

Evergreen Branch Library

English/Spanish bilingual storytime

Wednesdays, Sept. 9-Nov. 25, 10:30 a.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

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

Westlink Branch Library

Tuesdays, Sept. 15-Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m. (children only)



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)

Thursday, Oct. 15, 7:00 p.m.

Puppet Show: "Piggy Pie"

For children aged 3-10. The evening performance is a repeat of the morning show. (20-30 minutes)

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Alford Branch Library

A Celebration of Eric Carle

All across the U.S., children will be hearing "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" as part of "Read for the Record." Join us for a fun storytime of books by author Eric Carle and be part of this record-breaking event. (30 minutes)
Thursday, Oct. 8, 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Dad & Me

Saturday morning is a special time for fathers and their children. Children ages 3-8 can bring their dads or a special adult to the library for stories, crafts, games and donuts! (30 minutes)

Saturday, Oct. 17, 10:30 a.m.

Geronimo Stilton Party

Stop the presses! That famous newspaper editor Geronimo Stilton will be celebrated at a party in his honor. We'll have crafts, games, and, of course, CHEESE! For ages 6-12. (60 minutes)

Monday, Oct. 19, 2:30 p.m.

Paint-a-Pumpkin

October means pumpkin time! Come to the library and get pumpkin crazy while listening to autumn stories. For ages 5-12. (60 minutes)

Thursday, Oct. 22, 6:00 p.m.

Angelou Northeast Branch Library

Make and Take Craft

Come to the library for some fun crafty projects that you can complete and take home with you. Ages 5-12. (2 hours)

Saturday, Oct. 17, 1:30 p.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

Reader's Theatre

Children aged 3-10 will enjoy helping our library "actors" perform stories from our favorite books. (30-45 minutes)

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7:00 p.m.

Westlink Branch Library

Family Storytime

Interactive storytelling and activities for children aged 3-7 with their families. (30 minutes)

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

Thursdays, Oct. 1, Oct. 8 and Oct. 29, 7:00 p.m.

Family Fun Time: Bears, Bears Everywhere

Bring your bears, or another favorite stuffed friend, for a cozy story, activity and craft for families with children ages 3 and older. (45 minutes)

Thursday, Oct. 15, 7:00 p.m.

Puppet Show: "Rumpled Turkey"

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

Thursday, Oct. 22, 7:00 p.m.

The Big Read Book Discussions

While The Big Read covers multiple works, these discussions target a few selections. Look for more offerings in November. (60 minutes)

Central Library

Friday, Oct. 16, 2:30 p.m. - Supernatural Stories

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 7:00 p.m. - The Short Stories of Edgar Allan Poe

Alford Branch Library

Saturday, Oct. 31, 11:00 a.m. - Madness and Murder

Angelou Northeast Branch Library

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 7:00 p.m. - Poe Favorites

Evergreen Branch Library

Monday, Oct. 26, 7:00 p.m. - Mystery and Detection

Linwood Branch Library

Friday, Oct. 23, 2:30 p.m. - Entrapment and Catastrophe

Rockwell Branch Library

Friday, Oct. 9, 2:30 p.m. - Mystery and Detection

Westlink Branch Library

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7:00 p.m. - Madness and Murder

Entrapment and Catastrophe: "The Pit and the Pendulum," "Ms. in a Bottle" and "Descent into the Maelstrom"

Madness and Murder: "The Black Cat," "The Tell-Tale Heart," "The Cask of Amontillado" and "William Wilson"

Mystery and Detection: "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," "The Purloined Letter" and "The Gold Bug"

Poe Favorites: "The Tell-Tale Heart," "The Pit and the Pendulum," "The Raven," "The Bells" and "Annabel Lee"

Supernatural Stories: "The Fall of the House of Usher," "Ligeia" and "The Masque of the Red Death"

The Big Read for Teens

Make Your Own Poe Video!

Come record your own version of any one of Edgar Allan Poe's poems. For example, you could recite "Annabel Lee" as a rap, dress up in costume for "The Bells" or do a dramatic reading of "Lenore" complete with props. You may record your own version of the poem and e-mail it to bigreadwichita@gmail.com or come to the Central Library and use our equipment to record it. All entries will be screened for appropriateness. Entries will be uploaded to YouTube and Facebook, then played during the Teen Masquerade Party (see below) where you will get a chance to vote for your favorites and the top three will win a prize! For ages 12-17. (Available 7 hours; drop in anytime)

Central Library

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17, 10:00 a.m.

Masquerade Party

Enter the gothic world of Edgar Allan Poe at "The Masque of the Red Death" Masquerade Party. Come dressed in Poe-esque costume. Help solve the mystery of the Masque and enjoy black raven and tell-tale hearts. Then watch and vote for your favorite Poe recitation. The top three favorites will win a prize. (See Make Your Own Poe Video event above for instructions to enter the contest.) Registration begins on Thursday, Oct. 1; contact the Central Library. (90 minutes)

Central Library

Saturday, Oct. 24, 12:00 p.m.

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. Page one image: William Michael Harnett, *Mortality and Immortality* (1876). Oil on canvas, 22 1/4" x 27 1/4", The Roland P. Murdock Collection, M58.45, used courtesy of the Wichita Art Museum.

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.

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.

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.

Comotara

688-9350
2244 N. Rock Rd
Inside Dillons (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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Planeview Community Library

(Operated by Colvin Elementary School)

973-7609
2820 S. Roosevelt
(Near Ross Pkwy & Hillside)

Mon.-Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Except school holidays and in-service days
Closed Sat. and Sun.

All Wichita Public Library locations will be closed Monday, Oct. 12, for staff training.

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