

December @ your library®

Your monthly guide to the Wichita Public Library • December 2009

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.



Above image: Dr. May Edward Chinn examining a young patient, 1930. Dr. Chinn graduated from medical school in 1926 and practiced medicine in the Harlem neighborhood of New York City for 50 years. Photograph courtesy of George B. Davis, Ph. D.

Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians

Discover how women are changing the face of medicine. A new traveling exhibition tells the remarkable story of how women struggled for the right to study in medical schools and to practice medicine in the United States. "Changing the Face of Medicine" begins with Elizabeth Blackwell in the mid-1800s, who became the first woman in America to earn a M.D. degree, and ends with women doctors today, who have achieved success in work once considered "unsuitable." Among them are Antonia Novello, the first woman Surgeon General of the United States, and Lori Arviso Alvord, a Navajo physician who incorporates elements of traditional healing in her practice. Women are now represented in every area of medicine—they are researchers, educators, surgeons, family practitioners, specialists, and government medical officials.

Central Library

Wednesday, Nov. 25, to Wednesday, Jan. 20

Opening Reception

Dr. Donna Sweet, professor of internal medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita and internationally known for medical treatment and research on AIDS, will make remarks at the exhibit's opening reception on World AIDS Day.

Central Library

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 7:00 p.m.

The traveling exhibition "Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians" was developed by the Exhibition Program of the History of Medicine Division of the National Library of Medicine in collaboration with the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The traveling exhibition has been made possible by the National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health Office of Research on Women's Health. The American Medical Women's Association provided additional support.

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WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY
The Discovery Center
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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 through Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m. (No session Nov. 11)
Fridays through Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m. (No session Nov. 27)

Rockwell Branch Library

Tuesdays through Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m. and 11:05 a.m.

Westlink Branch Library

Thursdays through Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m. (No session Nov. 26)
Fridays through Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m. (No session Nov. 27)

Toddle Time

Stories, rhymes and motion activities for 2-year-olds with an adult helper. Registration required; contact the hosting library. (20 minutes)

Alford Branch Library

Tuesdays through Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

Thursdays through Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m. (No session Nov. 26)

Westlink Branch Library

Tuesdays through Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

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

Central Library

Tuesdays through Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m.

Alford Branch Library

Wednesdays through Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m. (No session Nov. 11)

Rockwell Branch Library

Wednesdays through Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m. (No session Nov. 11)

Westlink Branch Library

Tuesdays through Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m. (children only)

Central Library

Holiday Merrymaking

Get the holiday spirit as we tell stories, sing carols, enjoy treats and make crafts related to the winter holidays. For all ages. (60 minutes)
Sunday, Dec. 20, 2:30 p.m.

Alford Branch Library

Ornate Ornaments

Glitter, sequins, yarn, markers, scissors, stickers plus your imagination equals fun! Ages 6-12 will make ornaments to give or keep. (60 minutes)
Saturday, Dec. 5, 10:30 a.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, Dec. 19, 1:30 p.m.

Evergreen Branch Library

Puppet Show

For children aged 3-10. (20-30 minutes)
Wednesday, Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m.

Westlink Branch Library

Family Storytime

Interactive storytelling for children aged 3-7 with their families. (30 minutes)
Wednesday, Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m.

Puppet Show: "Santa's Reindeer"

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

Winter Break Activities (Dec. 28-31)

Central Library

Family Fun Time

Activities for families with children ages 3 and older. (45-60 minutes)
Monday, Dec. 28, 2:30 p.m.

Chocolate Fever

Celebrate National Chocolate Day with us! Check out great books about chocolate, learn chocolate trivia, play chocolate book bingo, and of course, eat chocolate! For families with children ages 5-11. Registration starts Wednesday, Dec. 16; contact the Central Library. (60 minutes)
Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2:30 p.m.

Evergreen Branch Library

Hot Cocoa Party

Chill out with some hot cocoa and celebrate winter with crafts and games. Registration begins Wednesday, Dec. 16; contact the Evergreen Branch Library. For ages 8-11. (45-60 minutes)
Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2:30 p.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

Winter Carnival

Children aged 3-11 will enjoy games and activities with prizes. (90 minutes; drop in anytime)
Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2:30 p.m.

Westlink Branch Library

Bored? Games for All!

Enjoy board games, guessing games, puzzles and snacks for ages 3-11. (90 minutes; drop in anytime)
Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2:30 p.m.



The Year in Review: 2009

January - April

The Reading Buffet, the Library's Adult Winter Reading Club, started in January. At the Westlink Branch Library in January alone, participants reported reading 1,484 books and 128 readers completed the program.

The 23rd Annual Academy Awards® Shorts, always a popular event, attracted over 500 people to series programs. A complete roster of all nominees combined with the Warren Old Town Theatre venue increased interest in the program. At the kickoff event, the 212-seat theater filled to capacity within twenty minutes. Of equal importance to the size of the crowds was the response from attendees. One couple said that they come each year from New Jersey for the Shorts. Another attendee proudly wore a homemade "I ♥ Academy Award Shorts" button.



All-time monthly circulation records were set during June at seven library locations. Circulation of library materials during June surpassed the same period of 2008 by 24%. Double-digit increases in circulation were a pattern!

The OverDrive Digital Bookmobile visited Towne East Square as one of only two Kansas stops on a national tour. Despite the 100-degree temperatures, about 80 people ventured to the parking lot to learn more about the Library's downloadable audio books, e-books, music and videos.

The Library engaged in the first of several meetings to help shape a new Central Library with HB+M|Providence, the firm selected to develop a library program. Library stakeholders and community members gave their input in late June and early July.

The Library was notified it would again be a Big Read community in June. As preparations for The Big Read - Wichita got underway, Special Projects Librarian Jennifer Heinicke learned of her second place award in the public service category of the National Federation of Press Women's Communications Contest for 2008's Big Read - Wichita campaign. Heinicke advanced to the national competition after placing first in the state.



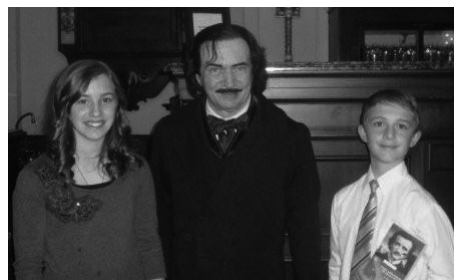
February also marked the 21st Annual African-American History Month Celebration. Florida storyteller and percussionist Madafo Lloyd Wilson engaged 1,638 attendees at libraries, six public schools and the Juvenile Detention Facility.

The Library increased customer self-service opportunities to manage the increased demand for Library services while working to reduce expenses.

Debating in March were self-reservation of computer workstations at the Central Library, self-service hold pick-ups at Rockwell, and new media drops at Central, Rockwell and Westlink.

A survey of public computing users found that nearly half of participants were using Library computers for job searches or small business development. Ten percent were filing for unemployment.

The Kansas Library Association Presidential Awards, announced in April, revealed Wichita Public Library ties. Vicki Tiaht was selected as Library Advocate for her support of the Kansas Book Festival and The Big Read - Wichita. Alford Branch Manager Jean Hatfield received the Library Personnel award.



August - December

The Friends of the Wichita Public Library raised more than \$7,200 during August's used book sale. During the sale, the year-round book store closed for cleaning, updating and restocking.

The Big Read - Wichita, celebrating "Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe," started with a kickoff at the Wichita Art Museum. Big Read partners distributed 300 free books to attendees. Over 50 partners from four counties joined the truly regional effort.

A \$122,500 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation will enable the Library to offer wireless internet access, add computers to expand the amount of public access computing available, develop a mobile computing lab to teach technology classes at branch libraries, and update curriculum for computing classes, including self-paced tutorials accessible at all locations.

In November, the Library was awarded the Arts Council's Arts Organization Award for its commitment to arts programming, such as the Academy Awards® Shorts, summer reading program, cultural opportunities and other events.

Photos (top to bottom): Pax the Clown entertains crowds with his balloon animals at the Central Library's Summer Reading Kickoff Party, Madafo shares music with a youngster, and internationally known Edgar Allan Poe interpreter David Keltz poses with Big Read participants.

May - July

On June 1, more than 2,000 children and teens visited the Library to register for the Summer Reading Club and Teens Read. By the conclusion of the summer reading program, a total of 11,591 youth registered for these activities with 5,961 completing the programs by meeting their reading goals. Eight of the Library's 12 programming units reported increased registrations when compared to 2008. Overall, registrations increased more than 9% from the previous year. Of equal import are the outcomes of the program. Participants in the Teens Read program reported spending 30,642 hours reading over the course of the program. This reflected a substantial 58% increase from the previous year! Children in the Summer Reading Club read more than 150,000 books. Corporate sponsors provided more than \$240,000 of donations or in-kind service to support these programs.

Events for Adults

Central Library

Hands-on Help: Security Online

Visit the Technology Training Center anytime during the session for coaching on keeping your information and computer secure while online. Bring your specific question or project. (90 minutes)
Thursday, Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m.

Hands-on Help: Using Free Email

Ask your questions about getting and using services such as Yahoo! Mail and Gmail anytime during this freeform session. Bring your specific question or project. (90 minutes)
Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2:30 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. December's title is "Seen It All and Done the Rest." (90 minutes)
Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Hours

Thursday, Dec. 24: All Library locations close at 3:00 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 25-Sunday, Dec. 27: All Library locations closed.
Thursday, Dec. 31: All Library locations close at 5:00 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 1: All Library locations closed.

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. Please note that some groups do not meet in December, but will resume in January. (60 minutes)

Central Library

3rd Tuesdays Group
"River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze" by Peter Hessler
Tuesday, Dec. 15, 7:00 p.m.

Evergreen Branch Library

1st Tuesdays Group
"Kim" by Rudyard Kipling
Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1:00 p.m.

Orchard Park Branch Library

1st Fridays Group
"Swan Peak" by James Lee Burke
Friday, Dec. 4, 1:00 p.m.

Rockwell Branch Library

Cozy Mystery - Last Mondays
"The Innocence of Father Brown" by G.K. Chesterton
Monday, Dec. 28, 1:00 p.m.

Westlink Branch Library

3rd Tuesdays Group
"The Miracle at Speedy Motors" by Alexander McCall Smith
Tuesday, Dec. 15, 12:45 p.m.

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 <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.
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 & in-service days
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See above for holiday hours.

Manage Your Library Account by Phone: 262-6991 Deaf Services TDD Line: 262-3972 ♻️ ADA Computer Workstation Available

All Wichita Public Library locations offer public internet access and materials depositories.

Check the Library catalog and manage your account online at www.wichita.lib.ks.us.