

# April

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## Your monthly guide to the Wichita Public Library ● April 2011

All events are FREE unless noted. Seating is limited. The Central Library can accommodate larger groups; call 316-261-8500. Accommodations for those with special needs are available. Please request at 261-8500 a minimum of 48 hours in advance of the event. Programs are made possible by the City of Wichita, Wichita Public Library Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities and Friends of the Wichita Public Library. Technology training is made possible by the John L. and James S. Knight Foundation and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

### “The Wartime Escape: Margret & H.A. Rey’s Journey from France”

More than three generations have grown up reading "Curious George." But few know about the incredible journey of his creators, Margret and H.A. Rey, to escape the Nazi invasion of Paris during World War II. This exhibition tells their story through prints by Allan Drummond and supplemental archival images.

The Jewish couple fled Paris in June 1940, starting a five month odyssey that would eventually bring them to American shores. More than just the tale of a rousing escape from occupied France, this traveling exhibition celebrates a timeless survival story and serves as a potent reminder of the power of human creativity.

The exhibit is a program of ExhibitsUSA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Its Wichita visit is made possible by the Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation.

#### Central Library

Exhibit continues through Saturday, April 30

#### Curious George Goes to the Library

Listen to a Curious George story, act like a monkey as we sing songs, and make a monkey craft for ages 3-7. (30-45 minutes)

#### Central Library

7 p.m., Tuesday, April 5

#### Who’s Curious? George--That’s Who!

H.A. and Margret Rey’s monkey has been beloved for generations. Come for a story, crafts, and fun for ages 4-8. (60 minutes)

#### Alford Branch Library

7 p.m., Thursday, April 7



Allan Drummond, *Endpapers – The Atlantic*, 2005, modern reproduction of watercolor and ink on paper, 15 1/4 x 22 3/8 inches, courtesy Allan Drummond and Institute for Holocaust Education, Omaha, NE.

#### Senior Wednesday: Our Only Hope -- Eddie’s Holocaust

#### Story & the Weisz Family Correspondence

Dr. Keith Pickus, Associate Provost and Professor of Modern German and European History at Wichita State University, presents the deeply personal account of Holocaust survivor Eddie Weisz, a German Jew who immigrated to the U.S. in 1938. Offered in cooperation with other cultural institutions in Wichita, Senior Wednesdays are designed for active seniors and made possible by the Kansas Health Foundation. See all listings at [www.seniorwednesday.org](http://www.seniorwednesday.org). (60 minutes)

#### Central Library

1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 13

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# Events for Children and Families

## Nursery Rhyme Time

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

### Central Library

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays through April 6

10:30 a.m., Fridays through April 8

### Rockwell Branch Library

10:30 a.m., Tuesdays through April 5

### Westlink Branch Library

10:30 a.m., Thursdays through April 7

10:30 a.m., Fridays through April 8

## 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

10:30 a.m., Tuesdays through April 5

### Rockwell Branch Library

10:30 a.m., Thursdays through April 7

## Preschool Storytime

Stories, fingerplays and more for ages 3-6. Evergreen's sessions are bilingual (English and Spanish). (30 minutes)

### Central Library

10:30 a.m., Tuesdays through April 5

10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 2

### Alford Branch Library

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays through April 6

### Evergreen Branch Library

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays through April 6

### Rockwell Branch Library

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays through April 6

### Westlink Branch Library

10:30 a.m., Tuesdays through April 5 (children only)

## Young Artists' Exhibits

In celebration of the Week of the Young Child (April 10-16), the Library is hosting exhibits of artwork based on books by budding artists in early childhood programs. Exhibits will be up throughout the month of April. Visit your closest branch library to see what the creative children in your neighborhood are learning!

## Central Library

### Baby's First Storytime

Music, rhymes and stories for parents with babies up to one year. (20 minutes)

11:15 a.m., Wednesdays through April 6

### Curious George Goes to the Library

See front page for description.

7 p.m., Tuesday, April 5

## Alford Branch Library

### Who's Curious? George--That's Who!

See front page for description.

7 p.m., Thursday, April 7

### Toys and Their Stories

Do your favorite toys have stories of their own? Bring a favorite toy so we can learn their stories and they can hear some of ours. For ages 3-5. (30 minutes)

7 p.m., Thursday, April 14

## Evergreen Branch Library

### Puppet Show

For children aged 3-8 with family. (20-35 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 6

## Westlink Branch Library

### Signing Time: A Toddler Sign Language Storytime

Enjoy stories, action songs and rhymes with simple signs in American Sign Language for ages 2-3 with an adult helper. Registration required; call the Westlink Branch Library at 337-9456. (30 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Mondays through Apr. 4

### Family Storytime

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

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays through April 6

### Puppet Show: "The Boy Who Always Obeyed"

For children aged 3-8 with family. (20-35 minutes)

7 p.m., Thursday, April 7

# Events for Teens

## Central Library

### Extreme Food Challenge

Think you can stomach such things as clam juice, pickled pig's feet or crickets? Join us as a contestant or watch your friends try to consume unusual foods while you create culinary masterpieces. For ages 12-17. (90 minutes)  
2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 2

## Alford Branch Library

### The Poet's Stage

Are you a poet? Or do you like to read poetry? Bring your work, or the works of others, to share on the Poet's Stage. Prizes and refreshments will be your reward. It's National Poetry Month, so let's celebrate! For ages 12-17. (60 minutes)  
2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 9

## Teen Volunteers Needed -- Apply Starting April 1!

The Summer Reading Club begins May 26, but we can't have a successful summer without the help of outstanding teen volunteers. We need your help! Sign up as a teen volunteer and assist your library in helping thousands of youth learn more about the world around them. Ask at your favorite library location for an application starting Friday, April 1.

## Monthly Book Discussions

Registration is not required. (60 minutes)

### Central Library

3rd Tuesdays Group

"The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold

7 p.m., Tuesday, April 19

### Alford Branch Library

Masters of Mystery (4th Wednesdays) Group

"Art of Detection" by Laurie King

7 p.m., Wednesday, April 27

### Evergreen Branch Library

1st Tuesdays Group

"Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson

1 p.m., Tuesday, April 5

1st Thursdays Group

"Stolen Horses" by Dan O'Brien

7 p.m., Thursday, April 7

### Orchard Park Branch Library

1st Fridays Group

"From Here to Eternity" by James Jones

1 p.m., Friday, April 1

### Rockwell Branch Library

Cozy Mystery (Last Mondays)

"The Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder" by Joanne Fluke

1 p.m., Monday, April 18

### Westlink Branch Library

3rd Tuesdays Group

"The Help" by Kathryn Stockett

12:45 p.m., Tuesday, April 19

# Events for Adults

## Central Library

### Senior Wednesday: Our Only Hope

#### Eddie's Holocaust Story & the Weisz Family Correspondence

See front page for description.

1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 13

### Crafts 4 Fun: Ribbon Embroidery

Adults need creativity in their lives. This is your chance to come and learn a craft. Each month, we will work on different projects. In April, We will work on a small project to learn some of the stitches used with ribbon embroidery. Come have fun with us – we'll even provide the supplies! Registration is required and begins Wednesday, March 30; call 261-8506. (90 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 16

## Alford Branch Library

### Women Homesteaders in Federal Records

The Homestead Act was notable for its specific inclusion of women. A single, divorced or widowed woman, as long as she fulfilled all other requirements of the Act, was specifically granted the same rights to earn and hold property as a man. A large number of women thus became landholders in an age when many assume that they were unable to do so independently. For more information, visit [www.wichitagensoc.org](http://www.wichitagensoc.org). Cosponsored by the Wichita Genealogical Society. (2 hours)

1 p.m., Saturday, April 16

# Technology Training

Unless otherwise noted, registration is not required. Seating is limited. (Most 90 minutes)

## Central Library

### Introducing Microsoft Word

Create documents with Word 2007 and learn some of its tools and options. Basic mouse and keyboard skills are necessary.

10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 9

### Introduction to Foundation Center Online

Designed specifically for nonprofit organizations, this introduction provides instruction in foundation research and identification of potential funders using the Foundation Center's database, Foundation Directory Online. The session will also give an overview of the Foundation Center's resources available at Wichita Public Library for those seeking grants from foundations, corporations, and grant-making public charities. Registration is required; call 261-8500.

10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 14

### Hands-on Help

Drop by anytime during the session for help with your question. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 20

## Alford Branch Library

### Using Google Docs

Get started with Google Docs, a web-based word processor, spreadsheet and presentation service offered for free by Google. You can create, edit and share documents online and store any file up to 1 gigabyte. Basic mouse and keyboard skills are necessary.

2:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 12

## Westlink Branch Library

### Internet Basics

Learn about the Internet and how to use the web to find reliable information.

2:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 27

## April Closings

Easter: Sunday, April 24

Furlough Day: Monday, April 25

## 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 & in-services  
(Near Ross Pkwy & Hillside)

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

All Wichita Public Library locations offer Wi-Fi and materials depositories.

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