

March @ your library®

Your monthly guide to the Wichita Public Library • March 2012

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. Seating is limited. The Central Library can accommodate larger groups; call 261-8500. Programs are made possible in part by the City of Wichita, the Wichita Public Library Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Friends of the Wichita Public Library. Technology training is made possible by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Red Desert, Green Prairie, Blue Sky Photographing the West



This national traveling exhibit unites the efforts of eight photographers working on three separate photography projects seeking to illuminate the beauty, tragedy, and strength of a different geographic region. Experience a striking display of the cultural landscape of the Great Plains, featuring the Red Desert region of Wyoming, the prairie of central Kansas, and the *Llano Estacado* of northwest Texas and eastern New Mexico. The exhibit is a program of Exhibits USA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Photograph by Andrew John Liccardo, *Restaurant and Cotton Gin, Outside Levelland, TX, 2004*. Color photograph. Image: 8 7/8 x 24.

Exhibits USA



mid-america
arts alliance

Central Library

Typically available during business hours, Saturday, March 24, through Monday, April 30
Opening reception: 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 25

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WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY
The Discovery Center
www.wichita.lib.ks.us



Events for Children & 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 4

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

Rockwell Branch Library

10:30 a.m., Tuesdays through April 3

Westlink Branch Library

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

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

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 10

Rockwell Branch Library

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

Westlink Branch Library

Session 2: 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays, Feb. 28-April 3

Preschool Storytime

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

Central Library

10:30 a.m., Tuesdays through April 3

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

Alford Branch Library

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays through April 11

Evergreen Branch Library

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays through March 28 (bilingual)

Linwood Branch Library

10:30 a.m., Friday, March 2

Rockwell Branch Library

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays through April 4

Westlink Branch Library

10:30 a.m., Tuesdays through April 3 (children only)

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays through April 4

7 p.m., Thursdays through March 29 (no program March 15)

Make & Take Craft: Puzzled?

Solve your decorating dilemmas by creating masterpieces with puzzle pieces, paper and glue. For ages 4-10. (Available six hours)

Angelou Northeast Branch Library

11 a.m., Saturday, March 3

Linwood Branch Library

1:30 p.m., Monday, March 12

Orchard Park Branch Library

1:30 p.m., Monday, March 19

Central Library

Baby's First Storytime

Music, rhymes and stories for parent one-on-one time with babies up to 1 year old. (20 minutes)

11:15 a.m., Wednesdays through April 4

Fairy Tale Fun

Make crafts from your favorite fairy tales for ages 5-7. Registration begins Wednesday, March 7; call 261-8512. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20

Shape Up Your Drawing

Ages 8-11 will learn how to draw and make animals starting from shapes. Great for ambitious artists and casual cartoonists! Registration begins Wednesday, March 7; call 261-8512. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Thursday, March 22

Alford Branch Library

Go Green!

Children aged 7-10 will get creative with all things green. Please wear old clothes in case we get grimy! (60 minutes)

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

Wimpy Kids Party

Jeff Kinney's hilarious books are the basis for trivia, games, and crafts for ages 8-12. Be there or be square! Registration begins Wednesday, March 7; call 337-9119. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Thursday, March 22

Angelou Northeast Branch Library

Outer Space Race

Ages 7-11 will enjoy way-out space stories, wacky planets, and little green men hiding in the shelves! Registration begins Wednesday, Feb. 29; call 688-9580. (60 minutes)

6 p.m., Tuesday, March 20

Fantastic Flicks: "Spy Kids 2"

For ages 4 and up. Bring snacks if you wish. (100 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Thursday, March 22

Comotara Branch Library

Crafts to Go: Mini Magnets

Pick up a craft for ages 4-10 to make at home. (Available six hours)

11 a.m., Wednesday, March 21

Evergreen Branch Library

Superheroes Book Party

Go up and away with your custom cape and mask! That's not all: play superhero games for ages 7-10. Registration begins Wednesday, Feb. 22; call 303-8181. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3

Events for Children & Families

Linwood Branch Library

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

Stories, crafts and fun featuring H.A. & Margret Rey's monkey for ages 5-7. Registration begins Wednesday, March 7; call 337-9125. (60 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 21

Crafty Kids

Ages 5-10 will make a craft project (or two!). (60 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Friday, March 23

Rockwell Branch Library

Gross Science

Wear old clothes for simple (and slimy!) experiments for ages 7-10. Registration begins Wednesday, March 7; call 688-9361. (60 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20

Puppet Show: "The Three Wishes"

For children aged 3-8 with their families. (20-30 minutes)
10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 21

Fantastic Flicks: "Cars 2"

For ages 4 and up. Bring snacks if you wish. (110 minutes)
2 p.m., Thursday, March 22

Westlink Branch Library

Family Fun Time: "Party Time with Elephant & Piggie"

Participate in stories and activities for ages 3 and up based on Mo Willems' Elephant & Piggie characters. (45 minutes)
7 p.m., Thursday, March 15

"My Weird School" Book Party

Who wants to go on spring break at a school? It couldn't be better than the fun and games for ages 7-10 at Dan Gutman's "My Weird School." Registration begins Wednesday, March 7; call 337-9456. (60 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 21

Events for Teens (Ages 12-17)

Central Library

"Hunger Games" Book Party

Join in activities based on the series by Suzanne Collins. Registration begins Wednesday, March 7; call 261-8512. (60 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 17

Alford Branch Library

Beat the Clock

It's fun and laughs as teams compete to see if they can "beat the clock." Registration begins Wednesday, March 7; call 337-9119. (90 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20

Rockwell Branch Library

Ductagami

Come make amazing usable accessories with plain duct tape. Registration begins Wednesday, Feb. 22; call 688-9361. (60 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 10

Events for Adults

Central Library

Crafts 4 Fun: Egg Decorating

Have egg-stro-dinary fun! Registration begins Wednesday, Feb. 22; call 261-8506. Supplies provided. (60 minutes)
10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 10

Senior Wednesday: Alice Guy Blaché:

First Woman of Moving Pictures

Learn about the life and work of the first female director, Alice Guy Blaché. Senior Wednesdays are designed for active seniors age 55+ and offered in cooperation with nine other institutions across Wichita. (60 minutes)

1:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 14

Tuesday Topics: Health Care Funding

Considering that health care affects everyone, should the government require a minimal amount of health care coverage? Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch; drinks will be provided. Cosponsored by the League of Women Voters Wichita - Metro. (90 minutes)

11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 27

Alford Branch Library

What Are the Cuban Papers?

"The Cuban Papers" are an archive of Spanish colonial records for Florida, Louisiana, and Texas, beginning in the 1570s. Learn how to access them and use them to research your family history. Cosponsored by the Wichita Genealogical Society. (2 hours)

1 p.m., Saturday, March 17

Beginning Genealogy 101: Paths to the Past

The Wichita Genealogical Society show you how to research, compile, and share your family history. Registration required; fee. See www.wichitagensoc.org for full details. (90 minutes)

7 p.m., Thursdays, March 29-May 17

Evergreen Branch Library

Kid Lit for Adults: Beatrix Potter

Enjoy an informal discussion featuring three tales. Registration begins Wednesday, Feb. 22; call 303-8181. (2 hours)

10:15 a.m., Saturday, March 10

What I Hate About My House

Discover affordable ways to maximize space and easy decorating tips that will help you fall in love with your house again. Bring photos of your problem rooms to receive advice and ideas. (90 minutes)

2 p.m., Saturday, March 10

Rockwell Branch Library

Plenty of Love to Spare: Becoming a Foster Family

Learn more about how you can help a child who needs a family from Karen Lippoldt with the Salvation Army. (60 minutes)

7 p.m., Monday, March 12

Monthly Book Discussions

Discussions are open to the public. Registration is not required.

Central Library

3rd Tuesdays Group
"Case Histories: A Novel"
by Kate Atkinson
7 p.m., Tuesday, March 20

Alford Branch Library

Masters of Mystery
(4th Wednesdays) Group
"The Snowman" by Jo Nesbø
7 p.m., Wednesday, March 28

Evergreen Branch Library

1st Tuesdays Group
"The Age of Innocence"
by Edith Wharton
1 p.m., Tuesday, March 6

1st Thursdays Group

"Remarkable Creatures"
by Tracy Chevalier
7 p.m., Thursday, March 1

Orchard Park Branch Library

1st Fridays Group
"The Shipping News"
by E. Annie Proulx
1 p.m., Friday, March 2

Rockwell Branch Library

Cozy Mystery (Last Mondays)
"Death by Water"
by Kerry Greenwood
1 p.m., Monday, March 26

Westlink Branch Library

3rd Tuesdays Group
"The Turn of the Screw"
by Henry James
1 p.m., Tuesday, March 20

Technology Training Classes

Registration not required, but seating is limited.
(Most 90 minutes)

Central Library

Introducing Microsoft Excel

Create tables and solve problems with Microsoft's powerful spreadsheet program, Excel 2007. Basic mouse and keyboard skills are necessary. (90 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 20

Hands-on Help

Struggling with formatting your résumé? Don't know the best way to manage your digital photos? Need help finding reliable information on the Internet? We can help. Bring your specific question or project. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 21

Alford Branch Library

Borrowing Audiobooks & E-books

Learn how to download books from your library to portable devices, including many smartphones, e-book readers, and music players. Feel free to bring your portable device if you have one. Basic mouse and keyboard skills are necessary.

2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 27

Book a Librarian

Need one-on-one help? Book a librarian for a personal 30-minute session on computer basics, Microsoft Office programs or other tasks. Beginners welcome! Reservations are required at least one day in advance by calling (316) 261-8506. Offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays, between 10:15-11:30 a.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m., and Thursday afternoons, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

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2:30 p.m., Monday, March 12

Wichita Public Library Locations

Central Library 261-8500 223 S. Main (Near Douglas & Main)	Mon.-Thu. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.	Linwood 337-9125 1901 S. Kansas (Near Mt. Vernon & Hydraulic)	Mon. 12 - 8 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Closed Sat. and Sun.
Alford ☺ 337-9119 3447 S. Meridian (Near I-235 & S. Meridian)	Mon.-Thu. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.	Orchard Park 337-9084 4808 W. 9th (Near 9th & West)	Mon. 1 - 8 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Closed Sat. and Sun.
Angelou Northeast ☺ 688-9580 3051 E. 21st (Near 21st & Hillside)	Tues. 1 - 8 p.m. Wed.-Sat. 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Closed Mon.	Rockwell ☺ 688-9361 5939 E. 9th (Near 9th & Edgemoor)	Mon.-Thu. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.
Comotara 688-9350 2244 N. Rock Rd. <i>Inside Dillons</i>	Mon., Wed., Thu. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Tues., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. (At 21st & Rock)	Westlink ☺ 337-9456 8515 Bekemeyer (Near Central & Tyler)	Mon.-Thu. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.
Evergreen ☺ 303-8181 2601 N. Arkansas (At 25th & Arkansas)	Mon.-Thu. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.	Planeview Community Library (Operated by Colvin Elementary School) 973-7609 2820 S. Roosevelt (Near Ross Pkwy & Hillside)	Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., except school holidays & in-service days

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.

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

The End of the "Rainbow" is Near

"Read the Rainbow," the Adult Winter Reading Program, ends Thursday, March 8! Be sure to turn in your entries on time.