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To enjoy **MCPL360 virtual programs**, go to our Facebook page at facebook.com/MCPL360 on the scheduled day and time.

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Checkout our **MCPL YouTube** channel at youtube.com/MCPLMO. We archive a number of our programs here for on-demand viewing.
The Beatles' Alter Ego, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band (Zoom)
Since its release in 1967, The Beatles’ Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band has often been regarded as the single greatest rock album ever made and one of the first rock concept albums. Review the landmark album and the development of the songs with Beatles scholar Aaron Krerowicz. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Wednesday, September 7 7:00 p.m.

A Hollywood Halloween (Zoom)
Creep into the spooky side of classic Hollywood! Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she details the production of classic horror films, notable stars of the genre, and the legacy of these films and stars today. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Wednesday, October 26 7:00 p.m.

Día de los Muertos
Learn about Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and its cultural significance from the Mattie Rhodes Center. Afterwards, make tin ornaments. Ages 5 and up.
Antioch Branch
Monday, October 24 6:30 p.m.
Claycomo Branch
Saturday, October 22 3:00 p.m.
Green Hills Library Center
Friday, October 21 3:00 p.m.
Platte City Branch
Saturday, October 29 10:30 a.m.

Hollywood Goes to the Beach (Zoom)
Taking full advantage of sunny California’s climate, classic Hollywood films frequently featured beach sequences and sun-drenched stars. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she explores classic Hollywood stars and their ties to beach films, the beach movies’ influence on fashion, and memorable beach movie moments. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Thursday, August 11 7:00 p.m.

The History of Simon & Garfunkel (Zoom)
Often considered the thinking person’s rock ‘n’ rollers, Simon & Garfunkel was one of the most successful musical acts of the 1960s. Using audio and visual content, we will trace the arc of their career from their surprise teenybopper hit “Hey Schoolgirl” to the folk-rock classic “Sound of Silence.” Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Wednesday, August 31 7:00 p.m.

They’re Gonna Put Me in the Movies: The Beatles on Film (Zoom)
In addition to achieving tremendous success with their records, The Beatles also achieved great success with their movies. This program will discuss Beatles movies, tracing the band’s artistic evolution through observation and analysis of their films. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Wednesday, August 31 7:00 p.m.

History

So Hard to Die: Factors and Theories in the Death of Meriwether Lewis
Join Drs. David and Marti Peck, authors of So Hard to Die: A Physician and a Psychologist Explore the Mystery of Meriwether Lewis’s Death, as they discuss theories regarding Meriwether Lewis’s death. For adults.
Antioch Branch
Tuesday, September 13 7:00 p.m.
Midwest Genealogy Center
Tuesday, September 13 2:00 p.m.

Buffalo Soldiers and the Spanish-American War (Hybrid)
Learn about the African American soldiers who fought in the Spanish-American War. Hear about the Buffalo Soldiers’ participation in this war, which included fighting the Battle of San Juan Hill with Teddy Roosevelt. Registration is required. Ages 10 and up.
Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, September 14 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Wednesday, September 14 6:30 p.m.

Presidential Marriages and Romances
Join historian Tom Emery for an entertaining look at presidential marriages and romances. Emery will examine U.S. presidents such as Lincoln, Truman, McKinley, and Wilson while discussing the successes and failures of their marriages. For adults.
Antioch Branch
Tuesday, September 20 7:00 p.m.
Blue Springs North Branch
Monday, September 19 6:30 p.m.
Midwest Genealogy Center
Monday, September 19 2:00 p.m.
Riverside Branch
Tuesday, September 20 10:00 a.m.

The Gist Boys: Sequoyah and Howard Gratz (Zoom)
Hear the true stories of two men—linked by blood and literacy—at times of great strife and change in our country from writer Terry Foody. Sequoyah, inventor of the Cherokee syllabary, and Gratz, editor of the Kentucky Gazette, illuminate the importance of language and a free press. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Tuesday, August 9 7:00 p.m.

What Did Lewis and Clark See?
Discover the fascinating animals and unique landscape Lewis and Clark saw on their historic expedition. Explore artifacts and learn more about the two explorers’ travels. Ages 8 and up.
Claycomo Branch
Saturday, August 27 4:00 p.m.
Excelsior Springs Branch
Tuesday, August 9 6:30 p.m.
Midwest Genealogy Center
Thursday, August 25 6:30 p.m.
North Independence Branch
Monday, August 22 6:00 p.m.
Withers Branch
Thursday, August 4 3:00 p.m.
Business

Biz Action Plan Workshop
In this five-week activity-based workshop, you will learn to assess a business idea and put together an action plan. No need to build a long business plan when a simple, actionable plan is all you need. For a bonus week at the end of the program, you will schedule an individual meeting with the instructor to create your action plan and a list of next steps to achieving your goals. Registration is required. For adults.

Woodneath Library Center
Week 1: Map Your Opportunities
Friday, August 12  10:00 a.m.
Week 2: Learning about Your Customers
Friday, August 19  10:00 a.m.
Week 3: Developing a Lite Marketing Plan
Friday, August 26  10:00 a.m.
Week 4: Show Me the Money
Friday, September 2  10:00 a.m.
Week 5: Look Before You Leap
Friday, September 9  10:00 a.m.

How to Start a Business in Blue Springs
Have you ever wanted to open your own business but were a bit intimidated by the process? This two-hour class will walk you through the steps of how to open and grow your business in Blue Springs. Learn about local resources in the community that can help you write a business plan, organize your business structure, and find the right location, and how to receive local, state, and federal licensing. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch
Saturday, October 8  10:00 a.m.

Individual Resume Writing Session
Get 90 minutes of personal attention to polish up your resume or create a new one from scratch. An easy-to-use template will be provided, and our specialist will help you find the right words to make your experience shine. This service is offered by appointment at every MCPL branch. Schedule your session at mymcpl.org/square-one/specialists.

CareerOnline High School
Earn your accredited high school diploma online, on your schedule. You’ll get 1-on-1 support to help you succeed. Be ready for college or to advance your career.

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Register online at mymcpl.org/Events.
Early Literacy

Babies Who Build
Play is a great way to develop early literacy skills for writing and imagining. Create lasting memories with your young architect as they enjoy building with different blocks. Designed for ages up to 2 years.

Antioch Branch  Thursday, August 11  10:00 a.m.
Blue Springs North Branch  Friday, October 21  10:00 a.m.
Colbern Road Library Center  Saturday, August 13  10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 8  10:00 a.m.
South Independence Branch  Friday, August 19  10:00 a.m., Friday, September 16  10:00 a.m.

Early Literacy Fair
Parents and caregivers, along with their children ages birth through 6, are invited to an open house-style event to explore many of the Library’s early literacy resources. A variety of fun activities will be provided as we play and learn together!

Antioch Branch  Saturday, September 17  1:00 p.m.
North Independence Branch  Saturday, September 3  3:00 p.m.
Oak Grove Branch  Thursday, September 29  5:00 p.m.

Storytimes
Hear stories, sing songs, join in movement activities, and create memories together. A cornerstone of our Grow A Reader initiative and designed for children of all ages, MCPL storytime helps build verbal, listening, reading, writing, sharing, and rhyming skills and engages creativity, imagination, and play. Come share the early literacy experience with the whole family! Registration is required. Find schedules at mymcpl.org/Storytime.

Grow A Reader Virtual Storytime (Zoom)
Join Library staff for live virtual storytimes for your littles (and maybe for you too)! We will bring stories and songs directly to your home! Be prepared to dance and sing along with your storytime favorites! Registration is required. If you are unable to make our Zoom storytimes, check out our Virtual Storytime page for our storytime archive and more: mymcpl.org/Storytime. Ages 3 and up.

Virtual Branch
Fridays 10:00 a.m.

Play and Learn
Enjoy a special preschool playtime designed to stimulate young minds and strengthen early literacy skills. There will be exhilarating and fun activities and the opportunity to meet other preschoolers and caregivers. The open playtime allows you to come and go as your schedule permits.

Antioch Branch
Monday, August 15  6:00 p.m., Monday, September 19  6:00 p.m., Monday, October 17  6:00 p.m.
Blue Springs North Branch
Tuesday, August 2  10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 6  10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 4  10:00 a.m.
Blue Springs South Branch
Friday, August 12  10:00 a.m., Friday, August 26  10:00 a.m., Friday, September 9  10:00 a.m., Friday, September 23  10:00 a.m., Friday, October 14  10:00 a.m., Friday, October 28  10:00 a.m.
East Lee’s Summit Branch
Friday, August 5  10:00 a.m., Friday, August 19  10:00 a.m., Friday, September 2  10:00 a.m., Friday, September 16  10:00 a.m., Friday, September 30  10:00 a.m., Friday, October 14  10:00 a.m., Friday, October 28  10:00 a.m.
Excelsior Springs Branch
Thursday, August 11  10:30 a.m., Thursday, September 15  10:30 a.m., Thursday, October 20  10:30 a.m.
Grain Valley Branch
Tuesdays 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.
Grandview Branch
Tuesdays 11:00 a.m., Thursdays 4:00 p.m.
Oak Grove Branch
Thursday, August 4  6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 9  10:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 10  10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 13  10:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 14  10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 11  10:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 12  10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 22  10:30 a.m.
Riverside Branch
Tuesday, August 16  6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 20  6:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 18  6:30 p.m.
South Independence Branch
Thursday, September 8  10:00 a.m.
Woodneath Library Center
Saturday, September 17  10:30 a.m.
**Entertainment**

**Block Building at the Library**
Who doesn’t love building with hard plastic shapes! Our plastic brick building time includes free builds, challenge builds, and themed builds. Visit your branch and show off your building skills! Ages 6 and up.

- **Antioch Branch**
  - Monday, August 29
  - 6:30 p.m.

- **Blue Springs North Branch**
  - Thursday, September 8
  - 6:30 p.m.

- **East Lee’s Summit Branch**
  - Monday, August 22
  - 6:00 p.m.

- **Grandview Branch**
  - Thursday, September 22
  - 5:30 p.m.

- **Kearney Branch**
  - Thursday, August 29
  - 6:30 p.m.

- **North Independence Branch**
  - Monday, August 15
  - 6:00 p.m.

- **Oak Grove Branch**
  - Thursday, August 18
  - 6:30 p.m.

- **Raytown Branch**
  - Tuesday, August 2
  - 10:00 a.m.

- **Withers Branch**
  - Thursday, August 25
  - 3:00 p.m.

**Family Games**
Meet at the Library for gaming fun! Drop in to try a board game from the Library’s special collection with fellow gamers. We will have a selection of classic and not-so-classic games for you to play with your family and friends. Ages 6 and up.

- **Antioch Branch**
  - Monday, August 15
  - 6:30 p.m.
  - Monday, September 12
  - 6:30 p.m.
  - Monday, October 10
  - 6:30 p.m.

- **Blue Ridge Branch**
  - Wednesday, August 17
  - 6:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday, September 19
  - 6:00 p.m.

- **Blue Springs North Branch**
  - Monday, September 12
  - 6:00 p.m.

- **Riverside Branch**
  - Monday, September 26
  - 6:30 p.m.

- **Smithville Branch**
  - Saturday, October 8
  - 2:30 p.m.

- **South Independence Branch**
  - Saturday, September 10
  - 2:00 p.m.

- **Withers Branch**
  - Thursday, September 8
  - 3:00 p.m.

**It’s Your First Day of School, Busy Bus!**
Celebrate the start of the school year with crafts, activities, and a special reading of It’s Your First Day of School, Busy Bus! Ages 4 and up.

- **Antioch Branch**
  - Thursday, August 11
  - 2:00 p.m.

- **East Lee’s Summit Branch**
  - Tuesday, August 16
  - 10:00 a.m.

- **Weston Branch**
  - Saturday, August 20
  - 11:00 a.m.

- **Woodneath Library Center**
  - Saturday, August 20
  - 2:00 p.m.

**Pencil: A Story with a Point!**
You would be surprised all that you can do with a pencil. Join author Ann Ingalls as she reads her book, Pencil: A Story with a Point! Learn how pencils are made and all the things they can do in addition to writing. Then make a fancy pencil topper to take home. Ages 5 and up.

- **Blue Springs North Branch**
  - Monday, August 1
  - 10:00 a.m.

- **Grandview Branch**
  - Saturday, August 27
  - 3:30 p.m.

**Kids sBOOKtacular Party**
Are you ready for the spooky season? Come hear an eerie tale, play chillingly fun games, make ghoulish creations, and check out our favorite hair-raising books at this thrilling party! Wear a costume or come as you are for this terribly enjoyable event! Ages 6 and up.

- **Blue Ridge Branch**
  - Monday, October 31
  - 4:00 p.m.

- **Blue Springs North Branch**
  - Thursday, October 13
  - 6:00 p.m.

- **Blue Springs South Branch**
  - Friday, October 28
  - 2:00 p.m.

- **Colbern Road Library Center**
  - Friday, October 14
  - 3:30 p.m.

- **Excelsior Springs Branch**
  - Saturday, October 29
  - 3:00 p.m.

- **Kearney Branch**
  - Thursday, October 20
  - 6:30 p.m.

- **North Independence Branch**
  - Saturday, October 29
  - 3:00 p.m.

- **Oak Grove Branch**
  - Thursday, October 27
  - 5:30 p.m.

- **Parkville Branch**
  - Tuesday, October 18
  - 6:30 p.m.

- **Raytown Branch**
  - Wednesday, October 19
  - 6:00 p.m.

- **South Independence Branch**
  - Saturday, October 15
  - 2:00 p.m.

- **Withers Branch**
  - Thursday, October 6
  - 3:00 p.m.

- **Woodneath Library Center**
  - Monday, October 24
  - 6:30 p.m.

**Films, Videos, and Images**

**Family Movie: Coco**
From family classics to new releases, come watch a movie at the Library! Ages 6 and up.

- **Antioch Branch**
  - Monday, October 31
  - 6:30 p.m.

- **Blue Ridge Branch**
  - Friday, October 7
  - 3:30 p.m.

- **Blue Springs South Branch**
  - Monday, October 24
  - 6:30 p.m.

- **Buckner Branch**
  - Tuesday, August 2
  - 5:30 p.m.

- **Colbern Road Library Center**
  - Saturday, October 22
  - 2:00 p.m.

- **Grandview Branch**
  - Thursday, October 27
  - 5:30 p.m.

- **Lone Jack Branch**
  - Friday, October 28
  - 3:00 p.m.

- **Parkville Branch**
  - Tuesday, October 4
  - 6:30 p.m.

- **Smithville Branch**
  - Wednesday, September 14
  - 6:00 p.m.

- **Withers Branch**
  - Thursday, October 27
  - 3:00 p.m.

**BookFlix** helps foster a love of reading by pairing classic video storybooks with related nonfiction eBooks. [mymcpl.org/Kids](http://mymcpl.org/Kids)
Family Movie: *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*
From family classics to new releases, come watch a movie at the Library! Ages 6 and up.
- **Antioch Branch**
  - Monday, September 19 6:30 p.m.
- **Colbern Road Library Center**
  - Tuesday, August 30 6:00 p.m.
- **Lone Jack Branch**
  - Saturday, August 20 2:00 p.m.
- **North Independence Branch**
  - Monday, October 10 6:00 p.m.
- **Parkville Branch**
  - Tuesday, August 2 6:30 p.m.
- **Withers Branch**
  - Thursday, September 1 3:00 p.m.

Family Movie: *The House with a Clock in Its Walls*
From family classics to new releases, come watch a movie at the Library! Ages 6 and up.
- **Antioch Branch**
  - Monday, August 1 6:30 p.m.
- **Blue Ridge Branch**
  - Friday, September 2 3:30 p.m.
- **Lone Jack Branch**
  - Thursday, September 22 5:30 p.m.
- **Oak Grove Branch**
  - Thursday, October 20 5:30 p.m.

Family Movie: *Toy Story*
From family classics to new releases, come watch a movie at the Library! Ages 6 and up.
- **Blue Ridge Branch**
  - Friday, August 5 3:30 p.m.
- **Oak Grove Branch**
  - Thursday, October 20 5:30 p.m.

**Just for Kids Access Video**
contains a curated collection of educational and age-appropriate content with no advertising. Kids can stream trusted favorites like *Reading Rainbow*, *Arthur*, and *Sesame Street*, as well as instructional videos selected for Pre-K to 5th graders.
mymcpl.org/KidsScience

**Holidays**

**Beaded Jack-O-Lantern**
Add a special touch to this year’s fall decorating with a beaded jack-o-lantern! Join us for this two-part hands-on class. Each class lasts 90 minutes. There is a one-time materials fee of $15. For adults.
- **Blue Springs South Branch**
  - Tuesday, August 30 6:30 p.m.
  - Tuesday, September 6 6:30 p.m.
- **North Independence Branch**
  - Wednesday, October 5 6:30 p.m.
  - Wednesday, October 12 6:30 p.m.

**Boneyard Jamboree**
It’s a fantastic Halloween spooktacular, featuring Pumpkin Man, the invisible couple, spooky scary skeletons, Martians, and ghosts in a cabaret show full of trick marionettes that are a sure treat. All ages.
- **Blue Springs South Branch**
  - Saturday, October 15 2:00 p.m.
- **Grain Valley Branch**
  - Saturday, October 15 10:30 a.m.

**Pumpkin Yoga**
Kids will celebrate the change of season by learning “the pumpkin” and other autumn poses while they move, play games, listen to stories, and relax to the quiet sounds of falling leaves. Ages 6 and up.
- **Blue Ridge Branch**
  - Saturday, September 17 11:00 a.m.
- **Colbern Road Library Center**
  - Thursday, October 20 10:00 a.m.
- **East Lee’s Summit Branch**
  - Saturday, October 1 10:30 a.m.
- **Farview Neighborhood Library**
  - Saturday, October 29 11:00 a.m.
- **North Independence Branch**
  - Monday, October 24 10:00 a.m.
- **South Independence Branch**
  - Saturday, October 22 10:00 a.m.
- **Weston Branch**
  - Saturday, September 24 11:00 a.m.

**Calacas Revue**
Celebrate the Latino tradition of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) with this fun cabaret marionette puppet show with dancing skeletons, marigolds, and flames! All ages.
- **Grandview Branch**
  - Saturday, October 1 3:30 p.m.
- **Parkville Branch**
  - Saturday, October 8 11:00 a.m.

**KC Magic Man**
Take a magical journey into the world of illusions with KC Magic Man Brad Lynn. Be prepared to be amazed by his magical feats using cards, coins, cups, and more. Ages 3 and up.
- **Blue Springs North Branch**
  - Saturday, August 27 10:30 a.m.
- **Excelsior Springs Branch**
  - Saturday, September 10 3:00 p.m.
- **Withers Branch**
  - Thursday, September 15 3:00 p.m.

**Off the Deep End**
Discover the wonder of our oceans and why we need to protect them. Meet trash-talking puppets including a sea turtle, dolphins, and more as you journey into the ocean deep. Ages 3 and up.
- **Blue Springs North Branch**
  - Saturday, August 13 11:00 a.m.
- **Colbern Road Library Center**
  - Thursday, October 20 10:00 a.m.
- **East Lee’s Summit Branch**
  - Tuesday, September 20 6:30 p.m.
- **Platte City Branch**
  - Saturday, September 24 11:00 a.m.
- **Withers Branch**
  - Thursday, August 18 3:00 p.m.

**Techno Terry and the Digital Orchestra**
Join Techno Terry for a special one-person show featuring all sorts of music on an accordion. You will hear a variety of musical sounds including guitars, saxophones, pianos, trumpets, and more, as well as songs ranging from rock to Bach. All ages.
- **Blue Ridge Branch**
  - Wednesday, August 3 10:00 a.m.
- **Parkville Branch**
  - Tuesday, September 20 6:30 p.m.
- **Platte City Branch**
  - Saturday, September 24 11:00 a.m.
- **Withers Branch**
  - Thursday, August 18 3:00 p.m.
**Storytelling**

**Brother John’s Books Are My Best Friends Show**

Join motivational storyteller and vocalist Brother John in this humorous, interactive musical concert that explores and celebrates one of his favorite places in the whole wide world to hang out—the public library. Ages 4 and up.

- **Dearborn Branch**
  - Saturday, September 24
  - 2:00 p.m.

- **Platte City Branch**
  - Saturday, August 20
  - 11:00 a.m.

- **Withers Branch**
  - Thursday, October 13
  - 3:00 p.m.

**Corn Harvest**

Listen to storyteller Joyce Slater tell tales of plants, vegetables, and flowers. Afterwards, participants will have a chance to make a corn husk doll.

- **Ages 5 and up.**

- **Edgerton Branch**
  - Saturday, September 10
  - 3:00 p.m.

- **Excelsior Springs Branch**
  - Saturday, August 20
  - 3:00 p.m.

- **Grandview Branch**
  - Thursday, October 13
  - 5:30 p.m.

- **Weston Branch**
  - Saturday, September 10
  - 11:00 a.m.

- **Withers Branch**
  - Wednesday, September 28
  - 6:00 p.m.

**Jack-O-Lantern Tales for the Little Ones**

It’s Halloween fun for the littlest ghosts and goblins. Storyteller Joyce Slater will tell some fun, not-so-scary stories and sing songs about pumpkins and gourds, goblins, and Halloween night.

- **Ages 3 and up.**

- **Antioch Branch**
  - Monday, October 17
  - 6:30 p.m.

- **Kearney Branch**
  - Thursday, October 27
  - 1:30 p.m.

- **Riverside Branch**
  - Friday, October 21
  - 10:00 a.m.

- **Woodneath Library Center**
  - Saturday, October 8
  - 10:30 a.m.

**Unscary Scarecrows**

Join Jo and her not-so-scary scarecrows for a lively storyline about autumn and harvest time. Her kid-sized mascots will invite giggles during this fall festival of stories and sing-alongs.

- **Grandview Branch**
  - Saturday, September 3
  - 3:30 p.m.

- **Lee’s Summit Branch**
  - Saturday, October 1
  - 10:30 a.m.

**Crown Crafted Series Presents: Regina del Carmen (MCPL360)**

In September, the Crown Crafted Concert Series presents Kansas City singer, songwriter, rapper, and actress Regina del Carmen. Regina has participated in many events around the Kansas City area, including Day of the Dead at the Mattie Rhodes Art Center, Carnaval, Cinco de Mayo, and Fiesta Hispana, and is the current winner of Rock the Mic at Hamburger Mary’s KC! Registration is required. For adults.

- **Virtual Branch**
  - Thursday, September 22
  - 7:00 p.m.

**Crown Crafted Series Presents: The Black Creatures (MCPL360)**

In October, the Crown Crafted Concert Series presents Kansas City’s own Black Creatures. The Black Creatures are a darkpop hip-hop musical duo pulling elements from sci-fi to tell an interdimensional story. Registration is required. For adults.

- **Virtual Branch**
  - Thursday, October 27
  - 7:00 p.m.

Get creative with online art courses from Gale Courses, LinkedIn Learning for Library, Udemy Business, and Universal Class. Learn a new hobby or increase your skill in painting, drawing, photography, and more! mymcpl.org/TheArts
Beginning African American Genealogy (Hybrid)
Researching your African American ancestry can take you on an amazing journey to the names, places, and stories of your family. In this introductory-level class, you'll explore the basics of research and learn about federal, state, and local records available to anyone researching ancestors of African descent. Registration is required. For adults.
Midwest Genealogy Center
Monday, September 12 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Monday, September 12 6:30 p.m.

Brick Wall Discussion Group
Have you hit a brick wall in your genealogy research? You are not alone. Get together with others to share helpful information, network, and gather inspiration to help continue your genealogy project. This class will be held in person. For adults.
Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, August 31 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 28 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 27 2:00 p.m.

Brick Wall Discussion Group (Zoom)
Have you hit a brick wall in your genealogy research? You are not alone. Get together with others to share helpful information, network, and gather inspiration to help continue your genealogy project. Participation is essential. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Monday, August 8 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, September 15 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 12 6:30 p.m.

Census Records Research (Hybrid)
The U.S. Federal Census is a great place to start tracing your ancestors. Learn what census years are available, the information each contains, and how to access them. Registration is required. For adults.
Midwest Genealogy Center
Tuesday, August 16 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 13 10:30 a.m.
Virtual Branch
Tuesday, August 16 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 13 10:30 a.m.

East European Genealogy (Hybrid)
Learn which countries are considered part of Eastern Europe and explore the history of the region and the Slavic people. Learn how to start and focus your research, how to explore the records available, which U.S. websites may be helpful, and how to overcome a language barrier. Registration is required. For adults.
Midwest Genealogy Center
Saturday, September 17 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Saturday, September 17 2:00 p.m.

Cemetery Art for Genealogy (Hybrid)
Discover the meanings of commonly found tombstone icons, get an overview of changes in tombstone materials and design, and learn tips to maximize your family research. Registration is required. For adults.
Midwest Genealogy Center
Monday, October 31 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Branch
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German Special Interest Group
The German Special Interest Group presents and preserves genealogical information about the German regions, traces German ancestors, and fosters a better understanding of the lives they led. The group relies on everyone to participate and discuss the subject matter they know best. All skill levels are welcome. This class will be held in person. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center**
Saturday, October 15  2:00 p.m.

German Special Interest Group (Zoom)
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**Virtual Branch**
Sunday, October 16  2:00 p.m.

How to Date Old Photographs (Hybrid)
Discover how to uncover clues to help determine when a photograph was taken. Registration is required. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center**
Monday, August 1  6:30 p.m.
**Virtual Branch**
Monday, August 1  6:30 p.m.

Introduction to Internet Genealogy (Hybrid)
Discover the best genealogy websites for your research. This beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. Registration is required. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center**
Monday, August 22  6:30 p.m.
Monday, October 17  10:30 a.m.
**Virtual Branch**
Monday, August 22  6:30 p.m.
Monday, October 17  10:30 a.m.

Irish Records Research: The Colonial Period (Hybrid)
Learn about Ireland’s jurisdictions, online resources, and the information needed to trace your ancestors in Ireland in the early and late Colonial period. Registration is required. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center**
Wednesday, August 10  2:00 p.m.
**Virtual Branch**
Wednesday, August 10  2:00 p.m.

Irish Records Research: Waves of Migration (Hybrid)
Learn to trace your Irish ancestors as they emigrated from Ireland by studying pre-famine, famine, and post-famine periods in Ireland, church records, and civil registration records. This class picks up the research thread from Irish Records Research: The Colonial Period. Registration is required. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center**
Wednesday, August 17  2:00 p.m.
**Virtual Branch**
Wednesday, August 17  2:00 p.m.

Irish Special Interest Group
Anyone with an interest in Irish genealogy is welcome to join this group. Topics will include Irish culture, traditions, immigration, traveling to Ireland, research resources, brick wall questions, and more. This class will be held in person. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center**
Saturday, September 3  2:00 p.m.

Kids Celebrate Family History Month: Explore Your Family Tree
Have you ever wondered where your family came from? Bring your children to the Library and embark on a journey through your family’s past. Using our genealogy resources, you and your children will start your own family tree project to take home! This class will be held in person. Ages 6 and up.

**Midwest Genealogy Center**
Monday, October 24  6:30 p.m.
**Riverside Branch**
Monday, October 24  6:30 p.m.

Walkabout at MGC
Take a walk around MGC and learn about the valuable resources available for genealogy and history research. Each department will be explored as we tour the building, displays, periodicals, microforms, rare books, maps, and more. This is a beginner-level class. This class will be held in person. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center**
Friday, September 30  10:30 a.m.
National Archives Recorded Your Ancestors: Eight Tips to Using the NARA Collections

Did you know the National Archives may hold vital records about your ancestors? Discover tips for uncovering your ancestors’ records, including their military service, immigration, naturalization, and more. Learn which form to use, which archive to search, and how to appeal rejected requests. This class will be held in person.

For adults.

Grain Valley Branch
Wednesday, September 28  6:30 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Thursday, October 20  6:30 p.m.

Riverside Branch
Thursday, October 20  10:00 a.m.

Newspaper Databases at Mid-Continent Public Library (Hybrid)

Newspaper databases can be used to find genealogical information such as birth, marriage, and death records, obituaries, probate cases, and interesting information about your ancestors’ lives. Learn about the online newspaper databases accessible through MCPL. Registration is required. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, August 24  2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 19  6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, August 24  2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 19  6:30 p.m.

Polish Genealogy Research (Hybrid)

Did your ancestors come from Russian Poland, Galicia-Austria, or East or West Prussia? These regions may be now within the present boundaries of Poland. Learn basic techniques, resources available, how to deal with foreign records, and more. Registration is required. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Saturday, August 20  2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch
Saturday, August 20  2:00 p.m.

Researching Your German Ancestors (Hybrid)

Do you have a German ancestor in your family tree? Learn basic methods for German genealogy research. A brief history of Germany and formerly German lands will be presented, as well as resources available at Midwest Genealogy Center and online. Registration is required. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Tuesday, October 11  2:00 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Tuesday, October 11  2:00 p.m.

Tracing Immigrant Origins (Hybrid)

In order to find 19th and 20th-century genealogical records in a foreign county, you often need to know your ancestor’s hometown. Learn what records exist in the U.S. to help find where your immigrant ancestor was born. Registration is required.

For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Tuesday, August 30  10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 25  2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch
Tuesday, August 30  10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 25  2:00 p.m.

Using Findmypast (Hybrid)

Learn to search billions of records to find your ancestors from across the world. Records include U.S. and U.K. censuses, Irish records, and parish records from England and Wales. This class focuses on search tips and the types of records available on Findmypast.com.

This beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. Registration is required. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Tuesday, September 27  2:00 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Tuesday, September 27  2:00 p.m.

Using Fold3 (Hybrid)

Learn how to use Fold3 to access U.S. military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of veterans. This beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. Registration is required. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Tuesday, September 6  10:30 a.m.
Virtual Branch
Tuesday, September 6  10:30 a.m.

Using HeritageQuest (Hybrid)

Learn how to search thousands of resources, from history books to Revolutionary War records, with HeritageQuest Online.

This beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. Registration is required. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Tuesday, September 20  2:00 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Tuesday, September 20  2:00 p.m.

Using Interlibrary Loan for Genealogy (Hybrid)

Discover how Mid-Continent Public Library’s Interlibrary Loan service can help you access resources from other libraries across the country. This is a beginner-level class. Registration is required. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Thursday, September 8  6:30 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Thursday, September 8  6:30 p.m.
Join us this October to see how the Midwest Genealogy Center is celebrating National Family History Month! Visit to participate in activities throughout the month, including creating a family tree, a family recipe swap, family tree coloring sheets, one-hour oral history recordings, and classes for adults, teens, and kids. All activities and classes are free for the entire family. Watch MGC’s Facebook page to see when events and fun activities are planned, or stop by and see what it has to offer.

The MGC staff is always happy to welcome visitors any time of the year. For those who are just beginning to research their family history, they can help you dig so much deeper. Visit mymcpl.org/Genealogy to find tips for getting started and online resources that can be used from home, as well as events, tours, and classes offered all year long.

Visit the Midwest Genealogy Center to explore all the free resources needed to research your ancestry, and to meet the friendly reference staff on the floor who can help guide you. MGC is a great place to find out more about your family’s story and to have fun!
Local History

**Engineered Irony: Octave Chanute’s Kansas City Bridge**
Join historian David W. Jackson as he examines the engineering marvel that transformed frontier Kansas City into the metropolis of today. Learn about the fanfare that led up to the Hannibal Bridge’s dedication on July 3, 1869. Hear stories of the men and women who constructed the bridge and see never-before-compiled images. For adults.

- **Midwest Genealogy Center**
  - Saturday, August 6 2:00 p.m.
- **South Independence Branch**
  - Wednesday, September 14 7:00 p.m.

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- **North Independence Branch**
  - Monday, August 8 7:00 p.m.
- **Virtual Branch**
  - Monday, August 8 7:00 p.m.

**Kansas City Union Station Massacre (Zoom)**
Kansas City’s Union Station Massacre changed federal law enforcement in the United States. Join author and filmmaker Terence O’Malley as he recounts the chain of events that led to this infamous crime. Registration is required. For adults.

- **Virtual Branch**
  - Thursday, October 13 7:00 p.m.

**MCPL Book Groups** are a great way to explore and expand reading interests, meet new people, and enjoy dynamic conversations! Take a look at the below groups organized and facilitated by Library staff, and join the conversation!

- **Adult Book Groups** – Discuss a wide range of titles in both fiction and nonfiction with eclectic groups.
- **Teen Book Groups** – Discover popular Young Adult titles. (Ages 13 & up)
- **Tween Book Groups** – Explore the worlds of your favorite books through games, trivia, and hands-on activities. (Ages 10 & up)
- **Kids Book Groups** – Make your favorite books come to life by playing games and trivia and doing hands-on activities at your local branch. (Ages 8 & up)

Family Book Groups – Bring the family to your branch to hear stories and follow along with a copy. Reading aloud, along with games and activities, allows kids to hear and see new vocabulary in fun ways. (Ages 6 & up)

For schedules, groups, and topics, visit mymcpl.org/BookGroups.

My Community

**Noveltea and Coffee Too**
Ever wanted to join a book group to talk about books but didn’t want to be tied down to reading the group’s selection? This group is an informal discussion where members share what they’ve been reading, learn about new books and authors, and share their favorites. For adults.

- **Woodneath Library Center**
  - Monday, August 15 7:00 p.m.
  - Saturday, September 10 10:30 a.m.
  - Sunday, October 9 2:00 p.m.

**Read and Feed**
MCPL is partnering with Harvesters to provide free meals to kids 18 and younger. The meals are nutritious and shelf-stable. All ages.

- **Grandview Branch**
  - Monday–Friday 2:00 p.m.
  - (except when MCPL is closed)

**Walking Tours**

**Walking Tour of Parkville**
From its historic landmarks to its nature sanctuary, Parkville, Missouri, has a charm that’s perfect for a walking tour. The tour will start at the Parkville Farmers’ Market in English Landing Park, 8701 McAfee St., Parkville, MO 64152. For adults.

- **Parkville Branch**
  - Saturday, September 17 9:00 a.m.
- **Smithville Branch**
  - Thursday, September 8 9:00 a.m.

Did you know that homebound residents can have MCPL’s books, music, and movies delivered directly to their doorstep? Learn more at mymcl.org/LibraryByMail

Register online at mymcl.org/Events.
Animals and Nature

Fall in the Outdoors
There’s plenty to do in the cool months of fall. Join outdoor writer Brent Frazee as he covers everything from bicycling the Katy Trail to hiking the Ozark Trail to paddling Ozark streams. For adults.

Lee's Summit Branch
Thursday, October 27  6:30 p.m.
Riverside Branch
Thursday, September 15  10:00 a.m.

Fall in the Outdoors (Zoom)
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Virtual Branch
Thursday, September 8  7:00 p.m.

Meet Small Animals
Cats and dogs aren’t the only animals that make good pets. Join Theresa Harrington from Creatures By Theresa to meet some fun and unique small animals and learn about their needs and care. All ages.

Antioch Branch
Monday, August 8  6:30 p.m.
Dearborn Branch
Saturday, August 20  10:30 a.m.
Grandview Branch
Thursday, September 8  5:30 p.m.
Kearney Branch
Thursday, August 4  6:30 p.m.
Raytown Branch
Saturday, September 17  10:30 a.m.
South Independence Branch
Saturday, August 6  10:00 a.m.
Weston Branch
Saturday, October 8  11:00 a.m.

Operation Wildlife Presents: Barn Owls
Meet a live barn owl, and learn the natural history, characteristics, and other facts about these amazing birds of prey. Participants will receive building plans to construct their own nest box to help the conservation of barn owls. All ages.

Blue Springs South Branch
Saturday, August 27  11:00 a.m.
Colbern Road Library Center
Saturday, September 10  11:00 a.m.
Lee's Summit Branch
Thursday, August 18  6:30 p.m.
North Independence Branch
Monday, September 19  6:00 p.m.
Red Bridge Branch
Saturday, August 27  3:00 p.m.
Smithville Branch
Saturday, August 20  10:30 a.m.
South Independence Branch
Friday, September 23  10:00 a.m.

Science

Mad Science Demonstrates Kitchen Chemistry Workshop (Zoom)
Hunt for starch, sugar, and fats in foods, and investigate a living organism that helps bread rise. Directions will be given about how to make your very own Solar Cooker. Registration is required. Ages 6 and up.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, September 21  4:00 p.m.

Mad Science Demonstrates Up, Up, and Away
Learn to soar with Mad Science! Be amazed as the Mad Scientist demonstrates science fundamentals with hot air balloons, fireballs from candles, and a floating hovercraft! Ages 6 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch
Tuesday, August 23  10:00 a.m.

Mad Science Presents Adventures in Air
Discover how air is all around us and how its properties affect our daily lives. Ages 4 and up.

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Virtual Branch
Wednesday, October 19  4:00 p.m.

Mad Science Presents Crime Lab
Help the Mad Scientist solve a mystery using clues, forensic science, and observation. Come along as they test mystery fibers and liquids, check for clues at the scene, and reveal the perpetrator. Ages 7 and up.

Blue Springs South Branch
Monday, October 10  6:30 p.m.
Colbern Road Library Center
Saturday, August 27  11:00 a.m.
Grandview Branch
Thursday, August 11  5:30 p.m.
Lone Jack Branch
Saturday, September 24  2:00 p.m.
Woodneath Library Center
Monday, September 19  6:30 p.m.

Technology

Browser Basics: Browser Profiles (MCPL360)
In this bite-sized tutorial, we will learn what a browser profile is and how it can be used. Web browsers covered will include Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, and Mozilla Firefox. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, October 26  1:00 p.m.
**Cloud Storage**
Cloud storage allows you to save your files online so you can access them from anywhere at any time. Learn how to store your documents, music, and photos on a cloud storage system.

*Virtual Branch*
Friday, August 12 \ 1:00 p.m.

**Exploring Library Music Streaming Services (MCPL360)**
Did you know your Library card gives you access to music streaming services? We will learn about some of the great music resources available through MCPL. Registration is required. For adults.

*Virtual Branch*
Friday, September 9 \ 1:00 p.m.

**Getting Started with Bandcamp (MCPL360)**
Want to stream music and directly support artists? We will take a look at the popular music streaming site and explore some of its best features. Registration is required. For adults.

*Virtual Branch*
Friday, October 21 \ 1:00 p.m.

**Getting Started with GIMP: Part 2 (MCPL360)**
Join us in this multi-part series as we learn the basics of working with the free photo editor GIMP. In this class, we will explore working with layers. Registration is required. For adults.

*Virtual Branch*
Wednesday, August 3 \ 1:00 p.m.

**Getting Started with GIMP: Part 3 (MCPL360)**
Join us in this multi-part series as we learn the basics of working with the free photo editor GIMP. In this class, we will learn about adjusting brightness and contrast, and color. Registration is required. For adults.

*Virtual Branch*
Wednesday, August 24 \ 1:00 p.m.

**Getting Started with GIMP: Part 4 (MCPL360)**
Join us in this multi-part series as we learn the basics of working with the free photo editor GIMP. In this class, we will explore adding text to photos. Registration is required. For adults.

*Virtual Branch*
Wednesday, September 14 \ 1:00 p.m.
Getting Started with YouTube Music (MCPL360)
Do you love to stream music? We will take a look at YouTube’s dedicated music streaming site and explore some of its best features. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, August 19 1:00 p.m.

Getting to Know Your Computer
This hands-on program will introduce you to the basic features of a computer and how to use them. For adults.

Antioch Branch
Thursday, August 25 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 20 2:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch
Wednesday, September 28 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 27 3:00 p.m.

Buckner Branch
Tuesday, September 6 1:00 p.m.

East Lee’s Summit Branch
Thursday, September 1 6:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch
Thursday, August 18 2:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch
Monday, August 29 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch
Wednesday, September 14 2:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch
Tuesday, October 18 6:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch
Monday, October 17 6:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch
Monday, August 8 3:00 p.m.

Google Docs Basics: Add Images (MCPL360)
Learn how to add images to your document from your computer, the web, or the cloud. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, September 7 1:00 p.m.

Google Docs Basics: Headers and Footers (MCPL360)
Add headers and footers for page numbers, section subtitles, document dates, and many other uses. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, October 19 1:00 p.m.

Google Sheets Basics: Headers and Footers (MCPL360)
Add headers, footers, and page numbers to your spreadsheet. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, October 28 1:00 p.m.

Tech Talk
Whether you are a first-time computer user or have had lots of experience, there are always questions waiting to be asked about technology. Bring your questions to the branch, or just come to listen and learn from other participants. You can bring your own laptop computer or tablet. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch
Monday, August 1 6:30 p.m.
Monday, August 15 6:30 p.m.
Monday, September 19 6:30 p.m.
Monday, October 3 6:30 p.m.
Monday, October 17 6:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch
Thursday, September 15 2:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch
Monday, August 15 6:30 p.m.
Monday, September 19 6:30 p.m.
Monday, October 17 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch
Monday, October 17 7:30 p.m.

Lee’s Summit Branch
Thursday, September 29 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch
Wednesday, October 19 2:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch
Monday, September 19 6:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch
Thursday, August 4 6:30 p.m.

Windows Widgets: Alarms & Clock (MCPL360)
Join us to explore some useful tools available in Microsoft Windows. We will look at the Windows Alarms & Clock feature. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, September 30 1:00 p.m.

Windows Widgets: Microsoft Paint (MCPL360)
Join us to explore some useful tools available in Microsoft Windows. We will learn how to use Microsoft Paint to easily create and edit photos. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, August 10 1:00 p.m.

Windows Widgets: Windows Paint 3D (MCPL360)
Join us to explore some useful tools available in Microsoft Windows. We will learn how to create pictures, including 3D images. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, September 21 1:00 p.m.

Windows Widgets: Windows Photos App (MCPL360)
Join us to explore some useful tools available in Microsoft Windows. We will learn how to edit photos and videos in the Windows Photos app. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, August 31 1:00 p.m.

Word Basics: Illustrations Group Part 1 (MCPL360)
Learn how to insert a variety of pictures, shapes, and icons for an outstanding document. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, August 17 1:00 p.m.

Word Basics: Illustrations Group Part 2 (MCPL360)
Learn how to use WordArt or easily insert a screenshot into your document. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, August 26 1:00 p.m.

Word Basics: Using Headers and Footers (MCPL360)
Add headers and footers to your document for page numbers, section subtitles, document dates, and many other uses. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, September 28 1:00 p.m.
Arts Development

Chiefs Kingdom Painting Class
Calling all Chiefs fans! Create a 9x12 painting of a Chiefs’ arrowhead against the Kansas City skyline. A to Z Artistry will walk participants through the entire process, so no experience is necessary. For adults.

Antioch Branch
Wednesday, September 7 2:00 p.m.

Dearborn Branch
Saturday, October 1 10:30 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch
Saturday, September 17 10:30 a.m.

Grandview Branch
Wednesday, October 26 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center
Thursday, October 13 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch
Thursday, October 27 6:30 p.m.

Lee’s Summit Branch
Wednesday, September 7 2:00 p.m.

Platte City Branch
Thursday, October 20 6:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch
Tuesday, October 4 7:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Tuesday, October 11 6:30 p.m.

Let’s Create: Mexican Tin Art-Inspired Sugar Skulls
Learn about Mexican Tin Art, known as hojalata. Then make your own interpretation of this art form by creating tin art sugar skulls. Sugar skull art is a recognizable symbol used in the celebration of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). For adults.

Lee’s Summit Branch
Saturday, October 29 2:00 p.m.

Platte City Branch
Thursday, October 20 6:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch
Tuesday, October 4 7:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Tuesday, October 11 6:30 p.m.

Space & Self: Devan Shimoyama
Join Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art for a hands-on art activity inspired by Devan Shimoyama’s textured, vibrant portraits. Participants will explore their own identities through collage by creating and embellishing personal spaces that reflect their individuality. For adults.

Blue Springs South Branch
Tuesday, August 16 6:30 p.m.

Buckner Branch
Tuesday, August 9 1:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch
Wednesday, August 17 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch
Thursday, September 8 6:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Tuesday, August 23 6:30 p.m.

Van Ghooooost Painting (MCPL360)
Create a ghooooostly masterpiece just in time for Halloween. Artist and teacher Sarah Poff will guide you through the painting process while sharing information about van Gogh and his style of painting. Materials needed: red, yellow, blue, black, and white paint (acrylic, tempera, or watercolor), a surface to paint on (watercolor paper, illustration board, poster board, masonite boards, stretched canvas, or canvas), masking tape, brushes (several sizes), a blow dryer, water, and paper towels. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, September 14 2:00 p.m.

Crafts and Hobbies

Board Game Swap for Adults
Have some board games that you’re bored with? Bring them to our Board Game Swap! Take this opportunity to bring in the games you no longer play and swap with others who are in the same situation. Board, tabletop, card, and dice games are welcome. There will also be a selection of games set up and ready to be played! Please make sure all the pieces are included in the games you bring to swap. For adults.

Smithville Branch
Saturday, October 15 3:00 p.m.

Craft Group
Creating your own works of art is one of the best ways to express yourself and share good will. Join us to meet new people, create new items, and even learn a thing or two. Quilt, knit, scrapbook, crochet, and more! Call the branch for meeting details.

Antioch Branch
Monday, August 15 10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 19 10:00 a.m.

Monday, October 17 10:00 a.m.

Claycomo Branch
Friday, August 5 10:00 a.m.

Friday, September 2 10:00 a.m.

Friday, October 7 10:00 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch
Tuesday, August 2 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 6 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 4 1:00 p.m.

Introduction to Crochet
Learn the basics of crochet during this two-session class, and create a unique mug rug that uses beginning stitches and techniques. Supplies needed: one skein yarn (weight number 4) and a crochet hook (size G or H). For adults.

Blue Springs South Branch
Tuesday, October 18 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25 6:30 p.m.

Lee’s Summit Branch
Wednesday, September 7 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 14 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch
Thursday, September 22 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 29 7:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Tuesday, September 13 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 20 6:30 p.m.
Culinary

**Instant Pot Cooking**
Is that Instant Pot you received as a gift still in its box? Learn tips and tricks for putting it to use, and go home with some awesome recipes to get you started. For adults.

**Lee’s Summit Branch**
Tuesday, September 27 6:30 p.m.

**Lone Jack Branch**
Monday, October 24 10:00 a.m.

**North Independence Branch**
Wednesday, September 28 7:00 p.m.

**Red Bridge Branch**
Saturday, August 20 2:00 p.m.

**Smithville Branch**
Saturday, September 17 4:30 p.m.

**Woodneath Library Center**
Saturday, September 24 10:30 a.m.

Health and Well-Being

**Address the Stress**
Everyone experiences stressful situations at some time or another. While stress can’t be eliminated, you can learn tips to manage your response and minimize its effects on your life. For adults.

**Colbern Road Library Center**
Monday, September 19 6:00 p.m.

**Red Bridge Branch**
Saturday, October 15 3:00 p.m.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**
The Library is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross to help ensure reliable blood inventories in our area and beyond. To review donor eligibility requirements or make an appointment to donate, visit redcrossblood.org. Please allow an hour for your donation, and bring a photo ID. For adults.

**Lee’s Summit Branch**
Friday, August 5 1:00 p.m.

**North Independence Branch**
Tuesday, August 16 10:00 a.m.

**Raytown Branch**
Wednesday, October 5 1:00 p.m.

**South Independence Branch**
Tuesday, September 27 1:00 p.m.

**Withers Branch**
Monday, August 8 11:00 a.m.

**Basic Yoga**
Join this three-week restorative yoga class to learn basic poses and relaxation techniques. All levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or towel. For adults.

**Lone Jack Branch**
Monday, September 12 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, September 19 10:00 a.m.**

**Monday, September 26 10:00 a.m.**

**Boosting the Immune System**
A strong immune system is important for staying healthy and keeping contagious illnesses at bay. This program focuses on five ways to support your immune system and give yourself the best chance to fight off illness. For adults.

**Edgerton Branch**
Saturday, September 10 11:00 a.m.

**Excelsior Springs Branch**
Wednesday, September 21 6:30 p.m.

**Chair Yoga**
If you’ve always wanted to try yoga but have trouble with mobility, this three-week chair yoga class is for you. Learn basic poses, simple breathing exercises, and slow-paced stretches. Wear comfortable clothing. For adults.

**Antioch Branch**
Tuesday, August 9 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 16 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 23 7:00 p.m.

**Red Bridge Branch**
Saturday, September 10 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, September 17 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, September 24 11:00 a.m.

**Essential Oils: The Botanical Basics and Benefits (Zoom)**
Curious about essential oils and how to use them? Come learn the basics about how they are made and how they can improve your overall well-being. You will leave with a short list of the “essential” essential oils to have in your home medicine cabinet. Registration is required. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**
Tuesday, August 16 7:00 p.m.

**More Than a Feeling: Supporting the Body through Grief (Zoom)**
Grief is more than an emotional feeling. It can be hard to articulate and understand how it translates into our physical bodies. Learn what causes grief, how it manifests in the body, treatment options available, and how plant medicine and herbal remedies can support a body moving through the grief process. Registration is required. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**
Tuesday, October 11 7:00 p.m.
The Kids Are Not All Right (Zoom)
Children need reassurance that they are safe in this world. Childcare providers are instrumental in creating nurturing environments and helping children gain lifelong coping skills and develop emotional literacy. Join therapist Vladimir Sainte to learn tools to assist in supporting and cultivating emotional growth in children. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Tuesday, September 29 7:00 p.m.

Parenting
Keeping Your Child Safe Online
Are you concerned about your child’s online safety? This program will introduce you to different strategies for keeping your child safe in today’s digital world. For adults.
Grandview Branch
Monday, October 3 6:30 p.m.
Kearney Branch
Monday, August 15 7:30 p.m.
Platte City Branch
Thursday, August 11 6:00 p.m.
Red Bridge Branch
Saturday, September 10 3:00 p.m.

Personal Finance
Medicare Educational Seminar
Learn about the 2022/2023 Medicare changes; what original Medicare covers; and the real differences between Part C, Part D, and Medicare supplement plans. For adults.
Blue Ridge Branch
Wednesday, October 12 11:00 a.m.
Lee’s Summit Branch
Monday, October 24 6:30 p.m.
Riverside Branch
Thursday, August 18 10:00 a.m.

Home and Garden
Designing a Rain Garden with Native Perennials
Rain gardens are beautiful landscape elements that catch and absorb storm water runoff. They’re easy to build and provide habitat and nectar sources for bees, birds, and butterflies. Join us to learn how to design and build your own rain garden. For adults.
Blue Springs North Branch
Thursday, August 18 7:00 p.m.
Claycomo Branch
Monday, September 19 6:30 p.m.
Colbern Road Library Center
Monday, September 12 6:00 p.m.
Grandview Branch
Wednesday, September 28 6:30 p.m.
Kearney Branch
Thursday, September 8 6:30 p.m.
Lee’s Summit Branch
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Oak Grove Branch
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Platte City Branch
Thursday, August 25 6:00 p.m.
Riverside Branch
Monday, August 1 6:30 p.m.
South Independence Branch
Wednesday, August 31 4:30 p.m.

Minimalism: Enhance Your Life with Less
Decorating magazines and blogs show great examples of minimalist design. Join Lisa Holiman with Breath of Fresh Flair as she goes a step further and shares how these concepts affect us in everyday life and the benefits of living with less stuff. For adults.
Lee’s Summit Branch
Thursday, August 25 6:30 p.m.
Riverside Branch
Monday, October 3 6:30 p.m.
Woodneath Library Center
Tuesday, August 16 6:30 p.m.

The Joy of Perennials (ZOOM)
Perennial flowers, with their bright colors and long life, are an excellent addition that can liven up any garden. Join experienced gardener Mark Lyons to learn how to cultivate these beautiful garden gems and how to choose the best and hardiest specimens for our region. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Tuesday, August 30 7:00 p.m.

These online resources can be accessed through the Library’s website with your Library card and provide information related to your home and garden. Find them at mymcl.org/OnlineResources.

Gardening and Horticulture
Search by publication to access and browse gardening favorites, or do a subject search to dig into a specific topic like growing perennials.

Home Improvement
Access articles with great tips and tutorials about gardening for all skill levels—with no advertisements to wade through.
**Medicare Educational Seminar (Hybrid)**

Learn about the 2022/2023 Medicare changes; what original Medicare covers; and the real differences between Part C, Part D, and Medicare supplement plans. Registration is required. For adults.

**East Lee's Summit Branch**
Wednesday, October 12  7:00 p.m.

**Virtual Branch**
Wednesday, October 12  7:00 p.m.

**Medicare Part D Enrollment Event**

Sign up for a one-on-one appointment with a trained CLAIM counselor who can answer your questions about your Part D or Advantage plan. CLAIM is Missouri’s State Health Assistance Insurance Program and offers free, confidential, and unbiased Medicare counseling and education to Missouri’s Medicare beneficiaries. Call 800.390.3330 to make your appointment. For adults.

**Blue Springs North Branch**
Saturday, October 22  10:00 a.m.

**Dearborn Branch**
Wednesday, October 26  10:00 a.m.

**Grain Valley Branch**
Thursday, October 20  10:00 a.m.

**North Independence Branch**
Saturday, October 15  10:30 a.m.

**Special Needs and Disability Planning (Hybrid)**

Discover tools to help with the challenges of accessing and affording care for loved ones with intellectual or developmental disabilities. This program will help you understand certain aspects of special needs planning, such as care management and the benefits of establishing a special needs trust. Registration is required. For adults.

**East Lee’s Summit Branch**
Thursday, September 22  7:00 p.m.

**Virtual Branch**
Thursday, September 22  7:00 p.m.

**Self-Development**

**Conoce Tus Derechos/ Know Your Rights**

Conoce tus Derechos, de AIRR brinda a los miembros de la comunidad que se ven directamente afectados por estas políticas de inmigración información sobre sus derechos. No importa dónde nací o cuál es su estado migratorio, tiene derechos bajo la constitución. Durante esta presentación, repasamos sus derechos en el hogar, la calle, las paradas de tráfico y el lugar de trabajo. Después de esta presentación, el objetivo de AIRR es que la mayor cantidad posible de miembros de la comunidad se sientan seguros de su conocimiento de sus derechos para poder ejercerlos y mantenerse a salvo ellos y sus familias. AIRR’s Know Your Rights training provides knowledge to community members who are directly impacted by immigration policies about their rights at home, in the street, during traffic stops, and in the workplace. AIRR’s goal is to educate, train, and empower community members to feel confident with their knowledge of their rights. For adults.

**Grandview Branch**
Wednesday, September 14  6:30 p.m.

**Red Bridge Branch**
Thursday, August 4  6:30 p.m.

**Smithville Branch**
Thursday, August 18  6:30 p.m.

**Withers Branch**
Thursday, October 20  7:00 p.m.

**Writing**

**Kids Creative Writing: Write a Silly Story**

Learn how to write silly stories using our fun and creative prompts. Participants will write a short story together, one sentence at a time, round-robin style. Stories will be read aloud, and hilarity will ensue! Ages 6 and up.

**Blue Springs South Branch**
Monday, August 8  6:30 p.m.

**Buckner Branch**
Thursday, September 15  6:00 p.m.

**Grandview Branch**
Thursday, August 25  5:30 p.m.

**Kearney Branch**
Thursday, October 20  2:30 p.m.

**North Independence Branch**
Monday, September 12  6:00 p.m.

**Oak Grove Branch**
Thursday, September 15  6:30 p.m.

**Parkville Branch**
Tuesday, August 16  6:30 p.m.

**Riverside Branch**
Monday, August 22  6:30 p.m.

**Withers Branch**
Thursday, September 22  3:00 p.m.
Copyright Basics (Hybrid)
Learn the basics of copyright law, what rights copyright holders have, exceptions to those rights, and proper application of fair use from Chris LeBeau. LeBeau is a UMKC faculty member and a Bloch School of Management librarian. This class is part of the Oral and Written Storytelling Certificate Programs. Registration is required. For adults.
**The Story Center**
Monday, October 24  6:30 p.m.
**Virtual Branch**
Monday, October 24  6:30 p.m.

Creating and Performing Tall Tales (Hybrid)
Join storyteller Rich White, winner of the 2019 Missouri Liar’s Contest, for a lesson about tall tales. Learn the differences between tall tales, outlandish tales, and lies, and what makes a good tall tale. Then practice a story of your own and get feedback from your peers. This event is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. Registration is required. For adults.
**The Story Center**
Thursday, August 4  6:30 p.m.
**Virtual Branch**
Thursday, August 4  6:30 p.m.

Introduction to Genre (Hybrid)
Learn about genre from the writer’s point of view with Mid-Continent Public Library’s Readers’ Advisory Liaison Angela Strathman. Explore formulas; common conventions; reader expectations including subgenre, themes and tropes; and some resources to get you started. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. Registration is required. For adults.
**The Story Center**
Thursday, September 8  6:30 p.m.
**Virtual Branch**
Thursday, September 8  6:30 p.m.

Introduction to Storytelling Varieties: (Zoom)
Learn about storytelling varieties from nationally known storyteller and Grammy-nominated recording artist Milbre Burch. Every storyteller has their strengths, but it’s useful to have a range of stories in your repertoire. This workshop will explore personal, traditional, literary, original, applied/organizational, and other genres of story. This event is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. Registration is required. For adults.
**The Story Center**
Monday, September 12  6:30 p.m.
**Virtual Branch**
Monday, September 12  6:30 p.m.

Performance Options and Opportunities (Zoom)
Learn from Lisa Overholser, Field Specialist in Community Development at MU Extension, about matching venues, gigs, and audiences to your storytelling content and style. Discover what kinds of performance opportunities are best for you, how to find existing venues and create new ones, how to pursue or propose gigs, and how to create an audience that will come to your performances. This event is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. Registration is required. For adults.
**The Story Center**
Wednesday, October 5  6:30 p.m.

Story Center Critique Group
Bring five copies of five double-spaced pages of your work and join a community of your writing peers to provide supportive and constructive critique of each other’s work. Contact The Story Center for more details. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. Please note this program will take place in person in the Story Center Historic Home. For adults.
**The Story Center**
Monday, September 12  6:30 p.m.

Story Center Critique Group (Zoom)
Participants are encouraged to bring one to two pages of their work in standard manuscript format (12 pt. Times New Roman font, double spaced) to share with the group. Pages will be shared via Share Screen on Zoom. We will do a walkthrough with everyone at the beginning. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. Registration is required. For adults.
**Virtual Branch**
Monday, August 1  6:30 p.m.
Monday, October 3  6:30 p.m.

Story Swap
This open-mic storytelling event is open to anyone! Put your name in the hat for a chance to share a seven-minute story, or just come enjoy the show. This event is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. Please note this program will take place in person. For adults.
**The Story Center**
Thursday, September 15  6:30 p.m.

Story Swap (Zoom)
This open-mic storytelling event is open to anyone! Put your name in the hat for a chance to share a seven-minute story, or just come enjoy the show. This event is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. Registration is required. For adults.
**Virtual Branch**
Thursday, August 18  6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 20  6:30 p.m.
Storycrafting Fundamentals Part One (Zoom)
Writer and storyteller Laura Packer will explore character development, story structure, point of view, understanding your audience, and other story crafting techniques. This class includes lecture, in-class exercises, discussion, sharing, and optional homework. Designed for creative writers and storytellers, this class doesn’t require previous writing or storytelling experience. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Wednesday, August 24  6:30 p.m.

Storycrafting Fundamentals Part Two (Zoom)
Writer and storyteller Laura Packer will explore character development, story structure, point of view, understanding your audience, and other story crafting techniques. This class includes lecture, in-class exercises, discussion, sharing, and optional homework. Designed for creative writers and storytellers, this class doesn’t require previous writing or storytelling experience. This class is part of the Oral and Written Storytelling Certificate Programs. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Thursday, August 25  6:30 p.m.

Storytelling as a Successful Business (ZOOM)
Learn the fundamentals of creating and running a successful storytelling business from award-winning storyteller Tracey Segarra. As storytelling continues to grow in popularity, you’ll need a plan to stand out from the competition. This event is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Wednesday, September 7 6:30 p.m.

Writing Basics (Hybrid)
Learn the basics of writing, including creating dialogue, character, and description, from Assistant Professor of English at Park University Glenn Lester. This course includes a segment about resources, which attendees can take home. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Thursday, October 27  6:30 p.m.

Virtual Viewing Information for Story Center Programs
Zoom programs require an email address and registration to receive the Zoom access code.
Please note: Registration closes at 12:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled program. All start times are Central Standard Time. Space is limited.
Hybrid programs are presented on Zoom and in person simultaneously. Participants will need to indicate how they would like to attend the program when registering. An email address and registration are required to receive the Zoom access code.
Please note: Registration closes 1 hour prior to the start of the program. All start times are Central Standard Time. Space is limited.

Homecoming Weekend at Woodneath Library Center August 12-13
Join us for free festivities and programs plus an opportunity to explore the brand-new 236-seat auditorium and The Story Center’s historic home.

Friday and Saturday 8:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Prairies and Antiquities: Projection Mapping the Historic Woodneath Home
New media artist Katina Bitsicas explores the history and natural landscape of Woodneath by projection mapping photographs and videos onto the house. (Outdoor program, weather permitting)

Friday, August 12
9:00 a.m.  Woodneath Library Center Auditorium
Ribbon-Cutting

Saturday, August 13
*10:30 a.m.  At Home with Naomi Crouch
Storyteller Mary L. Schmidt shares Naomi Crouch’s memories of living Woodneath.

*11:00 a.m.  Off the Deep End
Join Stone Lion Puppet Theater and discover the wonder of our oceans.

*1:00 p.m.  Architectural Tour of Historic Woodneath House
Trudy Faulkner of Strata Architecture + Planning will give an inside look at the historic Woodneath home.

*3:30 p.m.  Artist Talk with New Media
Artist Katina Bitsicas

Take a tours of The Story Center historic home during operating hours or a self-guided Woodneath Library Center History Trail to learn the natural, cultural, and agricultural history of the grounds.

*Registration is required for these events at mymcp.org/Homecoming
**Test Prep**

**Free Full-Length, Diagnostic Practice ACT Test**
MCPL and the Sylvan Learning Center have partnered to provide free practice ACT tests. Bring a #2 pencil, a calculator, a watch, and a valid email address to receive your results. This is a full version of the ACT and will last about four hours. The test will begin right at the program start time, and no late arrivals will be allowed to participate after the test begins. For teens.

**Blue Ridge Branch**
Saturday, September 10  10:00 a.m.

**Blue Springs South Branch**
Saturday, August 20  10:00 a.m.

**East Lee’s Summit Branch**
Saturday, October 29  10:00 a.m.

**Grandview Branch**
Saturday, October 29  10:00 a.m.

**Lee’s Summit Branch**
Saturday, September 24  10:00 a.m.

**Lone Jack Branch**
Saturday, September 10  10:00 a.m.

**Entertainment**

**Hallo-Teen After-Hours Event: A Night of Frights**
Come join the revelry, don’t be late; dance your spooky heart out, cosplay, and create! Once the lights go out, the Library will transform into a haunted haven for all of the ghouls and goblins to showcase their costumes, bone up on creepy crafting skills, and ramble like the recently risen. A parent permission form is required. For teens.

**Antioch Branch**
Friday, October 21  6:00 p.m.

**Buckner Branch**
Friday, October 7  6:00 p.m.

**East Lee’s Summit Branch**
Friday, October 21  6:30 p.m.

**Excelsior Springs Branch**
Friday, October 28  6:00 p.m.

**Parkville Branch**
Friday, October 28  7:00 p.m.

**South Independence Branch**
Saturday, October 22  6:30 p.m.

**Woodneath Library Center**
Friday, October 14  6:30 p.m.

**Teen Bad Art Night**
How bad can you make your art look? Take an art break and create something truly tacky and terrible. For teens.

**Antioch Branch**
Thursday, August 18  6:00 p.m.

**Blue Ridge Branch**
Wednesday, August 24  6:00 p.m.

**Blue Springs North Branch**
Tuesday, September 20  7:00 p.m.

**Blue Springs South Branch**
Monday, October 3  6:30 p.m.

**East Lee’s Summit Branch**
Tuesday, September 27  6:30 p.m.

**Excelsior Springs Branch**
Wednesday, August 17  6:00 p.m.

**Grain Valley Branch**
Thursday, September 29  6:30 p.m.

**Grandview Branch**
Tuesday, August 9  6:30 p.m.

**Kearney Branch**
Monday, August 22  6:30 p.m.

**Oak Grove Branch**
Thursday, October 13  6:30 p.m.

**Raytown Branch**
Friday, August 12  3:00 p.m.

**South Independence Branch**
Wednesday, September 7 6:30 p.m.

**Woodneath Library Center**
Thursday, September 8  6:30 p.m.

**Teen Games**
Play card and board games at the Library! There are options for everyone! Play as a team or get competitive one-on-one. Try something new or play an old favorite—no matter what, it’s going to be fun! For teens.

**Blue Springs South Branch**
Monday, October 17  6:30 p.m.

**Excelsior Springs Branch**
Wednesday, August 31  6:00 p.m.

**Grandview Branch**
Tuesday, September 13  6:30 p.m.

**Lee’s Summit Branch**
Tuesday, August 16  5:00 p.m.

**Lee’s Summit Branch**
Tuesday, September 13  5:00 p.m.

**North Independence Branch**
Thursday, September 1  6:00 p.m.

**Parkville Branch**
Tuesday, August 23  7:00 p.m.

**Smithville Branch**
Tuesday, August 9  7:00 p.m.

**South Independence Branch**
Thursday, September 22  6:30 p.m.

**South Independence Branch**
Thursday, September 20  6:30 p.m.

**Parkville Branch**
Tuesday, September 27  7:00 p.m.

**Raytown Branch**
Thursday, October 27  6:00 p.m.

**Woodneath Library Center**
Thursday, August 4  6:30 p.m.

*Register online at mymcl.org/Events.*
Teen Games: Dungeons and Dragons
Play D&D at the Library! Join us for a pre-generated 5th edition Dungeons and Dragons experience. Characters and dice will be provided. For teens.

**Blue Springs North Branch**
Tuesday, October 25  6:00 p.m.

**Claycomo Branch**
Saturday, August 13  2:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 10  2:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 8  2:00 p.m.

**Colbern Road Library Center**
Tuesday, September 20  6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 18  6:30 p.m.

**East Lee’s Summit Branch**
Tuesday, August 16  6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 13  6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 11  6:00 p.m.

**Lone Jack Branch**
Thursday, August 11  6:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 8  6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 13  6:00 p.m.

Films, Videos, and Images

**Teen Movie: Hocus Pocus**
From cult classics to new releases, come watch a movie at the Library! For teens.

**Blue Ridge Branch**
Wednesday, August 3  6:00 p.m.

**Blue Springs South Branch**
Monday, August 15  6:30 p.m.

**Grandview Branch**
Tuesday, October 11  6:30 p.m.

**Oak Grove Branch**
Thursday, August 11  5:30 p.m.

**Raytown Branch**
Saturday, September 10  3:00 p.m.

**Holidays**

**Thundermaker and Other Scary Stories**
In these blood-splattered tales, you’ll meet whistling skeletons, vampires, and ghosts wailing right out of the pages of history. Not for the faint of heart. For teens.

**Antioch Branch**
Thursday, August 25  6:30 p.m.

**Buckner Branch**
Tuesday, October 25  6:30 p.m.

**Kearney Branch**
Monday, October 24  6:30 p.m.

**Storytelling**

**Shakespeare Off the Cuff**
Explore the art of improvisation in this fun workshop presented by the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival designed to help with creativity, awareness, and “thinking on your feet.” For teens.

**Antioch Branch**
Thursday, September 15  6:00 p.m.

**Colbern Road Library Center**
Tuesday, October 4  6:00 p.m.

**Withers Branch**
Tuesday, September 6  6:30 p.m.
You’ve Got Homework, We’ve Got Help.

Get help with assignments and improve your grades with Live Homework Help from Tutor.com.
Available seven days a week from noon to midnight in English and Spanish for students in grades K–12.

Visit mymcpl.org/Homework to get started.

Arts Instruction

Teens Draw Caricatures with Marietta
Learn how to draw funny cartoon portraits of your friends and family with artist Marietta Williams. Practice by drawing caricatures of your classmates. For teens.

Blue Ridge Branch
Wednesday, September 21 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch
Monday, September 12 6:30 p.m.

Buckner Branch
Thursday, August 4 6:30 p.m.

Claycomo Branch
Saturday, September 10 4:00 p.m.

East Lee’s Summit Branch
Tuesday, August 23 6:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch
Thursday, September 22 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch
Thursday, September 15 6:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch
Thursday, September 8 6:30 p.m.

Smithville Branch
Tuesday, September 20 7:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch
Tuesday, August 9 6:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Thursday, August 18 6:30 p.m.

Health and Well-Being

Teen Yoga
Learn basic yoga poses in a fun, non-judgmental environment. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to try something new. Wear comfortable clothing and a towel or yoga mat. For teens.

Antioch Branch
Thursday, August 25 6:00 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center
Tuesday, October 11 6:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch
Saturday, September 24 2:00 p.m.

Writing

Teens Write Now
Say goodbye to writer’s block! Prompts, writing games, and creative exercises are just what you need to flex those writing muscles and get a jump on the next great American novel. For teens.

Antioch Branch
Thursday, September 22 6:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch
Thursday, October 6 6:00 p.m.

Resources to Help You Plan for the Future

Ferguson’s Career Guidance Center
Find helpful information and planning resources for today’s most exciting jobs.

Peterson’s Test and Career Prep
Search thousands of college and graduate school entries, identify scholarships, and take online practice tests to obtain your education goals.

Reference Solutions
U.S. Jobs/Internships
Search jobs by type, company, and location. View results enhanced by useful business profiles.
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Romance Writers Pre-Conference

Space is limited and registration is required at mymcp.org/Romance.

Thursday, August 4

Indie Publishing 101 8:30 a.m.
Social Media Basics for Writers 8:30 a.m.
Using Historical Facts 8:30 a.m.
Writing Fearless Characters 10:30 a.m.
Everything I Needed to Know About Writing, I Learned from Kindergartners 10:30 a.m.
Planning Your Brand: Being Flexible but Consistent in the Ever-Changing World of Publishing 10:30 a.m.
Copyrights, Trademarks & Plagiarism, Oh My! 1:30 p.m.
Writing Around the Black Moment 1:30 p.m.
HE SAID/SHE SAID: The Dark Art of Snappy Dialogue 3:30 p.m.
Techniques for Developing Romantic Chemistry 3:30 p.m.
Customer Exploration 6:30 p.m.
Writing One of the “HOTest” Trends in Romance 6:30 p.m.

Friday, August 5

Coffee Talk: Let’s Network 8:30 a.m.
Social Media Videos for Introverts 8:30 a.m.
Newsletters 101 10:30 a.m.
Romance Writing 101 10:30 a.m.
Social Media Show and Tell 10:30 a.m.
More Than Just a Cute Cover Image 1:30 p.m.
Break the Rules; Keep Your Promises 1:30 p.m.
Character Themed Words: A Toolkit 3:30 p.m.
Procrastination and Time Management for Writers 3:30 p.m.

Welcome Party with Featured Authors 6:30 p.m.
Lady KC Salon: Bringing Authors and Readers Together 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 6

Coffee & Pastries 8:00 a.m.
Craft & Chat with Bliss Books 8:30 a.m.
Medieval Cooking 8:30 a.m.
Calling Cards 9:45 a.m.
Health through the Ages 9:45 a.m.
Romance State of the Union 11:00 a.m.
Parlor Games with Authors 11:00 a.m.
Chateau Booth and Tarot Card Reading 12:00 p.m.
Author Panel 1:00 p.m.
Crown Craft Project 2:00 p.m.
Romance Book Fair with 50+ romance authors 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Romance Fan Festival

Join our featured authors for programs Friday evening and throughout the day on Saturday. Please register for Friday, Saturday, or both days!

Friday, August 5

2022 Featured Authors (subject to change)

Kerrigan Byrne • Elizabeth Camden
Tessa Dare • Elizabeth Essex
Virginia Heath • Amalie Howard
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