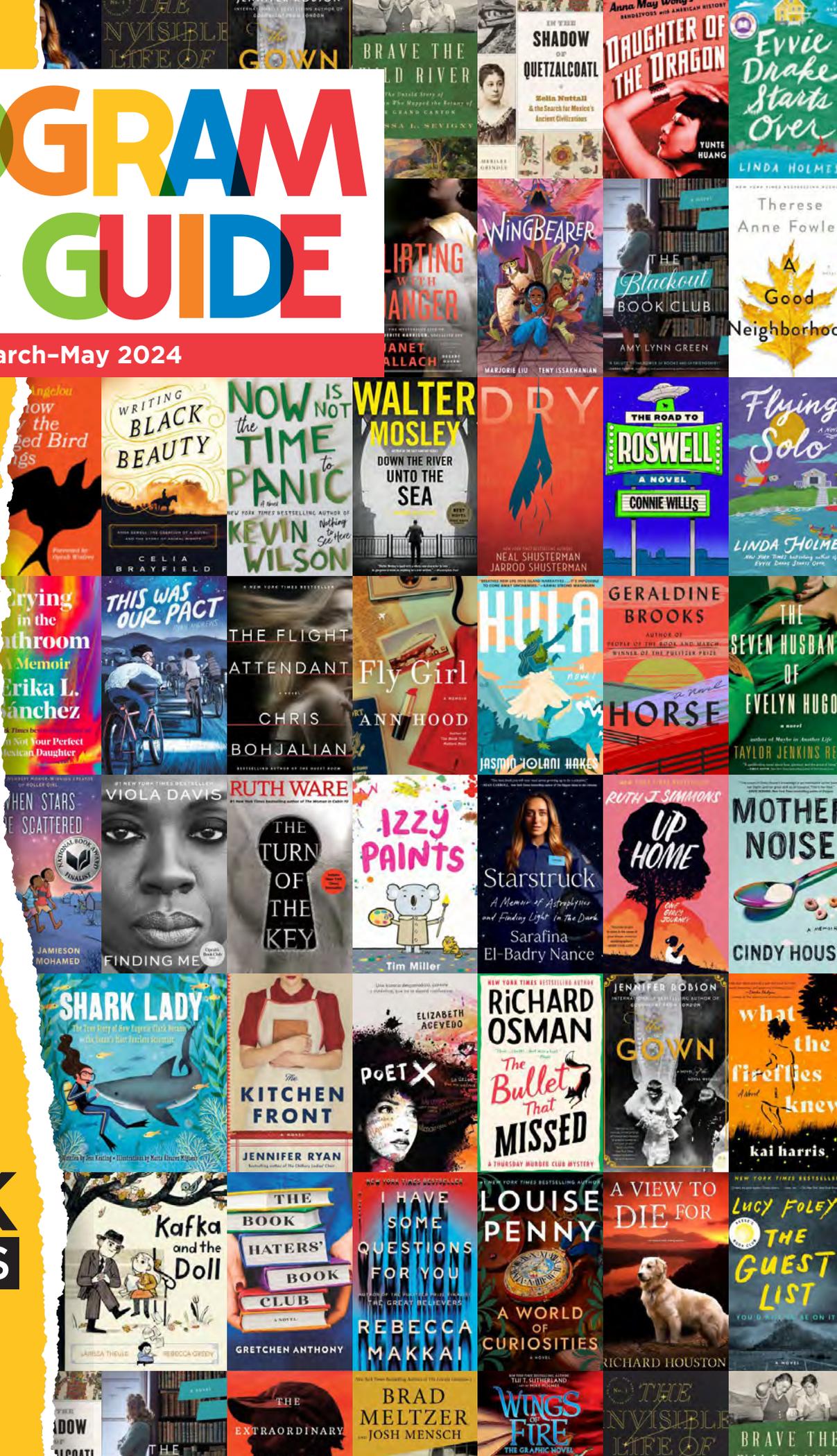


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Virtual Program Viewing Information

Zoom programs require an email address and registration to receive the Zoom access code.

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.

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

Please note: Participants do not need a Facebook account to attend the programs. All start times are Central Standard Time.

Check out our **MCPL YouTube** channel at youtube.com/MCPLMO. We archive a number of our programs here for on-demand viewing.





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4 Ways to Stay Up to Date on Upcoming MCPL Programs

- 1 Visit mymcpl.org/events or scan the QR code below to view the events calendar and register for programs.



- 2 Download the **Mid-Continent Public Library app** to see what programs are coming up and register from your phone.

- 3 Sign up for a customizable **weekly email** to learn about events at your branch or subjects you are interested in at mymcpl.org/MyEvents.

- 4 Follow us on social media to stay in touch.



On the Cover: MCPL Book Groups offer titles for readers of every interest! For more information, see page 4.

Yesterday: The World's Most-Recorded Song (Zoom)

With more than 1,600 covers, The Beatles' *Yesterday* is one of the most iconic pieces of music ever written, but its origin and development were anything but ordinary. Learn the story behind the world's most recorded song. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, March 28 7:00 p.m.

Alice Neel: Portraits, Politics, and Power (Zoom) NEW

Alice Neel was one of the great American painters of the 20th Century and a pioneer among women artists. A painter of people, landscapes, and still life, Neel was never fashionable or in step with avant-garde movements. Join Janet Mandel to learn more about Neel's distinct approach to art. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, March 12 6:30 p.m.

Backwards in Heels: The Legacy of Ginger Rogers (Zoom) NEW

Ginger Rogers is one-half of the most iconic dancing duo in cinematic history, dancing her way through many beloved films while challenging herself with other performance styles and on-screen innovations. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek to learn about her early years in Missouri and her Hollywood career. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, March 21 7:00 p.m.

E Pluribus Unum: Unity and Union in George Caleb Bingham's Election Series (Zoom) NEW

Art historian Joan Stack takes us back to the 1850s to explore the concept of democracy presented in George Caleb Bingham's paintings, *Stump Speaking*, *County Election*, and *Verdict of the People*. Stack considers how the pictures reflect the contentious pre-Civil War era and the potential for a shared love of democracy to unify a divided nation. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, March 13 2:00 p.m.

Hattie McDaniel and Viola Davis: Makers of Hollywood History (Zoom) NEW

Hattie McDaniel holds the distinction of being the first African American actress to receive the coveted Academy Award for acting. Viola Davis remains one of the few performers to have been awarded an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar, and a Tony. Join Frank Mandosa to learn more about these two noted actresses. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, March 14 7:00 p.m.

Historic Change: Anna May Wong (Zoom) NEW

Anna May Wong was a woman of many firsts; from becoming the first Asian American actress of international fame to becoming the first Asian American to be depicted on U.S. currency. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek to learn about the life and career of this trailblazer. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, May 14 7:00 p.m.

Hollywood Style: Icons of Fashion (Zoom) NEW

Classic Hollywood stars and their fashion on-screen and off influenced style choices for moviegoers worldwide. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she shares the daring wardrobe choices and revolutionary makeup innovations of the stars. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, April 2 7:00 p.m.

Let It Be: The Beatles, January 1969 (Zoom)

In January 1969, the Beatles recorded what would ultimately become the *Let It Be* album. Paradoxically, it was the least understood and most well-documented month of the band's entire existence. Join Beatles scholar Aaron Krerowicz and explore that fractious month through quotes from the band members and "fly on the wall" excerpts from the sessions. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, April 24 7:00 p.m.

The Quiet Beatle: The Development of George Harrison's Songwriting (Zoom)

A little younger than his bandmates, George Harrison's songwriting matured a bit later than the other Beatles. Join Beatles scholar Aaron Krerowicz and trace Harrison's development as a songwriter from 1963 to 1969. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, May 22 7:00 p.m.

History**Ballot Theft: Burglary, Murder, Coverup** NEW

Gary Jenkins tells the story of how President Harry Truman asked James Pendergast to stop local Fifth District congressman Roger Slaughter from being reelected. The Kansas City Mob rigged the election. When their machinations were discovered, the mob blew a safe, stole the evidence, and then committed murder to cover up their actions. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Tuesday, April 16 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Friday, April 12 2:00 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Monday, May 20 6:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, March 26 6:30 p.m.

Crossroads: How Did We Get Here? NEW

At the nation's crossroads, Missouri has played a major role in US history. Missouri was central to national conflicts over slavery's expansion as well as the starting point for the western trails and Pony Express. It also was home to railroad networks, notorious outlaws, a World's Fair, bellwether presidential politics, political bosses, the I-70 World Series, and the King of Beers. Knowing how we got here is crucial to understanding where we might be headed. For adults.

Kearney Branch

Tuesday, May 14 6:30 p.m.

Kansas City Women of Independent Minds

Meet women who were integral to Kansas City and Jackson County including Mme. Chouteau, Loula Long Combs, Lucile Bluford, and Mattie Rhodes. Follow local historian David W. Jackson on a journey through time from the early 1800s to present and discover Kansas City's "herstory." For adults.

North Independence Branch	
Saturday, May 4	3:00 p.m.
Parkville Branch	
Wednesday, March 20	7:00 p.m.
Red Bridge Branch	
Sunday, March 10	2:00 p.m.
Withers Branch	
Tuesday, March 12	7:00 p.m.
Hybrid	
North Oak Branch	
Tuesday, March 19	6:30 p.m.
Virtual Branch	
Tuesday, March 19	6:30 p.m.

Negro League World Series: The Long Forgotten Other Fall Classic NEW

Did you know that the Negro Leagues held their own World Series from 1924-1927 and 1942-1948? Join baseball historian Kevin Mitchell to learn about the teams and players that made up this little-known Fall Classic. Discover the role the Kansas City Monarchs played in this chapter of baseball's rich history. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center	
Monday, April 1	6:30 p.m.
North Independence Branch	
Saturday, April 20	3:00 p.m.
North Oak Branch	
Saturday, April 6	2:30 p.m.
Smithville Branch	
Monday, April 22	6:30 p.m.

Operation Freedom: The Berlin Airlift (Zoom) NEW

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift, the greatest relief operation in military history. Join Anette Isaacs to hear the story of how American General Lucius Clay created a bridge across the sky after Soviet troops closed all access routes to West Berlin. For adults.

Virtual Branch	
Thursday, April 4	7:00 p.m.

Preserving Family Recipes of Our Past

Learn practical ways to preserve family recipes for future generations from local historian David W. Jackson. Jackson will share stories of his grandmothers who created the recipes and provide an easy option for making your cherished recipes available to family members. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch	
Monday, March 25	7:00 p.m.
Dearborn Branch	
Saturday, March 2	2:30 p.m.
Green Hills Library Center	
Thursday, March 28	6:30 p.m.
Lee's Summit Branch	
Thursday, May 30	6:30 p.m.
North Oak Branch	
Tuesday, April 23	6:30 p.m.
Parkville Branch	
Thursday, May 23	7:00 p.m.
Raytown Branch	
Saturday, May 25	3:30 p.m.
South Independence Branch	
Thursday, May 9	7:00 p.m.
Weston Branch	
Saturday, March 23	2:00 p.m.
Hybrid	
Midwest Genealogy Center	
Monday, April 29	6:30 p.m.
Virtual Branch	
Monday, April 29	6:30 p.m.



Rose O'Neill: Artist, Writer, and Suffragist (Zoom) NEW

While Rose O'Neill is most famous for her Kewpie dolls, these represent only one portion of her art. O'Neill was a sculptor, painter, author, and suffragist in addition to becoming the highest-paid illustrator of her time. Join professor Katherine Gilbert as she explores O'Neill's extraordinary life in Missouri, New York, and Europe. For adults.

Virtual Branch	
Monday, March 4	7:00 p.m.

People and Places

A Taste of Costa Rica NEW

Visit Costa Rica from the comfort of your local Library! Join Tom Tucker and Tina Yochum-Magaz on a tour through the capital city San Jose and the central highlands. Highlights include whitewater rafting, a river wildlife cruise, and visits to pineapple and coffee plantations. For adults.

Parkville Branch	
Thursday, March 28	7:00 p.m.
Weston Branch	
Thursday, May 23	5:30 p.m.

Abandoned Midwest NEW

Across the heartland, abandoned and forgotten towns hold relics of lives, dreams, and businesses. Photographer Regina Daniel shares reminders of the past through stories and photos of Midwestern ghost towns. For adults.

Excelsior Springs Branch	
Thursday, May 16	6:30 p.m.
Woodneath Library Center	
Tuesday, March 12	6:30 p.m.
Hybrid	
Midwest Genealogy Center	
Friday, April 5	2:00 p.m.
Virtual Branch	
Friday, April 5	2:00 p.m.

Rollin' Down the River: Exploring the Mighty Missouri NEW

In 2016, Larry Campbell spent seven weeks following the Missouri River by car from its (official) source in Three Forks, Montana to where it empties into the Mississippi River near St. Louis. Pictures, stories, history, scenery, and people—all are built into this armchair-traveler presentation. For adults.

Blue Springs South Branch	
Wednesday, April 24	6:30 p.m.
Dearborn Branch	
Tuesday, April 23	6:00 p.m.
Lee's Summit Branch	
Wednesday, April 24	2:00 p.m.
Midwest Genealogy Center	
Thursday, April 25	10:30 a.m.
Woodneath Library Center	
Tuesday, April 23	2:00 p.m.

Book Speed Dating

Your perfect match awaits you—book match, that is! Join us for this adults-only event where Library staff share some of the Library's most desirable books. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, May 6 6:30 p.m.

Buzzworthy Books (Zoom)

Are you interested in what's new on the Library's shelves? Join Reader Services Librarian Angie Strathman to hear about this season's buzzworthy titles and authors. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, May 7 7:00 p.m.

Fact, Fiction, Film: Crime NEW

Join us as we chat about crime in fiction, nonfiction, movies, and TV. Participants will have a chance to share their favorite crime books and movies with the group. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch

Thursday, May 9 6:30 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Tuesday, May 21 6:30 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, March 25 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, April 25 6:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Monday, March 18 6:00 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Thursday, May 30 6:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Tuesday, April 9 6:00 p.m.

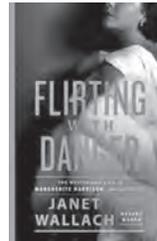
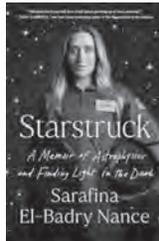
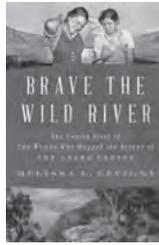
Woodneath Library Center

Wednesday, April 3 6:30 p.m.

Talk about your current reads, trade reading suggestions, and discover your next favorite title. Join the conversation today!



@MCPL Readers' Lounge



Incredible Women Book Discussion: Series One NEW

The Incredible Women series highlights historical and current women's lived experiences! This limited series will have discussion dates for the months of March, April, and May. Titles are typically available at the branch one month prior to discussion, while stock lasts. For more details, please call or visit your local branch. For adults. The titles that will be discussed are:

- *Finding Me* by Viola Davis
- *Daughter of the Dragon: Anna May Wong's Rendezvous with American History* by Yunte Huang
- *Starstruck: A Memoir of Astrophysics and Finding Light in the Dark* by Sarafina El-Badry Nance

Red Bridge Branch

Tuesday, March 12 2:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 9 2:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 14 2:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Thursday, March 21 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, April 18 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, May 16 7:00 p.m.

Incredible Women Book Discussion: Series Two NEW

The Incredible Women series highlights historical and current women's lived experiences! This limited series will have discussion dates for the months of March, April, and May. Titles are typically available at the branch one month prior to discussion, while stock lasts. For more details, please call or visit your local branch. For adults. The titles that will be discussed are:

- *Brave the Wild River: The Untold Story of Two Women Who Mapped the Botany of the Grand Canyon* by Melissa L. Sevigny
- *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- *Flirting with Danger: The Mysterious Life of Marguerite Harrison, Socialite Spy* by Janet Wallach

Kearney Branch

Tuesday, March 19 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 16 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 21 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Friday, March 15 2:00 p.m.
 Friday, April 19 2:00 p.m.
 Friday, May 17 2:00 p.m.

Incredible Women Book Discussion: Series Three NEW

The Incredible Women series highlights historical and current women's lived experiences! This limited series will have discussion dates for the months of March, April, and May. Titles are typically available at the branch one month prior to discussion, while stock lasts. For more details, please call or visit your local branch. For adults. The titles that will be discussed are:

- *In the Shadow of Quetzalcoatl: Zelia Nuttall and the Search for Mexico's Ancient Civilizations* by Merilee Grindle
- *Up Home: One Girl's Journey* by Ruth J. Simmons
- *Writing Black Beauty: Anna Sewell, the Creation of a Novel, and the Story of Animal Rights* by Celia Brayfield

Parkville Branch

Thursday, March 14 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, April 11 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, May 9 7:00 p.m.

For these programs' recipes and to see the Culinary Center waiver, visit mymcpl.org/Culinary/Resources. Registration required. Space is limited.

A Cookie for Any Occasion

Join the Culinary Center for an afternoon of baking! You'll make a versatile cookie recipe from scratch and explore ways to modify the recipe using mix-ins. Take home a few delicious cookies as well as the recipe. For adults.

Culinary Center

Thursday, March 21	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 28	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 11	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 23	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 30	6:00 p.m.

Air Fryer Basics NEW

There's a reason air-frying has become the new cooking trend. Air fryers provide a healthy alternative to traditional deep-frying methods. Mel Cole will discuss the basics of cooking with air fryers and demonstrate how easy it is to make family favorites like chips, nuggets, and fries. Samples will be provided. For adults.

Culinary Center

Saturday, April 13	2:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 23	6:30 p.m.

Teen Programs

The Mad Foodist: Let's Make Magic Color-Changing Lemonade

Discover how to make a truly unique and tasty beverage for the summer. The Mad Foodist will show you what happens when you combine yellow lemonade with deep blue butterfly pea flower tea and explain the chemical reaction that occurs when the acidic lemonade is introduced to the alkaline tea. For teens.

Culinary Center

Saturday, March 2	2:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 7	2:00 p.m.

Beginning Culinary Knife Skills

Learn how to expertly and safely cut, chop, mince, dice, and julienne in the kitchen using the right knives, techniques, and surfaces. For adults.

Culinary Center

Thursday, March 14	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 9	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 16	6:30 p.m.

Easy and Fast Pizza for Busy People

Watch a demonstration of how to make your own pizza with minimal fuss. This program will show you how to make your own pizza dough and sauce. You will also get the chance to explore different toppings and cooking techniques, as well as how to cut and serve your pizza. For adults.

Culinary Center

Sunday, March 10	2:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 6	2:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 4	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15	6:00 p.m.

Eggs and Omelets Made Easy

From over-easy to scrambled, hard-boiled to fluffy omelets, learn different egg cooking techniques and omelet filling options with the Culinary Center. Participants will sample different types of eggs and leave with recipes. For adults.

Culinary Center

Saturday, March 16	2:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 20	2:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 5	2:00 p.m.

Five Mother Sauces of Classical Cuisine: Tomato NEW

Discover the five mother sauces and how they are used to make other sauces. In this interactive demonstration, you will learn how to make a tomato sauce that we transform into Neapolitan sauce. For adults.

Culinary Center

Tuesday, March 12	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 2	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 30	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 14	6:00 p.m.

Food Preservation 101: Canning

Saving your garden's bounty is just one reason to preserve food at home. Learn the basics of water bath and pressure canning with the University of Missouri Extension. Basic safety and canning techniques will be demonstrated along with a display of equipment options. For adults.

Culinary Center

Tuesday, March 5	6:00 p.m.
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From Savory to Sweet: A Fusion of Tea and Chocolate NEW

Chocolate doesn't need to be saved for dessert! It can be a versatile ingredient in savory dishes too. Learn how to incorporate both tea and chocolate into culinary creations with Alan and Marlys Arnold. You'll have the opportunity to participate and taste the dishes, plus leave with the recipes. For adults.

Culinary Center

Saturday, March 23	2:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 18	6:00 p.m.

Jazz Up Your Picnic

Summer is the perfect time to dine outdoors, whether grilling on the patio or picnicking in the park. Join Alan and Marlys Arnold for a tea-infused menu featuring flavors of the season. Recipes include Chicken with Berry BBQ Sauce, Zucchini Quinoa Salad, Fiesta Gazpacho, and a fun dessert. For adults.

Culinary Center

Tuesday, May 21	6:00 p.m.
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Make Your Own Rubs and Spice Blends

Amp up the flavor in your favorite recipes! Explore why and how you can make your own rubs and spice blends with Chef Mel Cole. Participants will try their hand at making two spice blends and get to take home a small sample. For adults.

Culinary Center

Saturday, April 27	2:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 19	2:00 p.m.

CULINARY CENTER

Spring Celebration Brunch NEW

Springtime is full of great occasions for brunch. This tea-infused brunch menu includes: Aloha Crepes, Crème Brûlée French Toast Sticks, Apple Berry Compote Parfait, and a tea-infused mocktail. Learn fundamental techniques as we walk through the steps to create each dish. You'll taste everything we create during class and leave with all the recipes. For adults.

Culinary Center

Saturday, March 9	2:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 14	2:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 11	2:00 p.m.



Kids Programs

Flour Power: A Kid's History of the Tortilla

Did you realize that your burrito is wrapped in history? Join Gene Chavez for a well-rounded lesson on the history of the tortilla. Then take part in a tortilla-rolling contest. Ages 8 and up.

Culinary Center

Tuesday, March 19	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 7	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 18	2:00 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT



Adult Game Night

Enjoy board games and meeting new people? Join us for a fun evening of gameplay and conversation! Come alone or bring a friend! For adults.

Claycomo Branch

Monday, March 25	6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 29	6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 20	6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, April 29	6:30 p.m.
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Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, April 25	6:30 p.m.
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Kearney Branch

Thursday, May 23	6:30 p.m.
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North Oak Branch

Thursday, May 9	10:00 a.m.
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Red Bridge Branch

Tuesday, April 30	6:00 p.m.
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Adult Tabletop Role-Playing Games

Enjoy tabletop role-playing games and meeting new people? Join us for a fun time of gameplay and conversation! Come alone or bring a friend. For adults.

Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, April 23	6:00 p.m.
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Adults Who Geek Trivia

Calling geeks of all kinds! Do you like impressing people with your wide range of nerdy knowledge? Then join us at the Library for trivia. Trivia topics vary. For adults.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, May 23	6:30 p.m.
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Performance

Hit Songs and Stories of The Women of Vaudeville NEW

Many women singers of the early 1900s had strong roots in vaudeville. This made for some fun, sweet, and saucy music! The Ain't Misbehavin's will talk briefly about these incredible women and perform some of their songs, which have become blues or jazz standards. For adults.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, May 23	6:30 p.m.
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Green Hills Library Center

Sunday, March 24	2:00 p.m.
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Midwest Genealogy Center

Monday, March 4	6:00 p.m.
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Smithville Branch

Thursday, April 11	6:30 p.m.
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South Independence Branch

Saturday, March 23	2:00 p.m.
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Woodneath Library Center

Monday, March 18	6:30 p.m.
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Hybrid

East Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, March 7	6:30 p.m.
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Virtual Branch

Thursday, March 7	6:30 p.m.
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Ancestry Library Edition (Hybrid)

Research your family history with *Ancestry Library Edition*. Search the U.S. Federal Census from 1790 to 1950 as well as immigration, vital, military, court, church, and ethnic records. Explore city directories, Social Security Death Index, and more. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, April 6 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Saturday, April 6 2:00 p.m.

Before Rosie: The Women of the Great War (Hybrid) NEW

From raising funds at home to serving as "Hello Girls" and nurses, women stepped up to support, fight in, or fight against the war effort with as much patriotism as their male counterparts. Explore women's participation during the Great War and the records that can help with genealogical research. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Monday, March 25 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Monday, March 25 6:00 p.m.

Beginning Genealogy (Hybrid)

Learn the fundamentals of beginning a genealogical research project. We will discuss organization, census information, vital records, and where to look for information. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Thursday, April 4 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, April 4 2:00 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 program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Friday, March 22 2:00 p.m.

Monday, April 22 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14 10:30 a.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. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Monday, March 25 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 30 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22 6:30 p.m.

Bringing Life to Your Tree with Historic Context from Unusual Sources (Hybrid) NEW

When we hear "historic context" we tend to think of big events such as pandemics and wars. What happened to our ancestors in their town or neighborhood is just as vital. Gather tips on integrating lesser used sources to fill in the details of our ancestor's everyday life. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Monday, March 18 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Monday, March 18 6:00 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. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Thursday, April 18 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, April 18 6:30 p.m.



Browse MGC's online archives and oral history collection at mymcpl.org/Genealogy.

East European Genealogy (Hybrid)

Learn which countries are considered part of Eastern Europe and when they were established, as well as when and why people emigrated from these countries. Explore the history of the region and the Slavic people, their settlements, and their three ethnic groups. Learn how to start and focus your research, explore the records available, and which U.S. websites may be helpful, as well as how to overcome a language barrier. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Tuesday, March 12 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, March 12 6:00 p.m.

FamilySearch (Hybrid)

Get the most out of the *FamilySearch* website. Learn tips for searching records, using the research wiki, finding family trees, using the Family History catalog, and more. This beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, March 6 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, March 6 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7 6:30 p.m.

Finding Your Italian Ancestors: Italian Civil Registration Records (Hybrid)

If you have located where in the home country your ancestors are from, this class will show you how to find and request Italian civil records online to discover more about them. Learn about the history of recordkeeping in Italy, the types of records available, and how to extract information from them. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, May 29 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, May 29 2:00 p.m.

Join us for in-person genealogy classes!

Census Records Research

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. This is an in-person beginner-level class. For adults.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Wednesday, April 17 6:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, March 21 2:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, April 10 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Thursday, May 30 3:00 p.m.

Findmypast

Learn to search billions of records to find your ancestors from all over 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 as well as the types of records that can be found on Findmypast.com. This in-person, beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. For adults.

Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, May 7 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, April 24 2:00 p.m.

Interlibrary Loan for Genealogy

Discover how Interlibrary Loan can take your research beyond the Library by allowing you to order microfilm and books from other libraries across the country.

This class covers internet sources and archival research. For adults.

Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, March 27 2:00 p.m.

Finding Your Scottish Ancestors (Hybrid)

This class will provide you with the necessary tools to trace your Scottish ancestors. Topics covered include how to start your research, Scottish records divisions, record types, and sources you will encounter in your research. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, April 17 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, April 17 6:30 p.m.

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. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Tuesday, March 26 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 16 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, March 26 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 16 2:00 p.m.

Fold3 (Hybrid)

Learn how to use *Fold3* to access U.S. military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of veterans. This class focuses on search tips and the types of records available. This beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Monday, March 11 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Monday, March 11 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8 6:30 p.m.

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 program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, April 20 2:00 p.m.

German Special Interest Group (Zoom)

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 each individual to participate and discuss the subject matter they know best. All skill levels are welcome. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Sunday, April 21 2:00 p.m.

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. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Thursday, March 7 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 13 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, March 7 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 13 10:30 a.m.

Hidden Treasures: A Friendly Little Competition NEW

Join in the fun of exploring new resources at the Midwest Genealogy Center. Participate in a friendly competition as we dive into the MGC website to learn how to navigate the many online genealogy treasures available for home use. Registration is required for this in-person only, computer-lab class. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, April 3 2:00 p.m.

Hidden Treasures: It Would Take an Act of Congress NEW

Are you feeling like you've run out of options for sources while researching your ancestors? Try looking at the U.S. Serial Set for records that include women, African Americans, Native Americans, students, soldiers and sailors, pensioners, landowners, and even inventors. This class will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, May 15 2:00 p.m.

Hidden Treasures: Lady Luck NEW

Luck be a lady tonight, tomorrow, next week, and any other time we are trying to find our female ancestors. Join us at MGC to discuss some of the "not as widely known" ways to trace our female ancestors. This class will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, May 1 2:00 p.m.

Hidden Treasures: Tell Me A Story NEW

How many times have you wished you had recorded your elders' stories? It's not too late to digitize and save those memories or record new ones. Join Midwest Genealogy Center staff to learn how to record your family's memories. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, March 20 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 20 6:00 p.m.

Hidden Treasures: Top Shelf NEW

Overwhelmed by the sheer quantity of microfilm and microfiche available onsite at MGC? Come meet your "new best friends"—the MGC Top Shelf microfilm guides—and learn how to use these MGC treasures to open your research to the world of microform. This class will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, April 17 2:00 p.m.

How to Date Old Photographs (Hybrid)

Discover how to uncover clues to help determine when a photograph was taken. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Thursday, May 9 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch
Thursday, May 9 6:30 p.m.

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. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Tuesday, March 5 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 2 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch
Tuesday, March 5 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 2 2:00 p.m.

Introduction to Internet Genealogy (Hybrid)

Discover the best genealogy websites for your research. This beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Monday, April 15 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch
Monday, April 15 6:30 p.m.

Irish Records Research (Hybrid)

Learn about Ireland's jurisdictions, online resources, and the information needed to trace your ancestors in Ireland in the early and late Colonial, Pre-Famine, and Famine periods. Learn about church records, civil registration, land records, migration, and much more. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, March 13 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, March 13 6:00 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 program will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Saturday, March 2 2:00 p.m.

Irish Special Interest Group (Zoom)

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. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Sunday, March 3 2:00 p.m.

Jewish Genealogy 101: Fundamentals of Jewish Genealogy (Zoom) NEW

Jewish Genealogy 101 is genealogy—with a twist. Genealogy combines detective work with family stories and historical research. Join Jane Neff Rollins to learn how to work backwards to mine the historical record for your ancestors as well as how to conduct oral history interviews. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Monday, May 6 6:00 p.m.



MGC Spring Seminar: A Day with the Genetic Genealogist

Learn how to use DNA to explore your ancestry! Join the Genetic Genealogist, Blaine Bettinger, for four presentations that link the use of DNA to genealogy research. Tickets will be \$50, and lunch will be provided. Please watch our website and social media for more information. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Saturday, March 16 9:00 a.m.

Native American Research: The Five Civilized Tribes (Hybrid)

Do you have Native American ancestors who lived in Oklahoma? If so, they may have been members of one of the Five Civilized Tribes: Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, or Seminole. Learn how to research your ancestors using U.S. Census and Dawes Rolls records. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, April 3 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, April 3 6:00 p.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. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, April 3 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, April 3 10:30 a.m.

Picking up the Trail Beyond the Computer (Hybrid) NEW

Once a genealogist gleans as much information as they can from the internet, it is time to search for our ancestors in repositories. The hunt for these archives will lead us to places where our ancestors await discovery. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Saturday, March 9 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch
Saturday, March 9 2:00 p.m.

Polish Genealogy Research (Hybrid)

Did your ancestor 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. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Saturday, May 18 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch
Saturday, May 18 2:00 p.m.

Researching Swedish Ancestors (Hybrid)

Researching Swedish ancestors can be rewarding and challenging. We start in U.S. records to identify our ancestor's birthplace. We persevere when our ancestor hides in passenger lists. We use multiple research aids to locate the records and understand what they say. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Monday, April 8 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch
Monday, April 8 6:00 p.m.

Researching Your Civil War Veteran (Hybrid)

Did your ancestor serve in the U.S. Civil War? Discover the resources you need to find your ancestors and learn where those records are located. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Thursday, May 23 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch
Thursday, May 23 2:00 p.m.

The Goodwin Family of Hell's Kitchen: A Case Study (Hybrid) NEW

This class asks the question, "What was Mrs. Patrick Goodwin's maiden name?" and details the strategies needed to answer it. Focusing on a specific cast of characters, the class will follow the research and the diverse set of records used to find the answer. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Thursday, March 14 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch
Thursday, March 14 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 United States to help you find where your immigrant ancestor was born. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Tuesday, April 23 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch
Tuesday, April 23 6:30 p.m.

Tracing Your Native American and Alaska Native Ancestors (Hybrid)

Are there family stories that you have Native American ancestors in your family tree? Learn tips for researching U.S. federal records and other documents that will help you follow a trail to your Indigenous ancestor. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Thursday, March 28 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch
Thursday, March 28 2:00 p.m.

Walkabout at MGC

Take a walk around MGC and learn about the valuable resources available for genealogy and historical 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. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Saturday, March 30 2:00 p.m.
Friday, May 31 10:30 a.m.

My Community

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 www.redcrossblood.org. Please allow an hour for your donation and bring a photo ID. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Friday, March 1 10:00 a.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, April 8 1:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, May 3 1:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, May 9 1:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Monday, April 8 10:00 a.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Friday, March 15 10:00 a.m.

Friday, May 10 10:00 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, March 29 12:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, May 22 11:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Friday, March 29 11:00 a.m.

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Animals and Nature

Hummingbirds 101 (Zoom) NEW

The ruby-throated hummingbird is one of Missouri's most intriguing birds! Learn how to attract these summer visitors to your yard or garden. Naturalist Susie Harris will discuss their specialized structures and the native plants, sweet nectar, and insects loved by this tiny creature, also known as nature's helicopter. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, May 21 6:30 p.m.

Nature Journaling NEW

Enhance your outdoor experience with nature journaling! Learn how to start or expand your nature journal and how journaling relates to mindfulness and well-being. Weather permitting, we will go outside to journal. Basic drawing materials will be available, but participants are invited to bring their own journal or sketch materials. For adults.

Blue Springs South Branch

Tuesday, May 7 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Saturday, May 18 3:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Saturday, March 30 3:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, May 21 6:30 p.m.

Nature Journaling Experience NEW

Learn the basics of nature journaling from a Burr Oak Woods naturalist. They will share journaling techniques that can enhance your outdoor experience. Then, weather permitting, we will go outside to journal. A small nature journal will be provided, but participants are invited to bring their own journaling materials. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, April 30 7:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, April 6 10:30 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, May 18 2:00 p.m.

Science

Great American Eclipse of 2024 NEW

On April 8, 2024, Southeast Missouri near Popular Bluff will offer some of the best viewing of the total solar eclipse. Learn the science behind eclipses, all about the special effects the moon and the sun create together, and when, where, and how best to safely view it. For adults.

Claycomo Branch

Monday, March 4 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, March 11 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, March 23 2:00 p.m.

Hybrid

Blue Ridge Branch

Tuesday, April 2 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, April 2 7:00 p.m.

Technology

Downloading eBooks on Amazon Fire Tablet (MCPL360)

Learn how to download free eBooks from Mid-Century Public Library using your Kindle Fire tablet and your Amazon account. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, March 20 1:00 p.m.

Downloading eBooks on Kindle Paperwhite (MCPL360)

Learn how to download free eBooks from Mid-Century Public Library using your Kindle Paperwhite eReader and your Amazon account. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, April 10 1:00 p.m.

Excel 365 v. Excel Online: Data Tab (MCPL360)

Let's compare the Data tab buttons for Excel's desktop application and its free online version. Are there differences? Can the different versions do the same things? For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, May 17 1:00 p.m.

Excel 365 v. Excel Online: Formulas Tab (MCPL360)

Let's compare the Formulas tab buttons for Excel's desktop application and its free online version. Are there differences? Can the different versions do the same things? For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, April 26 1:00 p.m.

Excel 365 v. Excel Online: Home Tab (MCPL360)

Let's compare the Home tab buttons for Excel's desktop application and its free online version. Are there differences? Can the different versions do the same things? For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, April 17 1:00 p.m.

Excel 365 v. Excel Online: Insert Tab (MCPL360)

Let's compare the Insert tab buttons for Excel's desktop application and its free online version. Are there differences? Can the different versions do the same things? For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, May 8 1:00 p.m.

Did you know that the Library offers digital magazines and comics that you can read on your phone?

Learn more at
mymcpl.org/GoDigital.

**Excel 365 v. Excel Online:
Page Layout Tab (MCPL360)**

Let's compare the Page Layout tab buttons for Excel's desktop application and its free online version. Are there differences? Can the different versions do the same things? For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, May 29 1:00 p.m.

**Excel Basics:
Print Spreadsheets
Part One (MCPL360)**

Setting up large spreadsheets to print can present unique challenges. Let's discuss how to make spreadsheets print the way you want. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, March 6 1:00 p.m.

**Excel Basics:
Print Spreadsheets
Part Two (MCPL360)**

Setting up large spreadsheets to print can present unique challenges. Let's continue our short series by looking at even more ways to make spreadsheets print the way you want. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, March 27 1:00 p.m.

**Organizing Photos on Your
Android Device (MCPL360)**

Learn how to organize the photos on your Android device using Google Drive and the Google Photos app. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, April 3 1:00 p.m.

**Organizing Photos on Your
Apple Device (MCPL360)**

Learn how to organize the photos on your Apple device using iCloud and the Photos app. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, March 13 1:00 p.m.

**Organizing Photos on Your
Samsung Device (MCPL360)**

Learn how to organize the photos on your Samsung device using the My Files and Gallery apps. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, April 24 1:00 p.m.

**Did You Know You Can
Check Out
Tech To Go?**

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Chromebook you can
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Get started with



Libby.

Exploring the Libby, by OverDrive App Website (MCPL360)

Join us as we explore the web version of the Libby, by OverDrive app. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, May 15 1:00 p.m.

Libby, by OverDrive: eMagazines (MCPL360)

Learn how to discover and read digital magazines in the Libby, by OverDrive app. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, March 1 1:00 p.m.

Libby, by OverDrive: Notifications (MCPL360)

Learn how to access and customize notifications in the Libby, by OverDrive app. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, April 12 1:00 p.m.

Libby, by OverDrive: Recommending a Title (MCPL360)

Learn how to use the deep search feature to show interest in the Library purchasing a digital title in the Libby, by OverDrive app. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, May 3 1:00 p.m.

Libby, by OverDrive: Settings (MCPL360)

Learn how to access and customize settings in the Libby, by OverDrive app. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, March 22 1:00 p.m.

Scan Books with the MCPL App (MCPL360)

Want to know if a book is available at the Library? Learn how to use the Search by Barcode feature. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, March 15 1:00 p.m.

Scanning Documents with Adobe Scan App (MCPL360)

Need to scan a document? Your smartphone can scan documents using the Adobe Scan app. We will cover how to use this free app to scan, save, edit, and share documents. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, May 1 1:00 p.m.

Scanning Documents with Apple Notes App (MCPL360)

Need to scan a document? Your iPhone and iPad can scan documents using the Apple Notes app. We will cover how to use this free app to scan, save, edit, and share documents. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, March 8 1:00 p.m.

Scanning Documents with Google Drive App (MCPL360)

Need to scan a document? Your Android smartphone can scan documents using the Google Drive app. We will cover how to use this free app to scan, save, edit, and share documents. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, March 29 1:00 p.m.

Scanning Documents with Microsoft Lens App (MCPL360)

Need to scan a document? Your smartphone can scan documents using the Microsoft Lens app. We will cover how to use this free app to scan, save, edit, and share documents. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, May 22 1:00 p.m.

Screen Mirroring with a Laptop (MCPL360)

Want to share what you are watching on a larger screen? Learn how to cast your laptop's screen to a Smart TV or projector. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, May 31 1:00 p.m.

Screen Mirroring with Android Phones and Tablets (MCPL360)

Want to share what you are watching on a larger screen? Learn how to cast your Android's screen to a Smart TV or projector. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, May 10 1:00 p.m.

Screen Mirroring with iPhone (MCPL360)

Want to share what you are watching on a larger screen? Learn how to cast your iPhone's screen to a Smart TV or projector. For adults.

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

Use Your Phone as a Hotspot (MCPL360)

Learn how to turn your smartphone into a personal Wi-Fi connection using your phone's data plan. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, May 24 1:00 p.m.

Word Basics: Selecting Text Shortcuts (MCPL360)

There are all sorts of ways to easily—and quickly—select text in a document. Learn how to work in documents more effectively. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, April 5 1:00 p.m.

Join us for in-person Technology classes!

Computer Basics: Getting Started

This hands-on program introduces you to the basic features of a Windows computer and how to use them. Laptops will be provided. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Wednesday, May 29 2:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Monday, March 4 6:30 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Tuesday, May 21 2:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, March 6 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1 2:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, March 2 11:00 a.m.

Computer Basics: Navigating

Learn how to find apps and organize files on a Windows computer. Laptops will be provided. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch

Tuesday, May 21 2:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Monday, April 8 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, March 20 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15 2:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, March 23 11:00 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Monday, April 1 3:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Thursday, April 18 4:00 p.m.

Go Digital with the Library NEW

Did you know Mid-Continent Public Library has a great selection of digital entertainment resources? Come learn about the free eBooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers, documentaries, and more available from the Library. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch

Tuesday, April 16 2:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, March 25 2:30 p.m.

Monday, May 13 6:30 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, April 11 10:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch

Monday, March 4 3:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, March 26 2:00 p.m.

Microsoft Excel: Part One

Learn Microsoft Excel® basic terminology, spreadsheet navigation, and formula writing as you create and format a simple spreadsheet. For adults.

Kearney Branch

Monday, March 11 2:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, April 3 2:00 p.m.

Microsoft Excel: Part Two

If you are ready to go beyond Excel basics, this class adds to your Microsoft Excel® knowledge by introducing sorting, simple functions, and other useful tools. Attendance at the program Microsoft Excel: Part One is recommended. For adults.

Kearney Branch

Monday, April 15 2:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, April 17 2:00 p.m.

Microsoft Excel: Part Three

Explore even more Microsoft Excel® skills including additional functions, the Insert Function Wizard, managing large amounts of data, and basic spreadsheet printing. Attendance at the programs Microsoft Excel: Part One and Part Two is recommended. For adults.

Kearney Branch

Monday, May 20 2:00 p.m.

Mobile Device Accessibility: Features and Apps

Learn about creative and innovative ways to make mobile technology accessible. Discover mobile apps, techniques, and settings for your phone or tablet that can help enhance your technology experience. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Wednesday, March 20 2:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Tuesday, March 19 2:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, March 21 2:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Monday, May 6 6:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Monday, May 6 3:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Tuesday, May 21 4:00 p.m.

Not Quite Cable

Tired of having hundreds of channels and only watching three? Find out how to use your internet connection to stream movies and TV. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Wednesday, April 24 2:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, April 18 2:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Thursday, April 25 7:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Tuesday, March 12 4:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, April 23 2:00 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, March 4 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 1 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 6 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Monday, March 18 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 22 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 20 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Friday, March 1 10:30 a.m.

Friday, April 5 10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 3 10:30 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, May 2 6:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Monday, April 1 3:00 p.m.



Arts Instruction

Dragonfly Days (MCPL360) NEW

Are you longing for lazy summer days down by the stream watching the dragonflies? Get a head start on summer fun while painting with artist Sarah Poff. Materials needed: Paint (acrylic, tempera, or watercolor in red, yellow, blue, black, and white), background to paint on (watercolor paper, illustration board, poster board, masonite boards, or canvas), masking tape, brushes (several sizes), a blow dryer, water, and paper towels. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, May 29 7:00 p.m.

How to Paint Loose Watercolor Flowers (MCPL360) NEW

Flowers have the power to enhance our mood and uplift any space they adorn. In this class, you will discover the process for painting loose flowers in watercolor. From roses to the black-eyed susan, participants will practice the composition and brush strokes necessary to paint a variety of flowers. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, May 1 7:00 p.m.

Introduction to Blackout Poetry Art NEW

Blackout Poetry Art is a form of “found poetry” where you identify key words that resonate with you, and these become your message or poem. Artist Sarah Hirtzel will teach us how to enhance our poetry by incorporating pattern, design, and drawing. For adults.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, May 7 7:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, April 16 7:00 p.m.

Spring Blossoms Painting NEW

Learn some basic painting techniques, and create a beautiful cherry blossom tree on a moonlit night. A to Z Artistry will teach you step-by-step how to create your own masterpiece. All supplies are provided. Recommended for ages 18 and up. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Friday, March 8 2:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Thursday, March 28 6:30 p.m.

Buckner Branch

Saturday, March 16 2:00 p.m.

East Lee’s Summit Branch

Thursday, April 4 6:30 p.m.

Edgerton Branch

Saturday, May 25 10:30 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, March 2 10:30 a.m.

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, April 17 6:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Thursday, April 25 6:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, March 9 10:30 a.m.

Watching for Spring (MCPL360) NEW

Spring is here when the bunnies and flowers appear. Join artist Sarah Poff to create a charming garden scene. Materials needed: paint (acrylic, tempera, or watercolor in red, yellow, blue, black, and white), background to paint on (watercolor paper, illustration board, poster board, masonite boards, or canvas), masking tape, brushes (several sizes), a blow dryer, water, and paper towels. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, April 17 7:00 p.m.



Tiny Art Show NEW

Hey, adults! Show off your artistic talents, and be a part of our Tiny Art Show! Join us to release your inner artist and create your masterpiece. We'll provide a miniature canvas, paint brushes, and acrylic paint. You create a work of art to be displayed in the library. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch

Sunday, May 26 2:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, April 15 6:30 p.m.

Dearborn Branch

Saturday, April 27 10:30 a.m.

East Lee’s Summit Branch

Monday, April 8 6:30 p.m.

Edgerton Branch

Saturday, March 9 10:30 a.m.

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, March 6 6:30 p.m.

Lee’s Summit Branch

Wednesday, March 27 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, May 21 6:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Saturday, April 6 2:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, May 4 11:00 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, May 15 7:00 p.m.

Weston Branch

Thursday, April 25 5:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, May 7 6:30 p.m.

Learn a new hobby, or increase your skill in painting, drawing, photography, and more! Take an online art course from *LinkedIn Learning for Libraries*, *Udemy Business*, or *Universal Class*.

mymcpl.org/TheArts.

Watercolor and Ink: Sketching with Line and Wash (MCPL360) NEW

Whether you are brand new to urban sketching or have experience, this class will lead you on a creative journey. Explore using pen and ink, as well as watercolor, and try new approaches to drawing and painting on location. For adults.

Virtual Branch
 Tuesday, March 26 7:00 p.m.

Crafts and Hobbies

Discover Embroidery NEW

Discover the fun of embroidery and learn three basic stitches. Participants will stitch a cute bee design and leave with the knowledge to create their own embroidery at home. For adults.

Claycomo Branch
 Tuesday, May 7 6:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch
 Wednesday, April 24 6:30 p.m.

North Oak Branch
 Tuesday, May 28 6:30 p.m.

Withers Branch
 Tuesday, April 16 6:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
 Tuesday, March 19 6:30 p.m.

East Coast Swing Dance Class NEW

Learn a few basic steps of East Coast Swing plus a few ways to leave the rules behind and play along with the music. The class will involve partner dancing, but a dance partner is not required to attend. Socks or slick-soled shoes recommended. For adults.

Lee's Summit Branch
 Thursday, May 16 6:30 p.m.

North Oak Branch
 Saturday, May 4 2:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch
 Sunday, May 19 2:00 p.m.



Mini Macrame Plant Hanger NEW

Celebrate the start of garden season by creating a mini macrame plant hanger. Professional knot tyer Alexis Webb-Bechtold will show you the basics of macrame and guide participants through the skills needed to create their plant hanger. For adults.

Antioch Branch
 Tuesday, April 23 6:00 p.m.

Buckner Branch
 Saturday, April 27 1:00 p.m.

Claycomo Branch
 Monday, April 8 6:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch
 Wednesday, March 6 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch
 Wednesday, May 8 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch
 Tuesday, April 30 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch
 Tuesday, May 7 6:00 p.m.

North Oak Branch
 Thursday, March 14 10:00 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch
 Tuesday, April 16 6:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch
 Thursday, May 9 6:30 p.m.

Weston Branch
 Saturday, April 20 2:00 p.m.

Withers Branch
 Tuesday, March 19 6:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
 Saturday, May 11 10:30 a.m.

Visible Mending NEW

Visible mending turns a hole or a tear into something uniquely beautiful. Seamstress Heather Anacker will teach participants how to use a variety of hand stitching techniques including patching, darning, and Sashiko stitching. Participants can make a mending sampler or bring their own mending project to work on. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch
 Tuesday, May 28 6:30 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch
 Sunday, April 7 2:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch
 Saturday, April 13 3:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch
 Saturday, March 9 3:00 p.m.

Platte City Branch
 Monday, April 8 5:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch
 Sunday, April 14 2:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch
 Saturday, May 4 2:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
 Tuesday, April 30 6:30 p.m.

Culinary

Air Fryer Basics NEW

There's a reason air-frying has become the new cooking trend. Air fryers provide a healthy alternative to traditional deep-frying methods. Mel Cole will discuss the basics of cooking with air fryers and demonstrate how easy it is to make family favorites like chips, nuggets, and fries. Samples will be provided. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch
 Wednesday, May 22 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch
 Thursday, March 28 6:30 p.m.

In the Scone Zone (Zoom) NEW

Join Fr. Dominic (the Bread Monk) as he recounts the history of scones' popularity and shares his favorite recipes from his latest cookbook *Breakfast Breads and Sweet Treats*. For adults.

Virtual Branch
 Thursday, April 18 7:00 p.m.



Spring Side Dishes (Zoom) NEW

Side dishes make every meal more memorable. Vanessa Young will show us how to transform them using the fresh flavors of spring. Incorporate seasonal vegetables, tender herbs, and other delicious ingredients into side dishes perfect for everyday meals or spring entertaining. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, April 9 7:00 p.m.

Spring Sweets (Zoom) NEW

Whether infused with floral flavor or packed with refreshing brightness, spring treats take on a flavor that matches the season. Learn how to make simple and delicious recipes with culinarian Vanessa Young. These beautiful treats are perfect for all your spring celebrations. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, May 8 7:00 p.m.

Health and Well-Being

Alzheimer's 101 (Zoom) NEW

An Edward Jones and Age Wave study found Alzheimer's is the #1 fear of retirees. You don't have to navigate this journey alone! Learn the warning signs, how to get a diagnosis, and the benefits of an earlier diagnosis on individuals and their families. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, April 23 6:30 p.m.

Ask-A-Nurse Biometric Screenings

Join nurses from North Kansas City Hospital for free blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose screenings. Free consultation with a nurse following results. Registration required at www.nkch.org/healthfair. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Wednesday, March 6 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 3 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 1 10:00 a.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Monday, April 22 10:00 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Friday, May 10 11:00 a.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, April 4 10:00 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, April 18 10:00 a.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, March 21 10:00 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, April 26 10:00 a.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, May 11 10:30 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Tuesday, March 5 9:00 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.

Blue Springs South Branch

Tuesday, March 19 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 26 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 2 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Tuesday, April 2 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 9 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 16 3:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, March 7 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 14 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 21 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, April 6 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 13 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 20 2:00 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.

Lone Jack Branch

Monday, April 8 10:00 a.m.
Monday, April 15 10:00 a.m.
Monday, April 22 10:00 a.m.

Eating Healthy on a Budget NEW

Do you want to save money and reduce food waste? Join the University of Missouri Extension for tips on planning, purchasing, and preparing healthy meals on a budget. Frugal foods and how to get the most nutrition out of your food dollars will be covered. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Wednesday, May 15 2:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Wednesday, May 8 6:30 p.m.

Dearborn Branch

Tuesday, April 9 6:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Wednesday, May 8 3:00 p.m.

Hybrid

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, April 24 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, April 24 6:00 p.m.

Essential Oils: The Botanical Basics and Benefits (Zoom) NEW

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. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, May 9 7:00 p.m.

Music: It's a Total Brain Workout (Zoom) NEW

Research has shown that listening to music can reduce anxiety, blood pressure, and pain as well as improve sleep quality, mood, mental alertness, and memory. Learn how music affects different parts of the brain, and gather ideas on how you can use music to keep your brain young! For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, March 19 6:30 p.m.

Springtime Herb Walk NEW

Enjoy a springtime trail walk where you'll learn about locally abundant medicinal plants with herbalist Robin Flaharty. These walks are suitable for most fitness levels as we proceed slowly, stopping often to take a closer look at the plants we pass by everyday! Wear comfy shoes and dress in layers to be ready for changes in the weather. For adults.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, April 27 1:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 27 2:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Sunday, April 28 2:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 28 3:30 p.m.

Home and Garden

Backyard Chickens NEW

Have you ever considered raising backyard chickens? Join Dr. Tatijana Fisher, Lincoln University's State Poultry Extension Specialist, to learn best practices for raising backyard chickens. She will explore breed selection, housing, nutrition, equipment needs, and more. Whether you're a seasoned homesteader or a beginner, this program has something for everyone. For adults.

Camden Point Branch

Saturday, April 27 10:30 a.m.

Claycomo Branch

Saturday, March 2 3:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, March 16 10:30 a.m.

Grandview Branch

Saturday, April 27 3:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Saturday, March 2 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Saturday, March 16 3:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Sunday, March 3 2:00 p.m.

Companion Planting (Zoom) NEW

Which plants grow well together and enhance each other's growth? Which plants repel each other and inhibit each other's growth? Join Mark Lyons to learn how to maximize garden space and productivity with companion planting. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, April 30 6:30 p.m.

Five Steps to a Successful Garden NEW

Join garden coach Myriam Totta to learn gardening basics. She will cover the five steps every gardener needs to create a beautiful and productive garden. For adults.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, April 11 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, April 18 6:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, March 26 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Thursday, March 28 6:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Saturday, April 6 10:30 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Thursday, April 4 7:00 p.m.

Selecting and Planting Trees in Your Landscape (Zoom) NEW

Have you ever wondered what trees grow well in the Kansas City area or how to properly plant and care for them? Join Chuck Conner, Community Forester with the Missouri Department of Conservation, to learn how to choose and plant trees in your yard. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, March 6 7:00 p.m.

Spring Garden Preparation and Tools (Zoom) NEW

Spring will soon be upon us, and that means it's time to get ready for another season of gardening. But how? Mark Lyons, an experienced garden coach, will discuss tools and techniques for getting your garden ready for spring planting. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, April 11 6:30 p.m.

The Container Herb Garden (Zoom) NEW

Herbs are wonderful plants that add color and flavor to our meals and health to our bodies. In this class, Mark Lyons, an experienced garden coach, will show you how to arrange and grow your favorite herbs on a smaller scale inside a container. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, March 20 6:30 p.m.

Parenting

Parenting and Communication with Teens (Zoom) NEW

Parenting during the teen years is often a time of change for both the parent and child. Join licensed professional counselor Becky Franklin to learn basic communication techniques to aid in effective expression and active listening. This presentation will include practical suggestions for implementing these techniques and self-care strategies for parents. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, May 15 6:30 p.m.

Personal Finance

Creating Your Estate Plan NEW

Estate planning is one of the most important things you can do to secure your future. Join financial advisor Brian Ross to learn the basics of estate planning. Topics covered include what to consider when creating a will, the benefits of trusts, how to reduce taxes on estates, and how insurance can help protect your family. For adults.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, May 23 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, March 27 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Saturday, March 23 3:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, May 28 6:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Tuesday, March 12 6:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Thursday, March 28 6:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, May 4 10:30 p.m.

Power of Attorney for Finances and Health Care (Zoom) NEW

Discover the importance of having power of attorney documents for finances and health care in advance of a crisis at any stage of life. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, April 16 6:30 p.m.

Certification

Copyright Basics (Zoom)

Learn the basics of copyright law, what rights copyright holders have, the exceptions to those rights, and the proper application of fair use from Chris LeBeau, a member of the faculty for the University of Missouri's School of Information Science and Learning Technologies. This class is part of the Oral and Written Storytelling Certification Programs. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, April 23 6:30 p.m.

Introduction to Genre (Hybrid)

Learn from MCPL Reader Services Librarian Angie Strathman about genre from the writer's point of view. Explore formulas, common conventions, and reader expectations—including subgenre, themes, and tropes—and some resources to get you started. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

The Story Center

Thursday, March 7 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, March 7 6:30 p.m.

Marketing for Storytellers (Zoom)

Learn from entrepreneurial expert Kimberly Beer how to cultivate a brand that speaks to your audience as a writer or storyteller. This class is part of the Written and Oral Storytelling Certificate Programs. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Monday, March 18 6:30 p.m.

Resources for Storytellers

It takes various tools to become a seasoned storyteller, including books, websites, organizations, and more. Learn about some basic resources and walk away with a list to use along your storytelling journey. This class is part of the Written and Oral Storytelling Certification Programs. For adults.

Dearborn Branch

Tuesday, April 30 6:00 p.m.

Starting to Tell Stories

You have a great story to tell, and the Library wants to help you tell it! Learn tips and tricks from storyteller Priscilla Howe, including brainstorming story ideas and discovering resources in your community to help you grow your craft. This event is part of the Oral Storytelling Certification Program. For adults.

The Story Center

Monday, May 20 6:30 p.m.

Story Center Critique Group (Hybrid)

Join a community of your writing peers to provide supportive and constructive critique of each other's work. In-person participants should bring five copies of five pages of work, while Zoom participants should bring one to two pages of work. Pages should be in standard manuscript format (12 pt. double-spaced Times New Roman font) and will be shared via Share Screen on Zoom. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

The Story Center

Monday, March 4 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 1 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 6 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Monday, March 4 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 1 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 6 6:30 p.m.

Story Swap (Hybrid)

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 to enjoy the show. This event is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

The Story Center

Thursday, March 21 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 18 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 16 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, March 21 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 18 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 16 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. This event is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, May 2 6:30 p.m.

Writing

TikTok for Storytellers and Writers NEW

Learn the basics of storytelling with content creator Taylor Santini. Using examples from well-known writers and storytellers, we will discuss the skills needed to create and polish engaging videos. We will also discover how to recognize and adapt to trends to help you promote your own work while connecting with community. For adults.

The Story Center

Thursday, April 4 6:30 p.m.

History

Why Prairie Matters: New Relevancies of a Vanishing Landscape NEW

Carol Davit, Executive Director of the Missouri Prairie Foundation, shares the natural history of the prairie ecosystem that once covered more than 15 million acres in Missouri, including the 33 acres of the Woodneath Library Center. Fewer than 45,000 acres of prairie remain in the state, but these remnants are biodiversity reservoirs and hold the keys to sustainable future land use. For adults.

The Story Center

Saturday, May 18 1:30 p.m.

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.

Claycomo Branch

Saturday, March 9 4:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Friday, April 19 9:15 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, March 26 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 23 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 28 10:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Friday, April 5 9:30 a.m.

Baby Prom

Families of children ages birth to 2 years are invited to Baby Prom at the Library. Come dressed in your fanciest clothes (or your kiddo's favorite outfit), take pictures at our selfie station, and dance to music!

Blue Springs North Branch

Friday, April 19 10:00 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, May 4 10:30 a.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, April 27 11:00 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Friday, April 5 10:00 a.m.

Community Heroes Storytime

Hear stories, sing songs, join in movement activities, and create memories with community heroes! Come share an early literacy experience with the whole family and the amazing people who help keep us safe. Designed for children of all ages.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, May 7 10:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch

Thursday, May 23 10:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Friday, March 22 10:30 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, May 4 10:30 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Saturday, May 11 11:00 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, March 23 10:30 a.m.

Early Literacy Music and Movement

Early Literacy Music and Movement encourages the development of early literacy skills through music, instrument play, and big body movement. This Music and Movement program is a very active session, so make sure to put on your dancing shoes! Ages 3 and up.

Antioch Branch

Monday, March 4 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, March 12 10:00 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Friday, March 22 10:00 a.m.

Camden Point Branch

Thursday, May 30 10:00 a.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, April 25 10:30 a.m.

Kearney Branch

Saturday, March 16 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 13 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 11 2:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, March 8 10:00 a.m.

Friday, April 12 10:00 a.m.

Friday, May 10 10:00 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, April 15 10:00 a.m.

Pajama Storytime

Put on your PJs, and enjoy a family storytime at the Library. We'll sing songs, play with bubbles, and share a bedtime story. Ages 2 and up.

Antioch Branch

Monday, April 8 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, March 7 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 4 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 2 6:30 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, April 1 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Thursday, May 2 6:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Monday, March 25 10:00 a.m.



Complete the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge and your child will be eligible to win a copy of *Grow A Reader: An Interplanetary Tale* and a plush Marty the Martian! For more information, visit mymcpl.org/1000Books.

Early Literacy

Play and Learn: Fun with Playdough

Let your creativity flow with activities surrounding this childhood favorite craft item. Kids will have fun exploring shapes, naming colors, and creating sculptures with playdough. All ages.

South Independence Branch	
Friday, March 29	10:00 a.m.
Withers Branch	
Saturday, May 11	10:00 a.m.

Play and Learn: Messy Madness

Dig, scoop, bury, find, splash, bang! Bring your little one to the Library for this messy program that engages the senses. Be sure to dress to get messy. Ages 2 and up.

Antioch Branch	
Saturday, March 30	10:30 a.m.
Red Bridge Branch	
Friday, April 12	10:00 a.m.

Sensory Sensitive Storytime

This storytime is a celebration of all children's differing abilities. It is designed to be inclusive of sensory processing differences and will feature a more relaxed tone than our regular Family Storytimes. Expect low lighting, softer music, and fewer stories with more interactive elements. Children of all abilities are welcomed. This program is designed for children (developmental ages 3-5) and their caregivers. Registration is required, and both children and adults should be registered. All ages.

Blue Ridge Branch	
2nd Tuesday every month	10:00 a.m.
East Lee's Summit Branch	
2nd Thursday every month	2:00 p.m.
Green Hills Library Center	
Monday, March 4	4:00 p.m.
Monday, March 18	4:00 p.m.
Monday, April 1	4:00 p.m.
Monday, April 15	4:00 p.m.
Monday, April 29	4:00 p.m.
Monday, May 13	4:00 p.m.
Red Bridge Branch	
1st Wednesday every month	10:00 a.m.
Withers Branch	
4th Wednesday every month	4:00 p.m.

Storytime in the Park

The Library is taking storytime outside! Join our storytime staff at an area park for stories, music, and activities. Participants may bring blankets for a more comfortable experience. All ages.

Blue Springs North Branch	
Tuesday, May 21	10:00 a.m.
Colbern Road Library Center	
Wednesday, May 8	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 22	11:00 a.m.
East Lee's Summit Branch	
Wednesday, May 22	10:00 a.m.
Grandview Branch	
Thursday, April 18	4:30 p.m.
North Independence Branch	
Wednesday, April 24	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 25	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 22	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 23	10:00 a.m.
Parkville Branch	
Saturday, May 25	11:00 a.m.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

The Library's stuffed animals invite your stuffed friends to a sleepover! Drop off your friend at the Library, then come back for a special program featuring their overnight adventures. Dolls and other toys are welcome. One toy per child. Contact your branch for details. All ages.

Green Hills Library Center	
Dropoff	
Thursday, April 18	9:00 a.m.
Storytime	
Friday, April 19	10:15 a.m.
Lee's Summit Branch	
Dropoff	
Thursday, April 4	9:00 a.m.
Storytime	
Saturday, April 6	11:00 a.m.
Lone Jack Branch	
Dropoff	
Monday, March 11	9:00 a.m.
Storytime	
Tuesday, March 12	10:00 a.m.
Red Bridge Branch	
Dropoff	
Monday, March 18	11:00 a.m.
Storytime	
Tuesday, March 19	10:00 a.m.



Play and Learn

Enjoy a special preschool playtime that is 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. All ages.

Blue Springs South Branch	
Friday, March 1	10:00 a.m.
Friday, March 15	10:00 a.m.
Friday, April 5	10:00 a.m.
Friday, April 19	10:00 a.m.
Friday, May 3	10:00 a.m.
Friday, May 17	10:00 a.m.
East Lee's Summit Branch	
3rd Wednesday every month	10:00 a.m.
Excelsior Springs Branch	
2nd Thursday every month	10:30 a.m.
Grain Valley Branch	
Every Weds. and Thursday	10:30 a.m.
Grandview Branch	
Every Tuesday	11:00 a.m.
(except March 19)	
Every Thursday	5:00 p.m.
(except April 18)	
Green Hills Library Center	
Saturday, March 16	10:30 a.m.
Oak Grove Branch	
2nd Tuesday & Wednesday every month	10:30 a.m.
Red Bridge Branch	
Every Friday	10:00 a.m.
Withers Branch	
Saturday, March 9	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 3	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 29	9:30 a.m.
Woodneath Library Center	
Saturday, April 27	10:30 a.m.

Animals and Nature



Animal Care Investigations

What do animals need to be healthy and happy? Learn how the Kansas City Zoo meets the unique needs of each of its animals, and practice problem-solving like an animal care specialist.

Ages 6 and up.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, March 13 2:30 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, March 28 3:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, May 31 2:00 p.m.

**Operation Wildlife Presents:
Don't Touch That Baby Animal**

Learn the facts and the future of wild babies and birds. A live owl and taxidermy mounts will help illustrate the natural history of wild animals and why you "Don't Touch That Baby!"

Ages 9 and up.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, May 7 6:30 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Saturday, May 25 3:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Wednesday, March 27 3:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Saturday, March 30 3:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Tuesday, March 5 6:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, May 16 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, May 21 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Sunday, April 7 2:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Saturday, May 11 10:30 a.m.

Withers Branch

Thursday, May 9 3:30 p.m.

Spring Earth Salute! NEW

What can we do to celebrate the Earth? Join a naturalist from Burr Oak Woods to learn the important role plants play in the food chain. Participants will create wildflower seed paper, meet live animals, and get a free tree seedling.

Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Springs South Branch

Saturday, March 9 11:00 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, May 18 10:30 a.m.

North Independence Branch

Saturday, April 27 11:00 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, April 23 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Tuesday, March 26 6:00 p.m.

Crafts and Hobbies

Kids Create Art

Craft and create at the Library. We provide the supplies, you supply the imagination! Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, May 28 7:00 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Monday, March 4 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 6 6:30 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, April 24 3:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Wednesday, March 13 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10 3:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, March 21 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, April 15 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, May 7 4:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, March 18 2:00 p.m.

Monday, May 13 2:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, March 4 3:00 p.m.

Monday, April 1 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 6 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 29 6:00 p.m.

Weston Branch

Monday, March 25 3:30 p.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, March 20 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 4 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15 6:00 p.m.

**Kids Create Art:
Spring Crafts** NEW

Hop on down to the Library and create crafts to celebrate spring! Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Antioch Branch

Monday, April 15 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, April 16 7:00 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Monday, April 1 6:30 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

Friday, April 19 2:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, March 14 4:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, April 16 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, March 19 12:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, April 4 6:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, March 4 6:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Wednesday, April 24 4:00 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, May 25 10:30 a.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, April 15 2:00 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, May 16 6:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, April 4 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, April 2 3:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Tuesday, April 23 3:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Thursday, May 16 4:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Saturday, March 2 10:30 a.m.

Weston Branch

Monday, April 22 3:30 p.m.

Entertainment

Kids Games

We invite kids to join the Library for card and board games. There are options for everyone! Play as a team or get competitive; try something new or play an old favorite. No matter what, it's going to be fun! Please register participating children only. Ages 8 and up.

Claycomo Branch

Tuesday, March 26 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, March 12 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, March 19 2:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, April 1 2:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, April 16 6:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, May 29 3:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Tuesday, May 21 4:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, March 25 3:00 p.m.

Monday, April 22 3:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, May 1 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 23 3:30 p.m.

Kids Games: Role-Playing Games

Join the Library for cooperative role-playing games! These board games are perfect for first-time players or gaming pros. Talk to your branch for more information about which game will be offered. Please register participating children only. Ages 8 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, March 5 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23 7:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, April 29 2:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, March 13 6:00 p.m.

Summer at MCPL

This kick-off event is full of activities, games, and crafts the whole family will enjoy. All ages.

Edgerton Branch

Friday, May 31 4:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Friday, May 31 3:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Friday, May 31 11:00 a.m.

Genealogy

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 program will be held in person. Ages 6 and up.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Friday, March 8 1:00 p.m.

Exploring Family Trees: MGC Storytime

Hear stories, sing songs, join in movement activities, and create memories together. Designed for children of all ages. Come share the early literacy experience with the whole family. All ages.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Monday, March 25 2:00 p.m.

Monday, April 29 2:00 p.m.

Health and Well-Being

Springtime Yoga for Kids

Kids will hop into some fun animal yoga poses, play some yoga games, and make some spring-inspired artwork after listening to April Pulley Sayre's *If You're Hoppy*. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, April 27 10:30 a.m.

Dearborn Branch

Saturday, May 4 10:30 a.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Sunday, March 3 2:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Saturday, April 6 2:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, April 30 10:00 a.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, April 13 11:00 a.m.

Performance

Dino O'Dell's Music Around Us

Join Dino O'Dell for a musical adventure exploring the sounds we hear every day, and learn about the four categories of instruments—percussion, wind, string, and electronic. All ages.

Green Hills Library Center

Saturday, April 13 10:30 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, April 10 3:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Saturday, March 23 11:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Saturday, May 25 10:30 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, May 30 10:30 a.m.

How to Snag a Sea Monster Puppet Show NEW

What If Puppets presents the story of a giant baby named Stormalong. Growing over 24 feet, Stormy struggles to fit in and goes to sea aboard a clipper ship to find a place in the world. Meanwhile, a sea monster torments the village, and only Stormy is brave enough to save them! Ages 6 and up.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, March 23 2:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Saturday, May 11 11:00 a.m.

Stay up to date on events and find the latest kids books at

mymcpl.org/Kids.

Shout Hooray for Spring with Mr. Stinky Feet NEW

Celebrate the colors and sounds of spring, and join Kansas City's favorite kid-rocker, Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove, for a high-energy, interactive show. Come prepared to sing, dance, and have fun as we rock the Library! Ages 4 and up.

- East Lee's Summit Branch**
Saturday, April 13 10:30 a.m.
- Parkville Branch**
Saturday, March 30 11:00 a.m.
- South Independence Branch**
Thursday, May 30 10:00 a.m.

The Alphabet Show

Come along with Jay and Leslie Cady as they take you on a journey through the alphabet in this lively program. Kids will learn about upper- and lowercase letters as Jay and Leslie share their juggling and theatrical skills. Ages 3 and up.

- Lone Jack Branch**
Friday, April 12 10:00 a.m.
- North Independence Branch**
Friday, March 29 10:00 a.m.
- Raytown Branch**
Thursday, March 7 6:00 p.m.

The Eximious Mike's Feats of Brawn and Balance

Turn the impossible into the possible! Through a combination of old-time strongman and contemporary hand-balancing skills, The Eximious Mike puts on an unbelievable performance showcasing feats of strength and balance, fused with empowering messages that will inspire you to be the best you can be. Ages 6 and up.

- East Lee's Summit Branch**
Saturday, May 18 10:30 a.m.
- North Oak Branch**
Saturday, May 11 2:30 p.m.
- Oak Grove Branch**
Saturday, May 25 2:00 p.m.
- Raytown Branch**
Wednesday, April 10 6:00 p.m.
- Withers Branch**
Saturday, April 27 3:30 p.m.
- Woodneath Library Center**
Wednesday, May 29 2:00 p.m.

The Haberdasher Prince NEW

Join the Lyric Opera as they tell the story of the very musical King Hamluk and his not-very-musical son Prince Panderbash. Can the Prince overcome parental and peer pressures and showcase his true talents in this retelling of *The Emperor's New Clothes*? Ages 6 and up.

- Midwest Genealogy Center**
Tuesday, April 16 6:00 p.m.
- Woodneath Library Center**
Tuesday, April 9 6:00 p.m.

The Silver Snout Variety Show NEW

Join Martin City Melodrama for silly dog parody songs, fairy tales, and sketches performed with real senior dogs rescued from local animal shelters. Participants will get a chance to meet these dogs and learn the importance of supporting local animal shelters. Ages 6 and up.

- Antioch Branch**
Monday, April 29 6:00 p.m.
- Blue Ridge Branch**
Saturday, March 23 10:30 a.m.
- Blue Springs South Branch**
Friday, March 29 10:00 a.m.
- Buckner Branch**
Saturday, March 2 2:00 p.m.
- Excelsior Springs Branch**
Saturday, April 20 3:30 p.m.
- Grain Valley Branch**
Saturday, May 25 10:30 a.m.
- Lone Jack Branch**
Saturday, May 4 11:00 a.m.
- North Oak Branch**
Saturday, April 13 10:30 a.m.
- Parkville Branch**
Tuesday, March 19 6:30 p.m.
- Raytown Branch**
Monday, March 18 6:00 p.m.
- Red Bridge Branch**
Saturday, April 27 11:00 a.m.
- South Independence Branch**
Saturday, May 18 2:00 p.m.
- Woodneath Library Center**
Tuesday, May 28 2:00 p.m.

Who's in Rabbit's House? Puppet Show NEW

Stone Lion Puppet Theatre presents interactive puppet fun based on an African folktale. Rabbit has a new guest; one he doesn't want, and he can't quite figure out who it is, or where it is. Join all the other village animals as they hunt for clues to solve this mystery! Ages 3 and up.

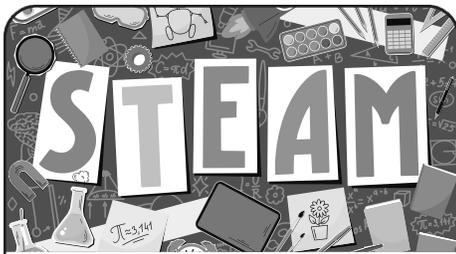
- Antioch Branch**
Thursday, March 28 2:00 p.m.
- Blue Springs North Branch**
Saturday, April 13 10:30 a.m.
- Colbern Road Library Center**
Thursday, March 14 6:30 p.m.
- Edgerton Branch**
Saturday, March 30 10:30 a.m.
- Withers Branch**
Thursday, March 21 3:30 p.m.

Science

Kids STEAM: Brick Building

Who doesn't love building with bits of hard plastic? Our plastic brick building time includes free builds, challenge builds, and themed builds. Come see what your branch has to offer and show off your building skills. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

- Antioch Branch**
Monday, May 20 6:00 p.m.
- Blue Springs North Branch**
Tuesday, May 7 7:00 p.m.
- Grain Valley Branch**
Tuesday, May 21 6:30 p.m.
- Lone Jack Branch**
Thursday, March 21 3:00 p.m.
- North Oak Branch**
Thursday, March 21 6:30 p.m.
- Oak Grove Branch**
Thursday, April 11 6:30 p.m.
- Platte City Branch**
Tuesday, March 12 5:00 p.m.
- Raytown Branch**
Wednesday, March 27 3:00 p.m.
- South Independence Branch**
Monday, March 11 3:00 p.m.
Monday, April 8 3:00 p.m.
- Withers Branch**
Wednesday, March 6 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 25 3:30 p.m.



Kids STEAM

Learn while you play with STEAM games and activities at the Library. Join us for science, technology, engineering, art, and math fun. Please register participating children only. Ages 8 and up.

Antioch Branch

Monday, March 11 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, March 26 7:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, March 27 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22 3:30 p.m.

Edgerton Branch

Thursday, March 7 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 4 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 2 4:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Saturday, May 18 3:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, March 19 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, March 13 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Wednesday, April 24 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22 3:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, May 2 6:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Wednesday, March 13 4:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, March 11 2:00 p.m.

Monday, March 25 2:00 p.m.

Monday, April 8 2:00 p.m.

Monday, April 22 2:00 p.m.

Monday, May 6 2:00 p.m.

Monday, May 20 2:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, March 14 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, March 9 11:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Tuesday, March 12 6:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, May 8 6:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Thursday, March 7 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3 6:00 p.m.

Mad Science Presents Shapes and Structures NEW

Come discover different shapes and structures, and see how they make up your world. This program is recommended for ages 4 to 6.

Antioch Branch

Monday, April 22 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, March 2 10:30 a.m.

Camden Point Branch

Saturday, May 11 10:30 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, April 19 10:00 a.m.

Mad Science Presents the Realm of Insects NEW

Welcome to the realm of insects! Learn about their fabulous flying abilities, their unique eyesight, and the way they defend themselves against predators. See how camouflage works, and investigate how bugs can be helpful to our environment. This program is recommended for ages 7 to 12.

Antioch Branch

Monday, May 6 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, May 25 10:30 a.m.

Camden Point Branch

Wednesday, May 29 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, May 29 10:30 a.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Sunday, April 28 2:30 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Saturday, March 9 3:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, March 7 6:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Saturday, May 18 11:00 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, May 2 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Tuesday, April 16 5:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Saturday, April 20 10:30 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, March 9 11:00 a.m.

Weston Branch

Saturday, May 4 11:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Monday, March 11 6:30 p.m.

Storytelling

Hang Loose with Mother Goose

Meet Mother Goose's son, Jack, and learn all about his candle jumping and tumbling and crown-cracking adventures through rhymes and songs. See Jack and Mother Goose come alive right before your eyes! Ages 3 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, May 11 10:30 a.m.

Dearborn Branch

Saturday, March 30 10:45 a.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Wednesday, March 20 10:00 a.m.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, April 18 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Tuesday, April 16 10:00 a.m.

Weston Branch

Saturday, March 9 11:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Friday, May 31 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Acting with Reader's Theatre NEW

Have you ever wanted to try performing on the stage? Join a professional teaching artist from the Coterie Theatre for a reader's theatre workshop, ending in the performance of a traditional folktale. All participants will get a chance to shine with a speaking role. Ages 11 and up.

Blue Springs South Branch

Monday, April 8 6:30 p.m.

Camden Point Branch

Thursday, May 30 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 30 2:30 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, April 18 6:30 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Monday, March 25 2:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, April 30 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, April 16 4:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Thursday, May 2 6:00 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Thursday, April 25 6:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, April 3 6:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Monday, May 13 6:30 p.m.

Writing

Kids Create Stories

Join us at the Library as we build our storytelling skills through a variety of verbal storytelling games designed to spark creativity and tickle your funny bone. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Antioch Branch

Monday, March 25 6:00 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, April 27 10:30 a.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, March 4 2:00 p.m.

**Kids Create Stories:
*Battle Bunny!***

Battle Bunny! by Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett shows children if you don't like a story, you can rewrite it. We will read the reimagined story before letting kids loose on their own copy of *Birthday Bunny*. Kids will explore creative writing and drawing in this fun, cheeky program. Please register participating children only. Ages 8 and up.

Claycomo Branch

Saturday, May 18 2:00 p.m.

**Kids Create Stories:
Round-Robin Storytelling**

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! Please register participating children only. Ages 8 and up.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, March 12 6:30 p.m.

Learn to talk like a Pirate!

Start today at mymcpl.org/Mango or ask a staff member.

MANGO
Start the conversation.

Arts and Culture

Teen Hangout: Teens Take the Mic NEW

Step up to the mic to speak your truth: share a poem or song, some spoken word or comedy, maybe a monologue or story. Present an original or a piece by your favorite writer, get creative, and hang out with other teen creatives. Register to attend this event; then sign up to take the mic when you arrive. For teens.

Antioch Branch	
Saturday, April 6	2:00 p.m.
North Independence Branch	
Saturday, March 23	2:30 p.m.

Crafts and Hobbies

Salsa Dancing for Teens NEW

Learn some basic salsa moves and practice in a safe space. No salsa dancing experience or partner required. Shoes that allow for less traction are recommended. For teens.

Blue Ridge Branch	
Wednesday, May 1	6:00 p.m.
Kearney Branch	
Saturday, April 20	3:00 p.m.
South Independence Branch	
Sunday, April 14	2:00 p.m.
Withers Branch	
Wednesday, April 10	7:00 p.m.
Woodneath Library Center	
Thursday, April 4	6:30 p.m.

Teens Create Art

Let's create! The Library will have the supplies, you just have to bring the ideas. Learn a new skill and make something new. For teens.

Blue Ridge Branch	
Wednesday, April 3	6:00 p.m.
Lee's Summit Branch	
Tuesday, April 9	6:30 p.m.
Lone Jack Branch	
Friday, March 22	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 8	4:00 p.m.
North Independence Branch	
Monday, April 22	3:30 p.m.
Oak Grove Branch	
Thursday, April 18	6:30 p.m.
Woodneath Library Center	
Thursday, March 7	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 9	6:30 p.m.

Teens Create Art: Bad Art

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

Blue Springs North Branch	
Tuesday, May 14	7:00 p.m.
Lone Jack Branch	
Wednesday, April 10	4:30 p.m.
North Independence Branch	
Monday, May 6	3:30 p.m.

Teens Create Art: Cosplay Creations

Whether you're looking to brainstorm your next cosplay creation or just enjoy the company of fellow cosplay crafters while you create, the Library is the place to be! Get some new ideas, a couple of tips and tricks, and maybe even walk out with a new piece for your cosplay. For teens.

Buckner Branch	
Thursday, April 25	6:00 p.m.

Entertainment

Teen After-Hours: All Things Fandom

From superheroes to anime, K-Pop to video games, come celebrate your fandom at the Library with a Teen After-Hours event. There will be games, trivia, and opportunities to create and learn. Costumes welcome. Obscene or offensive costumes and weapons, including props, are not allowed. This program is designed for teens 13 and older. A signed permission slip is required. For teens.

Antioch Branch	
Friday, May 24	6:00 p.m.

Teen After-Hours: Unleash Your Creativity

At this event, teens will have a blast exploring their artistic side in a wide variety of ways. Join us as we unleash creativity after hours at the Library! This program is designed for teens 13 and older. A signed permission slip is required. For teens.

Buckner Branch	
Friday, May 31	6:00 p.m.
North Oak Branch	
Friday, March 15	6:00 p.m.



A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Murder

When the cast and crew of a Broadway revue discover a murder, it's time to solve the crime! Audience members play the suspects and share the stage in this hilarious Broadway-themed improv mystery. For teens.

Kearney Branch	
Saturday, March 23	3:00 p.m.
Midwest Genealogy Center	
Saturday, May 11	2:00 p.m.
North Independence Branch	
Thursday, May 16	6:00 p.m.
Parkville Branch	
Saturday, March 16	2:00 p.m.
Smithville Branch	
Saturday, March 9	3:00 p.m.
Woodneath Library Center	
Thursday, May 23	6:30 p.m.

Teen After Hours: Murder Mystery Party with Dennis Porter NEW

When the cast and crew of a Broadway revue discover a murder, it's time to solve the crime! Audience members play the suspects and share the stage in this hilarious Broadway-themed improv mystery after hours at the Library. This program is designed for teens 13 and older. A signed permission slip is required. For teens.

Lee's Summit Branch	
Friday, March 15	6:30 p.m.
South Independence Branch	
Friday, March 29	6:30 p.m.

Teen Anime

Come to the Library for a celebration of all things anime. From Japanese culture and manga, to cosplay and anime screenings, we'll explore it all. For teens.

Antioch Branch

1st Thursday every month 6:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

3rd Wednesday every month 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, March 12 7:00 p.m.

Buckner Branch

2nd Thursday every month 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

1st Tuesday every month 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, April 23 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

1st Monday every month 7:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, May 7 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Thursday, April 11 6:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, May 1 3:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Thursday, March 7 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 4 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 2 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

1st Monday every month 1:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, March 13 7:00 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.

North Independence Branch

Monday, March 4 3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 1 3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 29 3:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, March 6 3:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Tuesday, March 26 6:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, March 25 1:00 p.m.

Monday, April 22 1:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, March 21 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 18 6:30 p.m.

Teen Games: Role-Playing Games

Play tabletop role-playing games at the Library! From D&D to Fate, Starfinder to Lasers and Feelings, join us for a campaign-style gaming experience. Talk to your branch for more information about which system will be played.

Character sheets and dice will

be provided. For teens.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, April 9 6:30 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Thursday, March 14 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 28 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 11 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 23 6:30 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

4th Saturday every month 3:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

3rd Tuesday every month 6:30 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

2nd Tuesday every month 6:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

2nd Monday every month 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, May 28 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

2nd Thursday every month 6:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

3rd Monday every month 3:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, March 26 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, May 22 6:00 p.m.

Teen Hangout: Unleash Your Creativity

At this event, teens will have a blast exploring their artistic side in a wide variety of ways. Join us as we unleash creativity at the Library! For teens.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, April 23 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, April 20 11:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Tuesday, May 14 6:00 p.m.

Genealogy

Genes for Teens

Explore your family's history using a variety of online resources at the Midwest Genealogy Center. Learn how to gather and record your family's story for future generations. This program will be held in person. For teens.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Friday, March 8 1:00 p.m.

My Community

Teen Advisory Group

Interested in learning more about the Library? Want to help plan teen programs for your community? Join a Teen Advisory Group (TAG) and be a voice for teens at your local branch! Monthly meetings will be held to discuss upcoming activities, community needs, and more. For teens.

Grandview Branch

2nd Tuesday every month 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

3rd Tuesday every month 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

4th Thursday every month 6:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

2nd Tuesday every month 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

1st Friday every month 4:00 p.m.

3rd Monday every month 1:00 p.m.

Science

Teen STEAM

Join the Library for hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math games, activities, and more. For teens.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, April 11 6:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, April 30 4:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, April 3 3:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, May 13 3:00 p.m.

Technology

Teen Coding: Hour of Code

Join the Library for an hour of coding. Learn new skills, practice what you already know, and code something awesome! For teens.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, March 14 6:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, March 26 6:30 p.m.

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.

Buckner Branch

Saturday, April 13 10:00 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, May 11 10:00 a.m.

Writing

Teens Create Stories

Get creative with writing games and prompts at the Library! For teens.

South Independence Branch

Monday, March 11 1:00 p.m.

Monday, April 8 1:00 p.m.

Monday, May 13 1:00 p.m.

Teens Create Zines NEW

Let's create Zines! The Library will have the supplies; you just have to bring the ideas. Learn a new skill and make something new. For teens.

Blue Ridge Branch

Wednesday, March 6 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Monday, May 13 6:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Wednesday, May 1 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, March 25 3:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, March 16 11:00 a.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, May 8 7:00 p.m.

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MCPL Access Pass

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- 3 Free downloads of eBooks, eMusic, eMagazines, and more
- 4 Free online language courses with *Mango Languages*
- 5 Free 24-hour Library access through mymcpl.org

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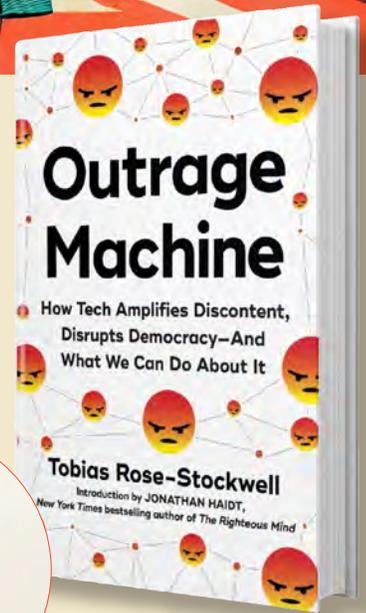


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