

PROGRAM GUIDE



December 2023-February 2024



Christmas.

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Christmas – December 11

Valentine's Day – February 2

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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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On the Cover: Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove snaps a selfie as he entertains fans of all ages at the Claycomo Branch. Learn more about Mr. Stinky Feet and see when he'll be at a branch near you on page 31.

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.



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Casablanca: Watch It Again, Sam (Zoom) NEW

For eight decades, movie buffs have had a beautiful friendship with the cinematic classic *Casablanca*. Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at the conception, production, and legacy of one of the most revered American films of all time. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, January 18 7:00 p.m.

Chemistry of the Co-Stars (Zoom) NEW

Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, and Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan all have one thing in common—undeniable chemistry. Join film enthusiast Frank Mandosa as he discusses behind-the-scenes anecdotes and fun facts from films starring our favorite on-screen couples. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, February 13 7:00 p.m.

Motown: Music That Moved the World (Zoom)

In 1960's Detroit, Motown Records produced hits as efficiently as the Ford Motor Company produced automobiles—110 Top Ten hits to be exact! Motown was the "Sound of Young America." Join Gary Wenstrup on a musical journey covering performers like The Supremes, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, and Stevie Wonder. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, February 20 7:00 p.m.

The Harlem Renaissance: Courage, Grace, and Vision (Zoom) NEW

The Harlem Renaissance was the beginning of an explosion in creativity that transformed African American identity and history. Never had so many people of all backgrounds embraced the Black community's productions, expressions, and style in art, literature, music, dance, and theater. Discover these inspired artists who produced groundbreaking works. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, February 27 6:30 p.m.

Thomas Hart Benton Paints the Ozarks

See the Ozarks through the sketches, paintings, and words of Missouri artist Thomas Hart Benton. For adults.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, January 4 6:30 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, January 11 10:30 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Thursday, February 22 7:00 p.m.

Weston Branch

Thursday, January 18 5:30 p.m.

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Midwest Genealogy Center

Thursday, January 11 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

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Titanic: Rose and the King of the World (Zoom) NEW

In 1997, director James Cameron's passion project *Titanic* sailed into theaters and became the top-grossing film of all time and a pop culture phenomenon. Stars Leo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet were catapulted to global fame and highly decorated acting and producing careers. Hear behind-the-scenes anecdotes and fun facts from film enthusiast Frank Mandosa. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, March 7 7:00 p.m.

Vincent Price: Missouri's Master of Film, Fine Art, and Food (Zoom) NEW

Vincent Price is well known as a master of the horror genre and for his voiceover work in Michael Jackson's "Thriller," but did you know that this renowned actor is a native Missourian? Join us for a look at Vincent Price's life and his three great passions: acting, art, and food. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, January 11 6:30 p.m.

History**Brown v. Board of Education and the Civil Rights Movement (Zoom)** NEW

Learn about the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement and the court case that outlawed segregation in education. A ranger from Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Site will discuss the struggle for equal rights in America, desegregation of public education, and how *Brown* helped ignite a nationwide Civil Rights Movement. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, February 15 7:00 p.m.

Enrico Fermi: Voyage to a New World (Zoom) NEW

Known as the "architect of the atomic bomb," Enrico Fermi was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for his discovery of new radioactive elements. Join E. Anthony Sierra as he discusses the life and work of this world-changing physicist. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, January 25 7:00 p.m.

Flirting Victorian Style NEW

You've seen a glimpse of Victorian romance on shows like *Bridgerton*. In an era when courtship was a formal affair, couples still found ways to meet, flirt, and express emotions using everyday objects like fans, gloves, and parasols. Learn the "secret" language of flirting Victorian style and the meanings objects conveyed. For adults.

Green Hills Library Center

Thursday, February 1 6:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, February 22 6:30 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, February 14 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Wednesday, February 21 6:00 p.m.

People and Places

South Park: The Case that Came Before *Brown v. Board* (Hybrid) NEW

In 1948, six years before *Brown v. Board* changed the nation, a school desegregation lawsuit out of present-day Merriam, KS, came before the Kansas Supreme Court. Learn about the roots, details, and legacies of the South Park case and how it changed the area forever. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, February 8 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, February 8 7:00 p.m.

The Story of the Buffalo Soldiers

Experience the history of the African American Buffalo Soldiers, and discover how they distinguished themselves, from the American frontier to the battlefields of World War II. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, February 10 2:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Monday, February 5 7:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Wednesday, February 7 6:30 p.m.

Tom Bass's Commencement Address NEW

Join storyteller and cultural historian Br. John as he portrays world-renowned equestrian and creator of the American Royal Horse Show, Tom Bass. Discover the secrets of Bass's success, rising from humble beginnings as an enslaved Missouri farm boy to become friends and acquaintances of politicians, athletes, and royalty. For adults.

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, February 21 6:30 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Monday, February 26 2:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, February 10 2:00 p.m.

Riverside Branch

Wednesday, February 28 6:30 p.m.

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 José and the central highlands. Highlights include whitewater rafting, a river wildlife cruise, and visits to pineapple and coffee plantations. For adults.

North Oak Branch

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Platte City Branch

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Woodneath Library Center

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Virtual Branch

Wednesday, February 21 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Markets in Prague and Germany (Zoom) NEW

Visit the amazing Christmas markets in Prague and Germany with guide Eugene Flynn from the comfort of your home. Join the fun as we find locals enjoying good food, good friends, and a festive atmosphere. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, December 12 7:00 p.m.

Preservation of Sacred Structures (Hybrid) NEW

Join Paul Helmer with Friends of Sacred Structures, a Kansas City metro preservation organization whose mission is the preservation and renovation of religious structures that support vital neighborhood needs. He will share stories about how the revitalized churches have grown and now serve the wider community. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, December 9 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Branch

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Visit Antarctica, Really? NEW

Ken Levy's visit to the remote continent of Antarctica crossed an item off his bucket list. Join him to learn about the continent as well as its incredible scenery, weather, and wildlife. He'll even include information about how to get there. It isn't as difficult as one might think. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Tuesday, December 12 7:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Thursday, January 4 6:00 p.m.

Dearborn Branch

Saturday, January 20 2:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, January 31 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Sunday, January 14 2:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, December 5 6:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, December 13 3:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, January 24 7:00 p.m.

Weston Branch

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Woodneath Library Center

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Lee's Summit Branch

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Virtual Branch

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BOOKS AND READING

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.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, February 22 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, February 8 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

Thursday, January 4 7:00 p.m.

Title Talk

Do you want to talk about books with fellow readers and not be limited to a book group's selection? Join us for an informal discussion where members share what they've been reading each month and get new reading suggestions from their fellow readers. For adults.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Tuesday, December 12 6:30 p.m.

MCPL's Booktalk Collection houses more than 1,000 book group "kits" in a variety of genres for community-led book groups. Each kit contains 10 copies of a discussable book.

Your branch's book group coordinator can walk you through the process of reserving book kits for your group and can answer any questions. To learn more and to view the Booktalk Collection, contact your local branch, or visit mymcpl.org/BookGroups and click on "Community Book Groups."



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

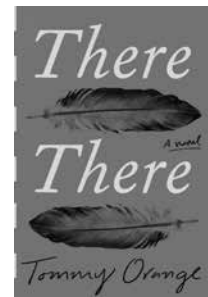
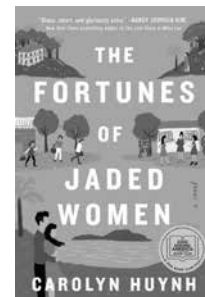
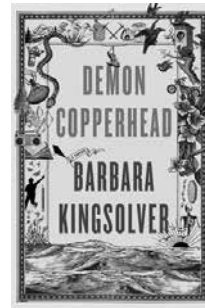
Adult Book Groups – Discuss a wide range of titles in both fiction and nonfiction with eclectic groups. Virtual and in-person groups available.

Teen Book Groups – Discover popular Young Adult titles. (Ages 13 & up)

Kids Book Groups – Make your favorite books come to life by playing games and trivia and doing hands-on activities at your local branch. (Ages 8 & up)

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

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



A Cookie for Any Occasion NEW

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

Tuesday, December 19 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 10 2:00 p.m.

A New Twist on Holiday Classics NEW

Just because sweet potatoes and pumpkin are traditional holiday fare doesn't mean they can't get an upgrade. Revise your holiday menu with tea-infused versions of classics, including Holiday Wassail, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, "Not Your Grandma's Fruit Cake," and Pumpkin Pudding Parfaits. Participants will get to taste the creations and leave with recipes. For adults.

Culinary Center

Saturday, December 2 2:00 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

Thursday, February 22 6:30 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, January 18 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 13 6:30 p.m.

Chili, How I Love Thee? Let Me Count The Ways

Beef, chicken, pork, or vegetarian is just the starting point for making a great pot of chili. Join Mel Cole for a discussion about the numerous ways to make this wonderful stew. Participate in an interactive chili-making demonstration and take home recipes. For adults.

Culinary Center

Thursday, December 14 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 30 6:00 p.m.

Comfort Foods Reimagined NEW

When the days are short and nights are cold, comfort food helps warm the body and soul. Alan and Marlys Arnold will make over classic comfort foods using tea: Baked Potato Soup, Smoky Cheddar Biscuits, Sweet & Spicy Applesauce, and Mint Brownies. Participants will taste all the creations and leave with recipes. For adults.

Culinary Center

Tuesday, January 9 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 20 2:00 p.m.



MCPL's Culinary Incubator Program provides affordable, flexible, and commercially licensed kitchens for start-up food businesses to rent. No need to start completely from scratch—the Culinary Center team will help start-ups navigate the process.

The Culinary Center commercial kitchens are available for rent to businesses in the Culinary Incubator Program. There are a total of four commercial kitchens available for rent: two incubator kitchens, a shared equipment kitchen, and a prep kitchen.

The incubator kitchens each include:

- A six-burner range top
- Conventional oven
- Convection ovens

The shared equipment kitchen features:

- A steam kettle
- Mixers
- Cooler
- Freezer

To learn more and apply for the Culinary Incubator Program, contact the Culinary Center staff, or visit mymcpl.org/Culinary and click on "Commercial Kitchens for Small Businesses."

CULINARY CENTER

Easy and Fast Pizza for Busy People

Watch a demonstration of how to make your own pizza with minimum 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, January 14	2:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 28	2:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 18	2:00 p.m.

Eggs and Omelets Made Easy NEW

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

Thursday, January 25	6:00 p.m.
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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

Thursday, December 7	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 6	2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 27	6:00 p.m.

Quality for Keeps: Sweet Spreads NEW

Learn the science and safety information behind the practice of home food preservation, specifically sweet spreads. Participants will prepare and take home a jar of jam. For adults.

Culinary Center

Tuesday, December 5	6:00 p.m.
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Teen Programs

Healthy Caribbean Cooking

Discover tasty Caribbean cuisine that is healthy too. In this interactive demonstration, you will learn how to make traditional Puerto Rican Sofrito. For teens.

Culinary Center

Sunday, December 10	2:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 21	2:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 11	2:00 p.m.

The Mad Foodist: Let's Make Fruity Mocktails NEW

Get ready to celebrate with a fruity and delicious mocktail, complete with pops of fresh strawberry. The Mad Foodist will show you how sodium alginate, juice, distilled water, and calcium lactate come together to use the science of spherification to make popping boba. For teens.

Culinary Center

Saturday, February 17	2:00 p.m.
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Tea and Chocolate

Discover the origins of these two timeless classics and how they complement each other. Sample a trio of pairings, plus learn how to incorporate tea and chocolate into both sweet and savory recipes. For adults.

Culinary Center

Tuesday, February 6	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 14	7:00 p.m.

The Mad Foodist: Let's Make Holiday Caviar NEW

Inviting friends over for a holiday game night or a fancy white elephant party? Why not impress them with a delicious charcuterie board that features little pops of fruity flavor? Learn how sodium alginate, juice, and vegetable oil come together to use the science of spherification to make fruit caviar. For adults.

Culinary Center

Saturday, December 16	2:00 p.m.
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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, December 18 6:00 p.m.
Monday, January 29 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 26 6:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Tuesday, January 16 6:30 p.m.

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.

Parkville Branch

Thursday, February 29 7:00 p.m.

Holidays

A Classic Hollywood Christmas (Zoom) NEW

Ring in the holidays with some classic movie magic! Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents the history of several beloved holiday classics. Check out the memorable performances and legacies of *It's A Wonderful Life*, *White Christmas*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, and more. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, December 5 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Songs Hollywood Style NEW

Why have the lyrics for "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" changed several times? Why did Gene Autry reluctantly agree to record "Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer"? Join The Ain't Misbehavins as they perform songs from holiday movie classics and share fun movie facts.

Ages 8 and up.

Green Hills Library Center

Thursday, December 7 6:00 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Monday, December 11 6:00 p.m.

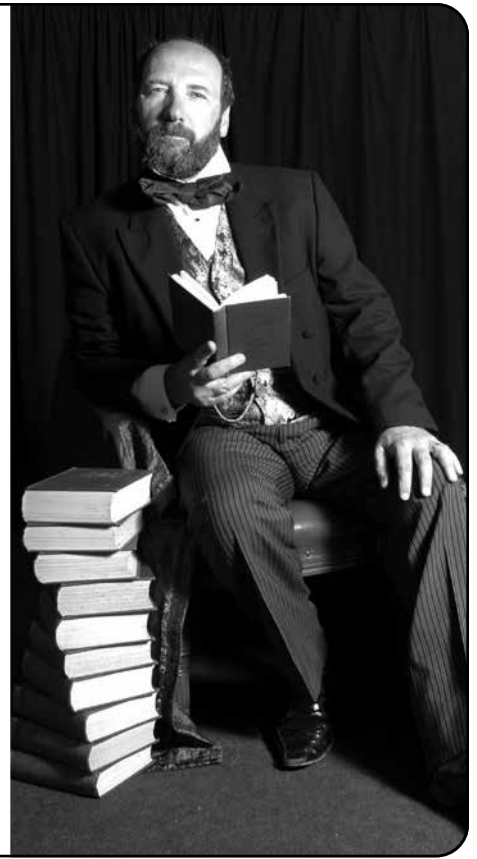
Woodneath Library Center

Sunday, December 10 2:00 p.m.

A Christmas Carol: A Special Virtual Performance by Gerald Dickens (Online) NEW

Join Gerald Dickens this holiday season for a special virtual performance of his great-great-grandfather Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*. In this spirited one-man performance, Gerald tells the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation, acting out 26 characters set in locations throughout the streets of Rochester, England, where Charles Dickens took inspiration for his writing. Customers will receive a link to view the recording of this Christmas classic, accessible during the month of December. Registration with a valid email address is required to receive the link. For adults.

Visit mymcpl.org/Dickens to register and watch the recorded performance.



The Dickens Carolers

Get into the Christmas spirit with a performance from The Dickens Carolers. These festive singers will share holiday carols while dressed in beautiful Victorian attire. All ages.

Dearborn Branch

Saturday, December 2 4:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, December 21 6:30 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Tuesday, December 12 2:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, December 16 2:00 p.m.

Riverside Branch

Wednesday, December 13 1:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Saturday, December 16 10:30 a.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, December 12 7:00 p.m.

Performance

Love You to the Moon and Back NEW

Join The Ain't Misbehavins for songs of love throughout the universe. Flying to the moon, getting married at the big dipper, and going for a honeymoon on Saturn are just the start. And when you return from that vacation on Mars, the sweetest souvenir will be wishing upon a star. For adults.

North Independence Branch

Friday, February 2 2:00 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Saturday, February 3 2:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, January 30 6:30 p.m.



MIDWEST GENEALOGY CENTER

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10 Steps to Organizing for the Busy Genealogist (Hybrid) NEW

As a genealogist, who hasn't felt overwhelmed with volumes of paper, a steady flood of daily emails, and projects that have been started but never finished? This presentation will provide a step-by-step approach to getting organized and a "tool kit" of good ideas to take back and implement. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, January 6 3:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Saturday, January 6 3:00 p.m.

African American Genealogy: Methodology and Strategies (Zoom) NEW

Join LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson to learn the methodologies and strategies for meeting the Genealogical Proof Standard when researching families that survived American slavery. The focus on strategies will arm attendees with the tools needed to overcome the challenges of researching during the Antebellum period. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Monday, February 12 6:00 p.m.

Archiving a Life Story: How to Preserve Family Records (Hybrid) NEW

Your family's records give clues about their lives and what they valued. This program will teach you how to arrange your "stuff" into an organized personal collection. Learn how to preserve documents, photographs, and artifacts to pass your family's story on to future generations. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Thursday, January 25 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, January 25 6:30 p.m.

Beginning African American Genealogy (Hybrid)

While sometimes challenging, researching your African American ancestry can take you on an amazing journey to the names, places, and stories of your family's past. In this introductory-level class, you'll explore the basics of research and learn about federal, state, and local records that can be helpful to anyone researching ancestors of African descent. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Thursday, February 22 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, February 22 10:30 a.m.

Beginning 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

Thursday, December 7 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 1 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, December 7 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 1 10:30 a.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

Monday, December 11 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 6 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Branch

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Tuesday, February 6 10:30 a.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.

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Virtual Branch

Tuesday, December 5 2:00 p.m.

Friday, January 12 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 29 6:30 p.m.

Cemetery Art for Genealogy (Hybrid)

Discover the meanings of commonly found tombstone icons with an overview of changes in tombstone materials and design and some tips to maximize your family research. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, February 10 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

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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

Wednesday, December 13 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

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Crowdsourcing Genealogy (Hybrid) NEW

Local author and historian David W. Jackson highlights how genealogists may easily keep track of the research, file/share documents and photographs, and allow the genealogy community (i.e., “the crowd”) to assist in real time. Find out how you can add to and benefit from crowdsourcing genealogy. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Sunday, February 4 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Sunday, February 4 2:00 p.m.

Czech and Slovak Genealogy Research (Hybrid)

Did your ancestors come from Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia, Czechoslovakia, Austria, or Hungary? Learn the basic methods for completing your Czech and Slovak genealogy research. A brief history of the two nations will be presented, as well as research resources available. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, February 17 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Saturday, February 17 2:00 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, January 24 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, January 24 6:30 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, December 6 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, December 6 2:00 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.

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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, January 21 2:00 p.m.

Join us for in-person Genealogy classes!

Beginning Genealogy

Learn the fundamentals of beginning a genealogical research project. We will discuss organization, census information, vital records, and where to look for information. This is an in-person beginner-level class. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch

Wednesday, December 13 6:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, February 7 6:30 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Tuesday, January 30 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Friday, December 8 3:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Tuesday, December 5 3:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, February 24 2:00 p.m.

Tracing Immigrant Origins

To find genealogical records in a foreign country, you often need to know your ancestors' hometown. Learn what types of records exist in the United States to help you find that information. This is an in-person beginner-level class. For adults.

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, January 31 6:30 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, February 8 10:30 a.m.

Parkville Branch

Thursday, January 25 7:00 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Thursday, February 8 6:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Tuesday, January 30 2:00 p.m.

Using FamilySearch

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 in-person beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. For adults.

Platte City Branch

Thursday, February 29 6:00 p.m.

Explore online genealogy resources to delve deeper into your family's story at mymcpl.org/GenealogyResources.

Help! I Don't Speak the Language: Deciphering Foreign Language Records (Zoom) NEW

Learn the must-know tips and tricks that will make reading those foreign-language genealogical records much easier. From Microsoft Word hacks to invaluable online resources, discover the tools you need to make translating those foreign records much simpler—and much more fun. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, December 6 6:00 p.m.

Hidden Treasures: Down Yonder: Resources for the South NEW

Were your ancestors some of the first to immigrate through New Orleans? Perhaps your ancestor kept a journal or diary of their lived experiences in the South. Learn more about resources available for researching your Southern ancestors. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, February 21 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 21 6:00 p.m.

Hidden Treasures: Jackson County Bounty NEW

Repeat after me—977.841, 977.841, 977.841. That's the not-so-secret code (or Dewey Decimal number) needed to unlock MGC's nearly 900 Jackson County, MO, resources. Learn more about Jackson County, MO, and the bountiful local records available as we celebrate the county's 197th birthday. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, December 20 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20 6:00 p.m.

Hidden Treasures: Kindly DIRECT Your Attention NEW

Learning about city directories can open new vistas of understanding to the world of our ancestors and the research potential found within each publication. DIRECT your attention to our treasure trove of city directories, and learn how to use these resources to better understand the places our ancestors called home. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, January 17 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 17 6:00 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

Wednesday, January 10 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, January 10 2:00 p.m.

Introduction to Genetic Genealogy (Hybrid) NEW

Are you considering taking a DNA test, or have you taken a DNA test but don't know what to do with the results? This two-part series will discuss the basics of DNA, how to choose the right test for you, and how to utilize test results in your genealogy research. For adults.

Week 1: DNA Basics

Week 2: Strategies for Analysis

Midwest Genealogy Center

Tuesday, February 20 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 27 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, February 20 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 27 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

Tuesday, December 19 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 15 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, December 19 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 15 2:00 p.m.

Irish Special Interest Group

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

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, December 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, December 3 2:00 p.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

Monday, December 4 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Branch

Monday, December 4 10:30 a.m.

Newspaper Databases at Mid-Continent Public Library (Hybrid)

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

Midwest Genealogy Center

Thursday, December 14 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 28 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, December 14 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 28 6:30 p.m.

Periodicals for Genealogy (Hybrid)

Learn how to search for and use periodicals, at Midwest Genealogy Center and other libraries, as another resource in your genealogy research. This is a beginner-level class. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Monday, January 29 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Monday, January 29 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

Tuesday, February 27 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, February 27 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, February 8 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, February 8 10:30 a.m.

Researching Your German Ancestors (Hybrid)

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

Midwest Genealogy Center

Thursday, January 18 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, January 18 10:30 a.m.

Researching Your World War II Soldier (Hybrid)

Piece together your WWII veteran's military experience using web resources, Library resources, and outside sources. Learn what records still exist and how to locate them. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, December 16 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Saturday, December 16 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

Thursday, December 21 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, December 21 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14 2:00 p.m.

Using 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

Monday, January 22 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Branch

Monday, January 22 10:30 a.m.

Using Findmypast (Hybrid)

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

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

Midwest Genealogy Center

Tuesday, January 16 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, January 16 10:30 a.m.

Using Fold3 (Hybrid)

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

Midwest Genealogy Center

Thursday, January 4 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, January 4 10:30 a.m.

Using HeritageQuest (Hybrid)

Learn how to search thousands of resources, from history books to Revolutionary War records, with *HeritageQuest Online*. This beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Monday, January 8 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Monday, January 8 2:00 p.m.

Using Interlibrary Loan for Genealogy (Hybrid)

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

Midwest Genealogy Center

Wednesday, January 3 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, January 3 6:30 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

Wednesday, January 31 10:30 a.m.

Where Are the Records? Orphan Trains and Midwest Orphanages (Hybrid)

This class is designed to provide participants with tips and hints to be successful in uncovering their ancestors who were part of the orphan train movement and those who resided in orphanages during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, January 13 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Saturday, January 13 2:00 p.m.

Animals and Nature

Winter Birding 101

Winter is a great time to explore nature through birding. Discover which birds make Missouri their winter home, learn how to identify them, and create a feeder for birds to enjoy. For adults.

Camden Point Branch

Monday, January 8 6:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Thursday, December 14 7:00 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Thursday, January 25 6:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Thursday, February 8 6:30 p.m.

Winter Hiking

No ticks, no chiggers, no crowds, no leaves blocking the view—those are just a few of the advantages of hiking in the wintertime. Join outdoor writer Brent Frazee for a tour of some of the best places in Missouri to hike into winter. For adults.

Smithville Branch

Thursday, January 11 6:30 p.m.

Weston Branch

Tuesday, December 19 5:30 p.m.

Winter Hiking (Hybrid)

No ticks, no chiggers, no crowds, no leaves blocking the view—those are just a few of the advantages of hiking in the wintertime. Join outdoor writer Brent Frazee for a tour of some of the best places in Missouri to hike into winter. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, January 22 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Monday, January 22 6:30 p.m.

Technology

Excel Basics: Create Dropdown Lists (MCPL360)

Create a dropdown list in Excel to provide accuracy and consistency in your spreadsheet. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, December 1 1:00 p.m.

Excel Basics: The Font Group (MCPL360)

What are the buttons in the Font group on Excel's ribbon—and what can they do for me? For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, February 14 1:00 p.m.

Excel Basics: The Ribbon (MCPL360)

What is Excel's ribbon—and how is it used to create spreadsheets? For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, January 24 1:00 p.m.

Exploring *DemographicsNow* Library Edition (MCPL360)

Join us as we learn how this Library resource can be used by small businesses to analyze demographics, identify market potential, and perform a market analysis of geographic regions. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, December 27 1:00 p.m.

Exploring *National Geographic Magazine Archive* (MCPL360)

Join us as we explore this Library resource's extensive collection of *National Geographic* magazines published from 1888 through 1994. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, January 5 1:00 p.m.

Find It Free: Digital Comics (MCPL360)

Join us as we explore free resources for finding and enjoying digital comics and graphic novels. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, February 21 1:00 p.m.

Find It Free: eAudiobooks (MCPL360)

Join us as we explore free resources for finding and enjoying eAudiobooks. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, January 31 1:00 p.m.

Find It Free: eBooks (MCPL360)

Join us as we explore free resources for finding and enjoying eBooks. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, January 10 1:00 p.m.

Getting Started with the MCPL App (MCPL360)

Discover the features of the MCPL app as we take a tour of its contents. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, December 20 1:00 p.m.

Gift Apps: Giftful (MCPL360)

Make gift-giving easy with the Giftful app! Organize and share gift ideas with your family and friends. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, December 6 1:00 p.m.

Gift Apps: MyRegistry (MCPL360)

Make gift-giving easy with the MyRegistry app! Organize and share gift ideas with your family and friends. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, December 15 1:00 p.m.

Google Sheets Basics: AND/OR in Functions (MCPL360)

For more complex functions, you may need to use Boolean logic using AND or OR. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, January 3 1:00 p.m.

Google Sheets Basics: Database Functions (MCPL360)

We learned about using criteria ranges in the past. Now let's combine what we know about writing criteria ranges with basic math functions for amazing results! For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, December 13 1:00 p.m.

Intro to AI: Bing Chat (MCPL360)

Join us as we explore Microsoft's AI chatbot and see how it can be used to search the internet to answer questions. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, February 7 1:00 p.m.

Intro to AI: Google Bard (MCPL360)

Join us as we explore Google's AI chatbot and see how it can be used to search the internet to answer questions. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, February 28 1:00 p.m.

Libby, by OverDrive: Listening Features (MCPL360)

Learn how to access and set options for listening in the Libby, by OverDrive app. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, February 9 1:00 p.m.

Libby, by OverDrive: Reading Features (MCPL360)

Learn how to access and set options for reading in the Libby, by OverDrive app. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, January 19 1:00 p.m.

Libby, by OverDrive: Search and Filter (MCPL360)

Learn how to search and apply filter options using the Libby, by OverDrive app. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, December 8 1:00 p.m.

Libby, by OverDrive: Shelves and Tags (MCPL360)

Learn how to apply tags and access your shelves using the Libby, by OverDrive app. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, December 29 1:00 p.m.

Online Radio Tuners: myTuner (MCPL360)

Discover radio stations all across the world with online radio station tuners. We will look at features of the myTuner online radio station website, including radio stations and podcasts. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, January 26 1:00 p.m.

Online Radio Tuners: TuneIn (MCPL360)

Discover radio stations all across the world with online radio station tuners. We will look at features of the TuneIn online radio station website, including radio stations, podcasts, and audiobooks. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, February 16 1:00 p.m.

Winter Weather Apps (MCPL360)

Learn about some mobile apps that can help keep you safe and informed when navigating this winter. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, January 17 1:00 p.m.

Word Basics: Document Quick Additions (MCPL360)

Looking for ways to make document creation easy? Let's look at the Insert Pages group, adding a signature line, and inserting the date and time. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, January 12 1:00 p.m.

Word Basics: Page Background Group (MCPL360)

Learn how to add a watermark, page color, or page borders to your document. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, February 2 1:00 p.m.

Word Basics: Proofing Group (MCPL360)

Let's look at some helpful tools that assist your document writing efforts: Spelling and Grammar, Thesaurus, and Word Count. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, February 23 1:00 p.m.

Word Basics: Using Quick Parts (MCPL360)

Ever type the same thing over and over and wish there's an easy way to avoid all the repetition? You may want to try Quick Parts. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Friday, December 22 1:00 p.m.

**Get Talking with**

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Beginning Word

This introduction will focus on how to create, save, and print a document using Microsoft Word. For adults.

Grandview Branch

Monday, February 5 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, January 20 11:00 a.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, January 23 2:00 p.m.

Cloud Storage

Cloud storage allows you to save your files online, so you can access them from anywhere at any time. Learn how to store your documents, music, and photos on a cloud storage system. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Wednesday, February 28 2:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, February 27 2:00 p.m.

Intermediate Word

Sharpen your document creation skills with several great features of Microsoft Word. Attendance of the program Beginning Word is suggested. For adults.

Grandview Branch

Monday, February 26 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, February 17 11:00 a.m.

Internet for Beginners

Learn the basics of internet use, including terminology, how to get connected, and how to find what you're looking for online. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Wednesday, January 24 2:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Tuesday, February 13 2:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, February 26 2:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, December 18 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Monday, December 4 6:30 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Tuesday, January 9 6:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Monday, January 8 2:00 p.m.

Internet Safety Basics

Protect yourself while surfing the web by learning a few of the more typical dangers found online and how to proactively keep you and your information safe. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch

Thursday, February 8 6:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, January 11 2:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Monday, January 8 6:30 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, December 14 10:30 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Tuesday, December 5 4:00 p.m.

Libby: Accessing eBooks and More NEW

Learn how to check out eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines using the Libby app and website. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch

Tuesday, January 9 2:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, January 29 2:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, February 15 2:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Monday, January 22 2:00 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Thursday, December 28 6:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, February 1 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.

Grandview Branch

Monday, December 18 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 29 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Friday, December 1 10:30 a.m.

Friday, January 5 10:30 a.m.

Friday, February 2 10:30 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, January 11 6:30 p.m.

Tech Talk: Smartphones NEW

There are always questions waiting to be asked about smartphones. Bring your questions to the branch, or just come to listen and learn from other participants. You can bring your own smartphone or tablet. For adults.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, December 7 6:30 p.m.

Weston Branch

Thursday, January 4 5:30 p.m.

Arts Instruction

A Winter's Dream Painting (MCPL360) NEW

Remember the snow days of your childhood as artist Sarah Poff shows us how to paint a charming winter 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

Tuesday, December 19 7:00 p.m.

Connecting with Color (MCPL360) NEW

Discover the secrets of how colors work together to create impact, harmony, and moods in your artwork, interior design, clothing, and more! Participants will create a simple book format that contains a variety of exercises involving color combinations, color mixing, and color families. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, February 7 7:00 p.m.

Draw Like Cezanne: Fruit Still Life NEW

Create a still life drawing in a style inspired by Paul Cezanne using colored pencils. Artist Sarah Hirtzel will teach participants how to compose a still life layout, use warm and cool colors, and create highlights and shadows to bring the subject to life. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, December 7 7:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, January 17 7:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, February 7 7:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Wednesday, December 6 7:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, January 9 7:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, February 13 7:00 p.m.

Outside the Window Painting (MCPL360) NEW

Artist Sarah Poff shows us how to paint a serene winter scene that includes of a cardinal on a tree branch. 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

Tuesday, January 23 7:00 p.m.

Spontaneous Watercolor Landscapes (MCPL360) NEW

Explore the methods and materials that will allow you to create impromptu watercolor paintings. Learn to practice various techniques when you don't know what to paint. Participants will apply the use of underpainting and putting down paint to see what emerges. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, January 17 7:00 p.m.

Winter Barn Painting NEW

Join A to Z Artistry for a 90-minute step-by-step painting class. Participants will create a 9 x 12 painting of a barn in the moonlight on a field of snow. This program is designed for artists of all abilities. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Antioch Branch

Saturday, January 13 2:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Monday, December 4 6:00 p.m.

Buckner Branch

Saturday, February 3 1:00 p.m.

Edgerton Branch

Saturday, February 3 10:30 a.m.

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, December 13 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, December 7 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, January 25 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Thursday, January 11 6:00 p.m.

Crafts and Hobbies

Beyond Knits and Purls NEW

Expand your knitting skills with the Library! Participants must be comfortable with both the knit and purl stitch. Supplies will be provided for in-branch use only. Participants that want to use their own supplies will need one skein yarn (weight number 4) and knitting needles (size 7, 8, or 9). For adults.

North Independence Branch

Tuesday, January 16 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 23 6:00 p.m.

Board Game Swap for Adults

Have some board games that you're bored with? Bring them to our Board Game Swap for Adults! Take this opportunity to bring in the games you no longer play and swap them with others. Please make sure all the pieces are included in the games you bring to swap. For adults.

Smithville Branch

Thursday, January 18 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.

Antioch Branch

Saturday, February 17 3:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, January 18 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Saturday, January 27 3:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, December 6 7:00 p.m.

Culinary

Macrame Heart Keychain NEW

Macrame is back in style! Join artist Alexis Webb-Bechtold to learn the knot tying basics used in this relaxing craft. Then, create your own heart-shaped keychain. For adults.

Antioch Branch

Tuesday, February 13 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Tuesday, February 6 6:30 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

Monday, January 22 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, February 5 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, January 23 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Thursday, February 8 6:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Wednesday, February 7 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Thursday, February 29 6:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, February 28 6:00 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Tuesday, February 27 6:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Saturday, February 3 2:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, January 31 6:00 p.m.

Riverside Branch

Thursday, February 8 1:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Saturday, February 10 2:00 p.m.

Weston Branch

Monday, February 12 5:00 p.m.

Make a Mini

Paper Heart Parade NEW

Kansas City's Parade of Hearts showcases the things we love about our region. Commemorate what you love about the Metro with eco-artist Alexis Webb-Bechtold by making your own mini parade of hearts using upcycled maps and book pages. For adults.

Blue Springs South Branch

Tuesday, March 5 6:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, January 25 6:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, January 20 2:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, January 30 6:30 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.

Blue Ridge Branch

Monday, January 22 6:30 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

Monday, December 11 6:00 p.m.

Edgerton Branch

Saturday, January 27 10:30 a.m.

Kearney Branch

Wednesday, January 10 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, January 9 6:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Saturday, January 20 2:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, February 17 3:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, January 23 6:30 p.m.

Baking Your Way Through the Holidays (Zoom) NEW

Discover the baking traditions of Chanukah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas with Fr. Dominic, the "Bread Monk." He will share the histories, cultures, and breads associated with these holidays. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, December 7 7:00 p.m.

Cooking with Citrus: Invigorate Meals with Fresh Flavor (Zoom) NEW

Brighten up your cooking with the fresh flavors of citrus. Learn multiple methods to incorporate citrus into main dishes, drinks, desserts, and more. Vanessa Young will explore all that citrus offers for satisfying home cooking. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, January 30 7:00 p.m.

Mocktails: The Art of Non-Alcoholic Mixology (Zoom) NEW

Flavorful and sophisticated non-alcoholic drinks are perfect for entertaining and everyday enjoyment. Learn about the art of making drinks, syrups, infusions, and edible garnishes. We will even explore how to use herbs and spices to approximate the flavors of popular cocktail spirits. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, December 13 7:00 p.m.

Tea and Chocolate

Discover the origins of these two timeless classics and how they complement each other. Sample a trio of pairings, plus learn how to incorporate tea and chocolate into both sweet and savory recipes. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch

Monday, January 29 7:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, January 13 2:00 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Tuesday, February 20 6:30 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, February 22 6:30 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Wednesday, March 13 6:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, March 14 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, February 7 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Saturday, December 16 2:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Tuesday, January 23 6:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Thursday, January 25 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, January 17 7:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Tuesday, February 13 7:00 p.m.

Health and Well-Being

Ask-A-Nurse Biometric Screenings NEW

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.

Blue Ridge Branch

Monday, February 26 10:00 a.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Monday, December 18 10:00 a.m.

Grandview Branch

Friday, December 15 10:00 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Friday, January 19 10:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Wednesday, February 21 9:30 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.

Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, February 8 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 15 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 22 6:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Monday, January 22 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 29 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 5 6:30 p.m.

Chair Yoga

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

Blue Springs South Branch

Tuesday, January 16 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 23 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Thursday, January 4 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 11 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 18 2:00 p.m.

De-Stressing in a Fast-Paced World (Zoom) NEW

From the moment we wake up, there is competition for our attention, and slowing down to practice self-care may feel challenging. Explore practical strategies for increasing self-awareness and learn to de-stress. Leave this program feeling a little more relaxed and recharged for whatever life brings next. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, January 9 7:00 p.m.

Heart-Healthy Cooking (Zoom) NEW

Discover heart-healthy recipes with registered dietitian Lindsey Moore. Learn how to prepare nutritious meals and snacks for the whole family. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, February 29 6:30 p.m.

Mindful Journaling

Join mindfulness coach Nicoya Helm to explore the combined power of mindfulness meditation and expressive writing, an evidence-based journaling process developed by psychologist James Pennebaker. No previous meditation or journaling experience is needed. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, February 26 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Tuesday, January 9 6:00 p.m.

Probiotics 101 NEW

"Probiotics" is a buzzword in the media and at the grocery store. So, what are probiotics, anyway? Join an Extension Specialist from the University of Missouri to uncover more about these live microorganisms, the health benefits they offer, tips for purchasing them, and much more. For adults.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, January 11 6:30 p.m.

Probiotics 101 (Hybrid) NEW

"Probiotics" is a buzzword in the media and at the grocery store. So, what are probiotics, anyway? Join an Extension Specialist from the University of Missouri to uncover more about these live microorganisms, the health benefits they offer, tips for purchasing them, and much more. For adults.

Kearney Branch

Tuesday, December 5 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, December 5 6:00 p.m.

The MIND Diet (Zoom) NEW

Discuss the importance of nutrition for optimal brain health with registered dietitian Lindsey Moore. Learn how the MIND diet can help prevent Alzheimer's disease, other forms of dementia, and improve mental clarity. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, January 31 6:30 p.m.

Home and Garden

Holiday Tablescapes: Entertaining with Ease

Need some help setting your table for the holidays? Or do you just want to make your dining experience a bit more special? Lisa Holiman of Breath of Fresh Flair will provide ideas for how to achieve the look you want and entertain in style. Participants can bring their favorite dishes, tablecloths, centerpieces, and other items to work with during the class. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch

Thursday, December 7 7:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Saturday, December 16 2:30 p.m.

Weston Branch

Saturday, December 9 4:00 p.m.

Personal Finance

Step-by-Step Through the FAFSA NEW

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is the federal application necessary to get free and low-cost money for college. Join Jason Anderson, CPA, CFP, Founder and Owner at Gradmetrics, as he walks line by line through the FAFSA form, using it to explain the ins and outs of the college admissions and financial aid process. For adults.

Claycomo Branch

Thursday, December 14 6:00 p.m.

Riverside Branch

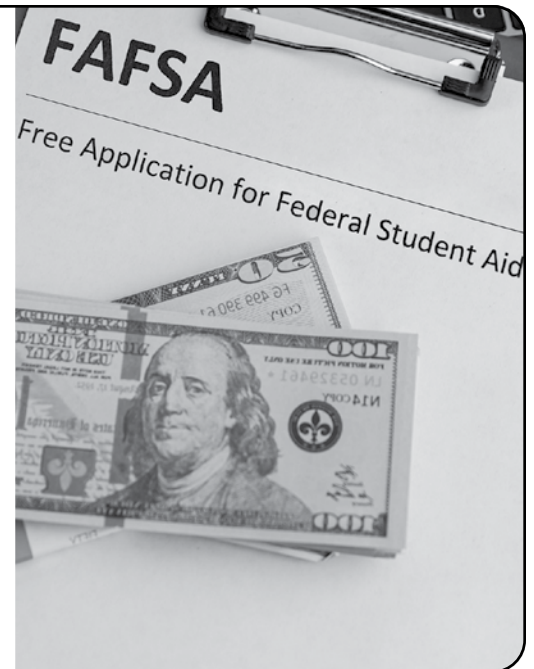
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Step-by-Step Through the FAFSA (Zoom) NEW

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Virtual Branch

Monday, December 4 6:30 p.m.



Did You Know We Have Chromebooks and Mobile Hotspots To Go?



Both are available to check out for up to two weeks.
Reserve one or both through MCPL's online catalog
for pickup at your branch.
Ask a staff member or visit mymcpl.org/TechToGo.

21 Videos in 21 Days (Hybrid)

Social video is here to stay, and if you aren't incorporating video content into your social channels, you are missing out on one of the biggest trends in marketing. Join a Business Specialist from Square One on a three-week journey to create 21 videos that will solidify you as a thought leader in your industry. For adults.

- Week 1: Getting Started
- Week 2: Gaining Confidence
- Week 3: Video Expert

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, January 10 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 17 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, January 10 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 17 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24 12:00 p.m.

AI and Email Marketing Campaigns (Hybrid) NEW

If you're looking to build an effective email marketing campaign, AI technology can be extremely beneficial. Join our Business Specialist as they walk you through databases and resources needed to reach your audience. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Tuesday, January 30 3:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, January 30 3:00 p.m.

Biz Action Plan Workshop (Hybrid)

In this five-week activity-based workshop, we will learn how to assess a business idea and will put together an action plan. At the end of the program, you will schedule an individual meeting with the instructor to create your action plan and a list of the next steps to achieving your goals. For adults.

- Week 1: Map Your Opportunities
- Week 2: Learning about Your Customers
- Week 3: Developing a Lite Marketing Plan
- Week 4: Show Me the Money
- Week 5: Look Before You Leap

South Independence Branch

Thursday, January 18 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 25 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 1 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 8 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 15 4:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, January 18 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 25 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 1 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 8 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 15 4:00 p.m.

Business Model Canvas Workshop (Hybrid)

Is your business model working? Join Kimberly Beer to learn how to stop the chaos and create meaningful direction in your business while ensuring your business idea is solid. Ideal for new entrepreneurs looking to define their concept and seasoned business owners who want to prevent the dreaded three- and five-year business slumps. Registration is required to receive the packet with supplies for this activity-based class. For adults.

Blue Springs South Branch

Monday, February 5 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Monday, February 5 5:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, January 10 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, January 10 5:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Tuesday, December 5 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Tuesday, December 5 6:00 p.m.



SQUARE ONE

Square One Small Business Services
mymcpl.org/SquareOne

Some Square One Small Business Service programs are made possible through funding from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

Canva Lab (Hybrid)

Canva is the graphic design platform you never knew you needed! We know that not all business owners are also graphic designers, so we want to help you get started using this amazing tool. Join Square One for this program to get answers to your Canva questions and help with your designs. For adults.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, January 12 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Friday, January 12 5:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Monday, February 26 11:30 a.m.

Virtual Branch

Monday, February 26 11:30 a.m.

Creating Your Brand (Hybrid)

Do you know your brand story? Let Cynthia Fails lead you through this 90-minute exploration of your brand by helping you understand the relationship between businesses and customers, your business story, and how to effectively communicate that story to your customers. For adults.

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, February 21 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, February 21 5:30 p.m.

Do you own a small business, have an idea for a new business venture, or work for a nonprofit? Mid-Continent Public Library's Square One Small Business Services has your entrepreneurial interests covered! Find out more about our free resources and what we can do for you at mymcpl.org/SquareOne.

SQUARE ONE BUSINESS SERVICES

Growing Your Business with Facebook Groups (Hybrid)

Facebook Groups are a tried-and-true way to start conversations with your customers. Taking advantage of these free online groups is a great marketing technique that many business owners ignore. In this Square One program, learn how to make Facebook Groups your next big marketing move. For adults.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, December 6 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, December 6 6:00 p.m.

How to Get 10,000 Facebook Followers in 1 Week (Hybrid)

Tired of checking your follower count every day with absolutely no change? There's a trick that has the possibility to dramatically increase your followers, content likes, and video views. Max Sheffield will show you how to implement this Facebook hack, discuss the ethics surrounding it, and explore possible outcomes from putting this trick into practice. For adults.

Green Hills Library Center

Friday, January 19 3:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Friday, January 19 3:00 p.m.

Productivity Tools for Your Business (Hybrid)

We live in a world of distractions that can halt our productivity in its tracks. But there are some really amazing tools available that can keep you focused and efficient as a business owner. In this Square One program, learn about a variety of tools that can help you make the most of your limited time. For adults.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, February 7 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, February 7 12:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Thursday, December 7 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, December 7 12:00 p.m.

SEO, Algorithms, and Analytics—Oh My (Hybrid)

This workshop focuses on Search Engine Optimization (SEO), algorithms, and analytics. Participants will learn how to optimize websites for search engines, understand algorithms used by search engines, and use analytics tools to track website performance. The workshop will provide hands-on experience with industry-standard tools and techniques to improve website visibility and drive more traffic. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch

Wednesday, December 13 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, December 13 12:00 p.m.

TikTok for Business (Hybrid)

If you're in business, the only thing worse than not having a social media marketing strategy is having a bad one. This class shows you how to use TikTok to boost your brand awareness and audience engagement, as well as effectively reach and expand your audience. For adults.

Grandview Branch

Monday, January 22 6:00 p.m.

Tracking Money for Your Small Business (Hybrid)

Spreadsheets got you down? Join us for a small group working session to get back to the basics of business finance. We know not everyone spends their day working on a computer, so we'll start off working the numbers on paper and work our way up to introducing basic applications. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, February 22 11:00 a.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, February 22 11:00 a.m.

Using AI to Build Your Business Plan (Hybrid) NEW

If you're looking to build your business plan, leveraging AI technology can be incredibly helpful! Join a Square One Business Specialist to learn how to gather and analyze data using AI that will best fit your business needs. For adults.

Red Bridge Branch

Friday, February 16 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Friday, February 16 12:00 p.m.

Using Meta for Your Business (Hybrid) NEW

Meta (formerly Facebook) is an essential social media platform for any business that wants to stay competitive in today's fast-paced market. Join Square One to learn what has changed and how to utilize the new Meta Business Suite tools to help build your business's brand awareness, marketing, and customer engagement. For adults.

Riverside Branch

Monday, January 8 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Monday, January 8 5:00 p.m.

What You Need to Get Funding for Your Small Business (Hybrid)

In this six-week, hands-on series, you will learn how to prepare the documents needed to secure a loan for your small business. In this program, you will learn how to identify your financial strengths to share with lenders. An Excel template will be provided. Please bring a laptop or tablet. For adults.

- Week 1: Personal Financial Statement
- Week 2: Cash Flow
- Week 3: Profit and Loss (P&L)
- Week 4: Five-Year Projections
- Week 5: Inventory Management
- Week 6: Balance Sheet

Riverside Branch

Saturday, January 20 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 27 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 3 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 10 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 17 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 24 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Branch

Saturday, January 20 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 27 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 3 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 10 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 17 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 24 10:30 a.m.

Careers and Education

Agile Work Profiler: A Career Assessment (Hybrid)

The Agile Work Profiler (AWP) will provide you with valuable insight about your work strengths and help you identify potential career opportunities. By taking the AWP, you'll find out how to take your skills and transfer them into work language that can be used to build a standout resume and ace your next interview. For adults.

Colbern Road Library Center

Monday, February 12 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Monday, February 12 5:00 p.m.

Goal Setting: Getting from Point A to Point B (Hybrid)

Setting goals is an important step towards achieving success. In this workshop, we will learn how to break down goals into smaller, manageable steps, and develop strategies for tracking progress and staying motivated. For adults.

Blue Springs South Branch

Thursday, December 14 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, December 14 6:00 p.m.

Interview Like a Pro (Hybrid)

Are you looking for your dream job? Interested in learning how to ace your next job interview? Then this workshop is for you! Come learn about tips to make your next job interview a success. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch

Friday, January 26 4:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Friday, January 26 4:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, December 6 3:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, December 6 3:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, February 28 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, February 28 5:30 p.m.

LinkedIn Workshop (Hybrid) NEW

Whether you're a recent graduate, a seasoned professional, or looking to transition into a new career, LinkedIn can be a valuable tool to showcase your skills, connect with industry leaders, and discover exciting job opportunities. Join Square One to learn how to make the most out of this powerful professional networking platform. For adults.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, January 19 3:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Friday, January 19 3:00 p.m.

Writing Standout Resumes and Cover Letters (Hybrid)

Learn how to write a standout resume that'll distinguish you from a sea of candidates and get you hired! We will cover important topics such as formatting, language, and tailoring your resume to specific job postings. For adults.

Grandview Branch

Friday, February 2 4:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Friday, February 2 4:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Thursday, January 4 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, January 4 5:00 p.m.



NEED HELP PREPARING FOR A NEW CAREER?

The Library Has Free Services and Resources for Job Seekers.

Visit mymcpl.org/Career or call 816.518.1558 today!

History

Architectural Tour of Historic Woodneath House

Join Trudy Faulkner, Vice President of Strata Architecture + Planning, for an inside look at the historic Woodneath home. She will describe the extensive adaptive reuse project that turned the original house, built in 1855-1856, into a dynamic space for MCPL's Story Center. Space is limited and reservations are required. For adults.

The Story Center

Saturday, January 20 1:30 p.m.

Certification

Combining Stories with Story Weaving NEW

Join Jessica Robinson—2023 ORACLE Award recipient, storyteller, teaching artist, founder of Better Said Than Done, and producer of the Women's Storytelling Festival—for this interactive workshop about interweaving numerous stories to create a new tale. This class is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program as a Storytelling Elective. For adults.

The Story Center

Thursday, February 1 6:30 p.m.

Introduction to Writing Audio Dramas (Zoom) NEW

Join Jackie Hedeman, co-creator of the Sci-Fi podcast The Pasithea Powder, to learn the fundamentals of writing for narrative audio. In this workshop, we'll explore dialogue and pacing, trade tips for creating multi-episode storytelling arcs, and discuss how to create lasting images with words and sounds. This class is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program as a Storytelling Elective. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, January 11 6:30 p.m.

Performance Basics (Zoom)

In this interactive workshop, discover how to unleash your potential and connect with your audience from storyteller George Pettigrew. Attendees will practice vocal projection, movement, pacing, and tips for combating stage fright. This class is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Monday, January 22 6:30 p.m.

Resources for Storytellers (Hybrid)

It takes various tools to become a seasoned storyteller or writer, including books, websites, 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 Oral and Written Storytelling Certificate Programs. For adults.

The Story Center

Monday, January 29 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Monday, January 29 6:30 p.m.

Starting A Writing Project (Hybrid)

Start your writing project with Story Center Program Manager and author Shannon Thompson. We'll dive into creative inspiration and learn tricks to prevent writer's block as well as discover tools to help set realistic goals and stay on track. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

The Story Center

Thursday, January 25 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, January 25 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, December 4 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 8 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 5 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Monday, December 4 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 8 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 5 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, December 21 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 18 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 15 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Thursday, December 21 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 18 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 15 6:30 p.m.

Storycrafting Fundamentals (Zoom)

Writer and storyteller Laura Packer will explore character development, story structure, point of view, understanding your audience, and other storycrafting techniques. Designed for creative writers and storytellers, this class doesn't require previous writing or storytelling experience. This class is part of the Oral and Written Storytelling Certificate Programs. For adults.

Virtual Branch

Wednesday, January 10 6:30 p.m.

Storytelling Certificate Celebration: Oral Storytelling (Hybrid)

Join The Story Center as we recognize the participants who have earned their certificate from the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, December 2 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Branch

Saturday, December 2 10:30 a.m.

Storytelling Certificate Celebration: Written Storytelling (Hybrid)

Join The Story Center as we recognize the participants who have earned their certificate from the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, December 2 1:30 p.m.

Virtual Branch

Saturday, December 2 1:30 p.m.

Turning a Written Story into an Oral Story NEW

Join author and oral storyteller Alice Nathan in this interactive workshop that fuses written and oral storytelling. Using examples from Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, learn how to transform the written word into a story told out loud to an audience. This class is part of the Written and Oral Storytelling Certificate Programs as a Storytelling Elective and Writing Elective. For adults.

The Story Center

Thursday, December 14 6:30 p.m.



The Story Center's Storytelling

Certificate Program is a free workshop series for storytellers of all mediums. The Storytelling Certificate Program will help you create and share your stories, whether contemporary or historical, real or imagined. Free courses taught by practicing professionals will help you grow your stories from a spark of inspiration into a polished, marketable product. Currently, you can earn a Storytelling Certificate in written or oral storytelling. Contact The Story Center staff or visit mymcpl.org/StoryCenter to learn more and enroll.

Upon completing the Certificate Program, you should be able to:

- Describe different forms and styles of written or oral storytelling.
- Understand and apply core concepts, skills, and techniques necessary to create, edit, and publish or perform an original story.
- Compare and evaluate various publication and performance models and opportunities.
- Define and develop strategies for cultivating a particular brand.
- Understand how basic business concepts and tools apply to professional writing and storytelling.
- Cultivate opportunities and identify resources for continued learning.
- Engage in a community of storytellers.

Early Literacy

Babies Who Build

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

Colbern Road Library Center

Friday, January 19 9:15 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, December 12 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 9 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 13 10:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, February 14 4:00 p.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, January 8 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Friday, January 26 10:00 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Friday, January 19 10:00 a.m.

Dearborn Branch

Tuesday, January 2 10:00 a.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Thursday, January 25 10:30 a.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Wednesday, January 3 10:15 a.m.

Kearney Branch

Saturday, January 20 10:00 a.m.

Monday, February 26 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Saturday, February 24 11:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, January 3 4:00 p.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.

Blue Springs North Branch

Friday, December 15 10:00 a.m.

Friday, February 9 10:00 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Friday, December 8 10:00 a.m.

Friday, January 5 10:00 a.m.

Friday, February 2 10:00 a.m.

Friday, February 16 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 Wednesday & Thursday 10:30 a.m.

(except Dec. 19, 20, 26, & 27)

Grandview Branch

Every Tuesday 11:00 a.m.

(except Dec. 12 & Feb. 27)

Every Thursday in December 4:00 p.m.

Every Thursday in January & February 5:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

2nd Tuesday & Wednesday every month 10:30 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Every Friday 10:00 a.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, January 17 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 21 9:30 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Saturday, February 3 10:30 a.m.



Early Literacy Fair

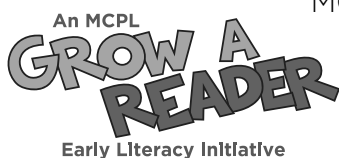
Parents and caregivers, along with their children ages birth through 6, are invited to an open house-style event to explore many of the Library's early literacy resources. A variety of fun activities will be provided as we play and learn together!

North Oak Branch

Saturday, February 17 10:30 a.m.

Platte City Branch

Tuesday, February 13 10:00 a.m.



MCPL invites you to participate in this free initiative that encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before starting kindergarten.

If you read just one book a night, you'll easily reach your goal!

Ask a staff member or visit mymcpl.org/1000Books.

STORYTIME



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.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, January 17 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 18 10:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Thursday, December 21 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 18 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 15 10:30 a.m.

Withers Branch

Saturday, January 13 10:30 a.m.

Hear stories, sing songs, join in movement activities, and create memories together. Designed for children of all ages, MCPL storytimes help build early literacy skills.

Find schedules at
mymcpl.org/Storytime.

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.

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, December 4 4:00 p.m.
Monday, December 18 4:00 p.m.
Monday, January 8 4:00 p.m.
Monday, January 22 4:00 p.m.
Monday, February 5 4:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

1st Wednesday every month 10:00 a.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, January 24 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 28 4:00 p.m.

Storytime for Families: Bedtime 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, February 12 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

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

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, January 24 7:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, February 5 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Wednesday, February 7 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, February 8 10:00 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Monday, January 29 10:00 a.m.

Storytime for Preschoolers: 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.

Blue Springs North Branch

Dropoff

Thursday, January 18 11:00 a.m.

Storytime

Saturday, January 20 10:30 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Dropoff

Thursday, February 8 9:00 a.m.

Friday, February 9 9:00 a.m.

Storytime

Saturday, February 10 10:30 a.m.

Grandview Branch

Dropoff

Monday, February 26 9:00 a.m.

Storytime

Tuesday, February 27 10:30 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Dropoff

Thursday, January 11 10:00 a.m.

Storytime

Saturday, January 13 11:00 a.m.

Platte City Branch

Dropoff

Monday, January 22 9:00 a.m.

Storytime

Tuesday, January 23 10:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Dropoff

Tuesday, January 9 9:00 a.m.

Storytime

Thursday, January 11 10:30 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Dropoff

Thursday, February 8 9:00 a.m.

Storytime

Friday, February 9 10:00 a.m.

Animals and Nature

Animal Care Investigations NEW

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.

Claycomo Branch

Friday, February 16 2:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Thursday, February 29 3:30 p.m.

Inspiring Scales with EpicStyle NEW

Why not reptiles? Learn fun facts about reptiles and meet some. See why reptiles make goods pets and if they are right for you. Ages 4 and up.

Antioch Branch

Saturday, February 3 2:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, January 27 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Saturday, February 17 11:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch

Monday, February 26 5:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, February 24 11:00 a.m.

Weston Branch

Saturday, January 13 11:00 a.m.

Is a Chinchilla Right for You? NEW

Meet some adorable chinchillas, and learn how to keep one as a pet. Exotics R Us will tell us about what they eat, how to handle one safely, and demonstrate the proper way to give a chinchilla a dust bath. Ages 6 and up.

Dearborn Branch

Saturday, February 10 10:30 a.m.

North Independence Branch

Saturday, December 9 10:30 a.m.

Platte City Branch

Saturday, January 6 11:00 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, January 20 11:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Wednesday, February 14 6:30 p.m.

Nature's Superpowers NEW

Whether it is slimy, scaly, furry, or feathered, an animal's body helps it survive. Discover more about the adaptations of mammals, birds, and reptiles in Missouri with a Burr Oak Woods naturalist through interaction with live reptiles/amphibians and natural artifacts. Ages 5 and up.

Blue Springs South Branch

Saturday, January 27 11:00 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, January 13 10:30 a.m.

North Independence Branch

Saturday, February 17 2:00 p.m.

Books and Reading

Read to a Pet

Read to some very good listeners—Pet Partners registered therapy pets. These special animals will be available for 10-minute sessions to help children improve their reading skills and build self-confidence. Space is limited. Check with your local branch for more information. Ages 3 and up.

Blue Springs South Branch

Monday, January 22 4:30 p.m.

Buckner Branch

Saturday, February 10 1:00 p.m.

Camden Point Branch

Saturday, February 17 10:30 a.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Wednesday, February 21 6:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, February 10 10:30 a.m.

Grandview Branch

Saturday, January 20 3:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Monday, December 11 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 24 10:30 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, January 27 11:00 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, January 10 6:00 p.m.

Crafts and Hobbies

KidCreate Studio: Snowman Painting NEW

Celebrate winter by creating a masterpiece! Follow easy, step-by-step instructions to create matching snowman paintings on canvas boards. This program is designed for children ages 5 to 12 and an accompanying adult. Please contact the branch to register.

Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, December 16 10:30 a.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Wednesday, January 10 3:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, January 18 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, January 16 6:30 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, February 15 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Saturday, January 27 11:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch

Tuesday, December 12 6:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Saturday, December 9 3:00 p.m.

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.

Green Hills Library Center

Wednesday, December 13 3:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, December 14 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 15 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, December 4 2:00 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, January 18 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, December 4 3:00 p.m.

Monday, February 5 3:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, December 6 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 1 3:30 p.m.

Kids Create Art: Love to Craft NEW

Celebrate the season with love-inspired crafts. Create a variety of themed craft items for yourself and the special people in your life. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Antioch Branch	
Monday, February 5	6:00 p.m.
Blue Springs North Branch	
Tuesday, February 13	7:00 p.m.
Blue Springs South Branch	
Monday, February 12	6:30 p.m.
East Lee's Summit Branch	
Wednesday, December 27	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 28	3:30 p.m.
Grain Valley Branch	
Tuesday, February 13	6:30 p.m.
Grandview Branch	
Saturday, February 3	3:30 p.m.
Green Hills Library Center	
Wednesday, February 14	3:00 p.m.
Parkville Branch	
Tuesday, February 6	3:30 p.m.
South Independence Branch	
Wednesday, February 14	6:00 p.m.
Withers Branch	
Wednesday, February 21	6:00 p.m.
Woodneath Library Center	
Monday, February 12	6:30 p.m.

Kids Create Art: Lunar New Year NEW

It's the Year of the Dragon! Celebrate Lunar New Year with holiday-inspired crafts and learn about the holiday traditions. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch	
Tuesday, February 6	7:00 p.m.
Grandview Branch	
Saturday, January 6	3:30 p.m.
Lee's Summit Branch	
Friday, February 9	3:30 p.m.
Parkville Branch	
Saturday, February 10	11:00 a.m.
Red Bridge Branch	
Wednesday, February 7	6:00 p.m.

Kids Create Art: Winter Crafts NEW

Get out of the cold and create some fun winter crafts as a family. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Antioch Branch	
Monday, January 22	6:00 p.m.
Blue Springs North Branch	
Tuesday, January 30	6:30 p.m.
Blue Springs South Branch	
Thursday, December 28	2:00 p.m.
Buckner Branch	
Thursday, December 7	6:00 p.m.
Grain Valley Branch	
Tuesday, December 19	6:30 p.m.
Grandview Branch	
Saturday, December 9	3:30 p.m.
North Independence Branch	
Monday, February 5	2:00 p.m.
Parkville Branch	
Tuesday, December 5	3:30 p.m.
Riverside Branch	
Tuesday, December 5	4:30 p.m.
Weston Branch	
Friday, December 15	4:00 p.m.
Withers Branch	
Thursday, December 14	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 31	6:00 p.m.
Woodneath Library Center	
Tuesday, January 19	10:00 a.m.

Winter Wonderland Exploding Box

Learn the story of Snowflake Bentley's work in photomicrography and the beautiful snow crystals he discovered. Then create your own exploding box filled with snow crystals and a snowman. Please register participating children only. Ages 5 and up.

Dearborn Branch	
Saturday, January 6	2:00 p.m.
East Lee's Summit Branch	
Saturday, January 20	2:30 p.m.
Excelsior Springs Branch	
Saturday, December 16	3:00 p.m.
Grain Valley Branch	
Saturday, January 20	10:30 a.m.
Smithville Branch	
Saturday, January 6	10:30 a.m.
South Independence Branch	
Saturday, January 27	2:00 p.m.
Woodneath Library Center	
Saturday, January 27	10:30 a.m.

Entertainment

Countdown to Noon: A Family New Year's Party

Celebrate New Year's Eve kids' style! Staying up late can be fun, but it also can be hard. The Library will host a countdown to noon where we will have games, STEAM activities, and a balloon drop. Let's say farewell to 2023 and welcome 2024! Ages 6 and up.

Antioch Branch	
Saturday, December 30	11:00 a.m.
Blue Springs North Branch	
Thursday, December 28	10:30 a.m.
Claycomo Branch	
Saturday, December 30	11:00 a.m.
Dearborn Branch	
Saturday, December 30	11:00 a.m.
Green Hills Library Center	
Thursday, December 28	11:30 a.m.
Lone Jack Branch	
Saturday, December 30	11:00 a.m.
Red Bridge Branch	
Saturday, December 30	11:00 a.m.

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.

Antioch Branch	
Monday, December 4	6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 26	6:00 p.m.
South Independence Branch	
Monday, December 18	3:00 p.m.
Monday, January 22	3:00 p.m.
Monday, February 26	3:00 p.m.
Withers Branch	
Wednesday, December 20	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 18	3:30 p.m.

Genealogy

Exploring Family Trees: MGC Storytime NEW

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, December 11 2:00 p.m.
Monday, January 22 2:00 p.m.
Monday, February 12 2:00 p.m.

Health and Well-Being

Once Upon a Pose: Fairy Tale Yoga NEW

Weaving yoga poses through imaginary castles and magical woods, kids will bring fairy tales to life through movement, games, and songs. They'll finish with relaxation and a craft. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, February 17 10:30 a.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, February 10 2:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, December 8 3:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Saturday, January 27 11:00 a.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, January 16 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Saturday, February 3 11:00 a.m.

Withers Branch

Thursday, January 11 3:30 p.m.

History

The Greatest Thing: A Story About Buck O'Neil NEW

Join educator and author Kristy Nerstheimer as she introduces the late Buck O'Neil with her book *The Greatest Thing: A Story About Buck O'Neil*. Participants will learn more about this former Kansas City Monarchs baseball player, his impressive career, and how he became the first African American to coach in the major leagues. Ages 6 and up.

North Independence Branch

Saturday, February 3 11:00 a.m.

Riverside Branch

Monday, February 5 6:30 p.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, February 7 6:00 p.m.

Holidays

Happy Kwanzaa

Learn about the origin, music, and rich significance of Kwanzaa. Brother John will dispel common myths surrounding this celebration as he brings this intergenerational holiday tradition to life. Ages 7 and up.

Colbern Road Library Center

Thursday, December 28 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Wednesday, December 27 6:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Tuesday, December 19 10:00 a.m.

KidCreate Studio: Rudolph Painting NEW

Christmas is just around the corner, and what better way to celebrate than by creating a masterpiece! Follow easy, step-by-step instructions to create matching paintings on canvas boards of the most famous reindeer of all. This program is designed for children ages 5 to 12 and an accompanying adult. Please contact the branch to register.

Blue Springs South Branch

Monday, December 4 6:30 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Saturday, December 9 10:30 a.m.

Platte City Branch

Saturday, December 2 11:00 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Monday, December 11 6:30 p.m.

Kids Create Art: Holidays Around the World NEW

Celebrate the season with holiday-inspired crafts. Create a variety of themed craft items for yourself and the special people in your life. Please register participating children only. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, December 19 7:00 p.m.

Edgerton Branch

Thursday, December 7 4:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, December 15 3:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Monday, December 4 6:30 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Thursday, December 21 6:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, December 21 6:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, December 6 4:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Wednesday, December 13 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Claus Tells It All!

Mrs. Claus tells all of Santa's best-kept secrets. Hear about the time Santa got stuck in a chimney, learn what Santa's favorite cookie is, and get all the best North Pole gossip. All ages.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, December 9 10:30 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, December 9 2:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch

Saturday, December 16 11:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch

Friday, December 22 3:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Thursday, December 21 3:30 p.m.

Storytime with Santa

Santa is making a special trip to the Library to read a holiday story. After the story, children are welcome to sit on Santa's knee to tell him what they want for Christmas. All ages.

Camden Point Branch

Monday, December 4 6:00 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

Monday, December 18 6:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Tuesday, December 19 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Wednesday, December 20 6:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Tuesday, December 5 5:00 p.m.

Get festive at the Library!
Find fun programs for the
whole family and browse
holiday book lists at
mymcpl.org/Holidays.

Storytime with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Santa and Mrs. Claus are making a special trip from the North Pole to read a holiday story. After the story, children may sit on Santa's lap for photos. All ages.

Blue Springs South Branch

Saturday, December 9 10:30 a.m.

Buckner Branch

Saturday, December 16 2:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Thursday, December 21 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, December 12 10:30 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, December 16 10:30 a.m.

South Independence Branch

Tuesday, December 12 6:00 p.m.

'Twas Etc. NEW

Santa is off doing a practice run, so Mrs. Claus decides to get her friends together for a wacky storytelling session of Clement C. Moore's famous poem, "The Night Before Christmas." All ages.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, December 21 2:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, December 2 2:30 p.m.

Edgerton Branch

Saturday, December 9 2:00 p.m.

Green Hills Branch

Saturday, December 16 10:30 a.m.

Performance

Book Detective: *Zar and the Broken Spaceship* NEW

Join Dinosaur O'Dell as he introduces us to Zar, an alien who has lost his way, from his book *Zar and the Broken Spaceship*. Participants will be entertained as they learn about the five Ws and discover the differences between fiction and nonfiction. This fun and interactive show will teach how anyone can become a Book Detective. Designed for ages 4 to 8. Ages 4 and up.

Blue Springs South Branch

Friday, December 22 10:00 a.m.

Raytown Branch

Wednesday, January 24 6:00 p.m.

Fairly Mixed-Up Tales NEW

Jay and Leslie Cady punctuate these fairy tales with juggling routines and lively discussion to increase preschoolers' reading readiness and develop literacy skills the fun way. Ages 3 and up.

Lone Jack Branch

Monday, January 29 4:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Thursday, February 22 6:00 p.m.

Riverside Branch

Tuesday, February 13 4:30 p.m.

Love Potion

Join StoneLion Puppet Theatre for a family-friendly celebration of love with tango-ing flamingos, dancing chocolate kisses, and loving orangutans. All ages.

Blue Springs North Branch

Saturday, February 3 11:00 a.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Monday, February 5 6:30 p.m.

Magical Jazz: Exploring Louis Armstrong NEW

Join us for an inspiring show about the jazz pioneer and celebrated musician Louis Armstrong. Magical jazz performed by Tommy Terrific features magic tricks related to Armstrong's innovative jazz standards such as "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "What a Wonderful World." Get ready to get down, boogie, and be amazed! Ages 4 and up.

Blue Ridge Branch

Thursday, February 22 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Thursday, February 22 2:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Thursday, February 22 10:00 a.m.

North Oak Branch

Wednesday, February 21 3:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Wednesday, February 21 6:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Wednesday, February 21 10:30 a.m.



Jim "Two Crows" Wallen Presents: A Visit with Santa Claus

Get in the Christmas spirit with a story from Santa, and make a simple craft to take home. An adult must accompany each child and may take photos of their child with Santa. Please register participating children only. All ages.

Kearney Branch

Saturday, December 2 3:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, December 23 10:30 a.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Tuesday, December 19 6:30 p.m.

North Oak Branch

Saturday, December 9 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, December 18 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, December 12 7:00 p.m.

Buckner Branch

Thursday, February 29 6:00 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

Tuesday, January 16 6:30 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Wednesday, January 24 3:30 p.m.

Edgerton Branch

Thursday, January 4 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 1 4:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Saturday, February 17 3:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, February 20 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center

Wednesday, January 24 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28 3:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Thursday, January 11 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 1 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, December 5 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 2 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, December 11 2:00 p.m.

Monday, January 8 2:00 p.m.

Monday, January 22 2:00 p.m.

Monday, January 29 2:00 p.m.

Monday, February 12 2:00 p.m.

Monday, February 26 2:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, December 14 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 11 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 8 6:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, February 20 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, December 11 3:00 p.m.

Monday, January 8 3:00 p.m.

Monday, February 12 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 29 6:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, January 17 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 15 3:30 p.m.

Snow Puppet Show

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but our puppets are so delightful! Join us for a wintery mix of trick marionettes, singing puppets, and cool music. Dance the Penguin Shuffle, watch our ice skating mouse, or bounce along with Frosty the Snowman. Just let it SNOW! Ages 4 and up.

North Oak Branch

Saturday, January 6 10:30 a.m.

Withers Branch

Thursday, December 7 3:30 p.m.

Songs of the Black Pioneers NEW

Hear original songs from storyteller Brother John. His performance will explore the remarkable contributions of African American pioneers such as astronaut Dr. Mae Jemison, champion bicycle racer Marshall "Major" Thomas, and more. Ages 7 and up.

Blue Ridge Branch

Saturday, February 3 10:30 a.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, February 13 6:30 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, February 17 2:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Friday, February 23 4:30 p.m.

Green Hills Branch

Saturday, February 24 10:30 a.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Saturday, February 24 2:00 p.m.

The Little STEAM Robot That Could NEW

Join Mr. Miles for this play about a little robot who believed he could STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). This show will include opportunities for audience participation. Ages 6 and up.

Antioch Branch

Saturday, February 24 2:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Saturday, January 6 2:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Saturday, January 27 2:00 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, January 29 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, January 9 7:00 p.m.

Dearborn Branch

Friday, February 16 10:00 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Tuesday, January 16 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Friday, January 19 4:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Sunday, February 11 2:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, January 29 3:00 p.m.

Weston Branch

Saturday, February 10 11:00 a.m.

Withers Branch

Saturday, February 24 3:00 p.m.

Mad Science Presents Moving Motion

Join us to catapult into Newton's three laws of motion! Watch as the Mad Scientist yanks a cloth from under dishes and sends crash test dummies flying. You'll enjoy our hands-on activities that get you laughing and thinking. This program is recommended for ages 7 to 12. Please register participating children only.

Buckner Branch

Saturday, January 13 2:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, January 27 11:00 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, January 25 6:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Monday, January 22 6:30 p.m.

Mad Science Presents the World of Wiggly Worms NEW

Wiggle and squirm your way into the world of worms with Mad Science. Learn how worms eat, move, and breathe in their underground environment. This program is recommended for ages 4 to 6. Please register participating children only.

Antioch Branch

Wednesday, January 17 2:00 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Saturday, January 13 11:00 a.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Thursday, January 4 2:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Saturday, January 20 10:30 a.m.

Storytelling

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.

North Independence Branch

Monday, December 18 2:00 p.m.

Writing

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.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, February 20 6:30 p.m.



Mr. Stinky Feet's Scoops of Love NEW

Join Mr. Stinky Feet for a family dance party celebrating love and friendship. Ages 3 and up.

Blue Springs South Branch

Saturday, February 24 11:00 a.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, February 16 3:30 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, February 10 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Stinky Feet's Winter Jamboree

Shake off the cabin fever 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 3 and up.

Colbern Road Library Center

Friday, December 8 10:00 a.m.

Riverside Branch

Saturday, December 2 2:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Saturday, January 20 10:30 a.m.

Crafts and Hobbies

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.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, January 23 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Monday, December 11 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 12 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, January 22 3:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, February 15 6:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Thursday, February 1 6:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, December 4 1:00 p.m.

Monday, February 5 1:00 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.

Antioch Branch

Thursday, January 11 6:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Wednesday, January 3 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, January 23 7:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, December 5 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, January 23 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Thursday, February 22 6:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, January 13 11:00 a.m.

Teens Create Art: Cosplay Creations NEW

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.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, February 20 7:00 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, February 27 6:30 p.m.

Teens Create Art: Love to Craft NEW

Celebrate the season with love-inspired crafts. Create a variety of heart-themed craft items for yourself and the special people in your life. For teens.

Smithville Branch

Tuesday, February 13 6:30 p.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, February 14 7:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, February 8 6:30 p.m.

Entertainment

Teen After-Hours: All Things Fandom

From superheroes to anime to K-Pop to video games and more! 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.

Claycomo Branch

Friday, January 12 6:00 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Friday, February 2 6:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch

Friday, February 16 6:00 p.m.

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Teen After-Hours: Relax and Regroup

Take a break at the Library! This Teen After-Hours event will feature a variety of activities designed to help you de-stress and unwind. This program is designed for teens 13 and older.

A signed permission slip is required.

Antioch Branch

Friday, February 16 6:00 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

Thursday, December 7 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 4 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 1 6:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch

Wednesday, December 13 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21 6:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch

Tuesday, January 16 7:00 p.m.

Buckner Branch

Thursday, December 14 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 11 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 8 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, December 5 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 2 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Monday, December 4 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 8 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 5 7:00 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Tuesday, January 9 6:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Thursday, December 7 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 4 6:30 p.m.

Teen Games

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

Antioch Branch

Thursday, December 14 6:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, January 30 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch

Tuesday, January 16 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch

Monday, January 22 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, December 4 3:30 p.m.

Monday, January 29 3:30 p.m.

Monday, February 5 3:30 p.m.

Raytown Branch

Monday, December 18 5:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, December 18 1:00 p.m.

Monday, January 22 1:00 p.m.

Monday, February 12 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 26 1:00 p.m.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, January 10 7:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center

Thursday, December 14 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 22 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, December 5 7:00 p.m.

Blue Springs South Branch

Thursday, January 25 6:30 p.m.

Claycomo Branch

Saturday, December 16 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 17 2:30 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center

Tuesday, December 19 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 16 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20 6:30 p.m.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, December 12 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13 6:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch

Monday, December 11 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 8 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 12 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Thursday, December 14 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 11 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 8 6:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Monday, December 18 3:30 p.m.

Monday, February 26 3:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, January 23 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27 6:30 p.m.

Teen Hangout: All Things Fandom NEW

From superheroes to anime to K-Pop to video games and more! Come celebrate your fandom at the Library. There will be games, trivia, and opportunities to create and learn. You are welcome to come in costume! Obscene or offensive costumes are not allowed. For teens.

Blue Ridge Branch

Wednesday, February 14 6:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, January 9 6:30 p.m.

Smithville Branch

Saturday, February 3 2:00 p.m.

Teen Hangout: Relax and Regroup NEW

Take a break at the Library! This teen event will feature a variety of activities designed to help you de-stress and unwind. For teens.

Withers Branch

Wednesday, December 13 7:00 p.m.

Teen Hangout: Unleash Your Creativity NEW

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.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, December 19 6:00 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch

Monday, February 26 5:30 p.m.

Parkville Branch

Tuesday, December 12 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 13 6:30 p.m.

Health and Well-Being

Teen Yoga

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

Lone Jack Branch

Monday, January 22 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, January 29 6:30 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

Tuesday, December 12 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13 6:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, December 26 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Thursday, December 7 6:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Friday, December 1 4:00 p.m.

Friday, January 12 4:00 p.m.

Friday, February 2 4:00 p.m.

Science

Teen STEAM NEW

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

Lone Jack Branch

Wednesday, December 13 3:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch

Thursday, January 18 6:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch

Monday, December 11 1:00 p.m.

Monday, January 8 1:00 p.m.

Monday, January 29 1:00 p.m.

Monday, February 12 1:00 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.

Red Bridge Branch

Saturday, December 9 11:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch

Tuesday, December 12 7:00 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.

East Lee's Summit Branch

Saturday, January 13 10:00 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch

Saturday, February 24 10:00 a.m.

Grandview Branch

Saturday, January 27 10:00 a.m.

Writing

Teens Create Stories NEW

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

Buckner Branch

Thursday, January 25 6:00 p.m.



Sonnet ShakeUP












































The Heart of America Shakespeare Festival offers a sonnet writing workshop just in time for participants to submit their work in the annual HASF original sonnet contest. Looking to Shakespeare for inspiration, participants will learn the formal structure of these 14-line poems. For teens.

Colbern Road Library Center





































Tuesday, January 9 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch

Thursday, February 29 6:00 p.m.

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Clay County

Antioch Branch

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Gladstone, MO 64119
816.454.1306
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Claycomo Branch

309 NE 69 Hwy.
Claycomo, MO 64119
816.455.5030
Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Excelsior Springs Branch

1460 Kearney Road
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
816.630.6721
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Kearney Branch

100 S. Platte-Clay Way
Kearney, MO 64060
816.628.5055
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

North Oak Branch

8700 N. Oak Trfwy.
Kansas City, MO 64155
816.436.4385
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Smithville Branch

120 Richardson St.
Smithville, MO 64089
816.532.0116
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Withers Branch

1665 S. Withers Road
Liberty, MO 64068
816.781.9240
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Woodneath Library Center

8900 NE Flintlock Road
Kansas City, MO 64157
816.883.4900
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Platte County

Camden Point Branch

401 Hardesty St.
Camden Point, MO 64018
816.280.3384
Mon. 9–8, Tues.–Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Dearborn Branch

206 Maple Leaf Ave.
Dearborn, MO 64439
816.450.3502
Mon. 9–6, Tues. 9–8, Wed.–Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Edgerton Branch

404 Frank St.
Edgerton, MO 64444
816.790.3569
Mon.–Wed. 9–6, Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Green Hills Library Center

8581 N. Green Hills Road
Kansas City, MO 64154
816.741.9011
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Parkville Branch

8815 Tom Watson Pkwy.
Parkville, MO 64152
816.741.4721
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Platte City Branch

2702 NW Prairie View Road
Platte City, MO 64079
816.858.2322
Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Riverside Branch

2700 NW Vivion Road
Riverside, MO 64150
816.741.6288
Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Weston Branch

18204 Library Dr.
Weston, MO 64098
816.640.2874
Mon.–Thur. 9–7, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Jackson County

Blue Ridge Branch

9253 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64138
816.761.3382
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Blue Springs North Branch

850 NW Hunter Dr.
Blue Springs, MO 64015
816.224.8772
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Blue Springs South Branch

2220 S. 7 Hwy.
Blue Springs, MO 64014
816.229.3571
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Buckner Branch

19 E. Jefferson St.
Buckner, MO 64016
816.650.3212
Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Colbern Road Library Center

1000 NE Colbern Road
Lee's Summit, MO 64086
816.525.9924
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

East Lee's Summit Branch

2240 SE Blue Pkwy.
Lee's Summit, MO 64063
816.759.2085
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Farview Neighborhood Library

18109 E. 12th St. North
Independence, MO 64056
816.252.0951
Tues.–Sat. 10–6

Grain Valley Branch

400 SW Buckner Tarsney Road
Grain Valley, MO 64029
816.228.4020
Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Grandview Branch

12930 Booth Lane
Grandview, MO 64030
816.763.0550
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Lee's Summit Branch

150 NW Oldham Pkwy.
Lee's Summit, MO 64081
816.524.0567
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Lone Jack Branch

211 N. Bynum Road
Lone Jack, MO 64070
816.697.2528
Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Midwest Genealogy Center

3440 S. Lee's Summit Road
Independence, MO 64055
816.252.7228
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North Independence Branch

317 W. 24 Hwy.
Independence, MO 64050
816.252.0950
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Oak Grove Branch

2320 S. Broadway St.
Oak Grove, MO 64075
816.690.3213
Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6,

Raytown Branch

6131 Raytown Road
Raytown, MO 64133
816.353.2052
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Red Bridge Branch

453 E. Red Bridge Road
Kansas City, MO 64131
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Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

South Independence Branch

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Independence, MO 64055
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