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Grow your reader through building a daily habit of talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing with the new Grow A Reader app.

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Access Early Literacy

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**Virtual Program Viewing Information**

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

*Hybrid programs* are presented on Zoom and in person simultaneously. Participants will need to indicate how they would like to attend the program when registering. An email address and registration are required to receive the Zoom access code.

Please note: Registration closes 1 hour prior to the start of the program. All start times are Central Standard Time. Space is limited.

To enjoy *MCPL360 virtual programs*, go to our Facebook page at [facebook.com/MCPL360](http://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](http://youtube.com/MCPLMO). We archive a number of our programs here for on-demand viewing.
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4 Ways to Stay Up to Date on Upcoming MCPL Programs

1. Visit mymcpl.org/events to register for programs. Scan this QR code to go directly to the events calendar.

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 weekly email to learn about events at your branch or subjects you are interested in at mymcppl.org/MyEvents.

4. Follow us on social media to stay in touch.
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   @mcplmo
   @mcplmo

About the Cover
An avid reader from Day 1, Hendrix’s mom submitted these photos showing his journey from 5 months to 5 years old. Congratulations to Hendrix for completing the Library’s 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program! His mom says, "I truly believe this program has helped prepare him with wonderful reading skills and a love for books!” Sign your little one up for the program at mymcppl.org/1000Books.
A Classic Television Christmas (Zoom)  
As television grew in popularity, so did the seasonal Christmas special. Many classic television shows portrayed their beloved characters celebrating the holidays and entertaining special guests—including Santa! Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek to learn about classic television Christmas shows and what made them special. For adults.
Virtual Branch  
Tuesday, December 6  7:00 p.m.

Betty White: A Lifetime of Laughter (Zoom)  
Actress, activist, and comedian Betty White was a woman of many achievements both on and off the screen. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek for this special presentation about the early years, career highlights, and legacy of Betty White. For adults.
Virtual Branch  
Tuesday, January 17  7:00 p.m.

Día de los Muertos  
Learn about Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and its cultural significance from the Mattie Rhodes Center. Afterwards, make a tin ornament. Ages 5 and up.
Withers Branch  
Thursday, November 3  3:00 p.m.

James Taylor and Carly Simon (Zoom)  
In the early 1970s, the singer-songwriter ruled the radio, and husband and wife James Taylor and Carly Simon were the era’s ultimate power couple. Follow their careers from “Fire and Rain” and “You’re So Vain” to “Shower the People” and “Anticipation.” The marriage didn’t last, but the hits sure have! For adults.
Virtual Branch  
Wednesday, December 7  7:00 p.m.

Let Me Take You Down: The History of Strawberry Fields Forever (Zoom)  
“Strawberry Fields Forever” is one of The Beatles’ greatest musical and artistic accomplishments, establishing the Fab Four as a studio band rather than a concert band. This program traces the history and development of the song from conception through release. For adults.
Virtual Branch  
Wednesday, November 16  7:00 p.m.

Scrooge Through the Years (Zoom)  
Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol inspired several film adaptations and notable portrayals of his novella’s protagonist, Scrooge. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents various classic iterations of A Christmas Carol, memorable moments and portrayals, and the legacy of Scrooge and Dickens today. For adults.
Virtual Branch  
Tuesday, November 1  7:00 p.m.

Hang On, Harry: The 1940 Election and Harry Truman’s Remarkable Victory  
Hear the fascinating story behind Missouri’s 1940 U.S. Senate race. Join author and filmmaker Terence O’Malley as he uses clips from his documentary, Tom & Harry—The Boss and the President, to explain how Harry Truman squeaked out a victory in his first Senate race without the financial backing of political boss Tom Pendergast. For adults.
Antioch Branch  
Tuesday, November 15  7:00 p.m.
East Lee’s Summit Branch  
Thursday, January 26  7:00 p.m.

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Virtual Branch  
Tuesday, December 13  7:00 p.m.

Lock Down: Outlaws, Lawmen, and Frontier Justice in Jackson County, Missouri  
Take a trip back in time with historian and preservationist David Jackson behind the iron bars of Jackson County’s historic 1859 Jail and Marshal’s Home. For adults.
Lee’s Summit Branch  
Thursday, January 26  6:30 p.m.
Lone Jack Branch  
Saturday, November 19  2:00 p.m.
Midwest Genealogy Center  
Saturday, November 5  2:00 p.m.
Red Bridge Branch  
Monday, November 14  6:30 p.m.
Riverside Branch  
Monday, November 7  6:30 p.m.
South Independence Branch  
Saturday, December 10  4:00 p.m.
Lock Down: Outlaws, Lawmen, and Frontier Justice in Jackson County, Missouri (Hybrid)
Take a trip back in time with historian and preservationist David Jackson behind the iron bars of Jackson County’s historic 1859 Jail and Marshal’s Home. This class will be held in person as well as virtually via Zoom simultaneously.
For adults.
North Independence Branch
Monday, January 23 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Monday, January 23 7:00 p.m.

No Mail, No Morale: The Story of the 6888th Central Postal Battalion
Learn the story of the only all-African American, all-female military unit who went to England and France during World War II to sort a massive backlog of mail. Find out how long it took the 6888th Central Postal Battalion to sort a hanger full of undelivered letters. Ages 10 and up.
Midwest Genealogy Center
Tuesday, November 22 6:30 p.m.
Red Bridge Branch
Tuesday, November 1 4:00 p.m.

Radio Goes to War (Zoom)
World War II was the first war in history to receive almost continuous coverage on radio. Radio historian Steve Darnall will examine how radio rose to the challenge of life during wartime using sounds clips from news broadcasts, presidential speeches, programs designed to boost morale, and more. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Tuesday, November 29 2:00 p.m.

The Super Bowl: How America’s Top Sports Event Was Created (Zoom)
Millions of fans around the world watch the Super Bowl each year. Learn about the birth of the Super Bowl, Joe Namath’s guarantee that the Jets would win the 1969 game, halftime shows, commercials, and how Lamar Hunt gave the game its name.
For adults.
Virtual Branch
Tuesday, January 24 7:00 p.m.

People and Places

Exploring Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico
Explore the city with the highest elevation in the U.S. (Leadville, Colorado), kayak down Boquillas Canyon on the Rio Grande, and discover the ancestral Puebloan sites of Colorado, Utah, Texas, and New Mexico. Join Tom Tucker and Tina Yochum-Magaz on their journey through these lovely and unique states.
For adults.
Kearney Branch
Thursday, January 12 6:30 p.m.
Riverside Branch
Thursday, January 19 10:00 a.m.
Weston Branch
Saturday, November 19 11:00 a.m.
Woodneath Library Center
Tuesday, November 15 6:30 p.m.

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For adults.
Virtual Branch
Thursday, January 26 2:00 p.m.

Gerald Dickens

A Child’s Journey
On a train journey from Portland, Maine, to Boston, Massachusetts, a 12-year-old girl met her literary hero, Charles Dickens. She enchanted Dickens with her boldness and innocence. Gerald Dickens, the great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens, brings this delightful tale to life in A Child’s Journey.
Midwest Genealogy Center
Thursday, November 3 2:00 p.m.
Woodneath Library Center
Thursday, November 3 7:00 p.m.

A Christmas Carol with Gerald Dickens: A Special Engagement
Gerald Dickens, the great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens, is returning to MCPL for a live performance of A Christmas Carol. Dickens’ striking resemblance to his great-great-grandfather, and his dramatic portrayal of nearly all the characters, bring this classic to life.
Midwest Genealogy Center
Friday, November 4 2:00 p.m.
Friday, November 4 7:00 p.m.
Woodneath Library Center
Saturday, November 5 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 5 7:00 p.m.

No audio or visual recordings or still photographs are allowed during the performance.
For more information, visit www.byerschoice.com.
Seating is limited for this special live performance. Registration required.

Learn more about our rich history and the influential people who shaped our past! Find them at mymcpl.org/USHistory.
21 Videos in 21 Days
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 Hanna 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 11 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 18 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 25 12:00 p.m.

Biz Action Plan Workshop
In this five-week activity-based workshop, you will learn how to assess a business idea and will put together an action plan. At the end of the program, you will meet with the instructor to create your action plan and a list of next steps to achieving your goals. Viewing Format: Zoom link will be provided. Registration is required for this class. For adults.
• Week 1: Map Your Opportunities
• Week 2: Learning about Your Customers
• Week 3: Developing a Lite Plan
• Week 4: Show Me the Money
• Week 5: Look Before You Leap

Virtual Branch
Thursday, January 19 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 26 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 2 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 9 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 16 6:00 p.m.

Business Model Canvas Workshop
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. For adults.
Red Bridge Branch
Wednesday, December 7 12:00 p.m.
Riverside Branch
Wednesday, November 16 11:30 a.m.

Blue Springs South Branch
Thursday, January 5 6:00 p.m.
Parkville Branch
Wednesday, November 16 11:30 a.m.

Which Social Media Is Right for Your Business?
Facebook. Instagram. Twitter. LinkedIn. TikTok? Join Hanna from Square One to discuss the differences between these social media platforms and gain insight about which is best for your business. You don’t have to do it all, you just have to put your energy into the right platform. For adults.
Green Hills Library Center
Wednesday, December 14 12:00 p.m.

Create Your 30-Day Social Media Calendar
Consistency is crucial when navigating social media algorithms, but finding the time to post can be difficult for business owners. Hanna from Square One will help you brainstorm, create, and schedule monthly social media content for your business. Please note: this class is for individuals who already have a Facebook page set up but need help with content creation and scheduling. For adults.

Withers Branch
Tuesday, December 6 12:00 p.m.

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

Blue Springs South Branch
Thursday, January 5 6:00 p.m.

Book an Individual Session with a Square One Specialist!
calendly.com/square-one-mcpl
Individual Resume Writing Session

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

No matter what the occasion, a Library Lovers membership makes a great gift for yourself or a book lover in your life.

Enjoy special swag, members-only events, and the satisfaction of knowing your investment supports the work of Mid-Continent Public Library.

For information on membership levels and to purchase, visit mymcpl.org/LibraryLovers

Questions? Contact LRobbins@mymcpl.org or 816.503.4115.

Christmas.
Hanukkah.
Valentine’s Day.
Birthdays.

Library Lovers

Deadline for holiday gift purchases:
Christmas - December 10
Valentine’s Day - February 1
Early Literacy

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

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

Virtual Branch
Every Friday* 10:00 a.m.

*Except the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas

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
Saturday, November 12 10:00 a.m.
Weston Branch
Saturday, November 12 11:00 a.m.

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

East Lee’s Summit Branch
Monday, January 30 10:30 a.m.

Early Learner Grow A Creator: Winter Crafts)
Get out of the cold and create some fun winter crafts as a family. Beginners and more experienced crafters will find enjoyment at this early literacy-focused program. Ages 3 and up.

Antioch Branch
Monday, December 5 6:00 p.m.
Blue Springs North Branch
Monday, December 12 6:00 p.m.
Blue Springs South Branch
Saturday, December 10 1:00 a.m.
Claycomo Branch
Saturday, January 28 3:00 p.m.
East Lee’s Summit Branch
Monday, December 12 10:30 a.m.
Edgerton Branch
Thursday, January 5 4:00 p.m.
Lee’s Summit Branch
Saturday, December 10 2:00 p.m.
North Independence Branch
Tuesday, December 6 6:00 p.m.
Oak Grove Branch
Wednesday, December 28 2:00 p.m.
Raytown Branch
Wednesday, December 7 6:00 p.m.
South Independence Branch
Friday, November 18 10:00 a.m.

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

Blue Springs North Branch
Saturday, November 12 2:00 p.m.
Claycomo Branch
Wednesday, December 28 10:00 a.m.
Excelsior Springs Branch
Saturday, November 5 2:00 p.m.
Green Hills Library Center
Wednesday, November 9 3:00 p.m.

Did you know the Library offers a phone-based storytime experience called Dial-A-Story? Call 816.701.6904 or visit mymcppl.org/Story to hear a new story each week read by an MCPL staff member.

Register online at mymcppl.org/Events.
Play and Learn: Fun with Playdough
Let your creativity flow with activities surrounding this childhood favorite craft item. Kids will have fun exploring shapes, naming colors, and creating sculptures with playdough. Ages 3 and up.

**Antioch Branch**
Monday, November 7 6:00 p.m.

**Colbern Road Library Center**
Thursday, January 19 2:00 p.m.

**Dearborn Branch**
Tuesday, January 3 10:00 a.m.

**Grandview Branch**
Tuesday, January 10 11:00 a.m.

**North Independence Branch**
Monday, January 30 6:00 p.m.

**Raytown Branch**
Wednesday, November 16 3:30 p.m.

**Red Bridge Branch**
Friday, November 11 10:00 a.m.

**Riverside Branch**
Tuesday, January 17 6:30 p.m.

**South Independence Branch**
Monday, December 19 10:00 a.m.

**Weston Branch**
Saturday, January 14 11:00 a.m.

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. Ages 3 and up.

**Antioch Branch**
Monday, November 21 6:00 p.m.

**Blue Springs South Branch**
Friday, November 11 10:00 a.m.
Friday, November 25 10:00 a.m.
Friday, December 9 10:00 a.m.
Friday, January 13 10:00 a.m.
Friday, January 27 10:00 a.m.

**East Lee's Summit Branch**
Wednesday, November 9 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 7 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, January 11 10:00 a.m.

**Excelsior Springs Branch**
Thursday, November 10 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 8 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 12 10:30 a.m.

**Grain Valley Branch**
Every Tuesday and Wednesday*

**Oak Grove Branch**
Tuesday, November 8 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 9 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, November 17 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 8 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 13 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 14 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, January 10 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 11 10:30 a.m.

**Red Bridge Branch**
Every Friday*

**Riverside Branch**
Tuesday, December 20 6:30 p.m.

**South Independence Branch**
Thursday, January 5 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 19 10:00 a.m.

**Withers Branch**
Tuesday, December 27 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 28 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, January 3 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 4 9:30 a.m.

*Except the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas

Family Dance Party
It’s time for an Early Literacy Dance Party! Families of children ages 2 to 6 years can sing, dance, play, and try out a variety of musical instruments to develop their motor skills, express themselves, and just have a great time together.

**Blue Ridge Branch**
Friday, November 25 10:00 a.m.

**Buckner Branch**
Saturday, December 3 11:00 a.m.

**Dearborn Branch**
Saturday, December 31 10:30 a.m.

**Excelsior Springs Branch**
Monday, December 19 6:30 p.m.

**Green Hills Library Center**
Saturday, January 21 10:30 a.m.

**Kearney Branch**
Thursday, January 26 6:30 p.m.

Register online at mymcp.org/Events.
Thanksgiving Tales
Join storyteller Jo Ho as she presents some tasty tales in celebration of Thanksgiving. Everyone will want to join in the fun during these sometimes silly, sometimes heartfelt seasonal stories. All ages.

Blue Springs South Branch
Saturday, November 12 11:00 a.m.
East Lee’s Summit Branch
Tuesday, November 15 10:00 a.m.
Excelsior Springs Branch
Saturday, November 19 3:00 p.m.
Parkville Branch
Tuesday, November 15 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Yoga
Share the story of the first Thanksgiving through yoga poses, create an imaginary Thanksgiving dinner, read Karma Wilson’s Bear Says Thanks, and use turkey feathers for breathing exercises while focusing on gratitude. Afterward, participants will get creative with a turkey craft. Ages 6 and up.

Antioch Branch
Monday, November 14 6:30 p.m.
Green Hills Library Center
Tuesday, November 22 3:00 p.m.
Kearney Branch
Saturday, November 19 10:30 a.m.
Withers Branch
Thursday, November 17 3:00 p.m.

The Dickens Carolers
Get into the Christmas spirit with a performance by these festive singers dressed in beautiful Victorian attire. All ages.

Blue Springs North Branch
Saturday, December 10 10:30 a.m.
Dearborn Branch
Saturday, December 3 4:00 p.m.
Excelsior Springs Branch
Saturday, December 17 3:00 p.m.
Green Hills Library Center
Sunday, December 18 3:00 p.m.
Lee’s Summit Branch
Thursday, December 8 7:00 p.m.
Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, December 21 2:00 p.m.
Parkville Branch
Thursday, December 22 7:00 p.m.
Platte City Branch
Wednesday, December 21 6:00 p.m.
Raytown Branch
Monday, December 12 6:00 p.m.
Withers Branch
Thursday, December 15 7:00 p.m.

Twelve Days of Christmas in Missouri
Come and hear about all the ways to celebrate Christmas in our great state. Enjoy stories about caves, Santa swimming with the penguins, and the world’s largest pair of underwear. Ages 4 and up.

Blue Ridge Branch
Saturday, December 10 11:00 a.m.
Excelsior Springs Branch
Monday, December 12 6:30 p.m.
North Independence Branch
Monday, December 19 6:00 p.m.

Winter Lights and Holidays of Joy (MCPL360)
Settle in for a multicultural experience featuring stories of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa, all holidays that include lighting candles to brighten the bleak winter days. Learn about Christmas trees, polar bears, dreidels, families, and love. All ages.

Virtual Branch
Thursday, December 15 4:00 p.m.

Performance
Here We Are Again: The Roaring ‘20s
The Ain’t Misbehavin’s will bring songs from the Roaring ’20s to life. These songs tell us more about the era when they were written and also reflect common emotions, experiences, and aspirations that are present today. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Friday, January 6 2:00 p.m.
Platte City Branch
Thursday, January 19 6:00 p.m.

The Library has what you need to celebrate the season! mymcpl.org/Celebrate.

Medici.tv
Watch the classic Bolshoi Ballet’s The Nutcracker on demand.

Consumer Reports
Get up-to-date product reviews to give the best gifts!

Bon Appétit, Food & Wine, Better Homes and Gardens
Access the best recipes with our digital magazine collection!

Register online at mymcp.org/Events.
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.

Blue Ridge Branch
Tuesday, January 31  6:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch
Daylight Edition
Wednesday, November 23  10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 28  10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 25  10:30 a.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Tuesday, January 31  6:30 p.m.

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

Blue Ridge Branch
Dungeons and Dragons
Thursday, November 10  6:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 7  3:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch
Dungeons and Dragons
Thursday, November 3  6:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 10  6:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 8  6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 14  6:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 5  6:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 12  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.

Blue Ridge Branch
Wednesday, November 9  7:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 19  6:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch
Wednesday, November 16  7:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch
Saturday, November 19  3:00 p.m.

Holidays

Christmas with The Cool Cats
Terry Bell and his band, The Cool Cats, will squeeze the most out of all those holiday favorites in this fun-loving holiday accordion concert. All ages.

Grain Valley Branch
Wednesday, December 21  6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch
Saturday, December 3  3:30 p.m.

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

Riverside Branch
Monday, December 5  6:30 p.m.

Father Christmas
Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, but he is older than you might think. Before Santa Claus, many cultures throughout the world incorporated similar figures into their holidays and traditions. Learn how these traditions affect our Christmas celebration today. Ages 6 and up.

Lee’s Summit Branch
Thursday, December 22  6:30 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Monday, December 19  6:30 p.m.

Father Christmas (MCPL360)
Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, but he is older than you might think. Before Santa Claus, many cultures throughout the world incorporated similar figures into their holidays and traditions. Learn how these traditions affect our Christmas celebration today.

Virtual Branch
Tuesday, December 20  6:30 p.m.

Happy Kwanzaa
Learn about the origin, music, and rich significance of Kwanzaa. Brother John will bring this intergenerational holiday family tradition to life! Ages 4 and up.

Blue Springs South Branch
Saturday, December 17  11:00 a.m.

Buckner Branch
Tuesday, December 27  6:00 p.m.

Edgerton Branch
Saturday, December 10  3:00 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center
Saturday, December 10  11:00 a.m.

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Virtual Branch
Saturday, December 10  10:00 a.m.

Mr. Stinky Feet’s Christmas
Jim Cosgrove presents Mr. Stinky Feet’s Christmas. Celebrate the holidays with singing, dancing, and stinky feet! All ages.

Lone Jack Branch
Monday, December 19  6:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch
Thursday, December 1  6:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Saturday, December 17  10:30 a.m.

Mr. Stinky Feet’s Christmas (MCPL360)
Celebrate this festive season while singing along to holiday tunes! Mr. Stinky Feet will read from his book, Hark! It’s Harold the Angel. All ages.

Virtual Branch
Thursday, December 1  10:00 a.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 South Branch
Saturday, December 17  11:00 a.m.

Buckner Branch
Tuesday, December 27  6:00 p.m.

Edgerton Branch
Saturday, December 10  3:00 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center
Saturday, December 10  11:00 a.m.

Register online at mymcpl.org/Events.
Jay’s Juggling Science Show
Put on your poodle skirts and leather jackets for a magical adventure back in time with Professor Leland and his jukebox full of tricks and illusions. Shake, rattle, and roll back to the 1950s with the Professor and his magical rabbit, Mr. Whiskers. Ages 8 and up.

**Blue Springs South Branch**
Saturday, November 26 11:00 a.m.

**East Lee’s Summit Branch**
Saturday, December 3 10:30 a.m.

**North Independence Branch**
Monday, January 9 6:00 p.m.

**Oak Grove Branch**
Thursday, January 12 6:30 p.m.

**Parkville Branch**
Saturday, January 14 11:00 a.m.

**Red Bridge Branch**
Saturday, January 21 11:00 a.m.

**Withers Branch**
Thursday, January 5 3:00 p.m.

KC Magic Man 🧙‍♂️
Take a magical journey into the world of illusions with KC Magic Man Brad Lynn. Be prepared to be amazed by his magical feats using cards, coins, cups, and more. Ages 3 and up.

**Blue Ridge Branch**
Saturday, November 19 11:00 a.m.

**Buckner Branch**
Tuesday, November 22 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Stinky Feet’s Animal Parade (MCPL360)
Bring your favorite plush toy and join Mr. Stinky Feet for songs about our favorite animals. All ages.

**Virtual Branch**
Thursday, November 3 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Stinky Feet’s Road Trip (MCPL360)
Travel through songs about cars, trucks, and things that move with Mr. Stinky Feet. All ages.

**Virtual Branch**
Thursday, January 5 10:00 a.m.

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 North Branch**
Saturday, December 3 10:30 a.m.

**Claycomo Branch**
Saturday, December 10 3:00 p.m.

**East Lee’s Summit Branch**
Friday, December 16 10:00 a.m.

**Grain Valley Branch**
Saturday, December 17 11:00 a.m.

**Smithville Branch**
Saturday, December 10 10:30 a.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! All ages.

**Kearney Branch**
Saturday, December 10 2:00 p.m.

**Kearney Branch**
Saturday, December 3 10:30 a.m.

**Withers Branch**
Thursday, December 15 3:00 p.m.

**Woodneath Library Center**
Monday, December 5 6:00 p.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. All ages.

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

**Kearney Branch**
Thursday, December 8 6:30 p.m.

**Platte City Branch**
Saturday, December 17 11:00 a.m.

**Riverside Branch**
Saturday, December 17 2:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Stinky Feet’s Road Trip (MCPL360)
Travel through songs about cars, trucks, and things that move with Mr. Stinky Feet. All ages.

**Virtual Branch**
Thursday, January 5 10:00 a.m.

Winter Wonderlaughs
This show is a M.E.S.S. (Music, Education, Stories, and Science)! Join edutainer Will Stuck for a hilarious show filled with snowy silliness! Ages 4 and up.

**Antioch Branch**
Saturday, December 17 2:00 p.m.

**Grandview Branch**
Saturday, January 7 3:30 p.m.

**North Independence Branch**
Saturday, December 17 11:00 a.m.

Get festive at the Library! Watch documentaries, films, and videos about holidays around the world. mymcl.org/Holidays.
Did You Know You Can Check Out Tech To Go?

Need a mobile hotspot or a Chromebook you can use anywhere? Both are available to check out for two weeks with up to two additional renewals.*

Reserve one or both through MCPL’s online catalog!

Ask a staff member or visit mymcpl.org/TechToGo

*Renewals are based on availability and customer holds.
Brick Wall Discussion Group
Have you hit a brick wall in your genealogy research? You are not alone. Get together with others to share helpful information, network, and gather inspiration to help continue your genealogy project. This class will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Monday, November 28 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 29 10:30 a.m.
Friday, January 27 2:00 p.m.

Brick Wall Discussion Group (Zoom)
Have you hit a brick wall in your genealogy research? You are not alone. Get together with others to share helpful information, network, and gather inspiration to help continue your genealogy project. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, January 25 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 locate and request Italian civil records online to discover more about them. Participants will 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 25 2:00 p.m.

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

Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, December 14 2:00 p.m.

German Special Interest Group
This 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 participants to discuss the subject matter they know best. All skill levels are welcome. This class will be held in person. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Saturday, January 21 2:00 p.m.

Census Records Research (Hybrid)
The U.S. Federal Census is a great place to start tracing your ancestors. Learn what census years are available, the information each contains, and how to access them. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Monday, December 12 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Monday, December 12 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 the research resources available. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Saturday, November 19 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Saturday, November 19 2:00 p.m.
**LOCK-IN 2022: After-Hours Treasure Hunt at MGC**

Join us for a late-night inside expedition! We will discover new genealogy tips and skills with guest speaker Kathleen Brandt and uncover select hidden research treasures at MGC in three mini-classes. The registration fee is $15. Registration is required through Eventbrite and closes November 7. This is an in-person program. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center**  
Friday, November 11 6:00 p.m.

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**German Special Interest Group (Zoom)**

This 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 participants to discuss the subject matter they know best. All skill levels are welcome. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**  
Sunday, January 22 2:00 p.m.

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**German Special Interest Group: Holiday Edition**

Learn about German holiday traditions and how to celebrate them locally in this special holiday edition of the discussion group. This class will be held in person. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center**  
Saturday, December 17 2:00 p.m.

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**Hidden Treasures: A Friendly Little Competition**

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

**Midwest Genealogy Center**  
Thursday, January 19 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday, January 19 6:00 p.m.

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**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 20 2:00 p.m.

**Virtual Branch**  
Tuesday, December 20 2:00 p.m.

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**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, and Seminole. Learn how to research your ancestors using U.S. Census and Dawes Rolls records. For adults.

**Midwest Genealogy Center**  
Monday, November 21 2:00 p.m.

**Virtual Branch**  
Monday, November 21 2:00 p.m.

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**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 22 10:30 a.m.

**Virtual Branch**  
Thursday, December 22 10:30 a.m.

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**Researching Your Civil War Soldier (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, November 10 2:00 p.m.

**Virtual Branch**  
Thursday, November 10 2:00 p.m.

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**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**  
Tuesday, January 17 2:00 p.m.

**Virtual Branch**  
Tuesday, January 17 2:00 p.m.

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**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**  
Wednesday, December 7 6:30 p.m.

**Virtual Branch**  
Wednesday, December 7 6:30 p.m.

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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
Wednesday, December 28 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Wednesday, December 28 6:30 p.m.

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

Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, January 18 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Wednesday, January 18 6:30 p.m.

Using DNA for Your Brick Walls (Zoom)
DNA results can provide hints and answers to a plethora of brick wall cases. Join professional genealogist Kathleen Brandt as she discusses filling in collateral lines, building your genetic network using DNA matches, and testing tools to leverage power and uncover answers to your ancestral brick wall. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Tuesday, January 10 6:30 p.m.

Using Findmypast (Hybrid)
Learn to search billions of records to find your ancestors from across the world. Records include U.S. and U.K. censuses, Irish records, and parish records from England and Wales. This class focuses on search tips and the types of records available on Findmypast.com. This beginner-level class requires basic computer literacy. For adults.

Midwest Genealogy Center
Thursday, November 17 6:30 p.m.
Monday, January 23 10:30 a.m.
Virtual Branch
Thursday, November 17 6:30 p.m.
Monday, January 23 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, November 3 2:00 p.m.
Monday, January 9 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Thursday, November 3 2:00 p.m.
Monday, January 9 6:30 p.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
Tuesday, November 15 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 12 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Tuesday, November 15 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 12 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
Tuesday, November 1 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 4 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Tuesday, November 1 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 4 2:00 p.m.

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

Midwest Genealogy Center
Wednesday, November 30 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 31 6:30 p.m.

Tell Me a Story ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM
Tell Me a Story is a Mid-Continent Public Library initiative that provides the tools to record and preserve memories, stories, and living history of residents in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

The Tell Me a Story kits are available for a 28-day checkout and contain a recorder, sample questions, and several other tools to help keep your oral history alive. You can pick up your kit at MGC or place it on hold in the online catalog for pickup at your MCPL branch. When you return your recorded family history, MGC staff will put it on a disc or flash drive for you to keep in your family records. We also will archive it at MGC, unless otherwise specified. Additionally, your family history can become part of the Tell Me a Story Oral History Project, accessible at mymcpl.org/Genealogy any time.

You also can schedule a time to record your oral history at the Midwest Genealogy Center. Speak with a staff member at MGC to schedule an appointment.

Register online at mymcpl.org/Events.
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Kids at the Library

Brick Building at the Library: Winter Brick Challenge
Who doesn’t love building with bits of hard plastic? Our plastic brick building time includes free builds, challenge builds, and winter-themed builds. Come see what your branch has to offer and show off your building skills. Ages 6 and up.

- **Antioch Branch**
  - Monday, January 30
  - 6:30 p.m.
- **Blue Ridge Branch**
  - Saturday, December 3
  - 3:00 p.m.
- **Blue Springs South Branch**
  - Monday, January 30
  - 6:30 p.m.
- **Grandview Branch**
  - Thursday, December 22
  - 6:30 p.m.
- **North Independence Branch**
  - Tuesday, November 15
  - 6:00 p.m.
- **Red Bridge Branch**
  - Tuesday, January 10
  - 6:00 p.m.

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 2022 and welcome 2023! Ages 6 and up.

- **Blue Springs South Branch**
  - Saturday, December 31
  - 11:00 a.m.
- **Claycomo Branch**
  - Saturday, December 31
  - 11:00 a.m.
- **East Lee’s Summit Branch**
  - Saturday, December 31
  - 11:00 a.m.
- **Green Hills Library Center**
  - Thursday, December 29
  - 11:30 a.m.
- **Red Bridge Branch**
  - Saturday, December 31
  - 11:00 a.m.
- **Woodneath Library Center**
  - Saturday, December 31
  - 11:00 a.m.

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

- **Antioch Branch**
  - Monday, November 7
  - 6:30 p.m.
  - Monday, December 5
  - 6:30 p.m.
  - Monday, January 23
  - 6:30 p.m.
- **Blue Ridge Branch**
  - Wednesday, November 23
  - 2:00 p.m.
  - Friday, January 13
  - 3:30 p.m.
- **North Independence Branch**
  - Tuesday, January 24
  - 6:00 p.m.
- **Withers Branch**
  - Thursday, January 19
  - 3:00 p.m.

Kids Creative Writing: 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. Ages 8 and up.

- **Excelsior Springs Branch**
  - Tuesday, December 20
  - 4:00 p.m.
- **Lee’s Summit Branch**
  - Wednesday, January 11
  - 6:00 p.m.
- **North Independence Branch**
  - Tuesday, January 10
  - 6:00 p.m.
- **Parkville Branch**
  - Tuesday, November 1
  - 6:30 p.m.
- **Withers Branch**
  - Thursday, January 26
  - 3:00 p.m.

Kids Creative Writing: Round-Robin Storytelling
Learn how to write silly stories using our fun and creative prompts. Participants will write a short story together, one sentence at a time, round-robin style. Stories will be read aloud, and hilarity will ensue! Ages 8 and up.

- **Blue Ridge Branch**
  - Wednesday, December 28
  - 2:00 p.m.
- **Buckner Branch**
  - Tuesday, January 3
  - 10:00 a.m.
- **Colbern Road Library Center**
  - Saturday, November 19
  - 11:00 a.m.
- **Excelsior Springs Branch**
  - Tuesday, November 29
  - 4:00 p.m.
- **North Independence Branch**
  - Tuesday, November 1
  - 6:00 p.m.
- **Woodneath Library Center**
  - Monday, November 7
  - 6:30 p.m.

Kids Grow A Creator: Faux Stained Glass Candleholder
As the days get shorter, join the Library and get crafty! We invite you to learn to make cozy creations at our Kids Grow A Creator series. At this event, we will create a faux stained glass candleholder. Register quickly as space is limited! Ages 6 and up.

- **Antioch Branch**
  - Monday, December 12
  - 6:30 p.m.
- **Blue Ridge Branch**
  - Wednesday, December 21
  - 2:00 p.m.
- **East Lee’s Summit Branch**
  - Wednesday, December 7
  - 2:30 p.m.
- **Kearney Branch**
  - Thursday, January 19
  - 6:30 p.m.
- **Red Bridge Branch**
  - Saturday, November 19
  - 11:00 a.m.
- **South Independence Branch**
  - Wednesday, December 7
  - 5:30 p.m.
- **Woodneath Library Center**
  - Monday, January 9
  - 6:30 p.m.

Did you know the Library has Storytime to Go kits that you can check out from your local branch? Reserve one online through the Library’s catalog! [mymcpl.org/Catalog](mymcpl.org/Catalog)

Register online at mymcpl.org/Events.
Family Movie: Abominable
From family classics to new releases, come watch a movie at the Library!
Ages 6 and up.
- **Blue Ridge Branch**: Friday, January 20, 3:30 p.m.
- **Excelsior Springs Branch**: Saturday, January 14, 3:00 p.m.
- **Oak Grove Branch**: Saturday, January 14, 2:00 p.m.
- **Parkville Branch**: Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 p.m.

Family Movie: Beauty and the Beast Sing-Along
From family classics to new releases, come watch a movie at the Library!
Ages 6 and up.
- **Blue Ridge Branch**: Friday, December 30, 3:00 p.m.
- **East Lee's Summit Branch**: Wednesday, November 9, 2:00 p.m.
- **Lone Jack Branch**: Wednesday, December 28, 5:00 p.m.

Family Movie: The Princess Bride
From family classics to new releases, come watch a movie at the Library!
Ages 6 and up.
- **Blue Ridge Branch**: Friday, November 11, 3:00 p.m.
- **Blue Springs South Branch**: Monday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.
- **Lee's Summit Branch**: Saturday, November 12, 2:00 p.m.
- **Lone Jack Branch**: Wednesday, January 18, 5:00 p.m.
- **Parkville Branch**: Tuesday, November 29, 6:00 p.m.
- **Withers Branch**: Thursday, December 22, 3:00 p.m.

Kids Grow A Creator: Pine Cone Turkey
As the days get shorter, join the Library and get crafty! We invite you to learn to make cozy creations at one of our Grow A Creator programs. At this event, we will create a pine cone turkey. Register quickly as space is limited! Ages 6 and up.
- **Antioch Branch**: Monday, November 21, 6:30 p.m.
- **Blue Springs South Branch**: Monday, November 7, 6:30 p.m.
- **Edgerton Branch**: Thursday, November 3, 4:00 p.m.
- **Lee's Summit Branch**: Wednesday, November 9, 6:00 p.m.
- **Oak Grove Branch**: Thursday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.
- **Riverside Branch**: Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m.
- **Withers Branch**: Wednesday, November 2, 6:00 p.m.

Kids Grow A Creator: Sewing a Holiday Stocking
As the days get shorter, join the Library and get crafty! We invite you to learn to make cozy creations at our Kids Grow A Creator series. At this event, we will sew a holiday stocking. Register quickly as space is limited! Ages 8 and up.
- **Blue Springs North Branch**: Tuesday, December 13, 6:00 p.m.
- **Blue Springs South Branch**: Monday, December 5, 6:30 p.m.
- **Edgerton Branch**: Thursday, December 1, 4:00 p.m.
- **Excelsior Springs Branch**: Wednesday, December 14, 5:30 p.m.
- **Kearney Branch**: Thursday, December 15, 2:30 p.m.
- **Kearney Branch**: Thursday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.
- **Riverside Branch**: Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.
- **Withers Branch**: Wednesday, December 7, 6:00 p.m.

Tween Crafts: Figure Terrarium
Get creative at the Library! We’ll make a figure terrarium with felt succulents and small action/animal figures. All supplies will be provided by the Library, but you are welcome to bring a figure of your own. Ages 10 and up.
- **Blue Springs South Branch**: Thursday, December 22, 2:00 p.m.
- **Buckner Branch**: Saturday, November 12, 3:00 p.m.
- **East Lee's Summit Branch**: Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m.
- **Excelsior Springs Branch**: Wednesday, December 28, 5:30 p.m.
- **North Independence Branch**: Tuesday, November 8, 6:00 p.m.
- **Oak Grove Branch**: Thursday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.
- **Platte City Branch**: Saturday, January 7, 11:00 a.m.
- **Red Bridge Branch**: Tuesday, November 8, 6:00 p.m.
- **Smithville Branch**: Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 p.m.

Bust your boredom blues at mymcpl.org/Kids!

**BookFlix** is an online literacy resource that pairs animated stories with real-world concepts for early readers up to 3rd grade. Animated stories and interactive games keep young readers engaged and help build vocabulary.

**ScienceFlix** is for students interested in learning more about science. It includes topics like earth science, life science, space, health, technology, and more. You’ll also find science projects and experiments you can try!

Register online at mymcpl.org/Events.
**Tween Crafts: No-Knit Scarves**
Get creative at the Library! We’ll make no-knit scarves. No previous weaving experience is required. Ages 10 and up.

*Blue Springs North Branch*
Tuesday, January 10 6:00 p.m.

*Excelsior Springs Branch*
Sunday, December 4 2:00 p.m.

*Grandview Branch*
Thursday, November 10 6:30 p.m.

*Lee’s Summit Branch*
Tuesday, November 15 6:00 p.m.

*Riverside Branch*
Monday, November 28 6:30 p.m.

*Woodneath Library Center*
Harry Potter House Scarves
Monday, December 12 6:30 p.m.

**Tween Crafts: Tie-Dye Sharpie Art**
Get creative at the Library! We’ll make tie-dye Sharpie art with permanent markers and isopropyl alcohol. What kind of colorful designs will you come up with?! Ages 10 and up.

*Antioch Branch*
Thursday, January 19 6:00 p.m.

*Blue Ridge Branch*
Thursday, December 22 3:00 p.m.

*Blue Springs South Branch*
Wednesday, December 28 2:00 p.m.

*Colbern Road Library Center*
Tuesday, November 1 6:30 p.m.

*North Independence Branch*
Tuesday, November 29 6:00 p.m.

*Oak Grove Branch*
Thursday, January 19 6:30 p.m.

*South Independence Branch*
Monday, December 5 6:30 p.m.

*Withers Branch*
Tuesday, November 22 6:30 p.m.

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**My Community**

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

*Woodneath Library Center*
Saturday, November 12 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 11 2:00 p.m.
Monday, January 9 7:00 p.m.

Did you know you can register to vote at the Library? For more information, visit mymcppl.org/Vote.

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**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)

**Tween Book Groups** – Explore the worlds of your favorite books through games, trivia, and hands-on activities. (Ages 10 & up)

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

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

For schedules, groups, and topics, visit mymcppl.org/BookGroups.
## Science and Technology

### Virtual Viewing Information
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.

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

Hybrid programs are presented on Zoom and in person simultaneously. Participants will need to indicate how they would like to attend the program when registering. An email address and registration are required to receive the Zoom access code.

Please note: Registration closes 1 hour prior to the start of the program. All start times are Central Standard Time. Space is limited.

### Animals and Nature

#### Meet Small Animals
Cats and dogs aren’t the only animals that make good pets. Join Theresa Harrington from Creatures By Theresa to meet some fun and unique small animals and learn about their needs and care. Ages 6 and up.

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#### Operation Wildlife Presents: Falcons
Meet some live falcons and learn about their hunting habits. This program will provide information about the natural history of four species of falcons, including the smallest in North America and the comeback of one that was once endangered. Ages 6 and up.

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#### The Eagles Have Landed
December and January are ideal months to view bald eagles. Join outdoor writer and sportsman Brent Frazee to learn about these amazing birds and where you can see them in our area. For adults.

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#### Mad Science Demonstrates Marvels of Motion
Explore the science of sports and motion in this Mad Science Olympics show featuring Newton’s three Laws of Motion. Watch them bring motion to life with rotational forces, a rocket pack blast off, and Newton’s rocket car! Ages 6 and up.

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#### Mad Science Demonstrates Marvels of Motion (Zoom)
Learn about the fundamentals of moving science, including Newton’s Three Laws of Motion. Enjoy egg-tossing, alien antenna, and even amazing space-age rocket packs! Ages 6 and up.

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Mad Science Presents Dinosaurs
Pretend to be a paleontologist on a fossil dig, and cast your very own T-Rex tooth with the crew from Mad Science. Ages 4 and up.

Antioch Branch
Monday, November 28 6:30 p.m.

Claycomo Branch
Thursday, December 22 3:00 p.m.

Colbern Road Library Center
Wednesday, November 9 4:00 p.m.

Dearborn Branch
Saturday, November 19 10:30 a.m.

East Lee’s Summit Branch
Wednesday, January 11 2:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch
Saturday, January 28 2:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch
Wednesday, November 9 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center
Wednesday, November 2 3:00 p.m.

Kearney Branch
Saturday, January 14 2:00 p.m.

Lee’s Summit Branch
Saturday, December 3 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch
Thursday, November 3 6:30 p.m.

Smithville Branch
Saturday, December 17 10:30 a.m.

South Independence Branch
Saturday, January 14 10:00 a.m.

Weston Branch
Saturday, January 21 11:00 a.m.

Mad Science Presents Dinosaurs (Zoom)
Pretend to be a paleontologist on a fossil dig, and cast your very own T-Rex tooth with the crew from Mad Science. Ages 4 and up.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, November 16 4:00 p.m.

Mad Science Presents Dry Ice Capades
Observe dry ice and its amazing cooling ability. Explore the end product of carbon dioxide by seeing, tasting, and smelling gas. Then watch carbon dioxide pop a cork off a flask, blow smoky bubbles, and see how dry ice makes for a great prop in scary movies! Ages 8 and up.

Antioch Branch
Monday, December 19 6:30 p.m.

Blue Ridge Branch
Saturday, November 5 3:00 p.m.

Buckner Branch
Saturday, December 17 11:00 a.m.

Excelsior Springs Branch
Monday, January 30 6:00 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch
Saturday, January 21 10:30 a.m.

Grandview Branch
Thursday, January 26 6:30 p.m.

Kearney Branch
Thursday, November 17 6:30 p.m.

Lone Jack Branch
Saturday, January 14 2:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Branch
Thursday, December 29 6:30 p.m.

Withers Branch
Thursday, November 10 3:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Monday, January 23 6:30 p.m.

Mad Science Presents Dry Ice Capades (Zoom)
Join a Mad Scientist for this fascinating program surrounding the shifting states of matter. We will observe melted and re-solidified metal, use dry ice to explore properties of matter at extreme temperatures, and test volumetric differences between solids and gases. Ages 8 and up.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, January 18 4:00 p.m.

Technology

Budgeting Apps, Part 2 (MCPL360)
Let’s check out some budgeting resources that you can access on the go. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, January 6 1:00 p.m.

Excel Basics: Get Back Your Time (MCPL360)
Quit doing manual cleanup and calculations. Learn how to use Data Tools to split out text, remove duplicates, and even consolidate information from several spreadsheets. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, January 11 1:00 p.m.

Excel Basics: Use Cell Styles (MCPL360)
Did you know that Excel has pre-created cell styles just like Word has Styles? Learn how to use styles, create your own, and even merge them from another workbook. Registration is required. For adults.

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

Excel Basics: Use Views and Freeze Panes (MCPL360)
Learn about Page Break Preview and Page Layout views along with Freeze Panes. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Friday, November 18 1:00 p.m.

Excel Basics: Using Headers and Footers (MCPL360)
Learn how to add headers, footers, and page numbers to your spreadsheet! Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, November 9 1:00 p.m.

Stay up to date on events and find the latest kids books at mymcpl.org/Kids
Exploring BookFlix (MCPL360)
Join us as we take a look at this excellent resource that boasts an expansive collection of videos, read-along books, and interactive activities to help engage young readers. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Friday, December 23  1:00 p.m.

Exploring Library eMagazine Resources (MCPL360)
Join us as we take a look at the popular free virtual magazines available through the Library's online resources. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Wednesday, January 4  1:00 p.m.

Exploring NoveList (MCPL360)
Looking to try a new author or find a title just right for your mood? NoveList can help! Join us as we explore how to use this free Library resource. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Wednesday, November 16  1:00 p.m.

Exploring O'Reilly for Public Libraries (MCPL360)
Let's explore this Library resource that gives you access to thousands of business and technology books online! Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Wednesday, January 18  1:00 p.m.

Exploring TrueFlix (MCPL360)
Join us as we take a look at this Library resource's excellent collection of history, social studies, and science resources that can help young readers learn about real-world topics. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Friday, January 13  1:00 p.m.

Gift Apps: Giftster (MCPL360)
Make gift giving easy with the Giftster app! Organize and share gift ideas with your family and friends. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Friday, November 11  1:00 p.m.

Google Sheets Basics: Freeze Panes (MCPL360)
Learn how to freeze panes for a more manageable spreadsheet. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Friday, December 9  1:00 p.m.

Google Sheets Basics: Save Time (MCPL360)
Learn how to use split text to columns and remove duplicate records. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Friday, January 20  1:00 p.m.

Internet Safety Basics
Protect yourself while surfing the web by learning a few of the typical dangers found online and how to proactively keep yourself and your information safe. For adults.
Antioch Branch
Thursday, December 8  2:00 p.m.
Blue Ridge Branch
Tuesday, November 15  3:00 p.m.
Buckner Branch
Saturday, January 28  11:00 a.m.
Grandview Branch
Monday, December 19  6:30 p.m.
Kearney Branch
Monday, December 12  2:00 p.m.
North Independence Branch
Tuesday, November 15  2:00 p.m.
Raytown Branch
Monday, December 19  3:00 p.m.
Red Bridge Branch
Monday, December 12  3:00 p.m.
South Independence Branch
Thursday, November 10  5:30 p.m.
Withers Branch
Tuesday, November 15  2:00 p.m.

Mindfulness Helpers: 5-Minute Journal (MCPL360)
Looking to add some mindfulness to your self-care routine? Join us as we check out various apps to help you on your journey. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Calm and Headspace
Friday, November 4  1:00 p.m.
5-Minute Journal
Friday, November 25  1:00 p.m.
Breathe Sonic
Friday, December 16  1:00 p.m.
Pause
Friday, January 27  1:00 p.m.

Navigating with Google Maps (MCPL360)
Learn how Google can help you map out your travel plans. Registration is required. For adults.
Virtual Branch
Wednesday, January 25  1:00 p.m.

Navigating Your Computer
Learn how to find and organize the apps and files on your computer. For adults.
Antioch Branch
Thursday, January 19  2:00 p.m.
Blue Ridge Branch
Saturday, December 10  2:00 p.m.
Grain Valley Branch
Thursday, January 19  2:00 p.m.
Grandview Branch
Monday, November 21  6:30 p.m.
Kearney Branch
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Lee's Summit Branch
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Oak Grove Branch
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Raytown Branch
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Red Bridge Branch
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The Library has an app for that! Discover some of MCPL's most popular services at mymcpl.org/Apps

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**Not Quite Cable**

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

**Rearrange Excel Address Lists Using Word (MCPL360)**

Have you received an address list in Excel that is typed vertically down the sheet? Learn how you can rearrange that information for mailing labels and more. Registration is required. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**

Wednesday, November 30  1:00 p.m.

**Social Media Terminology: A Quick Guide (MCPL360)**

What’s the difference between a profile and a feed? A follower and a friend? Find out with our guide to basic social media vocabulary. Registration is required. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**

Wednesday, December 7  1:00 p.m.

**Tech Talk**

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

**Windows Widgets: Snipping Tools (MCPL360)**

Join us as we explore some useful tools available in Microsoft Windows. Learn how to capture screenshots using Microsoft's Snipping Tools. Registration is required. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**

Wednesday, November 23  1:00 p.m.

**Windows Widgets: Video Editor (MCPL360)**

Join us as we explore some useful tools available in Microsoft Windows. Learn how to easily create and edit video projects using Windows Video Editor. Registration is required. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**

Wednesday, November 28  6:30 p.m.

**Windows Widgets: Windows Media Player (MCPL360)**

Join us as we explore some useful tools available in Microsoft Windows. We will learn how to use Windows Media Player to look at photos, listen to music, and watch videos. Registration is required. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**

Wednesday, December 7  6:30 p.m.

**Word Basics: Compare Documents (MCPL360)**

Learn how to compare two versions of the same document or combine revisions from different people into the same document. Registration is required. For adults.

**Virtual Branch**

Friday, December 30  1:00 p.m.

Register online at mymcpl.org/Events.
Arts Instruction

Drawing Portraits (MCPL360)
Learn basic techniques used to draw a realistic portrait. Discover how to effectively incorporate a variety of tools used in the drawing process to create a successful portrait rendering. Practice using a variety of drawing implements and substrates as well as drawing the face from multiple views. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, January 18 7:00 p.m.

On Thin Ice (MCPL360)
Paint a masterpiece to hang in your house during Christmas for many years to come. Instructor Sarah Poff will guide us through the steps to create this unique painting for the winter season. 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, stretched canvas, or canvas), masking tape, brushes (several sizes), a blow dryer, water, paper towels, silver and gold markers, a pencil, and a black Sharpie. Registration is required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Wednesday, November 30 2:00 p.m.

Winter Break (MCPL360)
Take a break and make a unique masterpiece of a snowman to hang in your home. Instructor Sarah Poff will guide us through the steps needed to create this fun painting. Materials needed: Turquoise, black, and white paint (either acrylic, tempera, or watercolor), a background to paint on (watercolor paper, illustration board, poster board, masonite boards, or canvas), masking tape, brushes (several sizes), a blow dryer, water, paper towels, a pencil, and a black Sharpie. Registration required. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Thursday, January 5 2:00 p.m.

Winter Cardinal Acrylic Painting
Relax and learn a new hobby with A To Z Artistry! Participants will paint a 9x12 scene featuring a cardinal in a winter forest. All levels of artistic ability welcome. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch
Monday, November 7 7:00 p.m.

Blue Springs North Branch
Thursday, November 10 6:30 p.m.

Claycomo Branch
Thursday, January 5 6:00 p.m.

Dearborn Branch
Saturday, November 12 10:30 a.m.

North Independence Branch
Wednesday, December 14 6:30 p.m.

Riverside Branch
Thursday, December 15 10:00 a.m.

Smithville Branch
Thursday, January 19 6:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Wednesday, November 2 6:30 p.m.

Crafts and Hobbies

Board Game Design
Create your own board game and spinner from repurposed materials! Then play your game over the holidays with family and friends. Ages 7 and up.

Blue Springs South Branch
Monday, November 7 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Branch
Saturday, November 5 3:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch
Monday, November 7 6:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Monday, November 14 6:30 p.m.

Get creative with online art courses from Gale Courses, LinkedIn Learning for Library, Udemy Business, and Universal Class. Learn a new hobby or increase your skill in painting, drawing, photography, and more! mymcpl.org/TheArts

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

Blue Ridge Branch
Saturday, November 19 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 28 3:00 p.m.

Claycomo Branch
Friday, November 4 10:00 a.m.
Friday, December 2 10:00 a.m.
Friday, January 6 10:00 a.m.

Edgerton Branch
Saturday, January 7 10:30 a.m.

Grandview Branch
Thursday, November 10 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 8 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 12 10:30 a.m.

Kearney Branch
Kearney Quilt Gatherers
Monday, November 7 10:00 a.m.
Monday, December 5 10:00 a.m.
Monday, January 9 10:00 a.m.

Parkville Branch
Saturday, November 5 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 3 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 7 2:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Branch
Tuesday, November 1 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 6 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 3 1:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Holiday Cards, Bags, and Wrap
Tuesday, December 6 6:30 p.m.

Register online at mymcpl.org/Events.
**Introduction to Knitting**

Learn knitting basics in this two-session class by making a one-of-a-kind scarf designed by you. Supplies needed: One skein yarn (weight number 4) and knitting needles (size 7 or 8–9 inches long). For adults.

- **Grain Valley Branch**
  - Saturday, November 5 10:30 a.m.
  - Saturday, November 12 10:30 a.m.

- **Green Hills Library Center**
  - Thursday, January 19 6:30 p.m.
  - Thursday, January 26 6:30 p.m.

- **Kearney Branch**
  - Thursday, November 3 6:30 p.m.
  - Thursday, November 10 6:30 p.m.

- **Lone Jack Branch**
  - Monday, November 21 10:00 a.m.
  - Monday, November 28 10:00 a.m.

- **Red Bridge Branch**
  - Saturday, January 21 2:00 p.m.
  - Saturday, January 28 2:00 p.m.

**Make a Mini Play Kit**

Explore the benefits of open-ended play while creating your own tiny world. Each participant will take home some dough, a character they’ve made, and some world-building materials. Perfect for a cold day in! Ages 6 and up.

- **Smithville Branch**
  - Saturday, January 14 10:30 a.m.

**Culinary**

**Chili, How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Count the Ways**

Beef, chicken, pork, or vegetarian are 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. For adults.

- **Blue Ridge Branch**
  - Tuesday, January 10 7:00 p.m.
- **Blue Springs South Branch**
  - Tuesday, November 15 6:30 p.m.
- **East Lee’s Summit Branch**
  - Monday, January 9 7:00 p.m.
- **Grandview Branch**
  - Wednesday, November 30 6:30 p.m.
- **North Independence Branch**
  - Saturday, November 12 2:00 p.m.
- **Riverside Branch**
  - Monday, January 23 6:30 p.m.

**Cook Once, Serve Twice**

Eating meals at home is typically cheaper and healthier than eating out, but preparing them can be time consuming. Whether you view cooking with enthusiasm or dread, you will leave this program with ideas to make meal prep easier. For adults.

- **Grandview Branch**
  - Saturday, January 21 3:30 p.m.
- **Oak Grove Branch**
  - Tuesday, November 1 6:30 p.m.
- **Parkville Branch**
  - Thursday, December 1 7:00 p.m.
- **South Independence Branch**
  - Wednesday, November 16 2:00 p.m.

**Merry Berry Celebration: Cooking with Berries throughout the Holiday Season (Zoom)**

We’ll explore the most flavorful ways to incorporate fresh, frozen, freeze-dried, and dried berries plus berry jams and condiments throughout your holiday menu (and everyday dishes!). Celebrate all things bright and merry as we explore all that berries offer, plus pick up tips for relaxed and enjoyable entertaining along the way. For adults.

- **Virtual Branch**
  - Wednesday, November 30 7:00 p.m.

**Health and Well-Being**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

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

- **Grandview Branch**
  - Friday, November 25 1:00 p.m.
- **Midwest Genealogy Center**
  - Tuesday, January 10 10:00 a.m.
- **South Independence Branch**
  - Tuesday, January 17 10:00 a.m.

**Missouri Veteran Suicide Prevention Training (Zoom)**

The Missouri Veterans Suicide Prevention Team and Mid-Continent Public Library have partnered to provide suicide prevention training. Participants will learn how to recognize the warning signs of suicide as well as how to offer hope and get help. For adults.

- **Virtual Branch**
  - Tuesday, November 8 7:00 p.m.

**New Year, New You (Zoom)**

Lofty resolutions are common for many people as they turn the calendar to a new year. Learn effective strategies to transform your resolutions into goals that will lead to long-term habit change. For adults.

- **Virtual Branch**
  - Wednesday, January 11 7:00 p.m.
Snowga! Kids’ Yoga
It will be “snow” much fun doing yoga in the warm Library! Using yoga poses, we will bring Kim Norman’s Ten on a Sled to life as we ski and skate on our mats, complete Snow Salutations, do the Penguin Shuffle, and more. Afterward, participants will make a snowman craft. Ages 6 and up.

Blue Ridge Branch
Saturday, January 21 11:00 a.m.
Blue Springs South Branch
Thursday, December 29 10:00 a.m.
Camden Point Branch
Saturday, December 17 10:30 a.m.
Colbern Road Library Center
Saturday, January 14 11:00 a.m.
Farview Neighborhood Library Branch
Tuesday, January 17 11:00 a.m.
Lee’s Summit Branch
Friday, January 13 4:00 p.m.
Platte City Branch
Saturday, January 28 11:00 a.m.
Weston Branch
Saturday, December 3 11:00 a.m.
Withers Branch
Thursday, January 12 3:00 p.m.

Organize with Style
Looking for ways to organize your home without using plastic containers and cardboard boxes? Or maybe you’re tired of looking at piles of stuff on the kitchen counter? Join Lisa Holiman for ideas about how to organize your home and office in practical and visually appealing ways. For adults.

Blue Springs North Branch
Thursday, January 19 7:00 p.m.
Excelsior Springs Branch
Wednesday, January 18 6:30 p.m.
Grandview Branch
Wednesday, January 25 6:30 p.m.
Oak Grove Branch
Tuesday, January 17 6:30 p.m.
Parkville Branch
Saturday, January 21 11:00 a.m.

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

Camden Point Branch
Wednesday, November 2 10:00 a.m.
Edgerton Branch
Saturday, November 12 1:00 p.m.
Farview Neighborhood Library Branch
Saturday, November 5 10:30 a.m.
Grandview Branch
Saturday, November 19 10:00 a.m.
Lee’s Summit Branch
Saturday, November 19 10:00 a.m.
Lone Jack Branch
Monday, November 14 10:00 a.m.
Oak Grove Branch
Friday, November 18 10:00 a.m.
Raytown Branch
Wednesday, November 2 1:00 p.m.
Red Bridge Branch
Saturday, November 5 12:30 p.m.

Writing
NaNoWriMo Write-In
We’re here to help you generate 50,000 words in 30 caffeine-fueled days during National Novel Writing Month by hosting Library write-ins. At each session, the branch will provide space, power strips, and pep talks. Join us for a month of reckless literary abandon! Each session runs for at least one hour at all locations. For adults.

Blue Ridge Branch
Tuesday, November 1 7:00 p.m.
Parkville Branch
Friday, November 11 2:00 p.m.
Monday, November 14 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 19 2:00 p.m.
Monday, November 21 6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 28 6:00 p.m.
Authors

Local Author Fair
It’s time for our 9th-annual Local Author Fair, and this year comes with a scavenger hunt. Search through the various genres and meet authors to win a prize. Bring your holiday shopping list, sip some hot cocoa or cider, and choose from the best of what your local authors have to offer. Please note: this program will take place in person on the Woodneath Library Campus. For adults.
Woodneath Library Center
Saturday, November 19 1:30 p.m.

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 14 10:30 a.m.

The Agricultural History of Woodneath
Join Story Center intern Jackson Hodges as he outlines the history of agriculture at Woodneath. Farming was once central to life at Woodneath, and the silo, pastures, and footprints of the former barn serve as windows to the past. The first half of this program takes place in the historic Woodneath house. The second half involves walking approximately a quarter-mile on a gravel path and down steps to the site of the former barn and outbuildings west of the house. For adults.
The Story Center
Saturday, November 12 10:30 a.m.

Certification

Intensive Editing Masterclass (Zoom)
Learn how to effectively edit your manuscript by taking the biggest concepts from developmental, line, and copy editing to creating action steps to revise and polish your manuscript. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certification Program.
For adults.
Virtual Branch
Monday, November 14 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 Certification Program.
For adults.
Virtual Branch
Wednesday, January 18 6:30 p.m.

Researching and Writing True Crime
Join journalist Jim Cosgrove, author of Ripple: A Long Strange Search for a Killer, for an interactive session about how to approach and then dive into the true crime writing process. Come prepared to discuss, share, and participate in writing exercises. Learn helpful researching techniques and a few writing tips. This program will include a book sale and signing. This class counts as a Writing Elective in the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. Please note: this program will take place in person in The Story Center Historic Home. Registration required. Space is limited. For adults.
Woodneath Library Center
Thursday, November 3 6:30 p.m.

Starting a Writing Project (Zoom)
Start your writing project with Story Center Program Manager and author Shannon Thompson by diving deep into creative inspiration, and learn tricks to prevent writer’s block. Then discover tools to help set realistic goals and stay on track. Come prepared to put pen to paper. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certification Program.
For adults.
Virtual Branch
Monday, January 23 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Viewing Information for Story Center Programs
Zoom programs require an email address and registration to receive the Zoom access code.

Please note: Registration closes at 12:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled program. All start times are Central Standard Time. Space is limited.

Hybrid programs are presented on Zoom and in person simultaneously. Participants will need to indicate how they would like to attend the program when registering. An email address and registration are required to receive the Zoom access code.

Please note: Registration closes 1 hour prior to the start of the program. All start times are Central Standard Time. Space is limited.
Story Center Critique Group
Bring five double-spaced copies of five pages of your work and join a community of your writing peers to provide supportive and constructive critique of each other’s work. This class is part of the Written Storytelling Certificate Program. Please note: this program will take place in person in The Story Center Historic Home. Space is limited. For adults.

The Story Center
Monday, November 7 6:30 p.m.
Monday, January 9 6:30 p.m.

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

Virtual Branch
Monday, December 5 6:30 p.m.

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

The Story Center
Thursday, November 17 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 19 6:30 p.m.

Story Swap (Zoom)
This open-mic storytelling event is open to anyone! Put your name in the hat for a chance to share a seven-minute story, or just come to enjoy the show. This event is part of the Oral Storytelling Certificate Program. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Thursday, December 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. This class includes lecture, exercises, discussion, sharing, and optional homework. Designed for creative writers and storytellers, this class doesn’t require previous writing or storytelling experience. This class is part of the Oral and Written Storytelling Certificate Programs. For adults.

Virtual Branch
Thursday, January 26 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 3 10:30 a.m.
Virtual Branch
Saturday, December 3 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 3 1:30 p.m.
Virtual Branch
Saturday, December 3 1:30 p.m.

Need help? Find it in our Resources section!
mymcpl.org/StoryCenter

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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, November 17 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 8 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 12 6:00 p.m.

**Blue Ridge Branch**
- Tuesday, January 3 3:00 p.m.

**Claycomo Branch**
- Saturday, November 12 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 10 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 14 2:00 p.m.

**Colbern Road Library Center**
- Tuesday, December 20 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 17 6:30 p.m.

**East Lee's Summit Branch**
- Tuesday, November 1 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 13 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 10 6:00 p.m.

**Excelsior Springs Branch**
- Monday, November 7 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, December 5 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, January 23 6:30 p.m.

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

**Platte City Branch**
- Tuesday, December 13 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 10 4:00 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, November 10 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 8 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 11 6:00 p.m.

**Blue Ridge Branch**
- Thursday, November 17 6:00 p.m.

**Buckner Branch**
- Thursday, November 10 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 8 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 12 6:00 p.m.

**Colbern Road Library Center**
- Tuesday, December 6 6:30 p.m.

**Grandview Branch**
- Tuesday, January 10 6:30 p.m.

**Kearney Branch**
- Monday, November 7 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 5 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, January 9 7:00 p.m.

**North Independence Branch**
- Thursday, November 17 6:00 p.m.

**Parkville Branch**
- Tuesday, January 31 6:30 p.m.

**Platte City Branch**
- Tuesday, November 8 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 20 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 17 4:00 p.m.

**Raytown Branch**
- Saturday, January 21 3:00 p.m.

**Red Bridge Branch**
- Saturday, December 10 2:00 p.m.

**Smithville Branch**
- Thursday, January 5 7:00 p.m.

**South Independence Branch**
- Monday, November 14 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, December 12 6:30 p.m.

**Teen BookCloud**

Browse eBooks, graphic novels, and more for teens and tweens.
[mymcpl.org/ebooks](http://mymcpl.org/ebooks)
Genealogy

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

Midwest Genealogy Center
Monday, January 30 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.

Claycomo Branch
Tuesday, November 8 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 13 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 10 5:30 p.m.

South Independence Branch
Friday, November 11 4:00 p.m.
Friday, January 27 4:00 p.m.

Looking for a place to study? Reserve a study room at a Library near you!
mymcpl.org/Services

Crafts and Hobbies

On Purls and Needles: Teens Learn to Knit
Transform a skein of yarn into a one-of-a-kind phone case when you learn to knit. During the first week, learn to cast on, knit stitch, and figure gauge. In the second week, get an introduction to the purl stitch and how to finish off your project. Supplies needed: One skein yarn (weight number 4) and knitting needles (size 7 or 8-9 inches long). For teens.

Antioch Branch
Thursday, December 15 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 22 6:00 p.m.

Stamp-Carving Basics: An Eco-Friendly Alternative to Stickers/Gift Wrap
Are you crafty and environmentally conscious? Learn the basics of how to carve stamps, then decorate a recyclable paper gift bag. For teens.

Blue Springs South Branch
Monday, November 14 6:30 p.m.

Grain Valley Branch
Thursday, November 10 6:30 p.m.

Green Hills Library Center
Tuesday, January 24 6:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch
Thursday, November 3 6:00 p.m.

Smithville Branch
Tuesday, December 6 7:00 p.m.

Withers Branch
Tuesday, January 17 6:30 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Thursday, December 15 6:30 p.m.

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. Permission slip required.

Antioch Branch
Friday, January 27 6:00 p.m.

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

Blue Ridge Branch
Thursday, December 29 6:00 p.m.

Buckner Branch
Thursday, December 1 6:00 p.m.

Lee’s Summit Branch
Wednesday, December 14 6:00 p.m.

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

South Independence Branch
Monday, January 30 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.

Parkville Branch
Tuesday, January 10 6:30 p.m.

Teen Health and Wellness
Take a break with the Calm Room, a collection of resources to help you relax, de-stress, and refocus.
mymcpl.org/SelfCare

Register online at mymcp.og/Events.
Self-Development

Project Shakespeare
Learn stage combat, how to create a character, and thinking on your feet in this two-hour interactive workshop. Utilizing Shakespeare’s greatest villains and heroes as a template, the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival will engage your imagination on a journey to create your very own heroic or villainous character. For teens.

Lee’s Summit Branch
Thursday, November 3 6:30 p.m.

North Independence Branch
Thursday, January 26 6:00 p.m.

Parkville Branch
Tuesday, December 13 6:30 p.m.

Platte City Branch
Saturday, January 21 11:00 a.m.

Red Bridge Branch
Saturday, January 7 3:00 p.m.

South Independence Branch
Saturday, November 12 3:00 p.m.

Woodneath Library Center
Thursday, January 19 6:30 p.m.

Test Prep

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

Buckner Branch
Saturday, November 19 10:00 a.m.

Grain Valley Branch
Saturday, January 14 10:00 a.m.

North Independence Branch
Saturday, January 14 10:00 a.m.

Oak Grove Branch
Saturday, November 12 10:00 a.m.

The Library has free, online resources to help you prepare for the big test! Access them at mymcpl.org/TestPrep.

Peterson’s Test and Career Prep
From the ASVAB to the PRAXIS, the SAT, and beyond, this database contains resources for most major admissions and vocational tests. Includes online courses, prep guides, and practice tests.

Test Prep from Tutor.com
Connect online for one-on-one test prep assistance or use the SkillsCenter™ Resource Library for additional worksheets, lessons, and videos.

You’ve Got Homework, We’ve Got Help.
Get help with assignments and improve your grades with Live Homework Help from Tutor.com.
Available seven days a week from noon to midnight in English and Spanish for students in grades K-12.
Visit mymcpl.org/Homework to get started.
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816.454.1306
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Claycomo Branch
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Claycomo, MO 64119
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Mon.–Thur. 9–8, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Excelsior Springs Branch
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Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
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Kearney Branch
100 S. Platte-Clay Way
Kearney, MO 64060
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North Oak Branch
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Kansas City, MO 64155
816.436.4385
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Smithville Branch
120 Richardson St.
Smithville, MO 64089
816.532.0116
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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
8549 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

Withers Branch
1665 S. Withers Road
Liberty, MO 64078
816.781.9240
Mon.–Thur. 9–7, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

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

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. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6

Colbern Road Library Center
1000 NE Colbern Road
Lee’s Summit, MO 64064
816.524.0567
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
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

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

Grain Valley Branch
101 SW Eagles Pkwy.
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
Mon.–Sat. 10–8, Sun. 1–8

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. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Raytown Branch
6131 Raytown Road
Raytown, MO 64133
816.353.2052
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

Red Bridge Branch
453 E. Red Bridge Road
Kansas City, MO 64131
816.942.1780
Mon.–Thur. 9–9, Fri. 9–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 1–5

South Independence Branch
13700 E. 35th St. South
Independence, MO 64055
816.461.2050
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