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In every edition of Library News this year, we’ll share ways using the library makes your life better. Listen up, folks. Here’s this edition’s awesome library tips:

1. Whether it’s Hollywood gossip or classic literature that you just gotta have, start at tscpl.org/downloads. Download digital content and go on with your life. Your book, magazine, movie, TV show, and even music will be at your fingertips when you’re ready. (Pssst! Our digital music and magazines don’t have due dates. Win!) Borrow instead of buy.

2. Your library card gives you access to all the latest titles electronically for your computer or device. Need help downloading? No problem. Our Digital Librarian Jeff Tate is happy to coach you. Set up a meeting at tscpl.org/consult-a-librarian. Or walk on in and serve yourself at our ereader display.

3. Access the library wherever you are. From book recommendations to library events, see what’s happening at the library on our Digital Branch: tscpl.org. We’re in your neighborhood, with 20 Bookmobile stops Monday-Saturday. And, we’re at the nearest community center.

Brown v. Board-Library Partnership Salutes Civil Rights Trailblazers

Civil Rights Comes into Focus

2014 marks a big milestone in civil rights history. Rest assured the 60th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s decision in Brown v. Board won’t pass by without a little pomp and circumstance in Topeka.

The library, in partnership with Brown v. Board National Historic Site, pays homage with the Created Equal Film Series, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The series commemorates another milestone too, the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights amendment.

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we’re in your neighborhood

BOOKMOBILE

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MONDAY
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Pine Ridge, 1100 SE Highland
12:30 PM – 2:30 PM Wal-Mart, 1301 SW 37th
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM Educational & Quest Credit Union, SE 29th & Croco
1:00 PM – 3:15 PM Avondale East, 455 SE Golf Park Blvd
3:00 PM – 7:30 PM Fairlawn Plaza Shopping Center, SW 21st & Fairlawn
3:30 PM – 7:30 PM Tecumseh United Methodist Church, 334 SE Tecumseh

TUESDAY
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3625 SW Wanamaker
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM Brookwood Shopping Center, SW 29th & Oakley
2:15 PM – 7:30 PM Dillons, SW 29th & Urish
2:15 PM – 7:30 PM Shawnee Heights United Methodist Church, SE 45th/Shawnee Hts

WEDNESDAY
9:30 AM – 7:30 PM Villa West Shopping Center, SW 29th & Wanamaker
9:30 AM – 7:30 PM California Crossing Shopping Center, SE 29th & California

THURSDAY
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Berryton Elementary School, 2921 SE 69th
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM Hunter’s Ridge, NW 46th & Hwy 75
11:45 AM – 1:30 PM Quincy Street Station, 820 SE Quincy
2:30 PM – 7:30 PM Brookwood Shopping Center, SW 29th & Oakley
2:30 PM – 7:30 PM K-Mart North, NW Lyman & Tyler

FRIDAY
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM Fairlawn Plaza Shopping Center, SW 21st & Fairlawn
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Dillons North, 800 NW 25th St
2:00 PM – 7:30 PM Mike’s IGA, NE Sardou & Forest
2:30 PM – 7:30 PM Velma Paris Community Center, 6715 SW Westview

SATURDAY
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Educational & Quest Credit Union, SE 29th & Croco
9:30 AM – 12:15 PM Apple Market, 1431 North Washington, Auburn
12:45 PM – 3:00 PM Hunter’s Ridge, NW 46th & Hwy 75
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Villa West Shopping Center, SW 29th & Wanamaker

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4. Hey Mister–Your Alligator’s Loose by Gary K. Clarke details the former Topeka Zoo director’s passion for animals and his career in the world of zoos.

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6. What’s your favorite title by a local author or poet? Comment at tscpl.org/10localauthors.

– Miranda Ericsson

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We hope to spark a dialogue about the changing meaning of freedom and equality in our nation and our community,” said Donna Rae Pearson, local history librarian. “Expect to hear stories that remind us of those who fought for equality. And as the world changes, it’s important to understand the lessons learned so that repeating history can be avoided for others.”

View and attend a panel discussion for one or all four of these documentary films: The Abolitionists, Slavery By Another Name, Freedom Riders and The Loving Story.

The film series begins on Sunday, Feb. 2 at 3:30pm with The Loving Story, a moving account of Richard and Mildred Loving, who as newlyweds were arrested in 1958 for violating Virginia’s ban on interracial marriage. A panel shares similar stories and takes questions following the film.

Each of the films tells stories of individuals who challenged the status quo of deeply rooted institutions, from slavery to segregation. All of the films mentioned are also available for check out.

• Breach of Peace: Portraits of the 1961 Mississippi Freedom Riders by Eric Etheridge
• Douglass and Lincoln: How a Revolutionary Black Leader and a Reluctant Liberator Struggled to End Slavery and Save the Union by Paul Kendrick
• John Brown, Abolitionist: The Man Who Killed Slavery, Sparked the Civil War and Seeded Civil Rights by David S. Reynolds

Created Equal is also funded in part by The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

If reading is more your thing, try the titles listed in the next column.

• Down to the Crossroads: Civil Rights, Black Power and the Meredith March Against Fear by Aram Goudsouzian

Come be amazed.

Music for a Sunday Afternoon

Susan Leigh Picking
This singer/songwriter’s voice isn’t her only talent. She plays multiple instruments, including the ukulele. Come get your fill of folk music.

Sun | Feb 9 | 3PM

Rock Band Invisible Bike
Rock on with Invisible Bike, an indie/rock band. This local act delivers a homegrown rock ‘n roll sound that will get the halls shakin’.

Sun | Feb 16 | 3PM

Blues Pianist Shinetop, Jr.
This KC blues and jazz pianist played with and learned from the best bluesmen in the game, and his flyin’ fingers are a testament to that.

Sun | Mar 2 | 3PM
E ven before the ground thaws, make plans to create a beautiful retreat in your yard. Make our Lawn & Garden Neighborhood your first stop in preparing your spring garden. You will discover easy-to-find books on topics that interest you, plus DVDs and pamphlets on programs associated with gardening and lawn care in Topeka.

One of the most anticipated program series of the year here at the library features the Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners. The library’s partnership with the Master Gardeners provides you with expert information on a variety of topics including starting seeds, pruning, herb gardens and even attracting butterflies to your yard. This monthly program is a perfect time to ask an expert about a gardening issue that’s been on your mind.

If you are itching to get your green thumb going, you won’t want to miss these gardening presentations (see schedule starting on page 10). Master Gardeners are volunteers and trained representatives of Kansas State University. The Shawnee County Extension office is located at 1740 SW Western Ave.

If that is not enough lawn care and garden information for you (is there such a thing!), stop by the library’s booth at the Kansas Garden Show February 14 through 16 at the Kansas Expocentre. Let the library help make your life (and yard) more awesome!

Preparing for spring planting and pruning? Try these recommendations from our Lawn and Garden Librarian Erin.

Guide to Pruning by Cass Turnbull
The Pruning Answer Book by Lewis Hill & Penelope Sullivan
The Pruner’s Bible by Steve Bradley
The Lawn Bible by David R. Mellor
The Organic Lawn Care Manual by Paul Tukey
Rebecca’s Garden [DVD]
We know your lifestyle demands a lot out of you. So, we’ve made it even easier to use the library: introducing the new Oakland Community Center Smart Locker. It’s a new way for Oakland-area families to access the library.

Starting in early 2014, you can request items be delivered to the Oakland Community Center. Visit catalog.tscpl.org, click on the item(s) you want and select Oakland Community Center Smart Locker as your pick-up location – or by make your request by calling 785-580-4555.

The locker works for delivering books, movies, music and magazines – virtually anything in the library can be delivered to you at Oakland and checked out there. You’ll be notified by phone or email when your items arrive at the Oakland Community Center Smart Locker.

“We’re committed to offering more convenience to our community,” said Thad Hartman, Community Services Manager. “We encourage folks in the Oakland area to try out the Smart Locker and tell their friends and family. We welcome your feedback on this new service and are evaluating other locations.”

You can also apply for a library card at the community center. No matter where you check out your stuff, you can return it to the Oakland Community Center.

The library also provides six computers, a printer and events like song writing, crochet, art introduction and resume writing at the Oakland Community Center.

Start making Oakland Community Center your delivery location. This locker is slated to install in January. Check tscpl.org for announcements. If you have questions about the new lockers, please call us at (785) 580-4424.
The first five years of life are critical for developing skills needed throughout life. Make the most of those formative years by bringing your child to the library. We’ve been designated as a Family Place Library™, so what does that mean for you?

Play and cuddle at the library. Children learn through play, so our Kids Library offers spaces for children to explore. It is through experiences with blocks, puzzles, dolls, dress-up clothes, puppets and play kitchens that kids develop skills that will ensure they are kindergarten-ready. Simply stated, parents are encouraged to wire a healthy brain by talking to, reading to, singing to, playing with and cuddling their child.

Be a hands-on teacher. Family Place Libraries™ emphasizes the parent as the child’s first and best teacher and encourages interaction between parent and child. Programs and services focus on children birth to 5 years and support social, emotional, and intellectual learning.

Find something for them AND you. Within the Kids Library, you can find music, magazines and books for little ones as well as our parenting collection that includes materials on potty training, sleep, parenting styles and behavior issues.

Let librarians lead the way! As a Family Place Library,™ we can also help parents connect through library programs for young children – Baby Bookworms (0-18 months), Sneak, Peek & Read (18-24 months), Tot Time (2 years) and Preschool Storytime (3-5 years). Look for upcoming parent/child workshops, offered three times a year beginning March 17. The 5-week workshop focuses on play and incorporates community resources and parental support. Parents will have the opportunity to meet others facing similar joys and challenges of raising young children.

The library received this designation as part of a three-year IMLS National Leadership Grant that supports 28 libraries in seven states.

COMING IN EARLY 2014

DIGITAL BRANCH GETS A MAKEOVER

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Our volunteers are the heart and soul of the organization. Become a member today, call Mary at 785 580-4445 to join.
Sometimes there comes a time in your teen’s life when they engage in behavior that really raises the hairs on the back of your neck. Your opportunity to teach them the harsh reality of substance abuse comes March 30 and 31 at the Prevention and Recovery Services (PARS) Reality Tour, which delivers a straight-forward approach to education and prevention.

A recent survey showed 43 percent of Shawnee County youth reported that they have drank beer, wine or hard liquor at least once in their lifetime. Teens will watch actors stage an overdose and listen to a real recovering addict. They will take the worst “selfie” of their lives when the Reality Tour’s computer program morphs their faces to show the effects of drug abuse. Parents are encouraged to attend with their youth. Families will witness emotions and turmoil caused by alcohol and drug use.

“The library is the information and resource hub of the community. We wanted a non-judgmental place youth 10 years and up could come to,” said Sheyvette Dinkens, PARS addiction counselor. “We hope attendees understand what it’s really like to get booked into Shawnee County Juvenile Detention Center or what a real emergency room scene is like.”

You may need a more subtle approach to talking to your teen about drugs and alcohol. Lissa, our Health Information Librarian, says I’ve Got this Friend Who… and The Dirt on Drugs are easy-to-read books that speak teens’ language. The library also has books on smoking cessation and mental health issues. Check out the many resources in the Health Information Neighborhood in the West Wing.

Those financial aid applications for the college-bound are due, so now’s the time to start funding your future. Using your library can help you and your student prepare for college. Scour financial aid resources in print and online. Come into the library to access Foundation Grants to Individuals, an online source for scholarships and grants.

DON’T MISS
SID THE SCIENCE KID LIVE!
Feb 15 | 2 PM Topeka Performing Arts Center, 214 SE 8th Ave.
PBS’s smartest kid is coming to Topeka!
He’ll show your family that being brainy is cool.
Purchase tickets at the TPAC box office or call 785-234-2787
Cosponsored with Topeka Performing Arts Center
Why is the erotic romance genre, or as I like to call it – smut, so popular? Two words… great romance! There are other attributes, but that is the crux of it. I embrace being the bona fide smut reader here at the library. If a book I check out doesn’t have a sexy guy on the front, people start to question my reading choices. I love it and own it! Whether you are a closet reader of smut or you read it with pride, here is why I love reading this genre.

The idea is intriguing. Every woman thinks they can change “him” at some point in her life. Whether you were a teenager in love, freshly out of college or in midlife, we have all thought at one point, I can fix him. WRONG! But we saw Anastasia do just that in the *Fifty Shades of Grey* series. She “fixed” him. She brought this powerful man to his knees and made him crazy. I know that was the allure to me. Well, besides the fact that there were some, shall we say, interesting sex scenes. I will admit I had to get a dictionary out a few times. One could say it was an educational work as well. I digress.

I know the formula. Girl meets guy, they like each other, things are going well until something or someone comes into the picture to derail them, they work through it and live happily ever after. I like the journey and how that journey takes me back to the excitement and newness one feels while dating, anticipation.

It is true escapism and fantasy to me. These stories would never happen in real life especially to me (even if I wasn’t happily married). What are my chances that I would run into an extremely wealthy, good looking man who wants to shower me with gifts, take charge and satisfy me in every way? Not very. Oh! And it would be an bonus if he’s a vampire (but that’s a discussion for another time). Don’t get me wrong, I love my husband and wouldn’t trade him for the world, but he’s real. Real means I see some of the less-than-appealing attributes on a regular basis. In these books we don’t have to know about those little things that grate on our nerves sometimes…you know what I’m talking about.

They are fun! Not much more to say than that.

Here are some of my favorite authors and series I’ve enjoyed. These would be what I call the “bossy boys” – they like to be in charge.

- Maya Banks – *Breathless* series
- Sylvia Day – *Crossfire* series
- Sylvain Reynard – *Gabriel’s Inferno* series
- R.K. Lilley – *Up in the Air* series
- Elizabeth Reyes – *The Moreno Brothers* series

If you’re interested in other books/series I like to read, you can find me on Goodreads.com. Come check out the other books I read including my paranormal smut, athlete smut, bad boys smut (very different than bossy boys), cowboy smut and then some things that are on the safer side…good old-fashioned romances.

Every spring ranchers and prairie managers arrange to burn parts of the Flint Hills to control weeds, invasive species and keep the grasses healthy. Artists also attend the burns and create amazing representations of it. From the artists’ views, we get to feel what it’s like to be at a burn. They work in photography, painting, glass and ceramics to express their response to this fierce and beautiful element. The art is as dramatic and beautiful as the burns themselves.

The role of the Alice C. Sabatini Gallery is to help people “get” art, and at the Kansas Burns exhibit, opening February 7, we’re also helping people get science. This exhibit gives you a broader understanding of prairie fires. Learn more about the annual prairie fires and understand this scientific event that is misunderstood and often problematic because of the smoke and its impact on air quality. Burning has a different impact on the environment, depending on the frequency and time of year of the burn.

The art will seem so real, you’ll almost hear it crackle. Enjoy works by Louis Copt, Judith Sabatini, Gene Sievers, James Pringle Cook, James Nedresky, Larry Schwarm, Jim Richardson and Jennifer Sommers.

Artist Larry Schwarm presents an talk Feb. 8 at 2 pm in Marvin Auditorium 101C. This photographer talks about his prairie fire photographs from Kansas Burns, and his other projects, including documentation of the town of Greensburg after being devastated by a tornado. He has also traveled to the country of Cuba to take photographs.

Come see this quintessentially Kansas art exhibit through March 30. Discover more about the Sabatini Gallery at tscl.org/gallery or at facebook.com/SabatiniArtGallery.

Great Romance Reads

- *What a Reckless Rogue Needs* by Vicky Dreiling
- *Carolina Man* by Virginia Kantra
- *Valentine’s Fantasy* by Adrianne Byrd & Janice Sims
- *Mad About You* by Lori Wilde
### February Calendar

#### February 1 Saturday
- **Math & Science**
  - Time: 10:00 AM
- **Gaming for Adults**
  - Time: 2:00 PM
- **Trivia Afternoon**
  - Time: 3:00 PM

#### February 2 Sunday
- **R.E.A.D. Dogs**
  - Time: 2:00 PM
- **Created Equal**
  - Time: 3:30 PM
- **Young Women Book Club**
  - Time: 4:00 PM

#### February 3 Monday
- **Medicare Monday**
  - Time: 1:00 PM
- **Windows 8 for Beginners**
  - Time: 10:00 AM

#### February 4 Tuesday
- **Taming Your Mouse**
  - Time: 1:00 PM
- **Internet Introduction**
  - Time: 9:00 AM

#### February 5 Wednesday
- **Windows 8 for Beginners**
  - Time: 9:30 AM
- **Preschool Storytime**
  - Time: 10:00 AM

#### February 6 Thursday
- **R.E.A.D. Dogs**
  - Time: 2:00 PM
- **Google It**
  - Time: 9:30 AM

#### February 7 Friday
- **Email for Beginners**
  - Time: 9:30 AM
- **Annie Hall**
  - Time: 6:30 PM

#### February 8 Saturday
- **Baby Bookworms**
  - Time: 9:30 AM
- **Baby Bookworms**
  - Time: 10:30 AM

#### February 9 Sunday
- **Word: Mail Merge**
  - Time: 10:30 AM
- **Electric Guitar**
  - Time: 7:00 PM

#### February 10 Monday
- **Beginning Genealogy**
  - Time: 9:30 AM
- **Computer & Gadget Help**
  - Time: 10:30 AM

#### February 11 Tuesday
- **Tot Time**
  - Time: 9:30 AM
- **Preschool Storytime**
  - Time: 10:00 AM

#### February 12 Wednesday
- **Google It**
  - Time: 9:30 AM
- **Preschool Storytime**
  - Time: 10:00 AM

#### February 13 Thursday
- **Baby Bookworms**
  - Time: 9:30 AM
- **Baby Bookworms**
  - Time: 10:30 AM

#### February 14 Friday
- **Word II**
  - Time: 9:30 AM
- **Excel: Lists**
  - Time: 1:00 PM

#### February 15 Saturday
- **Stories & Art**
  - Time: 10:00 AM
- **Tot Time**
  - Time: 9:30 AM

#### February 16 Sunday
- **R.E.A.D. Dogs**
  - Time: 2:00 PM
- **Gathering STEAM**
  - Time: 2:30 PM

### Trivia
- **Trivia Afternoon**
  - Time: 6:30 PM
- **Wills vs Trusts**
  - Time: 7:00 PM

### Kids (birth -11 years)
- **Baby Bookworms**
  - Time: 9:30 AM
- **Baby Bookworms**
  - Time: 10:30 AM

### Teens (12-18 years)
- **Baby Bookworms**
  - Time: 9:30 AM
- **Baby Bookworms**
  - Time: 10:30 AM

### Medicare Mondays
- **Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas program**
  - Time: 9:30 AM

### What the State Budget Means for Healthcare and Education
- **What the State Budget Means for Healthcare and Education**
  - Time: 9:30 AM

### Introduction to Songwriting
- **Introduction to Songwriting**
  - Time: 10:30 AM
Pruning
Pruning is an important way to help control growth and maintain the health of your trees and shrubs. Join the Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners for tips on when and how to prune your trees and shrubs.

■ Marvin Auditorium 101C
Thu Feb 13 7:00-8:00 PM

2013 Tax Changes and Tips for Filing
Find out what changes have been made to the income tax laws in 2013 and how they can affect your tax return. Receive tips and strategies for filing your 2013 taxes that could save you money. Presented by an experienced tax professional from H&R Block.

■ Menninger Room 206
Tue Feb 18 7:00-8:30 PM

African-American Read-In
Join other enthusiastic readers in reading aloud selections from African-American literature in the 23rd National African-American Read-In. Make this celebration of African-American literature a traditional part of Black History Month. Cosponsored by Topeka Chapter of LINKS.

Refreshments provided.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101AB
Sun Feb 23 4:00-5:30 PM

Discovering African-American Topeka
Join author and historian Sherrieta Camp for a discussion about the process of creating her recently released book African-American Topeka, which spans the history of the Black community for nearly 150 years. Participants are encouraged to share their stories and photographs. Books available to purchase following the talk.

■ Marvin Auditorium 101B
Wed Feb 26 7:00-8:30 PM

Birding in Ecuador
Avian birder Matt Gearheart shares his experiences from his recent trip to the phenomenal land of Ecuador. Learn more about exotic birds. Cosponsored by Topeka Audubon Society.

■ Marvin Auditorium 101B
Thu Feb 27 7:00-8:30 PM

Topeka Genealogical Society
Whether you are just starting to put together your family tree or a seasoned researcher, enjoy this fact-filled session that could help you complete your family story.

■ Marvin Auditorium 101C
Thu Mar 27 7:00-8:45 PM
Going Batty
Journey to the underground world of bats! Learn some bat basics as well as whether there is any truth behind the myths about our flying mammal friends. Presented by Lisa Stork, Brown v. Board of Education Historic Site.
Marvin Auditorium 101B
Thu  Mar 6  7:00-8:00 pm

Warblers and Spring Migration
Spring is near, and warblers will appear in Kansas soon. Birds of Kansas coauthor Chuck Otte shares valuable identification tips and his expert knowledge of these beautiful migratory birds. Cosponsored by Topeka Audubon Society.
Marvin Auditorium 101C
Thu  Mar 6  7:00-8:30 pm

Learn to Crochet
Learn the foundation chain, single and double crochet, plus how to control your yarn tension and how to choose patterns or make your own pattern. Materials provided. Registration required. Call the number listed.
Marvin Auditorium 101B
Wed  Mar 12  11:00 AM-12:30 pm

Retirement and Medicare
Join trained counselors from Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas as they educate those nearing retirement age about Medicare. They answer your questions, give unbiased counsel, and help you determine how Medicare will best work for you.
Marvin Auditorium 101B
Thu  Mar 13  6:30-8:30 pm

Spring Lawn Care
After the drought stress and other weather challenges of the last several years, let the Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners give you tips on having a luxurious, weed-free lawn in 2014 and beyond.
Marvin Auditorium 101C
Thu  Mar 13  7:00-8:00 pm

NCAA Basketball Tournament
Enjoy some college hoops on our big screen! Watch all NCAA Basketball Tournament action. Check out some library books to continue the creativity at home.
Garfield Community Center - Call 251-2955
Wed  Mar 12  11:00 AM-12:30 pm

Gathering STEAM (10-16 years)
Use science, technology, engineering, art and math concepts as you investigate, create and collaborate in this hands-on, problem-solving program. In February, absorb ideas about the chemistry of color and reflect on the beauty of blown glass. In March, span the gap between form and function as you build a strong, beautiful bridge. Registration required. Call 580-4565.
Menninger Room 206
Wed  Mar 26  7:00-8:00 pm

Books

**CLASSICS MADE MODERN BOOK DISCUSSION**

**Lysistrata** by Aristophanes was originally performed in classical Athens as a comic account of one woman’s mission to end The Peloponnesian War. Lysistrata persuades the women of Greece to withhold sex from their husbands as a means of forcing the men to negotiate peace. Read the free ebook and discuss.
Marvin Auditorium 101C
Mon  Feb 10  1:30-3:00 pm

**COOKING BY THE BOOK**

Join this book club just for cookbook lovers. Each month we pick a theme (specific book, author or cuisine), pick a recipe to make, and bring the results to share and discuss. Registration required. Call the number listed.
Garfield Community Center - Call 251-2950
Mon  Feb 10  7:00-8:00 pm

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN WRITERS BOOK DISCUSSION**

Join this multicultural book club to discuss books by African-American writers.
Marvin Auditorium 101C
Thu  Mar 20  7:00-8:30 pm

**TALK ABOUT LITERATURE IN KANSAS: IT HAPPENED IN KANSAS** by Sarah Smarsh is a selection of significant events and figures in Kansas’ history told with warmth and humor. Discussion facilitated by Sara Tucker. Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts & Kansas Humanities Council. Register in person in the Topeka Room 204.
Menninger Room 206
Wed  Feb 5  7:00-8:45 pm

**TALK ABOUT LITERATURE IN KANSAS: CLASSICS MADE MODERN**

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How to Start a Business
Learn what it takes to start your own business. Topics include business legal structure, writing a business plan, knowing your competition, and what to expect from being your own boss. Presented by the Washburn Small Business Development Center.
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Wed Mar 5 6:00-8:00 pm

BEYOND THE BASICS
Take the following classes when you feel ready for more challenging projects. These are presented at a faster pace than the beginning classes. To register, call 580-4606 or email class@tscpl.org.

Word I: Introduction to Word Processing
Get started with the basics of Microsoft Word. Learn to use fonts, spell check and some basic editing techniques. This class also helps you better use email and the Internet.
   Tue Feb 11  9:30-11:00 am
   Tue Feb 25  1:00-2:30 pm
   Thu Mar 6   7:00-8:30 pm
   Wed Mar 12  1:00-2:30 pm
   Wed Mar 26  9:30-11:00 am

Excel: Introduction to Spreadsheets
Learn about cells, columns, rows, AutoSum, simple formulas and page setup features. All sessions are at the library except Feb. 6 and March 5. Registration required.
   Wed Feb 12  1:00-2:30 pm
   Thu Feb 27   9:30-11:00 am
   Wed Mar 19  1:00-2:30 pm
   Thu Mar 20   7:00-8:30 pm
   ◆Central Park Community Center - Call 251-2965
   Thu Feb 6   1:00-2:30 pm
   ◆Garfield Community Center - Call 251-2950
   Wed Mar 5   1:00-2:30 pm

Excel: Lists
Familiarity with basic Excel is required for this class. Learn to create field names, sort lists and link worksheets. Learn to create lists that can be used in our Word: Mail Merge & Mailing Labels class.
   Fri Feb 14  1:00-2:30 pm
   Fri Feb 28   9:30-11:00 am
   Fri Mar 21  1:00-2:30 pm
   Thu Mar 27   7:00-8:30 pm

Word II: Intermediate Word Processing
Using Microsoft Word, edit text, form a header and footer, create a Word table to organize information and insert clip art, photos or Word art into your document.
   Fri Feb 14  9:30-11:00 am
   Mon Mar 10  7:00-8:30 pm
   Tue Mar 18   1:00-2:30 pm

PowerPoint
Create a dynamic presentation from start to finish. Learn to insert slides, add text, graphics, transitions and animations.
   Tue Feb 18  1:00-2:30 pm
   Thu Mar 13   7:00-8:30 pm

Google It
Google does more than find web pages. Search for information, images, videos and shopping on the Internet. See your home with Google Maps and learn about even more Google apps and software.
   Wed Feb 12  9:30-11:00 am
   Mon Feb 24   7:00-8:30 pm
   Fri Mar 14   1:00-2:30 pm

Catalog & eResources @ your library®
Learn to use the library’s online catalog, check your account, and find some amazing free electronic resources like Consumer Reports, free magazine subscriptions with Zinio, streaming video with Hoopla and language instruction. Use these in the library or access them from your home computer with your library card.
   Thu Feb 13   9:30-11:00 am
   Fri Feb 28   1:00-2:30 pm
   Mon Mar 17  1:00-2:30 pm

Excel: Mailing Labels
Create mailing labels, envelopes, personalized letters and directories by combining a Word document and a data table created in Microsoft Excel.
   Wed Feb 19  1:00-2:30 pm
   Mon Mar 24  7:00-8:30 pm
   Fri Mar 28   9:30-11:00 am

Facebook for Beginners
Sign up for a Facebook account and learn the basics of this popular social networking site. Be sure to bring your email address and password. If you already have an account, please bring your Facebook password.
   All sessions are held at the library except Feb. 26.
   Registration required.
   Thu Feb 20  7:00-8:30 pm
   Fri Mar 7   9:30-11:00 am
   Wed Mar 26   1:00-2:30 pm
   ◆Hillcrest Community Center - Call 251-2956
   Wed Feb 26   1:00-2:00 pm

Editing Digital Photos
Learn to crop, rotate, resize, reduce red eye, play with color and use special effects on your digital photos using Google’s Picasa, free online software you can download to your computer.
   Thu Feb 13  7:00-8:30 pm
   Wed Mar 12  9:30-11:00 am
   Fri Mar 28  1:00-2:30 pm

IPad Workshop
Bring your iPad and your library card. Learn to download free library ebooks. Staff and participants share favorite apps or iPad features with each other.
   Wed Feb 19  3:30-5:00 pm
   Wed Mar 19  3:30-5:00 pm

Computer & Gadget Help
Registration required. Bring your questions about your laptop, tablet, ereader, digital camera or cell phone. Practice new computer skills or learn to use the library catalog while instructors are available to assist. This is also a good time to use a scanner or work on job applications and resumes. Call or email before the session so that we can best serve you. Call 580-4606 or email class@tscpl.org.
   Tue Feb 4  3:30-5:00 pm
   Thu Feb 6  1:30-3:00 pm
   Sat Feb 8   9:30-11:00 am
   Tue Feb 11  3:30-5:00 pm
   Thu Feb 13   1:30-3:00 pm
   Tue Feb 18  3:30-5:00 pm
   Thu Feb 20  1:30-3:00 pm
   Tue Feb 25  3:30-5:00 pm
   Thu Feb 27  1:30-3:00 pm
   Tue Mar 4   3:30-5:00 pm
   Thu Mar 6   1:30-3:00 pm
   Tue Mar 11  3:30-5:00 pm
   Thu Mar 13  1:30-3:00 pm
   Sat Mar 15  9:30-11:00 am
   Tue Mar 18   3:30-5:00 pm
   Thu Mar 20   1:30-3:00 pm
   Tue Mar 25   3:30-5:00 pm
   Thu Mar 27   1:30-3:00 pm

Pinterest for Beginners
Come learn about Pinterest, a simple, online way to organize images, projects, ideas and favorites. Open an account, create boards and begin pinning! Learn to install the ‘Pin It’ button and how to find pins in particular categories or follow other pinners. Be sure to bring your email address and password. If you already have an account, bring your Pinterest password.
   Thu Feb 27  7:00-8:30 pm
   Fri Mar 14  9:30-11:00 am

TOPEKA & SHAWNEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS
**KIDS**

**Math and Science Exploration [5-10 years]**
Stand back! Experiments are underway. We have the whole wacky world to learn about. Bring a grown-up and be prepared to discover, learn and get dirty.

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Sat Feb 1 10:00-10:30 AM
  - Sat Mar 1 10:00-10:30 AM

**R.E.A.D. Dogs [all ages]**
Dogs are man’s best friend, but a child’s best listener. Grab your favorite book and read to the Reading Education Assistance Dogs. They are registered therapy animals that volunteer at the library with their owners.

- **Story Zone**
  - Sun Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 2:00-3:00 PM
  - Sun Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 2:00-3:00 PM

**Young & Little Women Book Club [grades 2-5]**
Read for the love of reading and learn as you discuss books by favorite authors. Enjoy a snack and take a book home with you. Sponsored by Women Empowerment, Inc. www.womenempowermentks.org

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - February’s book: *Toy Story*
    - Sun Feb 2 4:00-4:30 PM
  - **Lingo Story Room**
  - March’s book: *Captain Underpants*
    - Sun Mar 2 4:00-4:30 PM

**Preschool Storytime [3–5 years]**
Stories, songs and fingerplays that encourage a love of reading and help develop school skills.

- **Story Zone**
  - Tue Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 10:00-10:30 AM
  - Wed Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 10:00-10:30 AM
  - Thu Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 10:00-10:30 AM
  - Fri Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 10:00-10:30 AM
  - Tue Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 3:45-4:45 PM
  - Wed Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 3:45-4:45 PM

**tWiin Xgaming Afternoon [8–12 years]**
Come hang out and play awesome games on the Wii or Xbox in our tween space. Impress your friends with your stellar hand-eye coordination. Beat your enemies using your limitless courage. Now’s the time to show your stuff!

- **Tweens Space**
  - Tue Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 3:45-4:45 PM
  - Tue Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 3:45-4:45 PM

**4-H in the Library [6–11 years]**
Have fun creating a variety of crafts and projects with Shawnee County 4-H as they bring youth and adults together to learn everyday skills.

- **Story Zone**
  - Wed Feb 5, 12, 19 4:00-5:00 PM
  - Wed Mar 5 4:00-5:00 PM

**Sing, Move & Learn [3–5 years and their families]**
A fun shaking, wiggling, dancing way to learn. Connect with your child through music, movement and books. Cosponsored by Child Care Aware of Eastern Kansas. Registration required. Call 357-5171.

- **Story Zone**
  - Wed Feb 5 6:30-7:30 PM
  - Wed Mar 5 6:30-7:30 PM

**Baby Bookworms [0–18 months]**
Entertaining our youngest readers with stories, songs and bounces.

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Thu Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 9:30-10:00 AM
    - 10:30-11:00 AM
    - 5:30-6:00 PM
  - Thu Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 9:30-10:00 AM
    - 10:30-11:00 AM
    - 5:30-6:00 PM

**Zoo Animals Live [all ages]**
Meet some of the Topeka Zoo animal residents up close as Rachael Rost, education specialist, helps you separate animal fact from fiction.

- **Marvin Auditorium 1018**
  - Thu Feb 6 4:00-4:45 PM
  - Thu Mar 6 4:00-4:45 PM

**Sing, Dance and Read [2–5 years]**
Clap, jump, dance, and sing with Kyler! Stories and songs that are sure to wake you up and get you moving! Fun for the whole family. You’ll be groovin’ the whole day through.

- **Story Zone**
  - Sat Feb 8, 22 10:00-10:30 AM
  - Sat Mar 9, 22 10:00-10:30 AM

**Guys Read [8–12 years]**
Read awesome books dudes will dig—explosive action and farts! Then talk ’em over with the guys, play games, wolf down some food and meet new friends. First timers score a members-only bookbag. Receive books on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up with the password “Guys Read.” Call 580-4565.

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Sat Feb 8 2:00-3:00 PM
  - Sat Mar 8 2:00-3:00 PM

**Amazing Animals Pets Parents Hate [grades 1-5]**
Create a forbidden “pet” to take home and meet some smelly, slithery, snappy pet specimens. Be aware; there’s some pets that most adults just don’t want to live with.

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Mon Feb 10 4:30-5:30 PM

**Pajama Storytime [3–5 years]**
Wear your pajamas out on the town! Bring along a fuzzy friend and your blanket. Stories, songs and finger plays. Plus, craft time. Registration required. Call the number listed.

- **Lingo Story Room 121**
  - Sat Feb 22 10:30-11:30 AM

**African-American Read-In for Children [all ages]**
Join this national read-in and listen to readers share wonderful African-American children’s literature. Make this annual event a traditional part of your Black History Month. Cosponsored by the Topeka Chapter of LINKS, Inc. Refreshments provided.

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Sat Feb 22 10:30-11:30 AM

**Read Across America [ages 3-8]**
Join us as we honor Dr. Seuss’ books and birthday with a story about our friend Horton – plus, games and crafts. Make a Lorax flowerpot to take home while supplies last.

- **Story Zone**
  - Tue Mar 17 10:00-10:30 AM
  - Fri Mar 21 10:00-10:30 AM

**Gathering STEAM [8–12 years]**
Use science, technology, engineering, art and math concepts as you investigate, create and collaborate in this hands-on, problem-solving program. In February, absorb ideas about the chemistry of color and reflect on the beauty of blown glass. In March, span the gap between form and function as you build a strong, beautiful bridge. Registration required. Call 580-4565.

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Sun Feb 16 2:30-3:30 PM
  - Sun Mar 16 2:30-3:30 PM

**School Readiness [3–5 years]**
Participate in activities that help prepare your child for kindergarten. Learn about the Kindergarten Readiness Checklist used by local schools. Registration required. Call the number listed.

- **Hillcrest Community Center**
  - Call 251-2956
  - Wed Mar 13 6:30-7:30 PM

**Parent-Child Workshop [birth-3 years]**
Learn about the role of being your child’s first teacher. Come play together with your toddler and participate in activities that focus on healthy child development and early literacy. Local partners will be present to share resources available to the community. Registration required. Call 580-4565.

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Mon Mar 17 10:30-11:45 AM
  - Mon Mar 24 10:30-11:45 AM
  - Mon Mar 31 10:30-11:45 AM

**Finger Play Fun [birth-3 years]**
Topeka Public Schools’ Parents as Teachers show you how using fingerplays, rhymes and songs increase language, motor skills and memory. Some rhymes are offered in Spanish. Receive an item to continue the play at home and information on FREE PAT programs for kids birth to 3.

- **Story Zone**
  - Sat Mar 29 10:00-11:00 AM

**Homework Center [5-18 years]**
Homework coaches help children with questions and assignments.

- **Homework Center 121D**
  - Mon – Thur 4:00-8:00 PM
  - Sun 2:00-6:00 PM
International Films: Iron Monkey
A Hong Kong high action tale on the Robin Hood story with a ballet of flying fists, feet and bamboo staffs. Hong Kong | 1993 | Rated PG-13 | 86 min
Marvin Auditorium 101C
Fri Mar 28 6:30-8:45 pm

Finding Love in Film: Annie Hall
A story of love found and lost. Neurotic Aly Singer (Woody Allen) and modern woman Annie Hall (Diane Keaton) find their match in each other. Verbal sparring is the energy source of their relationship with subtlety often revealed in surprising ways by director Allen. 1977 | Rated PG | 94 min
Marvin Auditorium 101BC
Fri Feb 7 6:30-8:45 pm

Classic Film: Hondo
An Army dispatch rider (John Wayne) discovers a woman and her son living in the midst of warring Apaches and he becomes their protector. 1953 | Color | 83 minutes
Marvin Auditorium 101BC
Fri Mar 14 2:00-5:00 pm

Movie Night! Up
Carl Fredricksen spent his entire life dreaming of exploring the globe and now, at 78, he launches his house into the sky via thousands of balloons. An 8-year-old stowaway named Russell throws a wrench in his plan and their journey twists and turns on its new path in this animated film. 2009 | Rated PG | 96 min
Marvin Auditorium 101BC
Fri Mar 28 6:30-8:45 pm

Music
Susan Leigh Picking [all ages]
She's a down-home Midwestern gal who has a Pacific Coast cool and now East Coast sensibility. Enjoy this family friendly afternoon of music that will put a smile on your face, rhythm in your body, and a song in your heart. Picking has two releases Down in Your Soul and Wonder in the Wander.
Marvin Auditorium 101AB
Sun Feb 9 3:00-4:00 pm

Rock Band Invisible Bike
The library's first rock concert is something not to be missed. Invisible Bike is a local group with great musicians performing in the indie rock/reggae/funk styles. This should get the halls shakin'! Part of the Music for a Sunday Afternoon series.
Marvin Auditorium
Sun Feb 16 3:00-4:00 pm

Blues Pianist Shinetop, Jr.
Michael “Shinetop, Jr.” Sedovic is a Kansas City blues and jazz pianist. He plays and sings the blues with passion and flair. Don't miss this swinging afternoon. Part of Music for a Sunday Afternoon series.
Marvin Auditorium
Sun Mar 2 3:00-4:00 pm

TEENs
Double Dueling: Yugioh [11-18 years]
Magic the Gathering [14+ years]
Bring your cards and pit your wits against other Yugioh and Magic players as we host tournaments for both games.
The Edge
Mon Feb 3 4:00-6:00 pm
Mon Mar 3, 17 4:00-6:00 pm

Life 101: Sound Relationships [12-18 years]
Listen to and talk about music that gives you a bad vibe and sends negative messages. Discover what it is about these songs that affect us and our relationships negatively. This fun program with Laura Burton, YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment, helps you evaluate the “nutritional” value of the music you listen to.
The Edge
Mon Feb 17 3:30-4:30 pm

Teen Writing Group [12-18 years]
Find inspiration to create. Join others who share your passion as we express ourselves and explore our world through our works of poetry and prose.
The Edge
Mon Feb 10, 24 7:00-8:00 pm
Mon Mar 10, 24 7:00-8:00 pm

Fun After School [12-18 years]
Enjoy cool activities like black-out poetry, unusual board games and coloring pages for the more mature artist. Come see what's up after school. Bring your friends!
The Edge
Th Tu Mar 13 3:30-4:30 pm

Stand Up, Speak Up, Get Up & Read Up [11-18 years]
Fight prejudice, meet people who share your values and beliefs, and arm yourself with information on how to best deal with adult, real-world situations. Guest speakers J’Quory Guest and Dele Adegebore, both of Topeka High School, talk about growing up, while still fitting in. Cosponsored by the Golden City Sertoma, Topeka Alliance of Black School Educators Teens and the library. This is the fourth year for this annual Teen Empowerment Series event.
Marvin Auditorium
Wed Feb 19 6:30-8:30 pm

Opening Mic Night [12-18 years]
You are a natural performer and we want you to show off. Take the stage and strut your stuff! You can sing, dance, read poetry or tell jokes. Grab some fame at our monthly talent show.
The Edge
Wed Feb 26 4:00-5:30 pm
Wed Mar 26 4:00-5:30 pm

Chess Club [11-18 years]
Have fun and learn the strategy of chess, or sharpen your chess skills against new competitors. If you haven't played before, we'll teach you and give you tips on how to win.
The Edge
Th Thu Feb 27 3:30-4:30 pm
Thu Mar 27 3:30-4:30 pm

DIY Tech Education [12-18 years]
Learn to create websites, build smartphone apps, use HTML, and enhance the design of your website with Freebase online education. Both beginners and advanced users can start learning the in-demand technology skills at this Tech Week program. Free headphones will be provided to teen participants.
The Edge
Mon Mar 10 3:30-4:30 pm

Electronic Inventions [12-18 years]
Unlock your creativity and assemble electronic components from our littleBits kit to make your own awesome invention that plays music or something else. Explore electronics and engineering at this Teen Tech Week program. Check out http://littlebits.cc for a preview!
The Edge
Wed Mar 12 3:30-4:30 pm

Teens Gaming After School
Hang out with friends and make new ones as we play video games, board games and other fun activities.
Oakland Community Center | Call 251-2950
Wed Mar 26 4:00-5:00 pm

Reality Tour Parent & Child
Drug Prevention Program [teen and adult]
This interactive program gives families the tools needed to reduce the risk of substance abuse. The consequence-driven program includes dramatic scenes, law enforcement and a conversation with an addict in recovery. Children ages 10 through 18 must be accompanied by a parent to attend. Presented by Prevention and Recovery Services.
Marvin Auditorium
Sun Mar 30 6:30-8:00 pm
Mon Mar 31 6:30-8:00 pm
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  Build a Simple Android App

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