CALLING ALL PRINCESSES
Topeka’s largest gathering of Frozen royalty is Jan 5

The library can cure your winter doldrums. We have events catering to vacationing kids and their cabin-feverish parents. Get your hands on plenty of reads and movies. Discover digital downloads you can access from home during the bitterest winter winds. Stomp in or visit us online.

Get Frozen! After the holidays but before school strikes up again, we’ve got two events your princess will primp for as she’s headed out to see Elsa at the library.

1-2 pm | Mon | Jan 5
The Frozen Party

2-4 pm | Mon | Jan 5
The Frozen Movie Sing Along

Winter Break Blast Off

Hot cocoa, winter crafts and hilarious movies — these are a few of our favorite things. Start your winter vacation off with a blast! Head out to the library for Disney’s Prep & Landing and laugh your way into winter break. Then head over to the Millennium Café for another round of cocoa and a slice of pie.

> See page 13
DIGITAL BRANCH  tscpl.org
ACCESS 24/7

MUSIC NERD  tscpl.org
Books, Movies & Music Blog

Let the Library’s resident Music Nerd, Tim Volpert, help you find your new favorite band! Each month, discover new and established artists who may have flown under your radar until now. Whether it’s Indie Rock, Pop, Classical, Electronic, Folk, Hip Hop, Country or anything in between, there’s a little something for everybody. Check out the Music Nerd’s blog today for the latest recommendations—your ears will thank you!

LOST IN THE STACKS  tscpl.org
Books, Movies & Music Blog

The library has so much great memoir and nonfiction — it’s easy to get lost in the stacks, not sure which book to choose. Let our nonfiction expert Julie Nelson lead the way with all the juiciest memoirs and thought-provoking titles you’ll be glued to long after bedtime has passed.

MUZZY/MANGO  tscpl.org/research/databases

“Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears and never regrets,” said Leonardo Da Vinci. Take these words to heart and learn something new!

The library has language learning programs - Mango for adults and Muzzy for kids - that will open up new worlds of possibility for users. Discover the words for new friendships, travel or workplace opportunities.

TREEHOUSE  tscpl.org/research/databases

Treehouse provides you with the tools needed to create websites, build smartphone apps or learn advanced computer techniques.
EASY COOKIN’

Toss it in a pot and walk away. That’s the beauty of the slow-cooker. You’re able to maximize flavor without slaving over the stove, giving you more time with friends and family, more time to linger over a flavorful dinner and more time to snuggle under a cozy throw with a compelling book from the library.

But too often, saving time comes with a price. With slow-cooker recipes, we tend to default to unhealthy and processed foods that, while comforting, can take a toll on both your waistline and your energy levels. You know the ones - those tried and true recipes that call for a can of cream soup and a bag of frozen veggies. You can do better than that, and our librarians are here to help.

Take a new approach to crockpot cooking this winter and visit the Cooking Neighborhood to catch a whiff of some delicious slow-cooked recipes that won’t slow you down. Take advantage of the free time the slow-cooker provides to bookmark some great (and healthy!) creations that can only be found in our Cooking Neighborhood stacks.

Slow-Cooker tortillas con carne recipe

Crockpots are considered by some die-hard foodies to be producers of sub-par fare, but that’s just snobbery! Slow-cooked foods can be gourmet, too. Famed New York foodie Deb Perelman discovered this after years of resisting the ease of the crockpot. Here’s an adaptation of one of Deb’s recipes that packs a whollop of flavor but requires very little labor.

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<th>3 lb beef brisket</th>
<th>Season brisket with salt &amp; pepper and heat oil in a skillet. Add brisket and turn to brown both sides. Transfer meat to slow-cooker.</th>
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<td>2 T vegetable oil</td>
<td>In the skillet, add garlic, onion, chili powder, coriander and cumin to the beef drippings. Stir until fragrant. Add vinegar and boil until almost evaporated. Stir in water and pour the mixture over the brisket. Add tomatoes, bay leaves and molasses. Add chipotle pepper if you choose.</td>
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<td>4 cloves of garlic, peeled and smashed</td>
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<td>OPTIONAL: 1 pepper from a can of chipotle chiles in adobo sauce</td>
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Serve shredded on tortillas with your choice of toppings - diced red onion, cilantro or salsa. Drizzle with lime juice.
If you see us rollin’ in the Red Carpet truck, give us a thumbs-up, because your library is headed out to improve the lives of hundreds of seniors in Shawnee County.

By bringing them their favorite books, movies and music, Red Carpet librarians provide seniors with plenty to do at their senior facility or home. And a lifelong relationship with the library remains intact for folks who simply can’t get to the library anymore.

Red Carpet librarian Janet Johnsen loves her job and knows Red Carpet customers by name and reading tastes.

“I can’t drive, so the library comes to me,” says Michelle LeMoine, Red Carpet customer.

Caregiver Resources

Overwhelmed caregivers, take heart. The library has a plethora of resources to help you through this time. Here are just five. For more about how we can help, visit tsclpl.org or call 580-4545.

1 Caregiver Support Group - Second Tues of every month, 3:30-4:30 pm
2 Download ebooks, audio books, music and movies. Use library services without coming to the building. Visit tsclpl.org.
3 Check out Today’s Caregiver magazine for info, advice and support specifically for caregivers.
4 Visit the Red Carpet center at the library to take home low vision and hearing devices that help seniors maintain reading activity.
5 Come to the library to find some relaxation and materials for yourself. The best way to be an effective caregiver is to take care of yourself.
Make it at the library

If you can dream it, you can make it. That’s the idea behind the Make-It-Lab, a new maker space in the library opening Dec 8. Located in the library’s media room, Make-It-Lab is chock full of equipment you can use to make, create, design, compose, record and manipulate.

What you can do in the Make-It-Lab
- record music, podcasts and oral histories
- create digital art
- create and edit videos
- edit and manipulate photos
- use a bevy of tech equipment (try before you buy)
- make cool stuff with the MakerBot 3D printer

Software available for use in the Make-It-Lab
- Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, etc.)
- Google Sketchup
- iLife Suite (Garage Band, iMovie)

Some of the equipment in the Make-It-Lab
- Two iMac computers
- Studio monitors
- Scanner
- Digital drawing tablet
- 3D printer
- Camcorder
- Tripods and lighting
- Microphones

little-known facts about Kansas Day

1 It was started by a teacher
L.G.A. Copley, a Kansas teacher, realized students were more interested in a history subject if it had occurred on that very day in history. In 1881, he urged schools across Kansas to adopt the celebration of Jan 29 as Kansas Day. It quickly caught on in schools across the state.

2 One group has been throwing a party for over 100 years on Kansas Day
The Kansas Day Club, a Republican party group founded in 1891, has held a celebration every year from 1892 – 2014, except in 1945 at the height of WWII.

3 It was a good day for Kansas, and Charles Curtis
Kansas Day also commemorates the day Charles Curtis of Kansas became the first Native American U.S. senator. He went on to become the first Native American to hold the office of vice president to president Herbert Hoover.

Take tools home with you when you check out a media bag.
Order your holiday pies now!

millennium café
Mon–Fri 8:15-5:30 | Sat 9-5 | Sun closed | 785 580-4441

The leaves of generosity
New donor recognition displays were recently installed in the library’s rotunda hall to honor the 2001-2013 donors of $1,000 or more. Splashes of colorful leaves accent the donors names and reflect the original leaf motif designed by the library’s design architect Michael Graves, and the late Connie Menninger, a long-time volunteer.

“Just as a tree requires a continuing source of sustenance to grow, so does the library. That was the concept behind the display,” said Nancy Lindberg, Foundation executive director. The display was designed by Connie Menninger and Michael Graves and Associates.

131 books
Now you can check out 131 books at a time. We have Nook Simple Touch™ ereaders available for checkout, pre-loaded with a ton of great books. Titles include Gone Girl, The Fault in Our Stars, Insurgent and the entire Outlander series. Read one, ten or browse them all - you can keep it for three weeks at a time.

They’re available for checkout now! Reserve one online or visit the reference desk to check one out. They even come with a snazzy bag.

Order your holiday pies now!
Great Writers, Right Here

Marvin Auditorium will be teeming with over 60 great authors from the region 1-5 pm Sat Dec 6. Bestselling authors will sell and sign books right alongside emerging authors. All genres are well-represented and you’ll be amazed by the talent and caliber of Kansas writers. Come browse for holiday gifts and meet some great writers, right here.

Who you may meet

• Harriet Lerner, author of *Marriage Rules*
• Alex Grecian, author of *The Devil’s Workshop*
• Charles Silvestri, author of *Sleep*
• Jonathan Bender, author of *LEGO: A Love Story*
• Beverly Olson Buller, author of *A Prairie Peter Pan*
• Tom Averill, author of *A Carol Dickens Christmas*
• Ande Parks, author of *Capote in Kansas*
• Denise Low, author of *Mélange Block*

Check out some motivation

2015 is the year you take your health and fitness seriously. Your first stop on this journey: The library’s Health Information Neighborhood, where you can check out items that will get you motivated.

We know it’s hard to exercise in the winter but we’ve got great fitness DVDs and fitness kits to check out so you can easily make a corner of the basement into your at-home gym. Then, return to check your weight and BMI with our digital scale. Progress! You’ll see it soon.

Get motivated with our huge collection of books. Here are just a couple of titles:

• *20 Pounds Younger: The Life Transforming Plan for a Fitter, Sexier You!*
• *The Zero Belly Diet: Turn Off Your Fat Genes and Keep You Lean For Life*

Need even more motivation? Give a librarian a call to find out what the Health Neighborhood has in store for your new year, 580-4540.

Makin’ Moves

This is how to start 2015 out right. Get moving and come out to the Makin’ Moves Wellness Conference, 9am - 1pm Sat Jan 10.

Try out the new fitness craze, Drums Alive. Pick up a pair of drumsticks and surrender to the intensity of rhythm. It’s a fitness option for the whole family. The conference will have other unique interactive presentations, complete with education and exercise.
The library’s storytellers are on-the-go.

Outreach storytellers visit kids in over 80 preschools across the area. Their message is simple: Reading is fun.

“Our goal is to show them that reading can be an adventure, and we sneak in a little learning that helps them get ready for kindergarten.”

Kids see sight words and learn important skills like color and shape recognition. These are all elements that contribute to success in that crucial first year of school.

Songs, books, action poems and props all factor into the fun. After storytime, each child gets a bright orange sticker with a picture of Boomer, storytime’s popular teddy bear mascot. The sticker is a talking point for parents to engage in a discussion about reading.

“In most cases, these are kids that don’t get to the library. So we bring it to them.”

Dawn Butter, Kathy Barron, Joyce Hedlund, Susan Alley (retired), Judy Rohr

Fun reads can teach, too

Aaaarrgghh! Spider!
by Lydia Monks

The Nuts: Bedtime at the Nut House
by Eric Litwin

Count the Monkeys
by Mac Barnett

It’s a Tiger!
by David LaRochelle

Rhyming Dust Bunnies
by Jan Thomas

The library hosts over 720 hours of pre-reading programs focused on literacy in the library and 9,600 pre-reading programs at local day cares and preschools.
While storms are a common sight in Kansas, photographer Steven Locke captures them in an uncommon light. Come to Chasing Weather 7 pm Sun Dec 7 to see his images combined with the stirring poetry of Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg. Copies of their collaborative book, Chasing Weather, are for sale and signing.

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UPCOMING MUSIC AT YOUR LIBRARY

Nutcracker Ballet
Fri | Dec 12 | 6:15 - 7:30PM | Marvin Auditorium

Songs of the Season
Dec 2 - 20 | Midday | Library Rotunda

Euphoria String Band
Sun | Jan 4 | 3-4PM | Marvin Auditorium

MUSIC FOR A SUNDAY AFTERNOON

EUPHORIA STRING BAND

“It’s that old fashioned music,” said a young audience member once at a Euphoria String Band concert. Indeed, young fella, it’s old fashioned, alright. They’ll be at your library 3-4PM Sun Jan 4.

This four-piece will tickle you as they hearken back to Americana music in the early 20th century. Calling all fiddle fans and banjo buffs! Come on down for a good old fashioned time.

Chasing Weather

The first wave pushes the blackbirds over the seam of the darkening west.

Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg
December/January Schedule of Events

**ADULT**

**Medicare Mondays**
Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) helps you navigate the complex web of Medicare. Repeats on the first Mon of each month.
- Menninger Room 206
  - Mon Dec 1 1-3 pm
  - Mon Jan 5 1-3 pm

**Tuesday Topics: Government Issues Forum**
Hear from members of the Topeka City Council and Shawnee County Commission as they speak during this forum event. RSVP for lunch at 235-8452 by Nov. 25. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Topeka-Shawnee County.
- Marvin Auditorium 101BC
  - Tue Dec 2 Noon-1 pm

**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 Washburn Small Business Development Center.
- Marvin Auditorium 101A
  - Wed Dec 3 6-8:30 pm

**Gaming for Adults**
Enjoy new board game challenges on the first Saturday of each month. We play a variety of board games or bring your own. Families are welcome, but adults must stay with their kids.
- Perkins Room 201 & Anton Room 202
  - Sat Dec 6 2-5 pm

**Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment**
Navigators from the Shawnee County Health Agency will answer questions and help you enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace at healthcare.gov. Bring your 2015 estimated income and birth dates of all family members.
- Marvin Auditorium 101A
  - Mon Dec 8 9 am-8 pm
  - Mon Jan 12 9 am-8 pm

**Crestview Book Discussion Group**
A neighborhood book group for those who like to talk about what they are reading. Members choose the book they will read next. Use your own book or pick one up at the Crestview Community Center, first come, first-served. Registration required.
- Crestview Community Center - 251-2960
  - Wed Dec 10 1-2 pm
  - Wed Jan 14 1-2 pm

**Retirement and Medicare**
Join trained counselors and agency staff from the Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) program as they educate those nearing retirement age about Medicare. They will answer questions, give unbiased counsel and help you determine how Medicare will best work for you.
- Marvin Auditorium 101B
  - Thu Dec 11 6:30-8:30 pm

**Caregiver Support Group**
Being a caregiver can be incredibly stressful, but you don’t have to go it alone. Come meet and talk to others who are in the same situation as you. Moderated by Michele Dillon, Caregiver Support Specialist at Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging.
- Anton Room 202
  - Mon Dec 8 3:30-4:30 pm
  - Mon Jan 12 3:30-4:30 pm

**Computerized Genealogy**
Get started in genealogy and learn how to use the print and online resources our library offers. Receive a pedigree chart and other helpful forms for keeping records as you research your family tree. Registration required.
- Computer Training Center - 580-4510
  - Sat Dec 13 11 am-1 pm
  - Sat Jan 10 11 am-1 pm
  - Shawnee North Community Center - 286-0676
    - Thu Dec 4 10-11:30 am
    - Mon Dec 8 5-6 pm
  - Hillcrest Community Center - 251-2956
    - Thu Jan 8 10-11:30 am
    - Mon Jan 12 5-6 pm

**Journaling with Words and Images**
Explore personal writing and illustrated journals through creative prompts and art techniques around a monthly theme. Discover additional ideas through the works of others, in-session sharing and online sources. “This Year’s Favorites: Show and Tell, Make and Take” in Dec, “New Seasons” in Jan.
- Anton Room 202
  - Tue Dec 9 10-11:30 am
  - Tue Jan 13 10 am-11:30 pm

**Kansas Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society**
The Kansas genealogical chapter meets monthly to share tips and techniques on African American family history and to learn more about African American history in Kansas. We have various topics monthly and guest speakers.
- Marvin Auditorium 101BC
  - Mon Dec 8 5-6 pm
  - Thu Dec 11 7-8:45 pm
  - Thu Jan 8 7-8:45 pm

**First World War Centennial**
On Christmas Eve in 1914 in France, a most unusual event took place. Hear the story of how the French, British and German armies declared a truce. Instead of fighting, the soldiers sang carols, exchanged gifts and played soccer.
- Marvin Auditorium 101BC
  - Mon Dec 15 7-8 pm

**How to Find Grants for Nonprofits**
Explore the extensive collection of fund raising materials for nonprofit organizations at the library and on the Internet. Registration required.
- Computer Training Center - 580-4606
  - Wed Dec 17 3:30-5 pm

**Gaming for Adults**
Enjoy new board game challenges on the first Saturday of each month. We play a variety of board games or bring your own. Families are welcome, but adults must stay with their kids.
- Marvin Auditorium 101B
  - Sat Jan 3 2-5 pm

**Tuesday Topics: Aquaponics**
Topeka Housing Authority executive director Trey George, speaks on Aquaponics: where fish, plants and kids grow. RSVP for lunch at 235-8452 by December 30. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Topeka-Shawnee County.
- Marvin Auditorium 101BC
  - Tue Jan 6 Noon-1 pm

**Beginning Embroidery**
Embroidery can be used to embellish fabric items or to create original art. It can be as traditional or modern as you choose! Learn several basic embroidery stitches, and get help planning your embroidery project. Registration required.
- Velma Paris Community Center - 862-1630
  - Wed Jan 7 1-2:30 pm

**Pet Safety**
Find out what you can do to keep your dog or cat safe year round. Tanya Walsh, certified dog trainer, provides valuable tips and handouts to take home.
- Marvin Auditorium 101B
  - Wed Jan 7 7-8:30 pm

**Let’s Make Beer**
Combine cooking and crafting to express your individuality and create your own special beers at home. Members of the Topeka Hall of Foamers discuss the equipment used, share basic recipes and highlight some local resources and beyond for brewing. Sorry, no samples!
- Marvin Auditorium 101C
  - Thu Jan 8 7:30-8 pm

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**Makin’ Moves Wellness Conference**
Makin’ Moves is a unique, interactive event with presentations that will get you learning and exercising. Explore physical, intellectual and social wellness, and try the popular fitness experience, Drums Alive.
- Marvin Auditorium
  - Sat Jan 10 9 am-1 pm

**Topeka Audubon Nature Photos**
Topeka Audubon Society members share their nature photos. Get inspired to explore the outdoors with your camera!
- Marvin Auditorium 101A
  - Tue Jan 13 7:30-8:30 pm

**Recycle in the Garden**
Get ready for spring with some eco-friendly ideas for the garden. Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners will show us how to use recycled and repurposed materials in your gardens and landscape.
- Marvin Auditorium 101AB
  - Thu Jan 15 7-8 pm

**Bag Day Book Sale**
All the books you can stuff into a brown grocery bag (purchased at the door for $5 each) are yours. There will be books of all topics to cruise through. This book sale event will be a true scavenger hunt. Don’t miss it!
- Marvin Auditorium
  - Sat Jan 17 10 am-1 pm

**Failed It or Nailed It**
Hey 20-30 year olds (or at least 20-30 year olds at heart)! We will make custom Scrabble® coasters and then decide if we failed it or nailed it. Supplies will be provided. Registration required. Call 580-4540. Bring money for your food or drinks.
- El Maguio 2160 SW Wanamaker Rd
  - Thu Jan 22 6:30-8:30 pm

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**Schedule at a Glance has moved to page 15**
Basketball @ Your Library
Bring the whole gang or just yourself to cheer on your favorite team while watching the game on the library's big screen.

Kansas State vs. Oklahoma State
■ Marvin Auditorium 101A
Sat Jan 24
10:30 am-1:30 pm

Kansas vs. Kansas State
■ The Edge - Teen Room 114
Sat Jan 31
12:30-3:30 pm

Kansas Day Reader’s Theatre:
The Underground Railroad
Listen to the stories of the courageous men and women who were a part of Underground Railroad in western Missouri and eastern Kansas in the late 1850s. Shared Stories of the Civil War Reader’s Theater project is a partnership between Freedom’s Frontier and Kansas Humanities Council.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101BC
Thu Jan 29
7-8:30 pm

Community Blood Drive
January is National Blood Donor Month and you can join the cause by donating at the Community Blood Center’s blood drive. You’ll also find information about healthy choices from the Shawnee County Health Agency. Walk in, or schedule an appointment at savealifenow.org.
■ Marvin Auditorium
Fri Jan 30
9 am-2 pm

Trivia Night @ your library
Enter as a team of 5-8 friends, coworkers or family members working together to answer 100 questions from 10 categories. Prizes will be awarded to the top trivia teams! Doors open at 6 pm. The Millennium Café will be open till 6:30 pm. Registration begins Dec 1. Call 580-4540.
■ Marvin Auditorium
Fri Jan 30
6:30-9 pm

Create the Community Novel
Learn self-publishing from start to finish with the library’s Community Novel editorial team. You’ll work with other writers to write, edit and publish a novel. This writing team has 1500 members! Marv Smith will teach this class at the library.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101BC
Sat Jan 31
Noon-2 pm

Trivia Afternoon @ your library
A repeat of the popular Friday Trivia Night program. Enter as a team of up to 8 people working together to answer 100 questions from 10 categories for fun and prizes. The Millennium Café will be open for snacks and drinks. Registration required, begins December 1. Call 580-4540.
■ Marvin Auditorium
Sat Jan 31
3-5:30 pm
Google It!
Learn to use this most-visited site on the web. Search for information and images on the Internet. See your house with Google Maps, and learn about even more Google apps and features.

**Computer Training Center**
- Thu Jan 22 7-8:30 pm
- Thu Jan 15 7-8:30 pm
- Tue Jan 27 7-8:30 pm
- Fri Jan 9 1-2:30 pm
- Wed Jan 7 1-2:30 pm
- Fri Jan 30 1-2:30 pm

Email for Beginners
Learn to log into an account and to open, delete, reply to and forward email messages.

**Computer Training Center**
- Mon Dec 1 1-2:30 pm
- Mon Dec 15 9:30-11 am
- Fri Jan 30 9:30-11 am

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. Registration required for all classes. 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.

**Computer Training Center**
- Tue Dec 2 1-2:30 pm
- Tue Dec 16 7-8:30 pm
- Wed Jan 7 1-2:30 pm
- Thu Jan 15 7-8:30 pm

**Word II: Intermediate Word Processing**
Use Microsoft Word to edit text, insert pictures or Word art into your document, form a header or footer and create a Word table to organize information.

**Computer Training Center**
- Wed Dec 3 1-2:30 pm
- Thu Dec 18 7-8:30 pm
- Fri Jan 9 1-2:30 pm
- Thu Jan 22 7-8:30 pm

**PowerPoint**
Beginners create a dynamic presentation from start to finish. Learn to insert slides, add text, graphics, transitions and animations.

**Computer Training Center**
- Fri Dec 12 1-2:30 pm
- Thu Jan 29 7-8:30 pm

**Excel: Introduction to Spreadsheets**
Learn about cells, columns, rows, AutoSum, simple formulas and page setup features.

**Computer Training Center**
- Thu Dec 4 1-2:30 pm
- Thu Jan 15 9:30-11 am
- Tue Jan 27 7-8:30 pm

**Excel: Lists**
Familiarity with basic Excel is required for this class. Learn to create field names, sort lists and link worksheets. You'll learn lists that can also be used in our Word: Mail Merge class.

**Computer Training Center**
- Fri Dec 5 1-2:30 pm
- Fri Jan 16 9:30-11 am

Word: Mail Merge & Mailing Labels
Create mailing labels, envelopes, personalized letters and directories by combining a Word document and a data table created in Microsoft Excel.

**Computer Training Center**
- Wed Dec 10 1-2:30 pm
- Wed Jan 21 9:30-11 pm

Ebooks & Digital Music, Movies and Magazines
Access the digital library anytime on your home computer or device using our free apps! Get a quick tour of our Digital Branch and learn how to use ebooks with Overdrive, magazines with Zinio, music with Freegal and movies & audio books with Hoopla.

**Computer Training Center**
- Tue Dec 2 7-8:30 pm
- Fri Jan 23 9:30-11 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. Registration required. Call 580-4606.

**Computer Training Center**
- Thu Dec 4 7:8-30 pm
- Fri Jan 16 1-2:30 pm

Pinterest for Beginners
Learn about Pinterest - a simple way to organize images, projects and ideas online. Open an account, create boards and begin pinning! Be sure to bring your email address & password.

**Computer Training Center**
- Tue Dec 9 7-8:30 pm
- Tue Jan 20 1-2:30 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.

**Computer Training Center**
- Thu Dec 11 7-8:30 pm
- Thu Jan 8 7-8:30 pm
- Wed Jan 28 9:30-11 am

iPad Workshop
Bring your iPad and your library card. Staff and participants share tips and tricks, iPad features and favorite apps, including our suite of digital offerings available via tscpl.org/downloads.

**Computer Training Center**
- Wed Dec 17 1:30-3 pm

Library Ebooks for Kindle Tablets
Bring in your Kindle tablet and library card and learn how to get free Ebooks anytime! Email and app store login required.

**Computer Training Center**
- Thu Jan 15 1:30-3 pm

Library Ebooks with Android Tablets
Bring in your Android tablet & library card and learn how to get free Ebooks anytime! Email and app store login required.

**Computer Training Center**
- Wed Jan 21 1:30-3 pm

Library Ebooks for Nook Tablets
Bring in your Nook tablet and library card and learn how to get free Ebooks anytime! Email and app store login required.

**Computer Training Center**
- Thu Jan 22 1:30-3 pm

Computer Q & A
A dedicated time to focus on your technology questions. Bring your laptop, tablet or other device. Practice new computer skills or learn to use the library catalog while trainers are available. Provide a description of the help you need when you register. Call 580-4606 or email class@tscpl.org.

**Computer Training Center**
- Wed Dec 1, 8, 15, 22 10-10:30 am
- Tue Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10-10:30 am
- Wed Dec 3, 10, 17 10-10:30 am
- Thu Dec 4, 11, 18 10-10:30 am
- Tue Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 10-10:30 am
- Wed Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 10-10:30 am
- Thu Jan 8, 15, 22 10-10:30 am

**KIDS**

Preschool Storytime [3-5 years]
Stories, songs and fingerplays that encourage a love of reading and help develop early learning skills.

**The Story Zone 121C**
- Wed Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10-10:30 am
- Wed Dec 3, 10, 17 10-10:30 am
- Thu Dec 4, 11, 18 10-10:30 am
- Tue Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 10-10:30 am
- Wed Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 10-10:30 am
- Thu Jan 8, 15, 22 10-10:30 am

4-H in the Library [5-12 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.

**The Story Zone 121C**
- Wed Dec 3 4-5 pm
- Wed Dec 17 4-5 pm

Real-life Author Storytime [3-5 years]
Come meet a real-life author and share some stories. You can be an author, too! Enjoy a make-and-take craft afterwards.

**The Story Zone 121C**
- Sat Dec 6 10-11 am

Amazing Animals [5-12 years]
Take a walk on the wild side with our naturalist librarians. Marvel at our featured creatures, get up close and personal with our amazing animal guests and make a memento of your encounter to take home.

**Lingo Story Room 121**
- Wed Dec 3 4-5 pm
- Wed Dec 17 4-5 pm
**Math and Science Exploration** [5-10 years]
Stand back! Experiments are underway. We have the whole wacky world to learn about. Bring a grownyup and be prepared to discover, learn and get dirty.
- **Lingo Story Room 121**
  - **Sat Dec 20**  10-10:30 am
  - **Sat Jan 17**  10-10:30 am

**Frozen Party** [5-12 years]
- **Dinosaur Zone 121K**
  - **Mon Jan 5**  1-2 pm

**Frozen Movie Sing-Along** [All ages]
Love is an open door... Sing your heart out with closed captioning to help you remember the words. Costumes encouraged.
- **The Edge - Teen Room 114**
  - **Mon Jan 5**  2-4 pm

**Baby Bookworms** [Birth-18 months]
Introduce your baby to the wonderful world of books through songs, stories, bounces and more!
- **Lingo Story Room 121**
  - **Thu Jan 8, 15, 22, 29**  9:30-10 am
  - **10:30-11 am**
  - **5:30-6 pm**

**Toddler Time 1** [24-36 months]
Bubbles and books, wiggles and songs! Early literacy fun for young toddlers and adults to enjoy together. No registration required.
- **Lingo Story Room 121**
  - **Wed Jan 7, 14, 21, 28**  9:30-10 am
  - **10:30-11 am**
  - **6:30-7 pm**

**Toddler Time 2** [24-36 months]
Share stories, songs, and crafts with your older toddler. This six-week program transitions children from lap-sitting to independent storytimes. Registration for the next program session begins 9 am January 6. Call 580-4565.
- **Lingo Story Room 121**
  - **Feb 4, 11**
  - **9:30-10 am**
  - **10:30-11 am**
  - **6:30-7 pm**

**Factual Fun**
Are creatures like Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster, and the Abominable Snowman real? Explore the world of the unknown, and be on the lookout for a mysterious hairy creature!
- **Dinosaur Zone 121K**
  - **Thu Jan 15**  4:30-5:15 pm

**Gathering STEAM** [8-12 years]
Use science, technology, engineering, art and math as you investigate, collaborate and create in this hands-on, problem solving program. Registration required. Call 580-4565.
- **Lingo Story Room 121**
  - **Sun Jan 18**  2-3:30 pm

**4-H in the Library** [5-12 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.
- **The Story Zone 121C**
  - **Wed Jan 21**  4-5 pm

**SKITLS** [8-12 years]
The School Kids In The Library Society (SKITLS) laughs, learns and creates. Discover cool concepts, make real-life connections and create something exciting you can take home to wow everyone with your newfound know-how.
- **Tweens Area 121A**
  - **Wed Jan 21**  4-5 pm

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  - **Wed Jan 21**  4-5 pm

**Happy Birthday Kansas** [3-5 years]
Join us for a preschool storytime all about Kansas and celebrate its 154th birthday with a craft. See you there!
- **Storyzone**
  - **Thu Jan 29**  10:10-45 am

**Read with a Ranger** [3-5 years]
Join Ranger Lisa from Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site for a storytime celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. and the start of Black History month. Enjoy a book and activity celebrating diversity and civil rights.
- **The Story Zone 121C**
  - **Sat Jan 31**  10-10:30 am

**International Films**

**Close to Eden** - A simple story of family and the impact of modern civilization on an idyllic part of Mongolia.
- **Marvin Auditorium 101BC**
  - **Tue Dec 2**  6:30-8:45 pm

**Trail of the Panda** - In China an orphan boy rescues a lost panda, or does the panda rescue the boy?
- **Marlin Auditorium 101C**
  - **Tue Jan 6**  6:30-8:45 pm

**Classic Films**

**Flying Down to Rio** - A dance-band leader and aviator becomes involved in a romantic triangle in Brazil. 1933 | b&w | 89 minutes
- **Marvin Auditorium 101C**
  - **Fri Dec 12**  2-5 pm

**5th Avenue Girl** - Rich industrialist Walter Connolly feels unwanted by his wife and children so he hires an unemployed woman to pose as his mistress. 1939 | b&w | 83 minutes
- **Marvin Auditorium 101C**
  - **Fri Jan 9**  2-5 pm

**Songs of the Season**

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**December 20, 2014 - January 1, 2015**

**December 20** - 10:15 am

**Songs of the Season**

**Live music performances in the rotunda. Holiday selections performed by students and professional musicians.**

**Performance schedule @ www.tscpl.org**

**Books Into Movies: The Book Thief** [12-18 years]
Watch the story of Liesel Meminger, an orphan who triumphs over dire circumstances during World War II. This movie will touch your soul - you might think about bringing a box of tissues. Hopefully the possibility of winning a book will dry those eyes.
- **The Edge - Teen Room 114**
  - **Mon Dec 8, 22, Jan 12**  7-8 pm

**Double Dueling: Yu-Gi-Oh! & Magic the Gathering** [12-18 years]
Bring your cards and prepare for fierce battle with other Yu-Gi-Oh! and Magic the Gathering players.
- **The Edge - Teen Room 114**
  - **Mon Dec 1, 15, Jan 5**  4-6 pm

**tWiin Xgaming** [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! (Games will be rated E for everyone.)
- **Tweens Area 121A**
  - **Tue Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**  4-5 pm
  - **Jan 6, 13, 20, 27**

**Music for a Sunday Afternoon: Euphoria Stringband**
Enjoy a lively program of songs and tunes from old-timey, jug band, Irish, folk & blues traditions. Featuring harmony vocals, twin fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin and other acoustic instruments.
- **Marvin Auditorium**
  - **Sun Jan 4**  3-4 pm

**MUSIC**

**Nutcracker Ballet**
Kansas Ballet performs a narrated presentation of The Nutcracker ballet for both the young and the young at heart. Afterwards, shake hands with the Nutcracker, take a picture with Clara and meet the Sugar Plum Fairy in person!
- **Marvin Auditorium 101BC**
  - **Fri Dec 12**  6:15-7:30 pm
**Fun After School** [12-18 years]
Check out a new craft, game, cool activity or whatever else we can find to play with. Amp up the fun by bringing some friends. It's something different every month!

- **Computer Training Center**
  - Wed Dec 10
  - 4-5 pm
  - Jan 8

**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 book bag. Receive books on a first-come, first-served basis. For more info, call Jason at 580-4565.

- **Lingo Story Room 121**
  - Sat Dec 13
  - 2-3 pm
  - Jan 10

**Anime Kurabu** [12-18 years]
Kon’nichiwa! Do you love all things anime and manga? If you answered hai, then plan on coming to this fun kurabu where we will play, watch, read, write, draw and imagine all things anime.

- **The Edge - Teen Room 114**
  - Tue Dec 16
  - 7-8 pm
  - Jan 20

**Mock the Movie: Elf** [12-18 years]
Some movies can't help but be made fun of! Watch Elf and have fun making jokes about Buddy the elf. Bring your phone or texting device and help us mock the movie. Just text in your witty comments and they'll show up on the screen as the movie plays.

- **The Edge - Teen Room 114**
  - Wed Dec 17
  - 5-6:30 pm

**Anytown Can Cook** [12-18 years]
For anyone who loves eating but can’t cook. Learn to follow a recipe, plan healthy and delicious meals and snacks and explore different styles of cooking.

- **Lingo Story Room 121**
  - Fri Dec 19
  - 4-5 pm
  - Jan 16

**Dragon Ball Z: The Video Game Tournament** [12-18 years]
Choose your favorite character and battle for the right to claim supremacy in this single-elimination bracket tournament. Pride and a prize go to the victor.

- **The Edge - Teen Room 114**
  - Mon Dec 22
  - 3:30-4:30 pm

**Naruto Video Game Tournament** [12-18 years]
Test your button-mashing skills to claim your destiny as the PS3 Naruto champion in this single-elimination bracket competition.

- **The Edge**
  - Fri Jan 23, 26
  - 2-3 pm

**Chess Club** [12-18 years]
Have fun while learning the strategy of chess or sharpen your skills against new competitors. If you haven’t played before, we’ll show you and give you tips on how to win.

- **David Js Place**
  - Thu Jan 22
  - 4-5 pm

**Open Mic Night** [12-18 years]
You are a natural performer and we want you to show off. So take the stage and strut your stuff! You can sing, dance, read poetry, tell jokes or play an instrument. Grab some fame at our monthly talent show.

- **The Edge - Teen Room 114**
  - Wed Jan 28
  - 4-5 pm

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**BOARDS OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE**

All meetings held on Thursdays in the Menninger Room. Check the daily schedule in the Rotunda on meeting days for any changes.

- **Dec 18** 4:00 PM
- **Jan 15** 4:00 PM
- **Feb 19** 4:00 PM
- **Mar 19** 4:00 PM
- **Apr 16** 4:00 PM
- **May 21** 4:00 PM
- **Jun 25** 4:00 PM
- **Jul 16** 4:00 PM
- **Aug 13** 5:00 PM
- **Sep 17** 4:00 PM
- **Oct 15** 4:00 PM
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- **Dec 17** 4:00 PM

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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, 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 & 69th

**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 – 1:00 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, Aubern
- **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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**DECEMBER 2014 - JANUARY 2015**
Saddle up... The BIG READ is Coming February 2015

The whole community will read the classic, *True Grit*, in Feb 2015. Attend one of many events centered around the book.

The Big Read is an effort to encourage our community to be productive, civically active and healthy. Good readers make that happen.

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.