The library will be closed May 1-5 and will reopen May 6 with a new way to check out. What does that mean for you? Shorter, or even eliminated, wait times when checking out and more check-out kiosks conveniently located throughout the library.

The library is adopting Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags as a way to check out, instead of using barcodes. RFID tags are used worldwide for a variety of purposes including employee ID badges and in K-Tags used by Turnpike motorists.

With RFID tags, items will check out faster. The entire library staff will be involved in converting 450,000+ items – hence, the need to close.

You will continue to use your library card. The new system will require a PIN to check out. This is also a great opportunity to update your PIN. Instead of scanning each book, movie or other item individually, RFID enables you will place your stack on a scanner pad, and voilà, all the items are checked out at once. Occasionally your stack may need to be fanned out to make sure all the tags get read.

Change happens. Rest assured, we’ll be here to help you when you need us. See the back page of this newspaper and tscpl.org for more information.

Gina Millsap  Chief Executive Officer

2013 was the year the library came to where you live, work and play. The library brought computers, printers, job training and other programs to the Shawnee County Parks and Recreation’s community centers.

“It’s great to see cooperation between two family-focused entities,” one customer remarked. We’ve been creative and vigilant about providing more access to the library.

Your library is open 7 days a week, 78 hours a week. Bookmobiles run six days a week, and we’re open 24/7 at tscpl.org. We even put books on the Topeka Metro buses for the first time ever! Isn’t it convenient that in this day and age you no longer have to come to the library to use it—though many people still do. Almost 800,000 people visited the library to borrow, to learn, to meet with friends, to work and to relax. The library transforms children’s lives, and our redesigned Kids Library is a testament.
**BOOKMOBILE**

**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 Park 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

Visit tscpl.org/bookmobile to locate the drop box location nearest to you. Call the Bookmobile office at 785-580-4590 for more information.

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**WEEKENDS WITH DAISY**

This new memoir by Sharron Kahn Luttrell is a natural pick for dog lovers, but it has a broad appeal. It’s a positive account of the National Education for Assistance Dog Services and the relationship between the trainer, Sharron, and an adorable yellow Labrador named Daisy. Sharron must employ patience and understanding with the dog, but also with Keith, an inmate who is Daisy’s weekday trainer.

**MEDICAL THRILLER**

**DOING HARM**

Steve Mitchell had it all: he was a surgeon and chief resident and had a loving wife with two kids. His life was on track until patients began to die from mistakes, but Steve suspects foul play. Before Steve can accuse anyone he must find the proof of murder. Steve scrambles to stay ahead of the murderer before they kill again in *Doing Harm* by Kelly Parsons.
to that and to our goal that every child in Topeka and Shawnee County will be ready for kindergarten. 3D attractions like a Tyrannosaurus Rex, solar system, octopus-wrapped aquarium and school bus ensure family visits spark a desire to come back over and over.

Why is the library valuable? Ask the 85,697 folks who are card-carrying members. We serve people from all walks of life, and so the value they get from using their card varies—from learning a new computer skill to finding the perfect bedtime story for the kids.

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About once a week families flock to Shawnee County’s community centers for education and fun brought to you by the library. They participate in librarian-led storytimes, like Pajama Storytime and workshops, like School Readiness.

The convenience of having a library program in their neighborhood really works for busy parents. Sarah Krause, assistant director at Garfield, was delighted to have an opportunity to attend a library program in her neighborhood.

“As a working parent, it’s convenient to have an option in the evening to get to go to a library program,” she said.

Jeremy Rathbun and his daughter Allison attended Preschool Storytime at Garfield Community Center, recently and had rave reviews of the stories and craft.

“This is great. She gets to have a story read to her and opportunity for togetherness,” Rathbun said.

There’s something for older kids too. Teens can learn new skills like songwriting, creating artworks and job skills. Adults can dig into their family history with genealogy programs, get crafty with knitting programs and learn computer software, such as Excel.

Do You Know Your Neighborhood?

Our history librarians challenge you to take this quiz about Topeka’s neighborhoods. Then come to the Preserve Topeka Neighborhood Fair May 10 in Marvin Auditorium, where you can explore far beyond these true or false questions. See page 12 for answers and more information on this event.

1. True False Rhonda and David Cross bought the land for Potwin Place from C.W. Potwin in 1869.
2. True False The Central Topeka neighborhood of Elmhurst was platted in 1909.
3. True False Created by Architect Tinkham Veale, Westboro Mart’s architectural design was inspired by buildings in New Mexico.
4. True False The Tennessee Town neighborhood was founded by Russian immigrants.
April 5

Attend the Edible Books Festival!
Colorful, culinary and appetite-stimulating. Food and literature collide as creative chefs take over Marvin Auditorium. See page 12.

May 1-5

LIBRARY CLOSED. Your wait in long lines is over starting Tuesday, May 6 as we introduce a whole new way to check out books, music and movies. Get ready by creating a super-secure PIN # for your library card on your “My Account” log-in.

May 13

Peter Fletcher’s Strings Sing
Be whisked away by this highly sought-after classical guitar virtuoso. Fletcher plays so sweet he makes flowers bloom.

Famous People

Biography in Context is the place to find out why some people are just so fascinating. Access quick facts or full-text articles. The perfect resource for a research paper: tscpl.org/research.

May 3

Free Comic Book Day. The library is closed but come get your comic book at Central Park Community Center, 2-4pm.
Valuable Volunteers
National Volunteer Week, April 6–12

Volunteers contribute about 16,000 hours to the library per year. It’s a win-win. They save the library money, and with all the options for volunteering at the library, they get fulfilled too. Find out more about volunteering at the library. Call Kari at 785 580-4490.

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– Warren Taylor, retired librarian

“I felt I needed to get out and do something that would give me job skills. It’s awesome here. If you’re thinking about volunteering here, you should just do it.”
– Robin Sommer,  K-State grad

“I like meeting the public, providing assistance and directing people to their interests. It couldn’t be a better place to volunteer.”
– Ray McKamy, retired Washburn professor

Eco-crafts
Kids love crafting and you can turn it into a learning opportunity by making old junk cool again. Try these books:
• *Eco-Craft: Recycle-Recraft-Restyle*
• *Make It! Don’t Throw It Away – Make Something Amazing*
• *Repurpose It: Invent New Uses for Old Stuff*

Homework Stumpin’ Ya?
Homework coaches can help you with any subject, at any level. Drop by with homework in hand. Find out when the center’s open; see page 14.

Shop Local
at the library’s Monday Farmer’s Market, May through September. Fresh produce, eggs, flowers and bedding plants.

Choice Picks
April 19
Green Fair - 1–4 pm
Eco-friendly ideas for everyday living. You can also recycle your electronics 12-2 PM.

we love library Volunteers

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Stay cool, calm and collected with your finances

From Warren Buffett to TLC’s *Extreme Couponing*, the era of frugality is in vogue. Warning: consuming financial literature may be more fun than you think. Read on, financial wisdom seekers – if you dare.

You can’t say the words “personal finance” without mentioning Dave Ramsey. We’ve lots of the Ramsey titles you love, including the trusty favorite *Total Money Makeover*. Adults can teach children the fundamentals of finance with Ramsey’s *Money Smart Kids*.

Take a tour of our Money Neighborhood; it offers a range of topics including investing, budgeting, retirement planning and women and finance. Be sure to check out the titles featured here to help your financial situation.

Online info for the younger sect! Is it time to teach your child about real-world finance and budgeting? Using comedy sketches and spoofs, the *Biz Kid*$ series entertains and informs. It’s available through our digital entertainment channel Hoopla. Access it at tscpl.org/video.

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**The Library Foundation**

**Introducing Nancy Lindberg**

The Library Foundation’s new Executive Director is a talented development professional who has hit the ground running since the beginning of 2014. Get to know Nancy a bit better with this Q&A!

**Q** What do you look forward to the most in your new position as The Library Foundation’s director?

**A** I have just scratched the surface of meeting all the wonderful library supporters, and I look forward to continuing that. I am also excited to attend my first Wilder Society Tea, which will be April 6. The Wilder Society is the planned giving program of The Library Foundation.

**Q** Where did you work before you came to The Library Foundation?

**A** I previously directed the philanthropy efforts of the Kansas Masonic Foundation, leading multiple successful campaigns to fund cancer research at the University of Kansas Cancer Center, including the Foundation’s successful $15 million Partnership for Life campaign.

**Q** You have worked on a number of children’s issues over the years. Tell us about this work.

**A** Most recently I served on the Child Care Aware (ERC) Board of Directors and was president of ERC in 2011. Prior to my work at the Kansas Masonic Foundation I served as the Executive Director of the Kansas Children’s Campaign. This campaign’s mission was to improve the lives of children and families by making children's issues a top priority. Before that I was Assistant to Attorneys General Robert Stephan and Carla Stovall working on such programs as the Amber Alert and State Child Death Review Board. I also staffed the Sunflower Foundation when it was created. I have served as President of the Kansas-National Education Association for three terms and taught 4th grade in Lyons, Kansas.

**Q** What do you do when you’re not at work?

**A** I’m very active in the community, including service with the Topeka Chapter of Association of Fundraising Professionals as immediate past president. Until recently I served on the Kansas Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice, an appointment of Governors Mike Hayden, Bill Graves and Kathleen Sebelius. I am treasurer of my church and enjoy traveling, scrapbooking, reading, and spending time with my great-nieces and nephews.

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**Money, It’s a Hot Issue**

**Stay cool, calm and collected with your finances**

The Handy Personal Finance Answer Book

by Paul A. Tucci

Smart Is the New Rich

by Christine Romans

The Debt-Free Spending Plan

by JoAnneh Nagler

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**Week of the Young Child**

April 6–12

Shiver me timbers! Your 2- to 6-year-olds will walk the plank to a treasure chest of reading fun! Hands-on activities and interactive storytimes lay the foundation for success in school and later life. Librarians and staff from Child Care Aware steer the ship and make a splash with their message of developing a love of reading in your pirate-in-training. Are you up to the challenge, matey? See page 14 for the April 9 program information.
The Most Valued Place in Town
Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library 2013 Annual Report
(ABRIDGED) Complete report published at story.tscpl.org

Using the library

Your library is open 7 days a week, 78 hours a week. You come here to borrow, to learn, to meet with friends and to work.

Use the library when and where you need us: at work, at home, online, on your device, on a Bookmobile and in the community centers. For every $1 of tax money invested in the library, a $2 value was returned to the community in 2013.

Cardholders: 85,697 (-2.7% from 2012)
Visitors: 793,335 (same as 2012)

New in 2013

A transformed Kids Library

Our redesigned space for children produces lots of smiles daily. Private dollars made the difference, including a $75,000 gift from the Junior League of Topeka.

We earned designation as a Family Place Library™, one of 28 in the nation. For children birth to 5

Library around town

Outreach storytellers visited 51 preschools, serving approximately 3,000 kids per month.

Our partnership with Shawnee County Parks & Recreation keeps you connected. 20,281 log-ins on library computers in the community centers since launching last May.

New Bookmobile from our literacy partner Capitol Federal®
Check-outs on Bookmobile: 294,690 (up 8% from 2012)
Visitors to the Bookmobile: 100,000+ (same as 2012)
As planned and budgeted, the library used the cash balance carried forward from the prior year, because of the delay in increased health insurance costs, to help fund these employee benefits in 2013. Thus, the total expenditures are greater than the total revenues received in 2013.

Top 5 – ebooks on OverDrive
- Inferno by Dan Brown
- Pros and Cons by Janet Evanovich
- 12th of Never by James Patterson
- Never Go Back by Lee Child
- The Heist by Janet Evanovich

Top 5 magazines checked out from Zinio
- Us Weekly (600 checkouts)
- Consumer Reports (466 checkouts)
- OK! Magazine (413 checkouts)
- Star Magazine (399 checkouts)
- Cosmopolitan (311 checkouts)

Top 5 – Albums and Artists
- Trending on Freegal
- Baptized by Daughtry
- Story of my Life by One Direction
- The Fox by Glee Cast
- Say Something by A Big Wide World and Christina Aguilera
- I Love You by The Neighbourhood

Facebook "Likes": 11,546 (up 52% from 2012)
Program Attendance: 84,589 (up 4.2 percent from 2012)
Reference Questions Answered: 277,471 (up 5.2% from 2012)

A reading community

The Big Read
We roared back into the 1920s as the community united in reading The Great Gatsby through a NEA Big Read grant.

The Big Read stats were GREAT!
1,114 copies of The Great Gatsby checked out. The film versions had 700 checkouts. Topeka Metro passengers also read with us.

Summerfest
77,970 hours read in 8 weeks!
135 infants completed the program, and 2,667 kids and 544 teens read at least 12 hours. 335 adults read at least 8 books. 7,206 visitors to the Annual Art Exhibit for Children.

Community Novel
We're creating our own stories with the help of local writers! Check out SpeakEasy, our 2013 community novel.

Pete the Cat
You loved Pete the Cat and his red shoes. Groovy! 600 people came to hear author Eric Litwin.

Revenues
- $15,827,672 in taxes
- $939,395 in fees and reimbursements
- $433,506 in contributions
- $85,955 in grants and state aid
- $81,399 in investment income
Total: $17,367,927

Expenditures
- Salaries and benefits $11,143,419
- Other operating expenses $2,060,209
- Debt service $1,680,785
- Library materials $1,709,460
- Equipment & capital improvements $843,247
- Programming & events $130,324
Total: $17,567,444

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### ADULT

#### Kansas Water Resources

Get informed about the Ogallala Aquifer and the state’s other water resources with David Steward, K-State civil engineering professor. Lunch is optional and starts at 11:30 am. RSVP for lunch at 235-8452 by March 25. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Topeka-Shawnee County.

- **Venue:** McCrite Plaza, 1608 SW 37th St
- **Date:** Tue Apr 1
- **Time:** 12:00-1:00 PM

#### Introduction to Songwriting

Budding songwriters learn about the tips and tricks of songwriting and listen to songs to assist in the learning fun. Registration required. Call the number listed.

- **Venue:** Central Park Community Center - 251-2965
- **Date:** Apr 2
- **Time:** 4:00-5:00 PM
- **Date:** Hillcrest Community Center - 251-2965
- **Date:** Apr 30
- **Time:** 4:00-5:00 PM

#### Money Smart Week: Financial Planning

Interactive classes on budgeting, understanding credit reports, mortgage loan options and investments are offered to promote financial literacy for all ages. Presented by Money Smart Kansas professionals.

- **Venue:** Marvin Auditorium 101B
- **Date:** Sat Apr 5
- **Time:** 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

#### Gaming for Adults [18 and older]

If you love games and you need a new challenge, then join us on the first Saturday of each month as we play board games. Bring your own or play ours. This month, we’ll also play staff’s favorite video games on the Wii and Xbox 360.

- **Venue:** Marvin Auditorium 101C
- **Date:** Sat Apr 5
- **Time:** 2:00-5:00 PM

### Brown to Brown

Learn about several sites in Topeka that follow civil rights history from John Brown and “Bleeding Kansas” to Vice President Charles Curtis to the nationally significant Brown v. Board of Education court decision.

- **Venue:** Marvin Auditorium 101C
- **Date:** Thu Apr 3
- **Time:** 7:00-8:00 PM

#### Medicare Mondays

Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) program helps you navigate the complex web of Medicare. Repeated on the first Monday of each month.

- **Venue:** Menninger Room 206
- **Date:** Mon Apr 7
  - **Time:** 1:00-3:00 PM
- **Date:** Mon May 5
  - **Time:** 1:00-3:00 PM

#### Journaling with Words and Images

Explore personal writing and illustrated journals through writing exercises and appreciating others’ examples.

- **Venue:** Marvin Auditorium 101B
- **Date:** Sat Apr 5
- **Time:** 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

#### The DASH Diet

Discuss the Dietary Approaches to Stopping Hypertension diet, ranked as the healthiest diet and the best diet for diabetes and high blood pressure. Enjoy demonstrations showing you how to use some of these healthy tips.

- **Venue:** Lingo Story Room
- **Date:** Thu Apr 10
  - **Time:** 1:00-2:00 PM

#### Growing Tomatoes

Learn about one of the most commonly grown vegetables in home gardens from the Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners. Learn how to select the best tomato varieties for home gardens or containers and share tips on getting plants off to a good start.

- **Venue:** Marvin Auditorium 101C
- **Date:** Thu Apr 10
  - **Time:** 7:00-8:00 PM

### U=UNIVERSITY M=MUSIC T=TEENS [12-18 years]
Discover Kansas Archaeology
See live flintknapping, historic and prehistoric artifacts, an excavation toolkit and talk to local archaeologists. At 3:00pm, archaeologist Gina Powell discusses Billy Dixon’s Trading Post in Ellis County, the site of last year’s field school. Co-sponsored by the Kansas Historical Society.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101BC
Sat Apr 12 2:00-4:00 PM

Learn to Knit
Learn the basics of knitting including the long tail cast on, the knit and purl stitches, and increasing and decreasing. Learn how to read and choose patterns. Materials provided. Registration required. Call the number listed.
► Rice Community Center – 251-2976
Tue Apr 15 4:00-5:00 PM
► Crestview Community Center – 251-2960
Wed May 14 1:00-2:00 PM

Preserve Topeka: Gems in the Attic [all ages]
Learn more about your stuff. Attend workshops on saving textiles, donating to a museum and researching and documenting your antiques and collectibles. Registration required for an appraisal. Call 272-8681 ext. 415. $20 for the 1st item; $15 for the 2nd item; Members of KHS and Friends of the Library receive a 20% discount.
■ Kansas Historical Society, 6425 SW 6th Ave
Sat Apr 19 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Green Fair [all ages]
Enjoy crafts, music, games, live animals and learn exciting ways to reduce, reuse and recycle — more than 30 partner organizations at our 7th annual Green Fair. Electronics recycling runs from noon to 2pm in the library’s parking lot. Green today, save tomorrow!
■ Marvin Auditorium, Lingo Story Room, The Edge, Story Zone
Sat Apr 19 1:00-4:00 PM

The Financial Realities of Losing a Spouse
The death of a spouse brings emotional turmoil, but what about all the other things that have to be done? Join Becky Holmquist and Debi Stark, both of US Bank, as they prepare you for the financial, legal and personal issues that face those who are left to manage assets and make financial decisions.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101C
Wed Apr 23 7:00-8:00 PM

Spectacular Annual & Perennial Flowers
Learn about the best annual and perennial flowers to grow in your garden from the flower specialist at the K-State Olathe research center. This is a unique opportunity to hear about results from the K-State flower research trials.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101C
Thu Apr 24 7:00-8:00 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 ‘til 6:30 pm. Registration required, begins March 1. Call 580-4540.
■ Marvin Auditorium
Fri Apr 25 6:30-9:00 PM

Trivia Afternoon @ 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 2:30 pm. The Millennium Café will be open. Registration required, begins March 1. Call 580-4540.
■ Marvin Auditorium
Sat Apr 26 3:00-5:30 PM

World War I, 100th Anniversary
Journey through history as we commemorate the centennial of the beginning of World War I. Historians from the Combat Air Museum and the Air National Guard Museum share details of how this war started.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101BC
Mon Apr 28 7:00-8:00 PM

Friends of the Library Book Swap
Bring as many books as you want to donate and swap for 10 new-to-you titles to take home. Must be a Friends member to swap books. Join at the door. While you are here, experience the best of the best in printmaking from across the nation in The Printed Image 5 exhibit, sponsored by the Friends.
■ Sabatini Gallery
Sat May 3 1:00-3:00 PM

A = ADULTS  AR = ART  B = BOOKS  BU = BUSINESS  C = COMPUTER  K = KIDS [birth - 11 years]  M = MOVIES  MU = MUSIC  T = TEENS [12 - 18 years]
Immigration Law
Kathleen Harvey, attorney and immigration specialist, speaks on immigration law and its impact on Kansas. Lunch is optional and starts at 11:30 am. RSVP for lunch ($8.25) at 235-8452 by April 29. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Topeka-Shawnee County.

Created Equal Film: Freedom Riders
This film is the story behind a courageous band of civil rights activists called the Freedom Riders who in 1961 creatively challenged segregation. Following the film, local StoryCorps interview participants discuss the past and present social impact of the Brown v. Board of Education court decision.

Shade Gardening
Hostas are popular plants to grow in shady environments but why limit yourself? Many other shade-tolerant plants are available to enhance your garden and landscape. Join the Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners for ideas on how to garden in those shady spots.

Preserve Topeka Neighborhood Fair
Discover the history of Topeka's neighborhoods. Visit a booth about your neighborhood. Hear mini presentations on home-related topics. Get firsthand information about the National Register and financial incentives for historic preservation projects from Kansas Historical Society staff.

Topeka, a Civil Rights Game-Changer
Find out how Topeka managed to become a central part of the NAACP's lawsuit to end racial segregation in public schools. Learn what made Topeka different from the other cases that appeared before the Supreme Court as part of the Brown v. Board of Education case.

Art & You [10-16 years]
Art classes offer hands-on art experiences including multi-level instruction and discussion of related artwork. Registration required. Call the number listed.

Answers to Game: 1. False – C.W. Potwin bought 70 acres he named Potwin Place from the Cross family that year  2. True – Napoleon B. Burge, a developer and builder, platted the land and sold choice lots for $325 and as low as $200 an acre.  3. False – Veal adopted the Spanish style and Christmas Customs of lights from the Country Club Plaza located in Kansas City.  4. False – Tennessee Town was founded by ex-slaves primarily from Tennessee and Kentucky escaping intolerable conditions in the South.
and confront racial issues and long-buried secrets.

When his childhood best friend is accused of a crime, a farmer tends to his demanding, ungrateful wife. When his wife’s cousin arrives to help, they find hope and love. By Tom Franklin.

COMPUTER CLASSES
Registration required for all classes. Call 580-4606 or email class@tscp.org. All training room computers have Windows 8 and Microsoft Office 2013.

BEGINNING CLASSES
Designed for the new computer user and presented at a relaxed pace. Try taking the classes in the order listed for a good, basic understanding. To register, call 580-4606 or email class@tscp.org.

Windows 8 for Beginners
Learn about tiles, the charms bar and other new features in Windows 8. Use Windows accessories including the calculator and WordPad.

Internet Introduction
Learn basic internet functions and visit a variety of sites for information and entertainment.

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

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. Call 580-4606 or email class@tscp.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.

Google It
Google does more than find web pages. Search for information and images on the Internet. See your home with Google Maps and learn about even more Google apps and software.

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

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

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 than can be used in our Word: Mail Merge & Mailing Labels class.

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.

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.

Google It
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BUSINESS
How to Start a Business
Learn what it takes to start your own business. Topics include business legal structure, writing a business plan, how to scout your competition, financial issues and what information and images on the Internet. See your home with Google Maps and learn about even more Google apps and software.

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Create mailing labels, envelopes, personalized letters and directories by combining a Word document and a data table created in Microsoft Excel.

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.

While the library is closed, visit the Gallery and the Bookmobiles.

LIBRARY CLOSED
May 1-5
**KIDS**

**Preschool Storytime** [3-5 years]
Stories, songs and finger plays that encourage a love of reading and help develop school skills

- **Story Zone**
  - Thu Apr 3, 10, 17, 24 10:00-10:30 AM
  - Thu May 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00-10:30 AM

**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 Apr 5 10:00-10:30 AM

**Young & Little Women Book Club** (grades 2-3)

- **Tweed Area**
  - Wed Apr 6 4:00-5:00 PM

**Shiver Me Timbers**
**Week of the Young Child** [2-6 years]
Ahoy mateys! Don’t be a landlubber. Just hop on board! We need all hands on deck to celebrate Week of the Young Child with stories, songs and activities. Cosponsored with Child Care Aware™ of Kansas. Home care providers welcome. Registration required. Call 580-4565.

- **Tweed Area**
  - Wed Apr 9 10:00-11:00 AM

**Art & You** [10-16 years]
Art classes offer hands-on art experiences including multi-level instruction and discussion of related artworks. Registration required. Call the number listed.

- **Crestview Community Center - 251-2960**
  - Wed Apr 9 4:00-5:00 PM

**sing, dance & read** [all ages]
Shake off your sleepiness with some fun songs and crazy dancing with Kyler, a guitar playing librarian, in the Kids Library. Occasional surprises and guests!

- **Story Zone**
  - Wed Apr 12, 26 10:00-10:30 AM
  - Sat May 10, 24 10:00-10:30 AM

**Guys Read** [8-12 years]
Read awesome books dudes will dig—explosive action and heroics! Tell them to get in on this, guys, play games, wolf down some food and meet new friends. First timers score a membership-only bookbag. Receive books on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up with the secret password GUYS READ; call 580-4565.

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Sat Apr 12 2:00-3:00 PM
  - Sat May 10 2:00-3:00 PM

**Amazing Animals** [grades 1-5]
Take a walk on the wild side with our naturalist librarians. Marvel at what makes our featured creatures so outstanding, get up close and personal with our amazing animal guests and make a memento of your encounter to take home.

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Mon Apr 14 4:30-5:30 PM
  - Mon May 12 4:30-5:30 PM

**SKITLS** [8-12 years]
The School Kids In The Library Society invites you to join us as we laugh, learn and create. Discover cool concepts, make real-life connections and create something exciting to remember it by — all before supper time where you can wow everyone with your newfound knowledge and know-how.

- **Tweed Area**
  - Wed Apr 16 4:00-5:00 PM
  - Wed May 21 4:00-5:00 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.

- **Shawnee North Community Center - 286-0676**
  - Thu Apr 17 6:30-7:30 PM
  - Thu May 15 6:30-7:30 PM

**BlockFest™** [8-8 years]
Experience block fun with your child while they increase their math and science knowledge. Enjoy this block buffet with Topeka Public Schools Parents as Teachers. Educators are on hand to demonstrate techniques that parents can use to help their child become more of a math thinker through block play. Bring the kids in anytime during the event.

- **Marvin Auditorium**
  - Fri Apr 18 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Musical Storytime for Everybody** [all ages]
Bring the whole family, daycare or preschool for some guitar-pickin’ music, dancing, whimsical books and great big smiles with Kyler!

- **Story Zone**
  - Fri Apr 18 10:00-10:30 AM

**Happy Birthday, Batman!** [all ages]
Celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Caped Crusader with an afternoon of Batman games, crafts and other fun stuff for the whole family. Then join us at 4pm for the 1966 film Batman: The Movie. Costumes encouraged.

- **Marvin Auditorium**
  - Sat May 17 2:00-6:00 PM

**Gathering STEAM**
**Get Your Motor Running** [8-12 years]
Use Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math skills to gather steam for lifelong learning as you investigate, create and collaborate in this hands-on, problem-solving program. Program opens your brain and get a real charge out of this month’s electricity adventure. Registration required. Call 580-4565.

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Sun May 18 2:30-3:30 PM

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Wild Thing** [all ages]
Meet these larger-than-life beloved book characters as they encourage families to get signed up for summer reading. Family photo opps three times throughout the day – plus lots of fun!

- **Story Zone**
  - Sat May 31 9:00-10:30 AM
  - 12:30-1:30 PM
  - 3:00-4:00 PM

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

- **Homework Center 121D**
  - Mon – Thu 4:00-8:00 PM
  - Sun 2:00-6:00 PM
MOVIES

International Film: The Dinner Game
A group of friends have a weekly “dinner game.” But who is really the idiot? © Lions Gate | France | 1998 | Rated PG-13 | 78 minutes
■ Marvin Auditorium 101BC
Tue Apr 1 6:30-8:45 pm

Classic Film: The Narrow Margin
A cop has been put in charge of protecting a gangster’s girlfriend as she is being transported from Chicago to L.A. by train to testify before a grand jury. He has his work cut out for himself though as hit men are in hot pursuit of her. 1952 | b&w | 71 minutes
■ Marvin Auditorium 101BC
Fri Apr 11 2:00-5:00 pm

International Film: The Chorus
Fri Apr 18 6:30-8:45 pm

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42, the Jackie Robinson Story
Robinson’s story is told in this biopic from writer/director Brian Helgeland. Robinson paved a new road for minorities by being the first African-American to play in Major League Baseball since the racial barrier was put in place in the late 1800s. 128 min | Rated PG-13 | 2013
■ Marvin Auditorium 101BC
Fri Apr 18 6:30-8:45 pm

International Film: The Chorus
The new teacher at a boys’ boarding school works to positively effect the students’ lives through music. Beautiful soundtrack. © Miramax | France | 2004 | Rated PG-13 | 96 minutes
■ Marvin Auditorium 101BC
Tue May 6 6:30-8:45 pm

Classic Film: To Be or Not To Be
During the Nazi occupation of Poland, an acting troupe becomes embroiled in a Polish soldier’s efforts to track down a German spy. 1942 | b&w | 99 minutes
■ Marvin Auditorium 101BC
Fri May 9 2:00-5:00 pm

In a Better World
The lives of two Danish families become entwined when their sons develop an extraordinary but risky friendship. Unfortunately, loneliness, frailty and sorrow lie in wait. 119 min | Rated R | 2011 | Danish with subtitles
■ Marvin Auditorium 101BC
Fri May 16 6:30-8:45 pm

MUSIC

Cliff and the One-O’Clock Jump
Come hear Topeka’s very own Dixieland band in concert. Local musician Cliff Manning directs the band, performing Dixieland and jazz standards from the 1920s. Who knows, we may have to open up a dance floor to accommodate those who’ll want to do more than just toe-tapping! Wear your dancin’ shoes just in case!
■ Marvin Auditorium
Sun Apr 13 3:00-4:00 pm

Peter Fletcher, Guitarist
People who have heard Fletcher play his classical guitar are beginning to realize why he can sell out Carnegie Hall. He is acclaimed as a “superbly sensitive performer,” a “fantastic guitarist,” and an artist who “plays with a gracious virtuosity that makes musical poetry.”
■ Marvin Auditorium
Sat May 31 11:00 am-12:00 pm

SummerFest Kick-off
The Okee Dokee Brothers [all ages]
Make a musical journey with this Grammy-award winning duo and discover songs that favor nature, exercise and the YWCA.
■ Library Rotunda
Tue May 13 7:30-8:30 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
Thu Apr 10 3:30-4:30 pm
Thu May 8 3:30-4:30 pm

Teen Writers 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 Apr 14, 28 7:00-8:00 pm
Mon May 12, 19 7:00-8:00 pm

HEARyouth Local Resources Fair [11-18 years]
Become Healthy, Empowered And Responsible. Network and establish connections with valuable community resources and services geared toward youth. HEARyouth partners include Family Service and Guidance Center, Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy, Prevention and Recovery Services, Positive Connections, Shawnee County Health Agency, Valeo, Women Empowerment and the YWCA.
■ Library Rotunda
Tue Apr 15 3:00-4:30 pm

Make Tangle-free Earbuds [11-18 years]
Make earbuds thicker with embroidery floss keeps them from tangling. The first 10 teens receive a pair of earbuds to decorate — or bring your own. Learn the Chinese Staircase technique to knot embroidery floss around a cord. Branch out and make bracelets and necklaces with the same technique.
■ The Edge
Thu Apr 24 3:30-4:30 pm
Thu May 22 3:30-4:30 pm

TEENS

Teen Gaming After School
Hang out with friends and make new ones as we play video games, board games and take part in other fun activities. Call the number listed.
■ Oakland Community Center • 251-2953
Wed Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 4:00-5:00 pm

Double Dueling: Yugioh and Magic the Gathering [11-18 years]
Bring your cards and pit your wits against other Yugioh and Magic players as we host tournaments for both games.
■ The Edge
Mon Apr 7, 21 4:00-6:00 pm
Mon May 19 4:00-6:00 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 the lowdown on how to win.
■ David J’s Place
Thu Apr 24 3:30-4:30 pm
Thu May 22 3:30-4:30 pm

Super Smash Bros. Brawl Tournament [11-18 years]
Prove you’re the best virtual brawler in town! Face off against opponents who make that same claim of supremacy of this popular Wii game. If you’ve got the moves, now’s the time to show’em off. Only one victor will be left standing as the reigning champion.
■ The Edge
Fri Apr 25 2:00-3:00 pm

Create a Poetry Collage [11-18 years]
Use techniques of tearing, cutting, layering and gluing to create a collage that speaks your mind. Express yourself by finding words and images in old magazines; then arrange them to create something new. Decorate a bookmark, sign or notebook.
■ The Edge
Mon Apr 28 3:30-4:30 pm

Open Mic Night: Poetry Edition [11-18 years]
Bring your friends and your favorite spoken verses to perform on our stage. April is National Poetry Month, so we’re calling all poets for a special Poetry Edition of our popular Open Mic Night.
■ The Edge
Wed Apr 30 4:00-5:30 pm

Free Comic Book Day [all ages]
Are you DC, Marvel or neither? It won’t matter on Free Comic Book Day because we’ll have a huge selection of free-to-take-home titles for all ages, tastes and genders. Then the fun continues with comic book-related crafts and other activities. Cosponsored by Gatekeeper Hobbies.
■ Central Park Community Center
Sat May 3 2:00-4:00 pm

Making Bracelets [11-18 years]
Make bracelets using tiny latex bands and looms. Use our looms or bring your own loom, to learn new skills with simple color patterns or complicated weaving. Turn thousands of colorful bands into unique jewelry.
■ The Edge
Tue May 6 3:30-4:30 pm

Fun with Felt Crafts [11-18 years]
Embroider your own colorful, felt bookmark. Learn basic embroidery stitches that will enhance your design. Give yourself a new way to save your place in your favorite book, and a new skill that will allow you to express yourself in other creative crafts.
■ The Edge
Sun May 11 1:00-3:00 pm

Open Mic Night [11-18 years]
You are natural performer, and we want you to show off. So take the stage and strut your stuff! You can sing, dance, read poetry or tell jokes. Grab some fame at out popular Open Mic Night.
■ The Edge
Wed May 28 4:00-5:30 pm

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