We deliver on back-to-school fun! So grab your library card – or get one – and buckle up for an exciting fall.

Jim Gill, a renowned early childhood educator and entertainer, will raise your spirits. Five of Gill’s albums have been honored as American Library Association’s Notable Children’s Recordings; check ‘em out from the library.

Your family can be part of the action when Gill’s Contagious Tunes Tour rolls into town Aug. 16. We can’t play his music here in this newspaper – or we would – but you can listen to his tracks at tscpl.org.

School-aged kids will get even more stoked for school at our Smarty Pants Rule Back-to-School Fair Aug. 7, but if you can’t make it to that…

Sample something from our greatest hits list

As school fires back up, so does the library’s Homework Center. Drop into see our homework coaches and get your child off to a great start with the teacher. “We’re a consistent place kids go to get their homework done. By the time their parents are home, everyone’s done with work and it’s family time,” said LeAnn Petrie, Youth Services supervisor.

Use our Digital Branch for language learning with Mango, for skill-building practice tests (great for older students) at LearningExpress Library, and for lessons ranging from math to art at the Student Research Center. And, your place for all of this is tscpl.org/research.

Got new kids in your class? Remind them that Topeka doesn’t feel like home until you get a library card. Visit mylibrarycard.org to get started. September is National Library Card Sign Up Month, so spread the word.

Every day at the library your child can have afterschool fun and blow off some steam with their friends through gaming, reading, 4-H and animals. Meet new friends by joining the gang at SKITLS. See page 14.
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**GOODLAND: OR, MY LIFE AS A FARM BOY**

Goodland native Bruce Bair returns to his childhood home farm in this memoir. Growing up, boyhood was spent on John Deere Model Rs pulling oneways in the dusty fields, escaping farm for college, and other adventures. Due to the demands of his workaholic father, Bair will eventually return to the fields again later in life. The reader will not only enjoy the humorous accounts of farm life, but also the honest portrayal of family in *Good Land: Or, My Life as a Farm Boy*.

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**CLUE INTO THE NEW BOOKMOBILE**

Sherlock Holmes – at almost 8 feet tall – can't be missed as he, and his sidekick Watson, escape from nemesis Moriarty’s pursuit. It’s all part of the visual story designed on the new Bookmobile. Look for it in your neighborhood starting in late July.

The vehicle’s wrap was designed by the library and captured by award-winning KC photographer Alistair Tutton. Costumed actors appearing on the bus are local talent acquired through Topeka Civic Theatre & Academy. Thanks also to the generosity of Capitol Federal® Foundation.

The Library Foundation’s work with Capitol Federal® Foundation has created a literacy partnership that will be enjoyed all over Shawnee County. The gift enabled the library to purchase the new bookmobile to replace a 21-year-old vehicle.

The bookmobile will be stocked with all new books, DVDs, magazines and CDs.

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**FOLLOW THE CLUES IN GAME, SET, & MURDER**

Former tennis star and coach Petar Belic’s murder stirs up mystery on the Wimbledon tennis court in this exciting book. It is up to Detective Angela Costello to sift through witnesses and decide who are the suspects for this murder. Even though Costello’s job won’t be easy, she is determined to ‘set’ the record straight on who committed the crime. *Game, Set, and Murder* by Elizabeth Flynn is a real mystery that uses clues to solve the crime even amid the chaos of the tennis tournament.
Forget your workplace stresses and unwind with these librarian-recommended reads. These new books will pique your interest, while allowing you to relax from the buzz of a busy, young lifestyle. My Paradise Lost author Brain Allen visits the library August 10 to discuss his memoir featured here. See page 13. Think you could write your own story? The Local Author Workshop on page 11 could be for you.

**Celtic Guitarist**

Jerry Barlow

Listen to this finger-style guitarist who shares expressive songs, along with stories from Irish and Scottish history. With more than two decades of writing and playing country music in Nashville under his belt, Barlow set out to attain virtuoso status, and he found it with his Celtic tunes.

**Hispanic Heritage Author**

New York Times bestselling author Victor Villaseñor, perhaps best known for his novel *Rain of Gold*, comes to Topeka to discuss storytelling, culture, self-exploration and personal achievement, thanks in part to Topeka Tonantzin Society. His highly regarded speaking abilities will inspire the writer in you. Everyone has a story to tell; find the courage and passion to write yours. See page 12.

**Live Painting**

Yo! Here’s your chance to see cool art being made! Watch artist Bunky Echo Hawk use his pants as a pallet while he creates a painting in front of a live library audience. Things are going to get colorful Aug. 9. While you are here, step into the Sabatini Gallery and challenge your mind with the tough questions this Pawnee/Yakama activist raises in his artworks on display.

**Hot New Books for the 20 & 30-somethings**

Available as an ebook

*My Paradise Lost*  
Brian W. Allen

Available as an ebook

*Landline*  
Rainbow Rowell

Available as an audiobook

*#Girlboss*  
Sophi Amoruso

Available as an ebook

*Carsick*  
John Waters

*Game, Set and Murder*  
Elizabeth Flynn

Ramp It Up: Skateboard Culture in Native America is organized by the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian and circulated by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.
Meet the Trustee Betty Grenier

As a new trustee Betty has been busy learning how the library’s board makes decisions for this community asset. Helping set the library budget may come naturally for this accountant and county financial administrator.

Why did you decide to serve on the board?
Reading is such an essential part of our lives. A person – child or adult – is at such a disadvantage in life if they are not a good reader. A strong community has a strong library. I want to help make sure our library stays strong.

How do you see the library continuing to make a difference?
Building up literacy skills. I hope the library will continue to cater to the diverse needs of our community. I hope the library will continue to be a source for entertainment, research, educational opportunities, music and books of all kinds.

What activities or hobbies do you enjoy?
I love to hike and spend time with family and friends. I loved my family’s read-aloud storytimes when my daughters were younger, and it encouraged a love of reading that’s passed onto my grandchild. And, I’m still an avid reader. I recently read Between the Shades of Gray. It’s a work of historical fiction set in 1940s Europe. And my book club recently read Stepping Heavenward. On my to-read list is Topekan Barry Feaker’s In Darkness, a Light Still Shines.

What is your favorite area of the library and why?
I enjoy the fiction section the most. I grab books on CDs whenever I have a road trip. I am thrilled with the library’s digital download offerings. It’s a great way to reach all ages and to fill up my Kindle for free.

Cowboy Up!

Howdy pardner! Break out those Spurs and cowboy hats and get ready for a gritty tale of revenge. A Western, True Grit by Charles Portis, was selected for our February 2015 Big Read, a community reading project.

“The Big Read provides the opportunity to put on your best cowboy duds and experience a taste of Texas and a story of revenge as told through multiple book discussions, cowboy poetry, western art and even some grits,” said Nancy Overmyer, Event Resources manager.

The Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library has earned its sixth grant in nine years to host The Big Read from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), one of 77 organizations selected. The $12,000 grant will fund the purchase of books, advertising and offering more than a dozen events to attend.

Too Cute!
Kindergartners Get Library Cards

Lowman Hill’s last crop of kindergartners received a graduation gift that’ll serve them well throughout life, their first library card! Specially designed kid cards to encourage a love of reading were handed out thanks to donors to The Library Foundation.

This new initiative, called I Read, was supported by the Robert C. and Dorothy L. Harder Book Fund established through The Library Foundation. For years, the Harder’s gave books to Lowman Hill students during the holidays, and Bob volunteered as a reader there until recently. The former Library Trustee passed away April 12 of this year.

“We are celebrating a milestone in these children’s lives. They are at a point where they can read independently, and we encourage them to keep doing it,” said LeAnn Petrie, Youth Services supervisor.

“Children’s lives are shaped by the support they receive along the way. It was the vision of our donors that laid the foundation for these kindergartners to grow into lifelong readers,” said Nancy Lindberg, Foundation executive director.

Betty Jean Neal and LeAnn Petrie pass out library cards at Lowman Hill Elementary.

Have fun downtown watching movies on the Statehouse lawn. Bring a blanket and your friends. details at tsopl.org
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MOVIE ON THE LAWN
Presents
American Graffiti - Aug 9 Wreck It Ralph - Sept 13
Honey I Shrunk The Kids - Sept 27
Movies Start at 8PM

Location venue may change; check for the latest info at tsopl.org seveneightfive
Rebel
If you’re ready to challenge authority, why not learn from books that have done just that. At Get Booked!, teens pose with their favorite banned book for their “mug shot” and finish off the rebellion with games, trivia, selected readings and prizes. Learn why certain books are challenged; see page 15.

Free Tunes
Music lovers find the library totally appealing, especially those on a budget. Freegal, a music catalog powered by Sony, offers access to 3 million different tunes, including newly released albums. Download 3 free tracks with your library card per week. Plus, these songs aren’t rentals — they are yours to keep.

Movies We Love to Mock
As fun as the Oscar-winners are to watch, the most entertaining moments arise from less critically acclaimed films. Get ready Topeka! It’s the Razzies meets Mystery Science Theatre 3000, with a text messaging element. On Sept. 10 at 6:00pm, watch the film Clueless like you’ve never seen it before. At this snarkfest just for teens, they will text in jokes about this cheesy, 90s romance to be displayed during the movie. Continue the laughs at home; check out librarian-recommended films perfect for mocking.

The Movie
Utopian or dystopian? Examine this and other themes from Lois Lowry’s four-book series, beginning with The Giver, before you see it on the big screen (opens August 15). This story is a favorite of young adults and grownups alike. Jonas, the lead character, inherits the position of memory-keeper for a community who has given their memories away. See page 15 for a teens-only book talk.
Whether you are a recent high school grad or are a new widow, you may find yourself in charge of your finances for the first time. Feel confident about paying bills, addressing credit issues, avoiding financial scams and investing in the stock market with help from your library.

If you want to learn how to save like an expert, attend a 7-week Women & Money program series held on Thursday evenings at the library. All income ranges are welcome in this program designed for women and put on by Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc. See page 12 for more information.

The library offers how-to books, online resources, investing tools and one-on-one help. And you can’t argue with our prices. See? We are already saving you money!

**Free books on Monday**

Friends of the Library believe one man’s trash is another man’s treasure. So, after the first three days of their annual book sale, the Friends will hold giveaway day! Picture it as a more refined version of dumpster diving. Pick through the merchandise available for free at Ag Hall on **Sept. 22** from **7am-noon** only.

**Recommended Resources from Terry Miller, Business Librarian, MBA**

- Does This Make My Assets Look Fat? A Woman’s Guide to Finding Financial Empowerment and Success by Susan L. Hirshman
- Business Decision Database tscp.org/research
- Your Life, Your Money: Empowering Young Adults To Get Their Money Right PBS DVD

**Party with local authors!**

It’s the moment of glory for 30 local authors featured in two library-led community novels, *Superimposed* and *Spirits of Oz*. Crack open the spines, smell that new book smell and have the authors sign your copies at a book launch party Sept. 28. *Superimposed* is a historical novel about an elderly man with a secret past. *Spirits of Oz* follows two teens on a supernatural adventure.

**LUNCH SPECIALS**

- **Tuesday** chicken tender, fries & dipping sauce $6.95
- **Thursday** chicken fried steak or chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable & roll $6.95

Catering available | Call 580-4441
Monarch Watch

Walk to the library from the west, and you may be surprised to be greeted by Monarch butterflies. The library’s new certified Monarch Waystation features native milkweeds and nectar sources that Monarchs need for their annual migration. These plants also attract other important pollinators. Visit the garden this fall with your children for a little lesson on ecosystems. Then venture inside to the Lawn & Garden neighborhood and browse our butterfly gardening section for inspiration. Read more at tscpl.org/home/monarch-waystation.

Get Down and Dirty

Watercoloring

Even if you are the Picasso of watercolor art, the library can offer you insight and advancement on this skill. You can find examples of great watercolor paintings, guides, and instruction manuals that can teach and inspire any skill level, such as *Watercolor 101: Techniques for the Absolute Beginner* by Jeanette Robertson. Further instruction is also offered in the Sept. 18 class on Watercolor Birds for Beginners.

Hey Gearhead

Hot weather increases the wear and tear on your vehicles, motorcycles and other mechanical devices. Professional repairs can be expensive, but many car and small engine repairs can be completed at home with the right book and a little know-how. The Auto Repair Reference Center and Small Engine Repair Reference Center are the best online resources for do-it-yourself automotive and small engine repair. These full-text, searchable repair manuals are available through tscpl.org/research. Have the complete collection of Chilton and Mitchell automotive repair manuals at your fingertips at no charge.

Nature Photography

As much as we all love selfies, the outdoors can make the perfect subject for your next photo collection. Turn to the library’s Arts & Crafts neighborhood for plenty of resources to help you navigate outdoor and nature photography, such as beginner’s guides, like *The Complete Guide to Outdoor Photography* by Paul Davies and how-to books, like *Digital Outdoor Photography: 101 Hot Tips* by Heather Angel. In person instruction is available on Sept. 17 during the Nature Photography class.
Each morning, the library opens at 9 to an eager crowd waiting to enter the building. Around Shawnee County, Outreach services of Bookmobiles, Preschool Storytellers, Red Carpet Services and other community services are providing what matters most to library members. Every day you share your needs for information, education and entertainment with us, but the library needs to prepare for your future needs now.

This past spring, we partnered with ETC Institute to conduct a Community Interest and Opinion survey to help establish priorities for facilities, programs, collections and services. The survey, mailed to a random sample of households was comprised primarily of three major sections: how the community currently uses the library; how the community feels about current library services; and what the community would like to see from the library in the future.

Major takeaways from the survey are that the community thinks extremely highly of the library and want to see an emphasis on literacy for all ages. A specific area that the community wants to see the library involved with is getting kids ready for kindergarten. Books are still the most popular reason for people to visit the library, but are far from the only reason. The average respondent visited the library for more than six reasons, including visiting the Sabatini Art Gallery, eating at the Millennium Café, using a computer and shopping at the Chandler Booktique.

Library staff will use the information to determine how best to improve library services, how to reach those members of the community who don’t use the library, and what the priorities and goals should be for the future. Below is an example of a survey question and the respondents’ results. We’ll share more survey results in future issues.

SURVEY QUESTION: Purposes for using or visiting the library

- 21% Attended a community meeting
- 26% Spent time in a quiet place
- 28% Used a library computer
- 35% Viewed art at the Sabatini Gallery
- 45% Checked out a movie
- 74% Checked out a book
- 43% Asked a librarian a question
- 34% Picked up materials on hold
- 30% Ate at the Millennium Café
- 27% Shopped at the Chandler Booktique
- 24% Met a friend or family member at the library
- 18% Checked out a music CD
- 12% Checked out a magazine
- 12% Used an online research tool
- 13% Downloaded out an ebook or audiobook

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Shop for groceries and use the library!
smartlocker™ comes to Hy-Vee

Milk, check. Eggs, check. Library books, check. Now it’s even more convenient to use your library while running errands. You can pick up and return library books, DVDs and CDs at Hy-Vee. It’s part of a pilot project that delivers the library to you when and where you need it. Hy-Vee is open 24/7, so you’ll always have an opportunity to get the books and DVDs you crave.

Starting in late July, you will be able to reserve items from catalog.tscpl.org and select Hy-Vee smartlocker as a pick-up location. If your requested item is in, you can expect it to be delivered in about two business days. Customers will be emailed when their items have been delivered.

“This everyone goes to the grocery store, so this is a great alternative to the main library, Bookmobile or Digital Branch,” said Thad Hartman, Community Services manager.

Look for announcements on our Facebook page about an upcoming library card drive at Hy-Vee, 29th and Wanamaker. “We’ll be holding drives periodically to create a fresh batch of library card-carrying members in southwest Topeka,” Hartman said.

This is the second smartlocker for the community. Sandra Clear regularly checks out using the same technology at Oakland Community Center.

“It’s easier and more convenient to schedule a pick-up here than to go to the main library, and I can even walk,” Clear said. “My 17-year-old daughter is an avid reader, and between the two of us, we’re here two times a week!”

She recommends the locker to friends and neighbors, especially parents. “The kids will be less distracted and won’t want that ‘one more thing’ off the shelf,” she added.

Live, work or play in the Oakland or Wanamaker areas? Try out the smartlocker and encourage your friends!
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### RENEWAL HOTLINE

580-4424

### ADULT

#### Monday Farmers Market

Our outdoor market features fresh, locally grown, high-quality produce, cut flowers, bedding plants, herbs, honey, baked goods and farm fresh eggs. Kids can make a different craft at the library booth each week. Closed Labor Day.

- Parking Lot, 10th and Washburn through Oct 6 8:00-11:30 AM

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

If you love games and 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. We’ll also play video games on the Wii and Xbox 360.

- Marvin Auditorium 101BC
  - Sat  Aug 2 2:00-5:00 PM
  - Sat  Sep 6 2:00-5:00 PM

#### Medicare Mondays

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

- Menninger Room 206
  - Mon  Aug 4 1:00-3:00 PM
  - Mon  Sep 8 1:00-3:00 PM

### UNITED WAY FUNDING

Miriam Krehbiel, CEO, and Kent Townsend, United Way Board chairman, inform us how they solve funding issues to support their organization’s main priorities of education, income and health. Lunch is optional and starts at 11:30 am. RSVP for lunch at 235-8452 by July 25. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Topeka-Shawnee County.

- Marvin Auditorium 101BC
  - Tue  Aug 5 12:00-1:00 PM

### INTRODUCTION TO SONGWRITING

Budding songwriters learn about the various aspects of songwriting, including tricks and tips, as well as examples of songs to assist in the learning process. Registration required. Call the number listed.

- Crestview Community Center – 251-2960
  - Wed  Aug 6 4:00-5:00 PM
- Central Park Community Center – 251-2965
  - Wed  Sep 17 1:00-2:00 PM

#### LOVE YOUR STUFF — COLLECTIBLES

This workshop focuses on all things collectible. Identify when and where your stuff was made and how to take care of it. While you’re here, browse our Collectible Neighborhood for pricing guides. In partnership with Kansas State Historical Society.

- Menninger Room 206
  - Thu  Aug 7 6:30-8:30 PM

### SEGREGATION IN HOUSING


- Marvin Auditorium 101A
  - Thu  Aug 7 7:00-8:00 PM

### FALL LAWN CARE

Turf grass needs proper care in the fall to survive the rigors of winter weather and look good next spring. Fall is a great time to oversee an existing lawn or establish a new lawn. Join the Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners in discussing proper fall lawn care.

- Marvin Auditorium 101B
  - Thu  Aug 7 7:00-8:00 PM

### LET’S TALK FOOTBALL

Join Topeka’s Fantasy Football guru, Terry “The Freak” Blount, as he talks about the upcoming football season. From Fantasy Football to the NFL and college teams, including your local favorites, Terry shares “insider info” to get you ready for the season.

- Menninger Room 206
  - Sat  Aug 9 1:00-3:00 PM

### BOARD 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.

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### COMPUTERIZED GENEALOGY

Learn how to create your family tree. Find out how you can store your genealogy, family stories, documents and pictures. This class helps you to put all of your research in one place online. For beginning, intermediate, and advanced genealogists. Registration required. Limit 10. Call the number listed.

- Computer Training Center – 580-4510
  - Sat  Aug 9 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
  - Sat  Sep 13 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Rice Community Center – 251-2976
  - Wed  Aug 13 4:00-5:00 PM
- Hillcrest Community Center – 251-2956
  - Mon  Sep 8 5:00-6:00 PM
- Shawnee North Community Center – 286-0676
  - Thu  Sep 4 10:00-11:30 AM

### 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  Aug 11 3:30-4:30 PM
  - Mon  Sep 8 3:30-4:30 PM
Computer & Gadget Help
First Friday
Sneak, Peek and Read
How to Start a Business
Preschool Storytime
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January’s topic: Altered Books
Discover further techniques using open discussion. New writing exercises and appreciating others’ examples.
Journaling with Words and Images
Explore personal writing and illustrated journals through writing exercises and appreciating others’ examples. Discover further techniques using open discussion. New writing prompts and image ideas online at www.tscp.org/tag/journaling.

Anton Room 202
August’s topic: Altered Books
Tuesday Aug 12 10:00-11:30 AM
September’s topic: Windows & Doors
Tuesday Sep 9 10:00-11:30 AM

Will You Outlive Your Money?
Identify obstacles to a successful retirement. Jason Hoffman, financial advisor at Modern Woodmen of America Financial Services, discusses strategies to maintain your standard of living and give you piece of mind with a planning process to ensure you can achieve financial security.

Marvin Auditorium 101C
Wednesday Aug 27 7:00-8:00 PM

Fall Vegetable Gardens
A fall veggie garden can be very rewarding and offers a great way to enjoy fresh, seasonal vegetables. Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners show you how to plant and maintain one.

Marvin Auditorium 101C
Thursday Aug 14 7:00-8:00 PM

Teacher Treats
Play With Purpose
Learn how to incorporate essential skills into play from Jim Gill, nationally acclaimed author, musician and child development specialist. Teachers and day care providers leave each session with a repertoire of music and reading activities promoting school success. Register by Friday, August 8. Call 580-4565. CE credits available for this workshop.

Marvin Auditorium 101C
Saturday Aug 16 1:00-3:00 PM

Learn to Knit and Crochet
Two yarn techniques to choose from. Learn the basics of knitting including the long tail cast on, and the knit and purl stitches, or learn crochet basics including single and double crochet. Materials provided. Registration required. Limit 15. Call the number listed.

Marvin Auditorium 101B
Tuesday Aug 19 7:00-8:00 PM

Fantasy Football Draft
Join the library’s fantasy football league, and get into football season this year. All experience levels are welcome — even newbies. Registration required. Call 580-4545 or email Nate at nholi@tscp.org.

Menninger Room 206
Thursday Aug 21 6:30-8:30 PM

September 2014
The Beginnings of the War to End All Wars
Explore the opening battles of the First World War with Dave Murray, a World War 1 historian from the Combat Air Museum. World War I was a war which few expected to last more than a couple of months. The opening salvos of the war in August 1914 proved this would not be the case.

Marvin Auditorium 101C
Monday Sep 1 7:00-8:00 PM

Local Author Workshop
Calling all authors! hone your skills in marketing/promoting your book and take a closer look at the publishing process (traditional & self-publish). Prepare for successful holiday sales and events, including the library’s Local Author Fair on Dec. 6. Reserve your spot in the workshop today; call 580-4540.

Marvin Auditorium 101C
Saturday Aug 23 9:00-1:00 PM
**Topeka Genealogical Society**

**Stump the Genealogy Chumps!**

Join us for a fun-filled evening as we line up a panel of our best local genealogy experts and challenge them with your genealogy questions. Submit questions in advance through www.tsgtopeka.org.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101B**
  - **Thu Aug 28**
    - 7:00-8:45 PM

**Storytelling for Adults**

In this group participation-centered workshop, learn how to pick a story that’s right for you, how to develop an oral story and how to overcome public speaking fears. Presented by Rosie Cutrer, veteran storyteller. Registration required. Limit 10. Call 580-4540.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101A**
  - **Sat Aug 30**
    - 1:00-3:30 PM

**Fly from Topeka**

Join Eric Johnson, Airport President/Director of Airports, as he brings us up-to-date on air travel out of Topeka. Lunch is optional and starts at 11:30 am. RSVP for lunch at 235-8452 by August 25. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Topeka-Shawnee County.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101BC**
  - **Wed Sep 2**
    - 12:00-1:00 PM

**World War I and Kansas**

**Civil Liberties on the Home Front**

Global conflicts can create local challenges far from the front lines. Brown v. Board of Education Park Ranger Thom Rosenblum explores three stories from the World War I era that intersect or play out on Kansas soil, with ties to the larger issue of civil liberties.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101A**
  - **Thu Sep 4**
    - 7:00-8:00 PM

**Senior Scam Awareness**

Arm yourself with information about how to recognize popular scams, how to report fraud and how to protect yourself from scam artists to reduce your likelihood of becoming a victim of identity theft. Kathy Clark, Capital City Bank, helps you through it.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101C**
  - **Wed Sep 10**
    - 7:00-8:00 PM

**Retirement and Medicare**

Join trained counselors from the Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas program as they educate those nearing retirement age about Medicare. They answer questions, give unbiased counsel and help you determine how Medicare will best work for you.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101B**
  - **Thu Sep 11**
    - 6:30-8:30 PM

**Shrubs**

The Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners discuss ornamental shrubs: what shrubs to plant in Kansas, planting shrubs to attract songbirds and wildlife, selecting shrubs for difficult sites and general information about planting, fertilizing, watering and pruning.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101A**
  - **Thu Sep 11**
    - 7:00-8:00 PM

**Family and Quality of Life**

Award-winning author Victor Villaseñor speaks on the power of language and how personal family histories empower us. He talks about the strength of family and of women, pride in heritage, the importance of education, personal achievement and perseverance. Cosponsored with Topeka Tonantzintzi Society.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101B**
  - **Tue Sep 15**
    - 6:00-8:30 PM

**Biography & Autobiographic Writing**

Victor Villaseñor, award-winning author, helps you find the courage and skill to write your own powerful speaking stories. He gives specific tools to not only write, but also to research and interview family members. Learn how to tap into those sometimes buried childhood memories.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101C**
  - **Tue Sep 16**
    - 6:00-9:00 PM

**Shawnee County Nature Photography**

Amateur photographer Randy Winter shares basic wildlife photography tips and his photos of nature and local birds. Cosponsored with the Topeka Audubon Society.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101C**
  - **Wed Sep 17**
    - 7:00-8:00 PM

**Women & Money**

Learn about budgeting, banking, credit scores, financial investments, retirement planning and wills from staff of Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc., and other expert speakers. This 7-week class is developed by women for women of all ages. $25 fee for handbook and supplies. Scholarships available. www.hcci-ks.org or call 234-0217, ext. 330.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101BC**
  - **Thu Sep 18**
    - 6:00-9:00 PM
  - **Thu Sep 25**
    - 6:00-9:00 PM

**Senior Fair**

Get connected to all of the resources that are available for seniors in the Topeka/Shawnee County area. Vendors include organizations in the health, financial, legal, housing and recreational sectors, with breakout sessions provided by Audio-Reader and Shepherds' Center.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101B**
  - **Wed Sep 24**
    - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

**Topeka Genealogical Society**

Turn family history into gifts the family will love. Consider simple ways to use what you’ve found in your family history research to make simple gifts with special meaning. See ideas and examples at this program. Then, “show & tell” your own unique gift ideas.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101A**
  - **Thu Sep 25**
    - 7:00-8:45 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 August 1. Call 580-4540.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101B**
  - **Fri Sep 26**
    - 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 August 1. Call 580-4540.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101C**
  - **Sat Sep 27**
    - 3:00-5:30 PM

**ART**

**Identities: Bunky Echo-Hawk**

Relying on a mixture of pop culture appropriation and, at times, in-your-face stereotyping, Pawnee/Yakama artist Bunky Echo-Hawk explores how Native peoples see themselves, how non-Native people perceive them, and how Native identity can be confusing for both the artist and the audience.

- **Sabatini Gallery through Aug 10**
  - **Sun Aug 24**
    - 2:00-4:00 PM
  - **Wed Aug 27**
    - 6:30-8:30 PM

**Ramp It Up!**

**Skateboard Culture in Native America**

Roll to the library for this traveling exhibit organized by the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and circulated by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. See 20 skateboard decks designed by Native artists — plus, photos and videos of Native skaters. Skateboarding has influenced and inspired American Indian and Native Hawaiian communities since the ‘60s. Find out more when you explore this exhibit.

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  - **Wed Aug 27**
    - 6:30-8:30 PM

**First Friday ArtWalk**

Have a gravity-defying First Friday at Ramp It Up: Skateboard Culture in Native America, our annual art exhibit for children. We’re one of the ArtWalk shuttle stops.

- **Sabatini Gallery**
  - **Fri Sep 5**
    - 5:30-8:30 PM

**Live Painting with Bunky Echo-Hawk**

Watch Native artist and activist Bunky Echo-Hawk (Pawnee/Yakama) take ideas from a live crowd and turn them into a collaborative, community painting in real time. Echo-Hawk’s live art performance brings a fresh, interactive, cultural, and socially relevant art experience to his audiences.

- **Rotunda**
  - **Sat Aug 9**
    - 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

**Art & You**

Art classes offer hands-on art experiences including multi-level instruction and discussion of related artworks. Registration required. Call the number listed.

- **Garfield Community Center – 251-2950**
  - **Wed Aug 13**
    - 4:00-5:00 PM
  - **Oakland Community Center – 251-2953**
    - **Wed Sep 3**
      - 4:00-5:00 PM

**Altered Books Workshop**

Altering an unwanted book allows you to express your creativity and recycle at the same time. Hands-on demonstrations and books provided. Registration required. Call 580-4515.

- **Marvin Auditorium 101C**
  - **Sun Aug 24**
    - 2:00-4:00 PM
  - **Wed Aug 27**
    - 6:30-8:30 PM

**Through Different Eyes**

Achieving a New Perspective

An exhibit showcasing the artistic talents of the blind, visually impaired and physical impaired and highlighting specialized library resources they use to read. Sponsored by the State Library of Kansas’ Talking Books Service.

- **Rotunda**
  - **Sep 2-30**

**Crystal Color – Contemporary Glass**

Contemporary glass from the library’s permanent collection: beautiful, translucent and magical. Dates subject to change.

- **Sabatini Gallery**
  - **Sep 5-Oct 5**

**First Friday ArtWalk**

See our new exhibits, bring your friends and enjoy the city-wide celebration of the arts. We’re one of the ArtWalk Shuttle stops. Park at the library’s staff lot and let the Topeka Metro drive you all over town.

- **Sabatini Gallery**
  - **Fri Sep 5**
    - 5:30-8:30 PM

**Watercolor Birds for Beginners**

Working from a bird photograph, participants learn basic watercolor techniques, wet-in-wet and dry brush, to create their own small painting. Registration required. Call 580-4606 or email class@tscpl.org

- **Marvin Auditorium 101A**
  - **Thu Sep 18**
    - 1:30-3:00 PM
  - **Thu Sep 18**
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**Save the Date, Brainiacs!**

**SUPER TRIVIA**

**Nov 14 @ Ag Hall**

Call to register. 580-4540
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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, knowing your competition and what to expect from being your own boss. Presented by the Washburn Small Business Development Center.

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

■ Crestview Room 202
Mon Sep 8 1:30-3:00 PM

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A new book club for those who love to talk about literature and can suggest titles for people to read. Call 580-4555 for the September and October titles. Provide your own copy or pick one up at the Reference Desk, first come, first-served. Call 251-2960.

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■ Menninger Room 206
Sun Sep 28 2:00-4:00 PM

 Classics Made Modern Book Discussion
Night and Day by Virginia Woolf is a 1919 novel set in Edwardian London, which contrasts the daily lives and romantic attachments of two acquaintances. The story deals with issues concerning women’s suffrage, whether love and marriage can coexist, and if marriage is necessary for happiness. Read the free ebook and discuss.

■ Marvin Room 210C
Sun Aug 10 1:00-2:30 PM

Cooking by the Book
A book club just for cookbook lovers. Each month we pick a theme (specific book, author or cuisine), try a recipe and bring the results to share and discuss. Registration required. For topic, call the number listed.

■ Menninger Room 206
Thu Aug 28 7:00-8:45 PM

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Discuss The Chaparee by Kansas author Laura Moriarty. Silent movie star Louise Brooks and her chaparee, a 36-year-old woman, travel to New York City in 1922. Registration required. Call 580-4540.

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Bean There, Read That
Join this book group for young intellectuals in their 20s and 30s who like to talk lit. Talk about books you want to read. Email Erin at eseeger@tscp.org for August and September titles. Provide your own copy or pick one up at the Reference Desk, first come, first-served.

■ The Classic Bean, 21st and Fairlawn
Tue Aug 26 7:00-8:30 PM
Tue Sep 23 7:00-8:30 PM

African-American Writers
Book Discussion Group [age 18 and older]
There’s nothing like a good book, and the African-American Writers Book Discussion Group reads one each month. This club is open to all adults and meets the third Thursday of each month.

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Mon Aug 11 1:00-2:30 PM

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Get started with the basics of Microsoft Word. Learn to use fonts, spell check and some basic editing techniques.

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Mon Aug 11 1:00-2:30 PM
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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.

■ Marvin Room 206
Fri Aug 8 1:00-2:30 PM
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PowerPoint
Beginners create a dynamic presentation from start to finish. Learn to insert slides, add text, graphics, transitions and animations.

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

■ Menninger Room 206
Thu Aug 21 7:00-8:30 PM
Mon Sep 15 9:30-11:00 AM

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.

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Tue Aug 26 7:00-8:30 PM
Wed Sep 17 9:30-11:00 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.

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**KIDS**

### Math and Science Exploration [5–10 years]
Stand back! Experiments are underway. We have the whole wacky world to learn about. Bring a grownup and be prepared to discover, learn and get dirty.
- **Story Zone**
  - Tue Aug 5, 12, 19, 26 10:00-10:30 AM
  - Tue Aug 7, 14, 21, 28 9:30-10:00 AM
  - Thu Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 9:30-10:00 AM

### Preschool Storytime [3–5 years]
Stories, songs and finger plays that encourage a love of reading and help develop school skills.
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  - Wed Aug 6, 13, 20, 27 10:00-10:30 AM
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### Baby Bookworms [0–18 months]
Introduce your baby to the wonderful world of books through songs, stories and bouncing.
- **Anton Room 202**
  - Wed Aug 20 1:30-3:00 PM
  - Wed Aug 27 1:30-3:00 PM

### tWiin xGaming Afternoon [8–12 years]
Come hang out and play awesome games on the Wii or Xbox. Impress your friends with your stellar hand-eye coordination. Beat your enemies using your limitless courage. Now’s the time to show your stuff!
- **Tweed Space**
  - Tue Aug 5, 12, 19, 26 4:00-5:00 PM
  - Tue Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 4:00-5:00 PM

### Preschool to High School

#### Smarty Pants Rule! [all ages]
Come to our all ages, back-to-school blowout! With stylish crafts that make your backpack, locker and school stuff stand out. When school starts, you’ll be ready to step out like the smarty pants we know you are. Preschool-aged kids meet in the Story Zone. Elementary students gather at the T. Rex’s feet. Tweens go to the Tween Area, and teens gather in The Edge.
- **Various Locations**
  - Thu Aug 7 2:00-3:00 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.
- **Rice Community Center – 251-2976**
  - Thu Aug 7 4:00-5:00 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.
- **Martin Auditorium 101b**
  - Thu Aug 7 4:00-4:45 PM
  - Thu Sep 4 4:00-4:45 PM

### Sing, Dance & Read [2–5 years]
Shake off your sleepiness with some fun songs and crazy dancin’ with Kyler. Occasional surprises and guests! Grab some breakfast in the Millennium Café before showtime.
- **Story Zone**
  - Sat Aug 9, 23 10:00-10:30 AM
  - Sat Sep 13, 27 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. Receive books on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 580-4565 with the secret password GUYSREAD to reserve your spot.
- **Story Zone**
  - Sat Aug 9 2:00-3:00 PM
  - Sat Sep 13 2:00-3:00 PM

### Pajama Storytime [3–5 years]
Wear your pajamas to the library! Bring along a fuzzy friend and your blanket. Stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Registration required. Call 580-4565.
- **Story Zone**
  - Mon Aug 11 6:30-7:00 PM
  - Mon Sep 8 6:30-7:00 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 Aug 15 10:00-10:30 AM
  - Fri Sep 19 10:00-10:30 AM

### Stories & Art [3–8 years]
Share a story or two, encourage creativity and make memories. All you need is a fun-loving grownup, a curious kid and “okay to get messy” shirts.
- **Story Zone**
  - Sat Aug 16 10:00-10:30 AM
  - Sat Sep 20 10:00-10:30 AM

### Gathering STEAM [8–12 years]
Use science, technology, engineering, art and math as you investigate, create and collaborate in this hands-on, problem-solving program. Explore math and physics by creating an art-making machine. Registration required. Call 580-4565.
- **Story Zone**
  - Sun Aug 17 2:30 PM

### At the Dinosaur Feet [grades K-2]
Come and explore the roarin’ world of dinosaurs. Jump into learning with hands-on activities. Plus, find out how and where to find awesome books and movies so you can continue the investigation at home. Each month, this program inspires you to discover more about real life. September’s topic is all about dinosaurs.
- **Dinosaur Zone**
  - Thu Sep 18 4:30-5:15 PM

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**eContent and Catalog @ your library**
Learn about our electronic magazine subscriptions with Zinio and ebook subscriptions with OverDrive—plus, streaming video with Hoopla and language instruction with Mango. Learn to check your account and browse the library’s online catalog. Use these in the library or access them from your home computer or device with your library card.
- **Anton Room 202**
  - Wed Aug 20 1:30-3:00 PM
  - Wed Aug 27 1:30-3:00 PM

**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 www.tscpl.org/downloads.
- **Anton Room 202**
  - Wed Aug 20 1:30-3:00 PM
  - Wed Aug 27 1:30-3:00 PM

**Computing Q&A**
For beginning computer users. Bring your questions to your community center where the library’s computer trainers will be available to assist you.
- **Garfield Community Center – 251-2950**
  - Wed Sep 10 1:00-2:00 PM

**Computer & Gadget Help**
A dedicated time to focus on your technology questions. Please provide a description of the help you need when you register. Call 580-4606 or email class@tscpl.org.
- Bring your laptop, tablet or other device. Practice new computer skills or learn to use the library catalog while trainers are available to assist.
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**The Fire Department [3–8 years]**
A wonderful storyteller back by popular demand, Greg Bailey, Topeka Fire Chief, is a can’t-miss. He’ll share some fun stories. Afterward, take a mini-tour of a real life fire engine and firefighting gear with the Topeka Fire Department.
- **Story Zone**
  - Sat Aug 30 10:00–11:00 AM

**Tot Time [24–36 months]**
Share stories, songs and crafts with your toddler. This six-week program transitions children from lap-sitting to independent storytimes. Registration for the next program begins 9 am August 19. Call 580-4565.
- **Story Zone**
  - Sept 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct 7 9:30-10:00 AM
  - 10:30-11:00 AM
  - 6:30-7:00 PM

**Sneak Peek & Read [0–18 months]**
Bubbles and books, wiggles and songs! Early literacy exercises for toddlers and adults to enjoy together. Registration for the four-week session begins 9 am August 20. Call 580-4565.
- **Story Zone**
  - Sep 3, 10, 17, 24 9:30-10:00 AM
  - 10:30-11:00 AM
  - 6:30–7:00 PM

**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 Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 2:00-3:00 PM

**Amazing Animals [grades 1–5]**
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.
- **Story Zone**
  - Mon Sep 15 4:30-5:30 PM
**MOVIES**

**Friday Flicks: Dolphin Tale** [all ages]
It’s showtime — and laughs — for the whole family. Closed captioning will be provided. Movie title subject to change.
- The Edge
  - Fri Aug 1
  - 2:00-4:00 PM

**Marilyn Film Series**
**Gentlemen Prefer Blondes**
Lorelei and Dorothy are just “Two Little Girls from Little Rock,” lounge singers on a transatlantic cruise, working their way to Paris and enjoying the company of any eligible men they might meet along the way.
- 91 minutes | Rated G | 1953
- Marvin Auditorium 101BC
  - Fri Aug 1
  - 6:30-8:45 PM

**International Films: In the Mood for Love**
A moody period drama, set in 1962, about unrequited love that swoons with romantic melancholy.
- Hong Kong | 2000 | Rated PG | 98 minutes
- Marvin Auditorium 101BC
  - Sat Sep 27
  - 8:00-10:00 PM

**Marilyn Film Series: Seven Year Itch**
When a New York publisher’s wife goes away for the long, hot summer, he finds himself succumbing to forbidden liquor, cigarettes and dreams of girls — especially the well-stacked blonde upstairs. 105 min | Not Rated | 1955
- Marvin Auditorium 101BC
  - Fri Aug 15
  - 6:30-8:45 PM

**Marilyn Film Series: The Misfits**
The final film for both Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe is a glorious, brave portrait of flawed people yearning for freedom and respect, but pulled by the primal urges of love, lust and pride. 124 minutes | Not Rated | 1961
- Marvin Auditorium 101BC
  - Fri Aug 22
  - 6:30-8:45 PM

**International Film: Hate (La Haine)**
An unblinking look at a racially diverse group of young people trapped in the Parisian economic and social underclass. France | 1995 | Rated R | 100 minutes | b&w
- Marvin Auditorium 101BC
  - Sat Sep 7
  - 2:00-5:00 PM

**Classic Film: Dodge City**
A Texas cattle agent witnesses the brutal lawlessness of Dodge City and takes the job of sheriff to clean up the town. 1939 | Color | 104 minutes
- Marvin Auditorium 101BC
  - Fri Sep 12
  - 6:30-8:45 PM

**Marilyn Film Series: Niagara**
While visiting the majestic Niagara Falls, a neurotic war veteran accidentally discovers his unfaithful wife’s plan to murder him. 92 minutes | Not Rated | 1952
- Marvin Auditorium 101BC
  - Fri Aug 8
  - 2:00-5:00 PM

**Marilyn Film Series: The Outlaw**
A sexy, Western romp packed with action, love, lust and pride.
- 124 minutes | Not Rated | 1943
- Marvin Auditorium 101BC
  - Fri Aug 15
  - 6:30-8:45 PM

**Movies on the Lawn**
Bring your friends, family and your own blankets; no chairs allowed on the grass. Cosponsored by Downtown Topeka, Inc. and seveneightfive magazine.
- Capitol Lawn
  - American Graffiti
  - Follow two high school grads as they celebrate their final night together before going to college.
  - Sat Sep 28
  - 8:00-10:00 PM
- Wreck-It Ralph
  - A video game villain wants to spend 1 day as a hero and turns the video game world upside down.
  - Sat Sep 13
  - 8:00-10:00 PM
- Honey, I Shrink the Kids
  - A scientist accidentally shrinks his and his neighbors’ kids to insect size.
  - Sat Sep 27
  - 8:00-10:00 PM

**MUSIC**

**Jim Gill Family Concert** [all ages]
Get ready to sing, clap, dance and sneeze along with the music of this award-winning family entertainer. Enjoy listening to his famous Sneezing Song and other contagious tunes.
- Marvin Auditorium
  - Sat Aug 16
  - 10:00-11:00 AM

**Jerry Barlow, Celtic Guitar**
Barlow transports us across time and space on an imaginary journey to a rustic Irish fishing village, a misty Scottish Highlands and an enchanted English forest. This Celtic fingerstyle guitarist delights his audience with music, stories and laughter. Part of the Music for a Sunday Afternoon series.
- Marvin Auditorium
  - Sun Sep 21
  - 3:00-4:00 PM

**TEENS**

**Double Dueling**
**Yugioh & Magic the Gathering** [11-18 years]
Bring your cards and prepare for fierce competition with other Yugioh and Magic players.
- The Edge
  - Mon Aug 4, 18
  - 4:00-6:00 PM
  - Mon Sep 8, 15
  - 4:00-6:00 PM

**Smartty Pants Rule!** [all ages]
We’ve got the cure for the back-to-school freakout: a back-to-school blowout, with stylish crafts that make your backpack, locker and school stuff stand out. When school starts, you’ll be ready to step out like the smarty pants we know you are! Younger students can get prepared too. See listing on page 14 for their event details.
- The Edge
  - Thu Aug 7
  - 2:00-3:00 PM

**Super Smash Bros. Brawl Tournament** [11-18 years]
Prove you are the best brawler in town! Face off against opponents who make that same claim of supremacy of the popular Wii game. If you’ve got the moves, bring them. Only one victor will be left standing as the reigning Super Smash Bros. champion.
- The Edge
  - Fri Aug 8
  - 2:00-3:00 PM

**Lois Lowry’s The Giver** [11-18 years]
Loory’s beloved four-book series, beginning with The Giver, comes to life for you to explore in an afternoon of crafts, poetry and other fun activities.
- Marvin Auditorium 101AB
  - Sat Aug 9
  - 3:00-5:00 PM

**Teen Writer’s 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
  - Tue Sep 23
  - 3:30-5:00 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 tips on how to win.
- The Edge
  - Thu Aug 28
  - 4:00-5:00 PM
  - Thu Sep 25
  - 4:00-5:00 PM

**Mock the Movie** [12-18 years]
Some movies can’t help but be made fun of! Watch Clueless and have fun making jokes about Cher, Dionne, Tai and Josh. 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. 97 minutes | Rated PG-13 | 1995
- The Edge
  - Wed Sep 10
  - 6:00-7:30 PM

**Fun After School** [11-18 years]
It’s all about unusual board games, blackout poetry, nifty crafts, coloring pages for the more mature artist and whatever else we can find to play with. Raise the fun level by bringing some of your friends.
- The Edge
  - Thu Sep 11
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

**Anyone Can Cook** [12-18 years]
For anyone who loves eating but can’t cook, here’s how. Learn to follow a recipe, plan healthy and delicious meals and snacks, and explore different styles of cooking.
- Lingo Story Room
  - Fri Sep 19
  - 4:00-5:00 PM

**Get Booked!** [11-18 years]
Be a rebel and get booked! Come have your mug shot taken with your favorite banned or challenged book and then stick around for games, trivia, selected readings and discussion. Win prizes, have fun and challenge authority.
- The Edge
  - Tue Sep 23
  - 3:30-5:00 PM

**Books Into Movies**
**The Perks of Being a Wallflower** [11-18 years]
High school. Enough said, amiright?! Come in for the movie version of the cult-classic The Perks of Being a Wallflower about both the awesomeness and lameness of growing up. You might even win a free book! Stop by the Millenium Café for a snack and cold beverage on your way in! 102 minutes | Rated PG-13 | 2012
- The Edge
  - Thu Sep 25
  - 3:30-6:00 PM

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