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Can't remember the capital of North Dakota? Google it. Want to know the story of how the Chippewa Tribe migrated to North Dakota in the 1400s? Don't Google that. Get your inquiring mind straight to a library database.

Did you know the library has over 80 databases full of excellent articles and authoritative resources? They're primed for academic and general research in just about every topic under the sun.

Students tasked with writing critical or research papers will quickly learn that our databases are a gold mine for citations. Each comes with an impressive "works cited" line to include in those bibliographies. Your teachers will thank you.

Unlike Google search results on topics like health, technology and consumer information, library databases never include info authored by salespeople, political thinktanks or straight-up wackos. Bonus: Our material also comes with a real, live person - a librarian!

Let's say that an article you've read in a database cites further research that you can't locate. Librarians are the bosses of locating research articles.

With a few exceptions, the library's databases are accessible 24/7 from any computer or device, with your library card, at tscpl.org/research. Didn't know the library did that? Well, now you do. And knowledge is power.
As Chief Executive Officer of the 2016 Library of the Year, I feel fortunate that our library was selected out of over 9,000 eligible libraries. But luck really has nothing to do with it.

It’s really because of the great work our staff does every day. It’s the support we get from our board of trustees and their guidance in utilizing the great resources we have. And it’s because of the support of our community.

Library Journal sees a lot of applications every year. Ours told a story. The best applications are stories. Rather than just a list of the things we do and the stuff we have, we wrote about how we work to build community - through partnerships, facilitation and relationships.

For a number of years, the library has really focused on how to make a difference in our community, especially in the areas of learning and literacy. We know that those are the areas our community wants us to focus on, because we’ve made it a point to ask our community, “What do you want from us?”

In 2014, we conducted a community survey. Last summer, we conducted a series of meetings, talked to people face-to-face and asked, "What are your dreams and aspiration for your self, your family and your community? How can the library help you achieve them?" That process was a great deal of the story we told in our Library of the Year application.

We also discussed what our library professionals have done internally to prepare for making community impacts. We’ve changed the definition of what it means to be a librarian over the past several years.

This award means that we are a world-class library. Now, the work really begins. We’re embarking on a new strategic plan that's really focused on what the community said they wanted and needed from us. And so everyone will discover their passion for learning. Every child will be ready for kindergarten. We’re committed to making sure that everyone continues to learn throughout life to live their best life. We want every citizen in Shawnee County to be readers.

Thank you to the 225 staff members who work hard to assist our customers and to perform good work all across the county. Thank you to our board of trustees, and to our Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation. Thank you to the 100,000+ people who have library cards and who use the library. Thank you, citizens of Topeka and Shawnee County, for your support.

Gina Millsap, CEO, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library

A word from Gina

Library of the Year

Awarded by Library Journal and Gale Cengage Learning to the best role-model library in North America

World History in Context

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Meet the woman who can move mountains when it comes to early childhood literacy.

Sherry Hess, the library's new Early Childhood Learning Coordinator, may have a disarming smile and a soft spot for Pete the Cat, but make no mistake — she’s one of Topeka’s toughest warriors in the fight for early childhood literacy.

Sherry, who joins the library with the experience from her former Parent Educator role at USD 501’s Parents as Teachers program, knows the importance of getting the under-5-set ready to read.

"One of the library’s community impact goals is ‘Every child will be ready for kindergarten,’” says Sherry. “And that’s exactly where I’ll focus. I want parents to approach our services as more than books. Yes, learning is books, but it’s also toys, play and problem solving - all those happen with the library."

Sherry's going to be a familiar face as the coordinator for the library’s newest outreach vehicle. The Learn & Play Bus will provide a fun, interactive play-based environment to teach the most essential skills necessary for school readiness. It will arrive on Topeka streets this fall.

"In our community, preschool may not be available to every child. With this vehicle, we’re offering yet another point of access to library services that help your child learn and parents to learn how to become their child’s first teacher."

The new bus is all about closing the distance between kids and learning.

"This mobile version of our Kids Library will remove the access barrier and bring resources to families where they live. Children’s brains develop through key relationships and learning through play. There will be a strong emphasis on parent engagement and education," says LeAnn Brungardt, Youth Services Supervisor.

Sherry has followed that good advice to a T with her own son.

"I take my kiddo to the library for a movie night or to check out a book for us to read together," she says, and adds, "that's how we got into Harry Potter!"

Keep a lookout for Sherry at the library and say hello. She and her team will soon be headed to your neighborhood.

Ask us anything!

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Library hours
Monday–Friday 9 AM–9 PM
Saturday 9 AM–6 PM | Sunday 12 PM–9 PM

Made possible through a partnership between the library and USD 501 Parents As Teachers, USD 501 Sheldon Head Start, Shawnee County Health Agency, TARC, Washburn Institute of Technology, USD 437 Parents as Teachers, Child Care Aware of Northeast Kansas and the Topeka Rescue Mission. Funding provided by the Friends of the Library and an estate gift through the Library Foundation. foundation.tscpl.org

Beep, beep! A fun place to learn and play is headed to your neighborhood!
Screen time parents feel good about

Kids, go on an adventure with Miss Humblebee's Academy.
The library has a fun new place at tscpl.org/kids for young children to learn about language and literacy, math, science and social studies, art and music. Create your own avatar, earn coins as you progress through each lesson and earn rewards. Purchase items in the shop to dress up your character, or decorate your characters’ room. Need a break from your hard work? Swing by the virtual music room and listen to music while recharging your avatar with a snack.

Try it out! Parents know their kids are developing cognitive skills needed for kindergarten readiness as they continue to learn. Kids are just plain having a blast.

Check out a kids’ series
catalog.tscpl.org

Check out a visual feast for the brain
Because graphic novels are just as rich a read as regular ol’ novels.
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Check out a book-in-your-pocket
Because our lightweight Playaway audiobooks go everywhere.
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Read for fun

Kids should read for the pure fun of it.
Reading practice during summer ensures that your child heads back to school maintaining or improving reading skills. They’re ready for the texts demanded by a curriculum. But lifelong readers are truly born when they seek out books for the pure pleasure of reading.

Parents, look for USD 501’s iRead20 calendar in your child’s homework folder and stick it on the fridge. It's a fun and easy way to keep kids engaged in reading for pleasure outside of the classroom. 20 minutes a day is all it takes.

Lean on the library for help with material that kids will dive into happily. Reading is reading, no matter what medium it’s in. Graphic novels, audiobooks, magazines and ebooks are available at your library to read at your leisure.

We also have a plethora of reading-focused events that are always a blast. Go to tscpl.org/events to find one that suits your little reader.

Librarians are always available to give suggestions whether it be in person, over the phone, via text message or live chat. Get in touch at tscpl.org/ask.

The Kids Library is a great spot to pack in 20 minutes of reading.

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Give young readers a boost

Every child under age 5 will get a surprise in the mailbox once a month with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. But, first, we need your help.

In an effort to make sure every child in Shawnee County is ready for kindergarten, the Library Foundation is raising funds for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL). With DPIL, kids can have a wealth of books in the house, creating a home library of up to 60 books and instilling a love of books and reading from an early age. But we can't sign kids up for the program until we've reached our goal.

In partnership with United Way of Greater Topeka, the Library Foundation is 2/3 of the way to its fundraising goal. We've used our Library of the Year prize money, $10,000 toward fundraising, too. But we could still use your help to boost it over the finish line.

Because raising a whole new generation of avid readers is the key to ensuring our community's future prosperity.

Donate today @ foundation.tscpl.org or text "READ25" to 52000 to donate $25, sponsoring a year of books for one child.

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**Spud** by John Van Der Ruit
In 1990, thirteen-year-old John “Spud” Milton, a prepubescent choirboy, keeps a diary of his first year at an elite, boys-only boarding school in South Africa, as he deals with bizarre housemates, wild crushes and embarrassingly dysfunctional parents.

— Andrea Bair, teen librarian

**True Crime Addict** by James Renner
This is the story of Renner’s spellbinding investigation of the missing persons case of Maura Murray, which has taken on a life of its own for armchair sleuths across the web. In 2011, as an investigative journalist, James began researching the strange disappearance of Maura Murray. She was a UMass student who went missing after wrecking her car in rural New Hampshire in 2004. Over the course of his investigation, he uncovers shocking new clues about what may have happened to Maura, but also finds himself in dangerous situations with little regard for his own well-being. As his quest to find Maura deepens, the case takes a toll on his personal life. The result is a dual investigation of the complicated story of the All-American girl who went missing and James’ equally complicated true crime addiction.

— Julie Nelson, author of *Lost in the Stacks*, tscpl.org

**The Book That Matters Most** by Ann Hood
Ava’s twenty-five-year marriage has fallen apart, and her two grown children are pursuing their own lives outside of the country. Ava joins a book group, not only for her love of reading but also out of sheer desperation for companionship. The group’s goal throughout the year is for each member to present the book that matters most to them. Ava rediscovers a mysterious book from her childhood—one that helped her through the traumas of the untimely deaths of her sister and mother. Alternating with Ava’s story is that of her troubled daughter Maggie, who, living in Paris, descends into a destructive relationship with an older man. Ava’s mission to find that book and its enigmatic author takes her on a quest that unravels the secrets of her past and offers her and Maggie the chance to remake their lives.

— Jennifer Jones, author, *Fiction 5*, tscpl.org

**Please Write in this Book** by Mary Amato
When Ms. Wurtz leaves a blank book in the Writer’s Corner with a note encouraging those who find it to “talk to each other” in its pages, the students’ entries spark a classroom-wide battle.

— Marlana Hodgkinson, kids librarian

**Beverly Cleary** celebrated her 100th birthday this year, and although many of her books were published decades ago, they still remain popular and relevant to young readers.

Why should a kid want to read Beverly Cleary? As the mom of two Beverly Cleary experts, 5-year-old Travis and 7-year-old Kivrin, I can attest that Beverly Cleary’s books aren’t outdated at all.

Why is Beverly Cleary such a good writer for kids? Travis: All the kids like her books. Everybody likes them. Maybe she thought of the future when she wrote these.

Why listen to the audiobooks?
Mom: The *Ramona Quimby* audiobooks are narrated by actress Stockard Channing. The *Henry Huggins* audiobooks are voiced by actor Neil Patrick Harris. The audiobooks bring the characters to life, especially for younger children who can’t yet read the books themselves.

I asked the kids to tell me about some of their favorite characters and scenes.

**Ramona**
Travis: I don’t have a favorite part in *Ramona*, I like the whole thing!
Kivrin: My favorite part is when Ramona is trying to get her dad out of smoking and she hangs up signs and he tears them down.
Travis: That part is hilarious.

**Henry and Beezus**
Travis: Well, they’re really good friends and Henry likes to come over to Beezus’s house and plays checkers but Ramona always messes it up.

**Ribsy**
Kivrin: When Ribsy gets carried up the current is my favorite part.

**Socks**
Kivrin: When the baby Charles Williams locks his mother out of his room and starts messing up everything and tearing up the wallpaper and his crib and spilling his milk. That’s my favorite.
Travis: He blocks off the door and starts playing with Socks.

**Ralph S. Mouse**
Travis: My favorite is where the cat nearly gets him - and the cat doesn’t get distracted when the watch is lost and squeezes all the way in!
Kivrin: We keep having all the same favorite parts!

**Mitch and Amy**
Travis: Mitch is my favorite – I like when Mitch stands up to Allen and fights him.
Kivrin: I like when Amy and her friend Bonnie play pioneers.

Beverly Cleary books are available through Hoopla. Visit tscpl.org/downloads
Congratulations, Topeka and Shawnee County, your library is Library of the Year!

Library Journal announced June 7 that the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library won the highest honor in the United States and Canada: Library of the Year. We won Library of the Year because we’ve demonstrated outstanding community involvement by:

- Creating community leaders both internally and through educational programs for the public
- Creating facilitators among our management and staff and providing guidance at vital community conversations
- Creating internal change to streamline productivity and foster a staff of respected community ambassadors
- Creating connections between our services, collections and staff and the residents who need them - in every far-reaching corner of the county, and through collaborations and partnerships with many organizations
- Creating data-based services through conversations and examinations that guide our response to community needs, dreams and aspirations
- Creating community change through community impact goals aligned with the needs of the community

Each year, Library Journal looks for role model libraries to vie for the honor of being named the Library Journal / Gale Cengage Learning Library of the Year. More than 9,500 public libraries in the U.S. and Canada are eligible to apply for the $10,000 prize. Past winners have gained immeasurable prestige for their home communities. To be awarded Library of the Year is an honor that resonates for a lifetime.
COMMUNITY IMPACT GOALS

The Next Decade Goals

What do you want from the library?

Strategic planning is an ongoing process, but it begins with identifying the needs of the people we serve.

We’ve compiled input from the community survey, our Board of Trustees, Friends of the Library, Library Foundation, Teen Advisory Board, staff and face-to-face with the community at public workshops.

You want us to be community leaders in literacy and learning.

Because of that emphasis on learning, the library’s staff is engaged in its own learning process—what we think of as the equivalent of a master’s degree in human learning—to ensure that the literacy and learning work we do is based on research and current learning theory.

We’re committed to making a difference in the community and achieving more through collective impact. Now we are armed with goals based on data about what Topeka and Shawnee County residents really want and need. We look forward to serving those needs in the decade to come.

Stay tuned for information about how our work plan evolves. We’re ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work.

What You Said is Important*

PreK

Every child will be ready for kindergarten

Provide services to allow children from birth to age 5 to enter school ready to learn

Provide services to help all school-age children learn

Provide services that support reading and learning throughout life

Help individuals use technology tools

Kids & Adults

Everyone will discover their passion for learning

Promote reading and literacy

Be the deciding factor for people moving to Topeka

Support lifelong learning

Visionary leadership

Kids & Adults

Everyone will continue learning new ways to live their best life

Provide services that support reading and learning

Provide resources for reading / listening / viewing pleasure

Promote reading and literacy

Provide services for children to enter school ready

Literacy

Topeka & Shawnee County will be an engaged community of readers

Literacy for all ages

Lead Community change / social issues

Community hub

Outreach to targeted populations

Organization

The library will be a learning organization committed to excellence in:

- Leadership
- Planning
- Customer focus
- Process management
- Partner focus

Embrace diversity

Keep college grads in Topeka

Topeka pride

Vital downtown & riverfront

* The main takeaways we compiled from community input and helped us to set our goals
August / September Schedule of Events ■ tscpl.org/events

For library events that require registration, visit tscpl.eventbrite.com • Call 785-580-4400 for assistance

ADULT

Monday Farmers Market at Your Library
High-quality, locally grown produce, farm fresh eggs, bedding plants and fresh cut flowers. Visit the library booth for a free, fun kid craft.
■ Parking Lot
■ Mondays through Oct 10 8-11:30 a.m.

Medicare Mondays
Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas helps you navigate the complex web of Medicare.
■ Menninger Room 206
■ Mon Aug 1 1-3 p.m.
■ Mon Sep 12 1-3 p.m.

League of Women Voters Tuesday Topics
Important topics of the day to be discussed. The public is invited.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101BC
■ Tue Aug 9 10-11:30 a.m.
■ Tue Sep 13 10-11:30 a.m.

Financial Emergency Preparedness
Life’s emergency situations require planning. The first step is organizing your financial and health information. Participants will learn what documents they should have available in emergencies and will start preparing a financial grab-and-go case. An organizing case will be provided.
■ Menninger Room 206
■ Thu Aug 11 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Fall Lawn Care
Preparing your turf for a long rest will produce many benefits when it awakens next spring. This is also a great time to start new for a rewarding 2017 lawn. The Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners discuss proper fall lawn care.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101A
■ Thu Aug 11 7-8 p.m.

Those Who Lead, Read
A timely discussion about literacy and leadership. Speaker: Brian Thomason, CEO of Blue Valley Network of Companies. Book: Lincoln on Leadership by Donald T. Phillips.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101B
■ Thu Aug 11 7-8:30 p.m.

Life Reimagined
Get ready to find your niche in retirement and lead a dynamic and exciting second half of life. Andrea Bozarj and Mary Tiritton from AARP Kansas help you envision what your future can look like. Part of the Senior Life Series.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101C
■ Mon Aug 15 1-2 p.m.

Bees and Butterflies
AKA: Plant It and They Will Come. Learn about our “new” bee, the Mason bee and its brother’s role in a beautiful garden. Also, learn how to attract butterflies and others to help your garden come alive. The Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners will show you the importance of bees and butterflies for your garden.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101B
■ Thu Aug 18 7-8 p.m.

Local Writers Workshop
Calling all writers for our third annual morning of workshops! Successful authors share insight from their experience to inform and inspire, whether you’re still drafting or ready to publish. Email writers@tscpl.org for more info.
■ Marvin Auditorium
■ Sat Aug 20 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

What Does Downsizing Mean to You?
Downsizing can mean different things to different people. Baby Boomers often think of it as rightsizing while late in life seniors come to the word as a prelude to a move. Carol Ronnebaum, senior real estate specialist, discusses both perspectives, and best practices to achieve both.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101C
■ Mon Aug 22 1-2 p.m.

Picture This: Digital Photography Club
Get involved in a supportive community of fellow photographers. Meet up at a different location each month to take pictures, share creative ideas and have fun. Anyone is welcome, whether you use the most expensive up-to-date camera or a simple cell phone.
■ Old Prairie Town at Ward-Meade Historical site, 124 NW Fillmore
■ Mon Aug 22 6:30-8 p.m.
■ Felker Park, 2540 SW Gage Blvd., East end of the parking lot
■ Mon Sep 26 5:30-7 p.m.

Topeka Genealogy Society
Whether you are just starting to put together your family tree or you’re a seasoned researcher, this program is for you. Topic for this month: The History of Schools, by Jerry and Helen Miller.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101C
■ Thu Aug 25 7-8:45 p.m.

Sports Book Talk
Local freelance writer Todd Fertig talks about his new book, Legacy: The Enduring Impact of the Negro Leagues on Modern Baseball and American Society, which offers a unique look at how the Negro Leagues impacted the U.S. and continues to inspire many of today’s major leaguers.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101A
■ Thu Aug 25 7-8 p.m.

Teacher Treats
Preschool educators, come explore the heart and soul of STEM as a way of thinking and lifestyle in your early learning classroom. You will receive 3 free KDHE clock hours and learn hands on with Kasey Kyle about how to play and explore using open-ended materials that broaden and deepen children’s cognitive development. Registration required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com
■ Marvin Auditorium
■ Sat Aug 27 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Kansas Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society
The society meets monthly to share tips and techniques on African American family history and to learn more about African American history in Kansas. We have various monthly topics and guest speakers and refreshments.
■ Hughes Room 205
■ Sat Aug 27 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Fantasy Football Draft
Be a part of the library’s very own Fantasy Football League. Draft your team and compete against other owners each week of the NFL season. Registration is required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com.
■ Menninger Room 206
■ Thu Sep 1 6:30-8:30 p.m.

How to Start a Business
Learn what it takes to start and run your own business. This event covers important topics such as business legal structure, writing a business plan, knowing your competition and what to expect from being your own boss. Presented by Washburn Small Business Development Center.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101B
■ Wed Sep 7 5:30-8 p.m.

Talk About Literature in KS
Esperanza’s Box of Saints
Guided by her favorite saint, the beautiful young widow Esperanza sets off on a humorous journey from Mexico to Los Angeles in search of her missing daughter. Sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council. Facilitated by Dr. Sara Tucker. Contact mericsson@tscpl.org for more info.
■ Menninger Room 206
■ Wed Sep 7 7-8:30 p.m.

Fall Weed Control
Fall weed control is often overlooked, but it is an important part of keeping weeds under control for next spring. Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners will teach you to identify weed problems and how to best to spend your time and money combating them.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101B
■ Thu Sep 8 7-8 p.m.

Computerized Genealogy Series 2
Now that you have your family tree, move to the next level. Find records on your family. Learn how to locate local resources from libraries and repositories. Find your ancestors using resources online. Registration required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com
■ Computer Training Center
■ Sat Sep 10 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Global & Regional Impacts of Climate Change
Presenter Ken Lassman, author of Wild Douglas County and the weekly Kaw Valley Almanac, discusses the important topic of climate change. Co-sponsored by Topeka Audubon Society.
■ Marvin Auditorium 101C
■ Mon Sep 12 7-8:30 p.m.

Retirement and Medicare
Trained counselors and agency staff from the SHICK program educate those nearing retirement age about Medicare. They will answer questions, give unbiased counsel and help you determine how Medicare will best work for you.
■ Anton Room 202
■ Thu Sep 15 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Washburn: Those Who Lead, Read
■ Marvin Auditorium 101C
■ Thu Sep 15 7-8:30 p.m.
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE
Marvin Auditorium 101BC
Fri Sep 23 6:30-9 p.m.

Deceptions of Bacchus, the God of Wine by two "Divine" Artists
Dr. Bette Talvacchia, Director of the School of Art and Art History at the University of Oklahoma. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.
Marvin Auditorium 101A
Fri Sep 23 6:30-9 p.m.

Trivia Afternoon
A repeat of the popular Friday Trivia Night program. Enter as a team of up to 8 people working together to answer 100 questions from 10 categories. Prizes will be awarded to the top trivia teams! Doors open at 6 p.m. The Millennium Café will be open until 6:30 p.m. Registration begins August 1. Go to tsclp.eventbrite.com
Marvin Auditorium
Sat Sep 24 3-5:30 p.m.

Meet the Authors Community Novel Project
Imagine Topeka, only different. A tiny change can have a big impact, as seen in these short stories by local writers. Authors of the 2016 Community Novel Project will read from their stories, discuss collaborating and independent publishing, and sign copies at this book launch. Learn more at tsclp.org/novel.
Marvin Auditorium
Sun Sep 25 2-4 p.m.

Trivia for the Young at Heart
Come show us what you know at the library’s trivia competition for the young at heart. Form a team of up to 8 people and work together to answer 50 questions from 10 different categories. Part of the Senior Life series of programs.
Marvin Auditorium 101B
Mon Sep 26 1-3 p.m.

Women & Money
Life & Work Planning: A panel discussion of how women in business and leadership got ahead and are making a difference in their communities. Kansas National Guard Brigadier General Deborah Rose and Topeka attorney Angel Zimmerman, Moderators. See tsclp.org/events for upcoming Women & Money events in October. Registration required. Call Housing and Credit Counseling to register: 785-234-0217 x 330
Marvin Auditorium 101BC
Thu Sep 29 7-8:30 p.m.

ATTEND LIBRARY EVENTS AT A COMMUNITY CENTER

BOOKS
JOIN A BOOK CLUB | TSCLP.ORG/BOOKCLUBS
Classics Made Modern Book Discussion
Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven by Sherman Alexie presents 22 darkly comic-interlinked tales from 1993. Against a backdrop of alcohol, car accidents, laughter and basketball, Alexie paints a complex, grimly ironic portrait of life in and around the Spokane Indian Reservation.
Marvin Auditorium 101C
Mon Sep 12 1-3 p.m.

Crestview Chapter Chat
A neighborhood book club for those who like to chat about what they are reading. In August, read Wild: From Lost to Found and in September read Empire Falls. Use your own book or pick one up at the Crestview Community Center. Registration required. Call 785-251-2960.
Crestview Community Center - 4801 SW Shunga Dr.
Wed Aug 10 1-2 p.m.
Wed Sep 14 1-2 p.m.

Bean There, Read That
Join this book group for young people in their 20s and 30s who like to talk lit. In August, we’ll discuss The Red Leather Diary: Reclaiming a Life Through the Pages of a Lost Journal, by Lily Koppel. In September, we’ll discuss The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, by Rebecca Skloot. Contact beanthere@tsclp.org for more information.
Classic Bean, Falltown Plaza
Tue Aug 23 7-8:30 p.m.
Tue Sep 27 7-8:30 p.m.

So Many Books
Discuss Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. During a Minnesota summer in 1961, 13-year-old Frank is forced to suddenly mature when death visits in many forms - accident, nature, suicide and murder.
Perkins Room 201
Sun Aug 28 3-4:30 p.m.

Discuss Prague Winter by Madeline Albright. Albright reflects on her discovery of her family’s Jewish heritage, existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist - books.
Perkins Room 201
Sun Sep 25 3-4:30 p.m.

Still Me: Watercolor Expressions
The paintings in this exhibit were created during Memories in the Making, a program of the Alzheimer’s Association. Watercolor works, accompanied by the photo portraits and biographical sketches of the artists, are a testament to the strengths and abilities that remain with a person well into the disease process.
Alice C. Sabatini Gallery
Mon July 25 - Sun Oct 9

Art in Common
Nurture your creative spirit through discussion, exploration and hands-on art-making. Discover new art media and techniques while connecting with other creative people. Find inspiration and resources in our community, gallery, library and online. Registration required. Go to tsclp.eventbrite.com
Lingo Story Room
Wed Aug 10 2-3:30 p.m.
Wed Sep 14 2-3:30 p.m.

Motorized
Explore the art of body work and the artists who make metal come alive - art cars, design on cars and motorcycles in a variety of 2D and 3D media.
Alice C. Sabatini Gallery
Fri Aug 12 - Sun Oct 16

Second Friday: Motorized
Enjoy a roaring, art-filled evening at the Sabatini Gallery with the mechanical masterpieces of Motorized.
Alice C. Sabatini Gallery
Fri Aug 12 5-8 p.m.
Fri Sep 9 5-8 p.m.

Altered Book Workshop
Alternating an unwanted book allows you to express your creativity and recycle at the same time. Hands-on demonstrations and books provided. Registration is required. Go to tsclp.eventbrite.com
Marvin Auditorium 101B
Tue Aug 23 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Sat Aug 27 3:30-5:30 p.m.
**COMPUTER CLASSES**

**BEGINNING CLASSES**
Designed for new computer users and presented at a relaxed pace. Try taking the classes in the order listed for a good, basic understanding. Registration required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com.

**Taming Your Mouse**
Learn the proper way to hold and move the mouse. Learn about check boxes, radio buttons and scroll bars. If you can’t make one of these sessions, register for a Computer & Gadget Help session to get started. Registration required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com.

**Windows 10 for Beginners**
Experience the new features in Windows 10. Learn how to organize the Start Menu, use accessories, personalize the desktop and get apps from the Windows Store. Registration required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com.

**Internet Introduction**
Learn basic internet functions and visit a variety of sites for information and entertainment. Registration required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com.

**Google It!**
Learn to use this most-visited site on the web. Search for information and images on the internet. See your house with Google Maps. Learn about even more Google apps and features. Registration required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com.

**Email for Beginners**
Learn to log into an account and to open, delete, reply to and forward email messages. Registration required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com.

**Online Safety and Security Basics**
Stay safe and secure your information while browsing, shopping or paying bills online. Develop a strong password system, learn ways to recognize traps of adware or malware, and avoid scams that can compromise your equipment or personal information. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com.

**BEYOND THE BASICS**
Take the following classes when you feel ready for more challenging projects. These are presented at a faster pace than beginning classes. All classes take place in the library’s Computer Training Center unless otherwise noted. Registration is required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com.

**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 to help you navigate, create and edit documents. Registration required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com.

**Word II: Intermediate Word Processing**
Use Microsoft Word to edit text, insert pictures or Word art into your document, format a header or footer and create a Table of Contents. Registration required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com.

**PowerPoint**
Beginners create a dynamic presentation from start to finish. Learn to insert slides, add text, graphics, transitions and animations. Registration required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com.

**Excel: Introduction to Spreadsheets**
Learn about cells, columns, rows, AutoSum, simple formulas and page setup features. Registration required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com.

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

**Library Ebooks for Android & Nook Tablets**
Bring in your Android and Nook tablets & library card and learn how to get free ebooks anytime! Email and app store login required. Registration online at http://tscpl.eventbrite.com.

**Library Ebooks for Kindle Tablets**
Bring in your Kindle tablet and library card and learn how to get free ebooks anytime! Email address and app store login required. Registration online at http://tscpl.eventbrite.com.

**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 password. Registration required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com.

**Google Docs**
Get started with Google Docs. We will learn how to access Google Docs, use basic editing features, and save to Google Drive.

**Computer & Gadget Help**
A dedicated time to focus on your technology questions. Bring your laptop, tablet or other device. Practice new computer skills or learn to use the library catalog while trainers are available. Provide a description of the help you need when registering. Registration required. Go to tscpl.eventbrite.com.

**KIDS**

**Family Place Learn & Play [Birth-3 years]**
Play together and participate in activities that focus on healthy child development and early literacy. Learn about your role of being your child’s first teacher. Local partners will be present to share resources available to the community. Registration required for the 5-week program. Register July 10 - July 31 at tscpl.eventbrite.com.

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

**Baby Bookworms [Birth - 18 months]**
Introduce your baby to the wonderful world of books through interactive songs, stories, bounces and more!

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

**Musical Storytime [Birth - 5 years]**
Shake off your sleepiness with some fun songs and crazy dancin’ with Kyle. Occasional surprises and guests!
**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. For more info, call Jason at 785-580-4565.

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Sat Aug 13 2-3 p.m.
  - Sat Sep 10 2-3 p.m.

**tWiin Xgaming Station [8-12 years]**
Come hang out and play awesome games on the Wii, Xbox or PlayStation. Impress your friends with your stellar hand-eye coordination. Beat your enemies using your limitless courage. Now’s the time to show your stuff! (Games will be rated E for everyone).

- **Tweens Area**
  - Tue Aug 16, 23, 30 4-5 p.m.
  - Tue Sep 6, 13, 20, 27 4-5 p.m.

**Gathering STEAM [8-12 years]**
Investigate art through the lens of science, technology, engineering, and/or math as you collaborate and create in this hands-on, problem-solving program. Register online at tcsl.eventbrite.com

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Wed Aug 17 4-5 p.m.
  - Wed Sep 21 4-5 p.m.

**Musical Storytime for Everybody [All ages]**
Bring the whole family, daycare or preschool for some guitar picking music, dancing, whimsical books and great big smiles with Kyler.

- **The Story Zone**
  - Fri Aug 19 10-10:30 a.m.
  - Fri Sep 16 10-10:30 a.m.

**Toddler Time 1 [12-24 months]**
Bubbles and books, wiggles and songs! Early literacy fun for young toddlers and adults to enjoy together.

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Wed Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 9:30-10 a.m.
  - 10:30-11 a.m.
  - 6:30-7 p.m.

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

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Mon Sep 12 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Factual Fun [5-8 years]**
Come and explore the world of nonfiction. Jump into learning with fun, hands-on activities. You will also discover awesome books to investigate the topic. Come learn more about your favorite thing or learn about something totally new to you.

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Wed Sep 15 4:30-5:15 p.m.

**Anyone Can Cook [All ages]**
For anyone who loves to eat but can’t cook. Learn to follow a recipe, plan healthy and delicious meals and snacks and explore different styles of cooking.

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Fri Sep 16 4-5 p.m.

**Come to the Circus! [3-8 years]**
Using colorful hand puppets, Puppeteer Peter Allen introduces you to all of the thrills of the circus including the Ringmaster, a clown, a very timid lion and Madame Gertrude and her trained snakes. Come cheer and applaud the performers as they do their amazing acts.

- **Lingo Story Room**
  - Sat Sep 17 10-10:45 a.m.

**MOVIES INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES**

**Tokyo Sonata**
Every family has its secrets. © E1 Entertainment | Japan | 2008 | PG-13 | 119 minutes

- **Marvin Auditorium 101BC**
  - Fri Aug 12 2-5 p.m.

**The Friends of Eddie Coyle**
After his last crime has him looking at a long prison sentence, a low level Boston gangster decides to snitch on his friends to avoid jail time. 1973 | color | 102 minutes

- **Marvin Auditorium 101BC**
  - Fri Sep 9 2-5 p.m.

**MOVIE BY THE LAWN**

**Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory**
Grab your blankets, lawn chairs and Oompa Loompas and head down to the State Capitol to experience outdoor cinema at its best. Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) will be the main feature.

- **State Capitol Lawn**
  - Sat Sep 24 7:30-9 p.m.

**TEENS**

**Board Game Day [12-18 years]**
Learn new board games and play old favorites. Including Ticket to Ride, Monopoly, Settlers of Catan, Checkers, Stratego, Chess, Sorry, Battleship, Connect Four and many, many more.

- **The Edge - Teen Room**
  - Mon Aug 7 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Fun facts in the stacks

Next time you’re in the stacks, keep an eye out for Dewey. No, not the decimal. Curated by Public Services Specialist and maven of all things fascinating, the library’s own T.J. Troughton, Dewey is the library’s newest publication, and your guide to discovering the world through books.

Travel back in time to the 17th Century with these hand-picked titles.

**Instant Celebrity** | On March 18, 1600, Catalina de Erauso escaped from a Basque convent dressed as a young man. She spent the rest of her life living as one. She worked her way to the New World, became a soldier, brawled, gambled, fought duels and eventually settled down as a mule driver in Veracruz, New Spain. In 1620, when she finally revealed that she was a woman, she became as instant a celebrity as is possible in the 17th century. In 1626, she was granted an audience with Pope Urban VIII. There she received a special dispensation to continue to dress as a man. Written around 1624, The Lieutenant Nun is her autobiography. [946.051 ERA]

**The Gunpowder Plot** | The Gunpowder Plot of 1605 was a failed attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament as a prelude to a planned revolt. A group of 13 men, led by Robert Catesby, planted 36 barrels of gunpowder in the undercroft. They planned to set them off on November 5 during the State Opening of England’s Parliament, which would be presided over by James I. Authorities were anonymously tipped off on October 26 and successfully foiled the plan. In the early hours of November 5, they discovered Guy Fawkes guarding the barrels of gunpowder. The other conspirators fled north when they received news of Fawke’s arrest but by May 3, 1606, all of the plotters had met their end, most by execution. Check out Faith and Treason by Antonia Fraser to learn all the sordid details. [942.061 FRA]

**Matters of the Heart** | In 1628, William Harvey published An Anatomical Study of the Motion of the Heart and of the Blood in Animals, describing how blood is pumped throughout the body by the heart, and then returns to the heart and recirculates. The book was very controversial but became the basis for modern research on the heart and blood vessels. Check out Blood Work: A Tale of Medicine and Murder by Holly Tucker. [610.9 TUC] (Also in ebook format)
### New book drop in North Topeka

**Sutherlands | 2210 NW Tyler St.**

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Your checkouts will now automatically renew, making your library experience easier on your life and your pocketbook. Items you’ve checked out will renew automatically 3 days before they’re due. Some items are not eligible for auto renewal, such as express items, items that other customers have put on hold and interlibrary loan items. Items will be auto renewed up to 3 times. If you are signed up to receive email or text notices, the almost overdue notice will include info about which items were auto renewed. Learn more at: [tscpl.org/autorenew](http://tscpl.org/autorenew)
10 EVENTS you don't want to miss
See everything on pages 10-15

Motorized
Aug 12 - Oct 16
See art that's all revved up! Art cars, design on cars and motorcycles in a variety of 2D and 3D masterpieces.

Local Writers Workshop
Aug 20 | 9AM-2PM
Calling all writers for our third annual morning of workshops to inspire your writing and guide you into publication.

Sports Book Talk
Aug 25 | 7PM
Hear local sports writer Todd Fertig talk about his new book, Legacy: the Enduring Impact of the Negro Leagues on Modern Baseball.

Kansas Book Festival
Sep 10 | 9AM-4PM
Meet authors, pick up contemporary books and hang out with our librarians, Clifford and Llama Llama! Located on the capitol grounds.

The Case of the 2 Michelangelos
Sep 16 | 6:30PM
Listen to an engrossing discussion of two artists, Michelango the sculptor and Michelangelo the painter, with scholar Dr. Bette Talvacchia.*

Depictions of Bacchus
Sep 17 | 2PM
See Bacchus in all his depictions by the two Michelangelos, led by esteemed director of art at University of Oklahoma, Dr. Bette Talvacchia.*

Senior Information Fair
Sep 21 | 9:30AM-12PM
Get connected to more than 40 local vendors who can help you live your best senior life.

Online Safety & Security Basics
Sep 23 | 1PM
Stay safe and secure your information while browsing, shopping or paying bills online.

Friends Annual Book Sale
Sep 16 | 6-9PM
Sep 17 | 9AM-5PM
Sep 18 | 10AM-5PM
Get inspired by the stories of women in business and leadership who got ahead and made a difference in their communities.

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