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Revitalize your workout

The library can help you exercise more than your brain. We have fitness kits to help you get physical exercise and revitalize your workout routine! The fitness kit allows you to try exercises before you buy equipment or enroll in a class.

Push that coffee table out of the way, turn on your DVD player and start exercising with a kit! Join any of the above groups in your living room. Make sure to turn off that coffee or drink your beverage in the kitchen. Now you're not thirsting for exercise. You can pick up a bike at any Topeka Metro Bike station and ride to the library or bring your bike helmet to the library and make your starting point for a ride around town. Learn more about the bikes at topkameterbike.org.

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You're working hard (okay, the local construction companies are working hard) to enhance and maintain the library building. A lot of changes will be taking place during the next decade. Let's talk about what's happening now and in the next several months.

If you've been into the library lately, you've noticed the improved pedestrian entry plaza that has no curbs to provide easy access, curbside lighting and plans to beautify the entrance. What you can't see is that you'll experience this entire system under the outside walkway.

In the last few months you have seen and heard construction on the north end of the building in our reference area. We are changing the former four individual study rooms into eight collaborative workspaces where small groups (six people or fewer) can work together. The east and west wing collections are still open, you just need to walk past the plastic sheeting. We also recently added doors on the North Reading Room to help keep noise out of this quiet space.

Work is underway to create an entrance into the Millennium Café from the north end of the building in our reference area. We are changing the former four individual study rooms into eight collaborative workspaces where small groups (six people or fewer) can work together. The north window on the outside wall of the library will include a year-round all-weather pavilion, an outdoor courtyard with café services and an outdoor amphitheater for programs and classes.

Car care help online

Car care information, repair tips, diagnostic details and troubleshooting are all available for free at the online Auto Repair Reference Center (ARRC). ARRC has information on cars manufactured from 1954-2015. Simply select the year of the car, the manufacturer and the model, and your customized car research center appears. Find ARRC on the "Research It" tab at tscpl.org.
BT & Co. 46 years of making change

How do you sell more than 100,000 items in 3 days—you have really good people at checkout! When she added the Friends of the Library annual Book Sale began in 1970, William F. Hardesty, the Friends first president, wanted the board, volunteered his CPA firm to be the cashier. Over the years the sale has grown from several small Open House to the current Northeastern Kansas Amateur Astronomers (NKAA) Book Sale.BT & Co. For the past 46 years, the employees of BT & Co. have continued to cash out at the annual Book Sale.

“The Friends book sale is overall a great activity for us as a firm to get our employees involved in in our local community activities,” said Kyle George.

Matt Deutsch, said the best part of the book sale is the Friends' surprise when they find out how much they sold for all the books they bought.

“The look of joy on the children's faces when they get to take home books of their own,” is Cheryl Hayward’s favorite part of the volunteering at the sale.

“We have done this for so long, we can imagine not doing it,” said Lisa Kong.

“It has become a family affair for us,” she added that sometimes spouses and even their children help at the sale.

While BT & Co. staff spend much of the sale volunteering, they usually find a little time to do some shopping of their own. No one leaves the sale empty handed and at least one BT & Co. staffer always leaves with 15 to 20 books.

“One year there was a pile of short romance novels written in Spanish,” Hayward said. “I bought them all for my daughter to share with her friends in Spanish class to enhance their Spanish reading skills.”

“I am blown away by the commitment the employees of BT & Co. have shown to promoting literacy in our community,” said Mary Campbell, Friends of the Library executive. “They grasp that literacy is a surverval skill. We appreciate our relationship with them and are proud to call them friends.”

The library book sale is a fun and rewarding event that wouldn't happen without the time and dedication of the many Friends of the Library volunteers. We thank the employees of BT & Co. as well as our many community volunteers for their commitment to the library and their hard work every year.

Eclipse Topeka STEM, Aug. 2, 7 p.m.

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1918 was the last time the U.S. mainland experienced a total solar eclipse and you won't want to miss it on Monday, Aug. 21. This may be once in a lifetime opportunity! The path of totality begins on the west coast around midmorning and leaves the east coast more than three hours later. Although Topeka is slightly off the path, it is very close. See the hot events we have planned around the eclipse (see page 10-14 for event details).

Eclipse Watch Parties

DO NOT LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN! Plan to see the solar eclipse safely. Sunglasses will not suffice! Telescopes without filters are not safe. There will be no point during the eclipse when it will be safe to view the sun with the naked eye in Topeka. See the safety tips at eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety.

Thanks to a grant from the Space Science Institute, the library has a limited number of safe viewing glasses we’ll hand out the morning of Aug. 21. You may ask for up to two glasses per family at the Customer Service desk. Glasses will also be available at local community centers, the Rescue Mission, the Topeka Metro center and on the bookmobiles for mini watch parties across the city.

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Eclipse Prep, Aug. 9, 7 p.m.

We’re all getting ready for the solar eclipse! We’ll learn about safe viewing methods and eclipse science from Janelle Bargarson, an amateur astronomer and the Education Coordinator with the Northeastern Kansas Amateur Astronomers at Far Point Observatory.

Make It Lab

You can create your own commemorative pathside eclipse viewer for $5 at the library’s Make It Lab.

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Faith meets fiction

Deborah Bryan
For my entry into the Welborn Writing Competition, I chose to write a historical fiction story, “Uncovered Adventures,” which is about the life of a Bedouin woman named Mavia. I was inspired by my own love of reading historical fiction, and I wanted to explore the challenges of living as a woman in a different time and place. The story is set during World War II, when Mavia and her family are forced to leave their home in the desert. They must escape to the city of Jerusalem, where they encounter new people and experiences. The story explores themes of courage, resilience, and the power of faith in difficult times.

I love hearing about inspirational Fiction Neighborhood. Here I find books by some of my favorite authors like Lynn Austin, Susan May Warren, and Ted Dekker. I often get inspired by the stories I read and use them to challenge my own writing. Lynn Austin is one of my favorites, and I love her historical fiction stories. They are always well-written and full of heart. I hope you enjoy this list as much as I do!
**Killer reads!**

Multiply your reading experience when you join 2Book Topeka, our community reading initiative. This fall everyone in Shawnee County will have the chance to read and discuss two thrillers set in the 1800s.

**LETS READ!**

**Book #1: The Devil in the White City** by Erik Larson – While the 1893 World’s Fair ushered in a new epoch in American history, a serial killer was forced to the streets.


**EVENTS**

**Learning & Play Bus (0-5)**

- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers, look out for this fun bus near you! Our newest bus offers more fun stops.
- New stops are still being added, so check [tscpl.org/kids-library/learn-play-bus](tscpl.org/kids-library/learn-play-bus) for updates.

**Homework Center (6-18)**

- Follow amazing instructional videos on a huge range of topics. Visit [tscpl.org/home/lynda](tscpl.org/home/lynda) on the "Research it" tab at [tscpl.org](tscpl.org).

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- If you are working on a research project, try to find out which libraries have the highest ratings and answer almost any question, you have access to more than 72 databases through the library.
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**Back to the library**

Summer is nearly over and the kids will be back in school again. Snack Time! Read in your public library to stay organized and keep your kids on track. We have the research and learning tools you need as well as some stellar services that weren’t available during the summer. Let’s dive in.

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Tue Aug 29 1-2:30 p.m.

Wed Sep 20 7-8:30 p.m.

Join us for lunch Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Library Ebooks for Android & Nook Tablets

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Pizza Pub, Westridge Mall
Aug 4 | 8:30-10:30 p.m.

Family Place Learn & Play
Mondays in August | 10-11 a.m.

#Adulting: Cooking 101
Aug 10 | 4-5 p.m.

Edge: On the Verge
Alice C. Sabatini Gallery
Aug 11 - Oct 22

Monarchs, Milkweed & Waystations
Aug 17 | 7-8 p.m.

Solar Eclipse Watch Party
Aug 21 | noon-2 p.m.

Introduction to DigitalLearn
Aug 28 | 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Kansas Expocentre Ag Hall
Sept 14 - 17

Senior Information Fair
Sept 19 | 9 a.m. - noon

Movie on the Lawn
Statehouse south lawn
Sept 23 | 7:30-9 p.m.