

# THE LIBRARY LEDGER

WELLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 3-9

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

Molly Shannon, multiple Emmy-nominated and Spirit Award-winning actress, comedian, and legendary Saturday Night Live cast member, will help celebrate our nation's libraries as the honorary chair of National Library Week.



“I am so honored to serve as honorary chair of National Library Week for 2022. My mom was a librarian. She encouraged kids to read. So, the work of librarians and libraries has such a special place in my heart.”



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### WELLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Wellington KS 67152  
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#### Hours:

M & W: 9:30am-6:00pm  
T & TH: 9:30am - 8:30pm  
F: 9:30am-5:00pm  
S: 9:30am-4:00pm  
Sun: Closed

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## WELLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY: A RICH HISTORY

In 1884-85 when the town of Wellington was twelve years old, the first small lending library was opened by an attorney named William Black. From there, the library moved several times until the formation of The Prentis Club in 1898.

The Prentis Club was named for [Mrs. Caroline Prentis of Topeka](#). In 1899, Mrs. Prentis visited the club and, among other civic projects, suggested the ladies establish a library for Wellington.

The Club hosted fundraisers and collected donations of books and furniture. It was housed in several locations through the years. When the new Wellington City Hall was being built at the northwest corner of Washington and 7<sup>th</sup> Street, the club women were promised two rooms on the second floor; one was to be used for the library.

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# SPRING IS COMING!

## LAWN GAMES

The weather is warming and the days are getting longer .... Time to think about some outdoor activities! Available for checkout:

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|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Cornhole        | Giant Dominoes               |
| Croquet         | Horseshoes                   |
| Disc Toss       | Ladder Toss                  |
| Giant Checkers  | Lawn Darts (glo-in-the-dark) |
| Giant Connect-4 | Outdoor Yahtzee              |
| Giant Dice Set  | Slammo Game                  |



## ALL ABOUT BIRDS

*Birds of Kansas*, by Max C. Thompson

*The backyard bird watcher*, by George H. Harrison

*Birds in your backyard: a bird lover's guide to creating a garden sanctuary*, by Robert J. Dolezal

*The bird feeder book: an easy guide to attracting, identifying, and understanding your feeder birds*, by Donald and Lillian Stokes

*Birdhouses: 20 unique woodworking projects for houses and feeders*, by Mark Ramuz and Frank Delicata

**And more on our shelves.....**

## GET READY TO GARDEN

*Rodale's basic organic gardening: a beginner's guide to starting a healthy garden*, by Deborah L. Martin

*The right-size flower garden*, by Kerry Ann Mendez

*Gardener's Supply Company passport to gardening: a sourcebook for the 21st-century gardener*, by Katherine LaLiberte and Ben Watson

*The container kitchen garden*, by Antony Atha

*Vegetables love flowers: a companion planting for beauty and bounty*, by Lisa Mason Ziegler



**And more on our shelves.....**

## WPL: A RICH HISTORY (cont.)



Photo Credit: U.S. National Park Service

As the library continued to grow it was also outgrowing the Prentis Club member's ability to oversee it, The Wellington Library Association was set up. In March 1908, the library was incorporated under state law relating to public libraries.

In May 1914, the Wellington City Library board held its first meeting and voted to begin the process of erecting a library building. The following year funds were received from the Carnegie Corporation and construction began. The library was opened to the public in 1916.

In 1986, the Library Board of Trustees and community became involved in a project to enlarge and renew the original structure; June 6, 1987 the Wellington Carnegie Library was entered on the National Register of Historic Places. The interior of the library maintains its original open floor plan and vestibule entrance. The first floor pillars retain their marble wainscoting.

*(Excerpts from "Library History" by Sherry Kline, Wellington Public Library website.)*

For more information read the [full article by Sherry Kline](#).

## CHECK US OUT!

**Computers:** The library has computers available for public use, as well as free access to our WiFi. Last year our computers were used more than 2,500 times!

**To Take Home:** Our collection of 233,678 items is more than books! We have DVDs, audiobooks, board games, puzzles and lawn games for you to check out and enjoy.

**Programs for all Ages:** More information is on the following pages.

**Notary Public:** Free to the public!

**Summer Reading Program:** This year's theme is "Oceans of Possibilities." The May edition of this newsletter will contain all the details!



## RECEIVE WPL NEWS IN YOUR INBOX!



Save a tree! Sign up to receive *The Library Ledger* by email! Send your request to: [mkern@wellingtonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:mkern@wellingtonpubliclibrary.org) or notify a library staff member.

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS



It's like a Library Garage Sale, only better. Craft supplies, furnishings, miscellaneous office supplies, etc.

Stop by the library to see what we have to offer.

**April 29-30 during regular library hours**

### CHILDREN

**Raising Readers Storytime & Craft**—Wednesdays at 10:30am

**Awesome Engineers**—1st Saturday of the month at 10:30am.

**Read Across America**—read 15 minutes a day, every day in March, and earn a prize.

**Pokémon Trading Card Club**—3rd Saturday from noon-4pm. Join other Pokemon fans to trade cards and play games.

**New programs are added often. Check out the [website](#) for more info.**



Sign up at Library for the "Birthday Club" and receive a post card and redeem for a prize at the library on your special day!

### TWEEN/TEEN

**Teen After Hours** (ages 13-18)—every other Friday at 7pm (beginning February 18). Come to the library and stay after hours where we will hang out and choose activities for the night.

**Pokemon Trading Card Club**—3rd Saturday from noon-4pm. Join other Pokemon fans to trade cards and play games.

**Get It Together Squad** —Wednesdays from 4-6 pm. Organization, homework and to-do lists are more fun together!

**Check out the [library website](#) for special monthly programs and events!**



# PROGRAMS & EVENTS (cont.)

## YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG  
ADULT BOOK  
CLUB



### PROGRAMS

**YA Book Club**—This New Book Club meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 5pm. This is an open group and welcomes new members.

Check out the [library website](#) for special monthly programs and events!

## ADULTS

### PROGRAMS

**The Bookies Book Club**—meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 5:30pm. The Bookies read a variety of topics and genres.

**\$Tree Hacks**- Join the library staff as they present a craft or helpful hack using primarily \$tree materials each month. This is a no charge workshop with all materials provided. Please join us on the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:00 pm

### WORKSHOP

**Cricut 101 — beginning Thursday, March 24, 5:30-7:30 pm.** A six-week workshop to learn the basics of Cricut Design, materials and processes. Participants will complete 4-6 projects by the end of the class. All materials are provided. Space is limited to 15 participants (must be age 16 or older). Sign up at the upstairs circulation desk.



*This workshop is sponsored in part by **South Central Kansas Library System**—assisting member libraries to provide excellent service to their communities.*



### COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY



**Tech Tuesdays** — Join Jarrod on Tuesday evenings between 6:00 - 8:30pm. Jarrod Kline has been on staff at the library for over 5 years. He is ready to assist you with your technology questions by phone or in person. Drop in on Tuesdays if he can assist you.

# NOTEWORTHY NEW TITLES

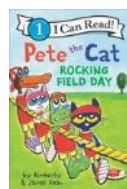
## CHILDREN



*Sun! One in a Billion*, by Stacy McAnulty



*The Puppy Place: Bentley*, by Ellen Miles



*Pete the Cat: Rocking Field Day*, by Kimberley and James Dean

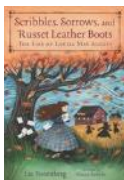
## JUVENILE



*The Beatryce Prophecy*, by Kate DiCamillo



*Hello Neighbor: Buried Secrets*, by Carly Anne West

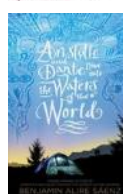


*Scribbles, Sorrows, and Russet Leather Boots*, by Liz Rosenberg

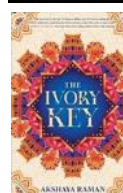
## YOUNG ADULT



*The Red Palace*, by Jane Hur



*Aristotle and Dante Dive into the Waters of the World*, by Benjamin Alire Saenz



*The Ivory Key*, by Akshaya Raman

## LARGE-PRINT BOOKS

We've added 40+ new large print books to our collection, in all genres. Following is a sample:



*Once upon a farm: lessons on growing love, life and hope on the new frontier*, by Rory Feek



*The Guineveres*, a novel by Sarah Domet



*Like There's No Tomorrow*, a romance by Camille Eide



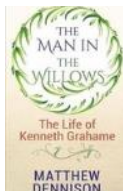
*Tell Me More: stories about the 12 hardest things I'm learning to say*, by Kelly Corrigan



*Confessions of a Domestic Failure*, a novel by Bunmi Laditan



*The Fall of Abilene*, a Western by Johnny D. Boggs



*The Man in the Willows: the life of Kenneth Grahame*, by Matthew Dennison

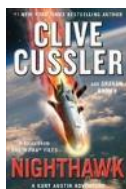


*Over the Line*, a mystery by Kelly Irvin

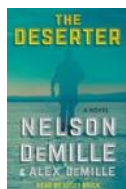


*A Ranger Called Solitary*, a Western by Barry Cord

## AUDIO BOOKS



*Nighthawk*, by Clive Cussler



*The Deserter*, by Nelson DeMille



*Darkness: a thriller*, by Karen Robards