

THE LIBRARY LEDGER

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Fall Program Guide

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SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Get in Your Element this September—sign up for a library card! From borrowing books, ebooks, learning new skills to attending story time or book club, a library card helps you do more of what you enjoy. Get a library card and dive into a new hobby. Use your library card to tinker in a maker space kit and spark your creativity. A library card is your most important school supply—it's elemental, really—and everyone should have one!



BOOK SALE DURING FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual book sale will take place during the Chamber of Commerce's Fall Festival. We have accumulated some wonderful books for the sale and know you'll find a bag full that you want to read.

Friday, September 29 from 9:30-5:00 pm

Saturday, September 30 from 9:30-4:00pm

If you would like to volunteer for setup, clean up, or staff the sale while open, please let us know.

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

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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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FALL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

All programs are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

Check our website as more programs are added!

CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Storytimes

Baby Lap Time—Tuesdays at 10:30a. Stories and songs and babies and moms.

Raising Readers—Wednesdays at 10:30a. Early literacy program with stories, songs and activities.

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!



Events & Activities

Reading Challenges—Monthly reading challenges to complete for a prize.

Fairy Tale STEM (1st-3rd graders) - 1st Saturday at 10:30a. Combine the imagination generated by a story with the supplies needed to bring a concept to life.

National Explorers—2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 4:30p. Explore our 50 states, one at a time! Sponsored in part by South Central Library System.

Cubism Art for the Family—September 5 at 530p. Join us for art, creativity and fun. All ages are welcome to participate.

Eclipse Guest Speaker—September 20 at 1pm at the Memorial Auditorium. Join NASA Ambassador Jerelyn Ramirez for this fun and educational program.

PaperPie Bookfair—October 10-12. Come and browse for new books to purchase for your home or select a book from the Library Wish List. More information coming soon.

Solar Eclipse Make-n-Take—Friday, October 13 between 10a and 4p. Make a holder for your Solar Eclipse viewing glasses.

Annular Solar Eclipse Watch Party—Let's watch the eclipse together. Viewing glasses provided for your safety. Saturday, October 14 from 10:30a-noon.

Kids Entrepreneurship Workshop—Saturday, October 21 at 10:30a. Children must attend in order to participate in the Marketplace.

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CHILDREN / FAMILIES

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Kids Marketplace—November 18 during library hours. Support our local entrepreneurs as they sell their homemade products.

Just for Fun

GameKnights—1st Saturday from 1-2:30p. Have fun with board games and meet new friends.

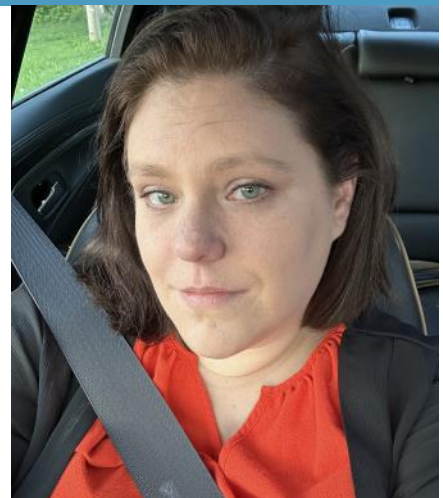
Pokémon Trading Card Club—3rd Saturday from 1-2:30p. Join other Pokémon fans to trade cards and play games.

Pokémon Hunt—Find all the hidden characters and earn a prize. Friday, September 1, October 20 and November 3.

TWEEN/TEEN/YA

Welcome Jourdan!

Hello! My name is Jourdan Crouch. I'm excited to be the new teen programming coordinator. We have some amazing things coming up. Be on the lookout for fun events such as: middle school and high school book clubs, Pokemon club, and many more! Looking forward to seeing you!



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NaNoWriMo—Celebrate National Novel Writing Month in November by stretching your writing skills at the Library. Watch for more information about the Write-In and Contest.

Just for Fun

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Pokémon Trading Card Club—3rd Saturday from 1-2:30p. Join other Pokémon fans to trade cards and play games.

Spooky Story Contest—Submit your spooky story creation during the month of October. All ages may participate.

ADULTS

Events & Activities

Soup and Series - Monday, September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23, November 6 and 27 at 6:00 pm. Enjoy a warm bowl of soup while watching a documentary at the Library.

Senior Social Hour—This new group will meet monthly on the 2nd Friday from 10-11am. Make new friends. Enjoy fellowship and fun.

The Bookies Book Club—meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 5:30pm. The Bookies will be reading books related to the Summer Reading Program theme this summer.

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Annular Solar Eclipse Watch Party—Let's watch the eclipse together. Viewing glasses provided for your safety. Saturday, October 14 from 10:30a-noon.

Fraud Prevention Workshop—Thursday, October 26 at 5:30p. Learn the basics of fraud prevention and collect important information from the Consumer Financial Protection Agency.

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The History of the American Indian Boarding Schools—Join Kansas Humanities speaker Eric Anderson, Potawatomi Nation member, on Thursday, November 9 at 6:30.

Creative Crafting

Cricut Projects—1st Wednesday of each month from 6-7 pm. There is a \$1 material fee for this workshop.

\$Tree Hacks—3rd Monday of each month at 5 pm.

Tuesday Coloring—Each Tuesday afternoon adult coloring pages and supplies are set up for your use.

Adult Art Night—Thursday, September 21 at 6p for creative canvas painting.

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BANNED BOOK WEEK—OCTOBER 1-7

Banned book week, October 1-7, celebrates the freedom to read and spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools.

In 2022 the American Library Association documented over 1,200 demands to censor library books and resources. According to their director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom, “This is a dangerous time for readers and the public servants who provide access to reading materials. Readers, particularly students, are losing access to critical information, and librarians and teachers are under attack for doing their jobs.”



SUPPORT THE LIBRARY

The Library exists to support our community. However, we need YOUR support too! The best way is to walk through the door, get a library card and read. Here are some other ways to show your support; we hope you'll find one that best fits you.

Funding. The Library is currently involved in fundraising for major improvements to our elevator and front steps.

Volunteer. We're hoping to expand our volunteer opportunities in the coming year.

Donations. We want to expand our collection of LEGOs. We also collect books throughout the year for our annual book sale.

Participate. Attend our programs, lead a workshop, share your crafting skills or start let us help you with a research project. All of these areas help us when seeking grant and government funding.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO START A BOOK CLUB?

Through the years, the Library has hosted a number of book discussion groups for various ages and interests. If you would like to start a group, we're here to help!



In addition to having access to book sets (here at the Library and from the catalogs of other area libraries), the staff can help you get organized, get the word out, select appropriate books and provide a space for the club to meet.

LEGO DONATIONS

The popularity of LEGOs increases each year. Likewise, the Library has had requests to start a LEGO Club and we'd really like to do it. But we don't have enough LEGOs. If you have an old set that you'd like to donate, we'd love to have it. Thanks in advance!

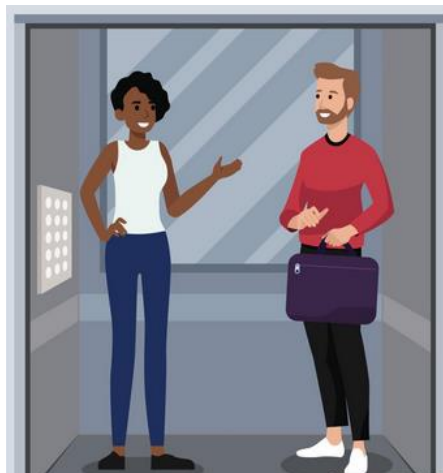


ELEVATOR FUND-RAISER

Costs increase every year. And the funds needed to upgrade our elevator has done the same.

The Library must raise \$120,000 to upgrade our elevator to current ADA requirements. And, as some of you can attest, the ride between the 1st and 2nd floors can feel slow at times.

We're planning a number of ways to raise these funds this year and hope you'll be able to help. If you have ideas of how you may be able to contribute to this important project, please give us a call.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mobile Library—Each month the Library takes books to Wellington Health and Rehab and the Botkin Care and Rehab facilities. If you have a heart for the elderly, are able to help lift and transport books and would like to assist with this program, please contact Monica.

Book Sale—Our annual book sale involves hours of preparation with the sorting and arranging of books, restocking during the sale, staffing the check-out table, and reboxing books at its conclusion. We could use your assistance. Contact a Library staff member for more information.

LIBRARY SERVICES: CHECK US OUT!

Computers & WiFi: 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!

Notary Public: Free to the public!

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

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



IMPORTANT EVENTS TO REMEMBER



Library Closed

Labor Day

Monday, September 4

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23

Friday, November 24

Christmas

Monday, December 25

Book Sale

Friday, September 29 from 9:30-5p

Saturday, September 30 from 9:30-4p

Fraud Awareness

Learn the basic guidelines for protecting yourself from identity theft and fraud on October 26 at 5:30p

Senior Social Hour

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Annular Solar Eclipse

Guest Speaker Jerelyn Ramirez on September 20, 1pm at the Memorial Auditorium

Make-n-Take Eclipse Craft on Friday October 13 between 10a and 4p.

Watch Party on Saturday, October 14 from 10:30a to noon.

NaNoWriMo

No story should go untold! November is designated as National Novel Writing Month. Stretch your writing skills at the Library.

Spooky Story Contest

Submit your story during the month of October.

Holiday Gift Wrapping

The free gift wrapping station will be setup in the library during December.

Kansas Humanities

Learn about the history of the American Indian Boarding Schools on November 9 at 6:30p.