

THE INSIDER

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

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2020 WISCONSIN
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Library of the Year

LOCATIONS AND HOURS

SOUTHWEST LIBRARY

7979-38th Avenue

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

NORTHSIDE LIBRARY

1500-27th Avenue

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays
Memorial Day -
Labor Day

SIMMONS LIBRARY

711-59th Place

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
Closed

UPTOWN LIBRARY

2419-63rd Street

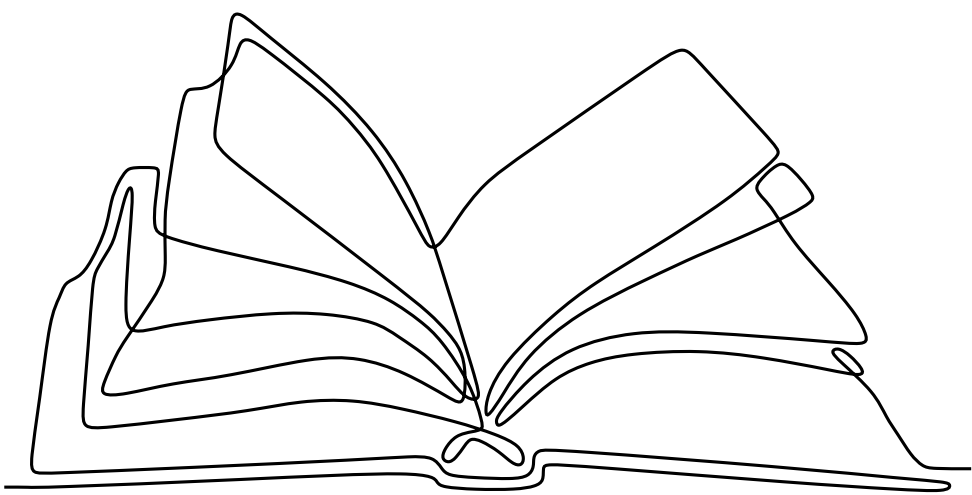
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday
Closed

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more information at
www.mykpl.info



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General Information: 262-564-6100

Youth Services: 262-564-6150

Adult Services: 262-564-6130

Bookmobile: 262-564-6190



KPL IS LEARNING DISGUISED AS FUN



BARB BRATTIN

*Director
Kenosha Public Library*

People often ask me whether people have returned to using the library post-pandemic. The question makes me smile. Because the answer is a resounding YES!

In fact, our public program attendance is off the charts, with a 76% jump in participation this year alone. The Big Read, Southport Literary Festival and Citizen Science series were a huge hit and kept you engaged for weeks at a time. Our creative kids programs like the Bluey Bonanza and Reading Dragons and Friends bring the joy of learning and creating out into the open. We're delighted that you're delighted, but we know there's so much more to the story than the attendance numbers. It's about the impact those programs make on your life.

People who love libraries know how they can make life better. The librarian who located information to understand your medical diagnosis, or guided you through the process to purchase your first home, or helped you understand whether your child was ready for kindergarten or should wait another year. The program that moved you to change careers, start a business, or join a movement. The storytime where you witnessed your child learning to read for the first time. The book that gave you respite from the world of worry at the end of another trying day. That's our story. That's the story you can't forget.

As we navigate the coming year serving this wonderful community, we make these promises to you:

1. We'll always stay true to our mission. Literacy is and always will be our number one priority.
2. We will align with the Kenosha community. You are our reason for being.
We will continue to listen to you and provide you with the service you want and deserve.
3. We will question the status quo. We will remain nimble, responsive, and willing to change direction.
4. We'll constantly train, and constantly stay curious.

We hope to see you here often! Happy 2024 to you and everyone you love.

Barbara Brattin

Kids Programs



CLASSES FOR BABIES, TODDLERS AND PRESCHOOLERS (ADULT ATTENDANCE REQUIRED)

WHEN REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, CALL YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES AT (262) 564-6150.

TODDLER STORYTIME

Toddler storytime is for walking one and two-year-old children and their caregivers. Early listening and literacy skills are developed through books, fingerplays, and songs.

Mondays: January 8 - May 13
9:30 AM
Southwest Library
No storytime January 15

Fridays: January 12 - May 17
10:30 AM
Northside Library

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Preschool storytime is designed for three to five-year-old children. Caregivers and kids alike will enjoy books, songs, fingerplays, and more during this classic storytime.

Mondays: January 8 - March 25
10:00 AM
Simmons Library
No storytime January 15

Tuesdays: January 9 - March 26
10:00 AM
Uptown Library

Thursdays: January 11 - May 16
10:00 AM
Northside Library

Fridays: January 12 - May 17
10:30 AM
Southwest Library

BABY STORYTIME

Baby storytime is for infants (0-18 months) who are not yet walking and their caregivers. Join us for books, songs, rhymes, interactive play, and FUN!

Mondays: January 8 - May 13
10:30 AM
Southwest Library
No storytime January 15

Tuesdays: January 9 - May 14
10:30 AM
Northside Library

BABY BUDDIES PLAYTIME

Join us after Baby Storytime for extended play and peer socialization - great for babies and grown-ups alike!

Mondays: January 8 - May 13
11:00 - 11:30 AM
Southwest Library
No storytime January 15

Tuesdays: January 9 - May 14
11:00 - 11:30 AM
Northside Library

FAMILY STORYTIME

The whole family is invited to storytime! Come read stories, sing songs, and have fun!

Mondays: January 8 - May 13
6:00 PM
Southwest Library
No storytime January 15

ADULTS: WE'VE GOT CAREGIVER CLASSES!
SEE GROWING KPL KIDS ON PAGE 15.



WONDERFUL ONES

Wonderful Ones storytime is for walking one-year-olds (12-24 months) and their caregivers. This active storytime features books, rhymes, songs, and lots of movement designed specifically for young toddlers.

Tuesdays: January 9 - May 14
9:30 AM
Northside Library

NO NAPTME HULLABALOO

This active storytime is geared toward toddlers and preschoolers who would rather dance than nap. There will be stories, songs, rhymes, and of course, dancing!

Wednesdays: January 10 - May 15
2:00 PM
Southwest Library

ONCE UPON A CUENTO

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome to our storytime bilingüe. We will read libros and sing canciones!

Fridays: January 26, February 23, April 26
9:30 AM
Southwest Library

BABY AND ME YOGA

Stretch, sing, and play while connecting emotionally and physically with your baby. Participants will practice interactive beginner yoga poses, mindful breathing, and infant massage. For babies 3 - 13 months old and their caregivers. **Registration and signed waiver required before class begins.**

Saturdays: January 6, March 2
10:30 - 11:15 AM
Northside Library

KPL PRESCHOOL YOGA

Shake, sing, and be silly while learning basic yoga poses, mindfulness, and meditation! Join us for a fun and engaging practice for young yogis, led by a KPL staff member who is a certified children's yoga teacher. **Registration and signed waiver required before class begins.**

Wednesday, January 17
10:00 - 10:45 AM
Southwest Library

Wednesdays: February 28,
March 20, April 17, May 22
10:00 - 10:45 AM
Northside Library

NATIONAL STICKER DAY!

Make stickers, take stickers, trade stickers, stick stickers... STICKERS! Ages 3-5.

Saturday, January 13
10:30 AM
Southwest Library

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

Come to the library to have a warm winter play day! Make a winter-themed sensory bag and a snow-themed art project while enjoying the cozy Uptown branch! Ages 0-2.

Saturday, January 20
10:30 AM
Uptown Library

BABY'S FIRST PLAYDOUGH

Squish, squeeze, and yes, even taste! Work on those early fine motor skills with our taste-safe version of playdough made with babies in mind. Ages 0-18 months.

Saturday, February 3
10:30 AM
Southwest Library

SURF'S UP AT UPTOWN

Winter blues got you feeling down? Catch a wave to the Uptown Library for a morning full of activities. Build a sand castle with kinetic sand, play with an ocean-themed sensory bin, and make sea creature crafts! Ages 3-5.

Saturday, February 17
10:30 AM
Uptown Library

ALIEN ART

Make your own out-of-this-world critter to take home! Ages 3-5.

Saturday, March 16
10:30 AM
Southwest Library

KIDDIE KITCHEN: BANANA BOATS

Help your young chef develop their culinary skills with this banana-riffic cooking class! Practice kitchen safety while building a delicious banana boat, complete with a choose-your-own topping buffet! Allergens: Soy, cocoa. **Registration and signed waiver required.**

Saturday, April 13
12:30 PM
Southwest Library

BABY OLYMPICS

Enter your baby into the Baby Olympics! Compete in the Smile Trials, Crawl Derby, High Jump, Plush Put, Reach Rally, and more. All contestants earn a prize. Ages 0-18 months.

Saturday, April 27
10:30 AM
Southwest Library

PRESCHOOL YOGA @ PRINGLE

Inhale the fresh air and feel the grass between your toes, yogis! Stretch, shake, and be silly in this active outdoor yoga class for ages 3-5 with a participating caregiver. In case of inclement weather, this class will be held inside of the Pringle Nature Center.

Registration and signed waiver required before class begins. Registration opens on Saturday, May 11 at 9:00am.

Saturday, May 25
10:00 - 10:45 AM
Pringle Nature Center
9800 County Hwy MB, Bristol

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-9 (ADULT ATTENDANCE OPTIONAL)

WHEN REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, CALL YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES AT (262) 564-6150.

FROM SHEEP TO SWEATER



Explore all the steps that a sheep's wool takes on its way to becoming a sweater! Comb some wool fresh from the sheep and try your hand at spinning. Explore wet felting techniques to make beads or bracelets, and weave a design for a sweater craft.

Tuesday, January 9
4:30 PM
Northside Library

Wednesday, April 17
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

FROZEN SCIENCE

Have you ever made a frozen bubble? Melt snowy castles fit for the queen of Arendelle, and make a crystal snowflake to take home.

Wednesday, January 10
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

HEARTS & CRAFTS

Do you want to make a heart-istic craft for Valentine's Day? Create a unique heart-shaped collage inspired by all the things you love!

Wednesday, February 14
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

DINOSAUR OBSTACLE COURSE

Make a dinosaur headband, complete dinosaur basic training, and take on the dinosaur obstacle course!

Tuesday, March 5
4:30 PM
Northside Library

DIY NIGHT LIGHTS

Create a unique night light using a ping pong ball, a tea light, and some paint! Dream up a design and go home with a cozy night light.

Wednesday, March 20
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

FANTASY LAND

Fairy garden? Gnome home? Dragon castle? Use items from nature, recyclables, and craft supplies to create a fantastical land straight from your imagination.

Tuesday, April 9
4:30 PM
Northside Library

PAINT WITH YOUR FOOD

How can you paint without a paintbrush? With celery? Potatoes? Join us to find out!

Wednesday, April 10
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

3D PAPER CITIES

Design your own 3D city using cereal boxes and paper buildings.

Wednesday, May 8
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-12 (ADULT ATTENDANCE OPTIONAL)

WHEN REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, CALL YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES AT (262) 564-6150.

KIDS CHESS CLUB

Curious about chess? Come to this informal and fun chess club! We will play games to strengthen your knowledge of the basics, and encourage each player at their own level, whether you know how to capture *en passant* or you only know knights as the "horsie"!

Wednesdays: January 17, February 28, March 20, April 24, May 22
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

MINECRAFT MAKERS

Zombies and Creepers and Pigs! Oh my! Hop into the KPL Minecraft Server and let's go exploring! Every month we will meet for a different Minecraft adventure and explore a new map or spend time doing a building challenge. You must have a Minecraft account and play on Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, Android Phone, iPhone, iPad, Windows 10, Windows Phone, Amazon Fire tablets, or Gear VR. You cannot be playing on the Java version. You will be emailed how to access the server the day before the program.

Registration required.

Thursdays: January 25, February 22, April 25, May 23
4:30 PM
Zoom

SEW IT!

Ready to learn how to sew by hand? Design and make an envelope bag. We will learn how to sew the back stitch, create a button hole, and add a cute button!

Thursday, February 1
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

WOODWORKING: WOODEN BIRD FEEDER

Celebrate National Bird Feeding month! Build and paint a bird feeder for your fine feathered friends. **Registration and signed waiver required. Parent or guardian supervision required for the duration of the class.**

Monday, February 12
4:30 PM
Northside Library

MAGYVER CHALLENGE



You're on your way to visit Disney World when...oh no! You dropped your plane ticket down a storm drain! Use found materials to design a custom rescue tool in order to make it to the Happiest Place on Earth. (Disney World trip not included.)

Thursday, February 29
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

BUILD LIKE ARCHITECT ZAHA HADID: "QUEEN OF THE CURVE"

Using clay and other materials, create a curved building that goes beyond the confines of rectangles and straight lines. Celebrate Women's History Month and get inspired by architect Zaha Hadid, a true pioneer in the field of architecture.

Monday, March 11
4:30 PM
Northside Library

WOODWORKING: WOODEN TOY ROBOTS



Using scrap wood, create a wooden robot with moveable parts. **Registration and signed waiver required. Parent or guardian supervision required for the duration of the class.**

Monday, April 22
4:30 PM
Northside Library

EGGS AWAY!

It's so egg-citing! Plan and build a contraption to protect your egg from a fall. Will your egg survive or will it crack under the pressure?

Thursday, May 2
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

MAKEY MAKEY INVENTIONS

Did you know that you can turn bananas into a keyboard and playdough into a drum set? Build and interact with the physical *and* digital world by using Makey Makeys.

Monday, May 13
4:30 PM
Northside Library

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-12 (ADULT ATTENDANCE ENCOURAGED)

WHEN REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, CALL YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES AT (262) 564-6150.

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

Have you ever wondered how optical illusions work? Learn about optical illusions and create some of your own.

Monday, January 8
5:00 PM
Northside Library

KPL KIDS YOGA

Shake, sing, and be silly while learning basic yoga poses, mindfulness, and meditation! Join us for a fun and engaging practice for young yogis, led by a KPL staff member who is a certified children's yoga teacher. **Registration and signed waiver required before class begins.**

Wednesdays: January 24th, April 24th
5:30 - 6:15 PM
Southwest Library

PACKING PEANUT PICASSOS

Combine water and biodegradable packing peanuts for a one-of-a-kind crafting experience.

Saturday, January 27
12:30 PM
Southwest Library

KID KITCHEN: POLAR BEAR MARSHMALLOWS



Step up your hot cocoa game with giant polar bear marshmallows! Sculpt polar bear heads with different sizes of marshmallows and candy. Package up your creations for cocoa at home. Allergens: Milk
Registration and signed waiver required.

Tuesday, February 6
4:30 PM
Northside Library

TAILS 'N TALES: READ TO A DOG!

Sign up for a 15-minute reading session with one of the certified reading education assistance dogs from Kenosha's Dogs of Endearment. **Registration required. Call Youth and Family Services at 262-564-6150 to register, or visit the children's desk at one of our branches.**

Saturdays: February 10, April 6
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Northside Library

Saturdays: March 9, May 4
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Southwest Library

POP-TART PILLOWS

Make your very own Pop-Tart pillow with felt and fabric glue. No toaster required!

Tuesday, February 13
6:00 PM
Simmons Library

Friday, February 16
4:30 PM
Uptown Library

SURVIVAL SCHOOL

Brave the great indoors and learn basic survival skills in the bibliophile's wilderness (aka the library). Young outdoor enthusiasts will learn to use a compass, build a tarp tent, weave a paracord bracelet, tie knots, and purify water.

Saturday, February 24
12:30 PM
Southwest Library

WONDERS OF WATER

Learn about water conservation through an interactive watershed and wastewater collection model with staff from Gateway's Center for Sustainable Living. See how water can be conserved at home and decorate reusable water bottles of your very own!

Monday, February 26
5:00 PM
Northside Library

NO SEW STUFFIE

Get ready for spring! Turn a sock into an adorable sock bunny or cute sock chickie. No sewing needed!
Registration required.

Monday, March 4
5:00 PM
Northside Library

BARBIE CELEBRATION

Celebrate the original Barbie movies with fun crafts and activities. Join us for a short story all about Barbie and learn a ballet dance like *Barbie in the Pink Shoes*. Color wings for Barbie as Elina in *Fairytopia*, and design clothes like Erika from *Princess and the Pauper*.

Thursday, March 7
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

MARIE CURIE GLOW UP

Celebrate Women's History Month by exploring the life and work of Marie Curie. We'll read a short picture book biography of Dr. Curie before our young scientists enjoy an afternoon of glowing crafts and activities.

Wednesday, March 13
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

PEEPS LAB

Join in the fun as we try to fly, sink, and explode marshmallow Peeps! **Registration required.**

Monday, March 18
5:00 PM
Northside Library

PLANT IN A BOTTLE



Make your own mini terrarium necklace and learn how it keeps the plant alive in its own biome.

Tuesday, March 26
6:00 PM
Simmons Library

Friday, March 29
4:30 PM
Uptown Library

SENSATIONAL SPA DAY

Time to relax and pamper yourself. Build your own bath bombs, mix up a custom lip gloss, and create scented bath salts. **Registration required.**

Wednesday, March 27
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

KID KITCHEN: SNOW WHITE'S CHOCOLATE APPLES

Celebrate the new Snow White movie with an apple treat that has a sweet, chocolatey twist. We promise that these apples haven't been poisoned! Allergens: Milk. **Registration and signed waiver required.**

Thursday, April 4
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

KID KITCHEN: CHICKPEA NUGGETS VS FALAFEL

When it comes to Middle Eastern cuisine, chickpeas are quintessential. We will make chickpea nuggets and explore the differences and similarities between them and falafel. Allergens: None. **Registration and signed waiver required.**

Monday, April 15
5:00 PM
Northside Library

EARTH SCIENCE EXPLORERS

What's inside of a geode? How do rocks form? Smash, create, and play your way toward being a scientific Rock Star.

Tuesday, April 23
5:00 PM
Northside Library

KID KITCHEN: THAI-INSPIRED PINEAPPLE FRIED RICE

Make a vegetarian fried rice filled with tons of vegetables and tangy pineapple. Sweet, savory, spicy, and so easy to make. Allergens: None. **Registration and signed waiver required.**

Monday, May 6
5:00 PM
Northside Library

LEGO ROBOTICS

LEGOs and robots? Name a more iconic duo! Participants will work together to build and program a LEGO robot that actually moves.

Saturday, May 11
12:30 PM
Southwest Library

BEE BARN BONANZA

Join KPL at Gateway's Center for Sustainable Living to create a bee-autiful bee bath in the Bee Barn. Learn all about the importance of bees in our world and taste some sweet local honey!

Tuesday, May 21
4:30 PM
Gateway Center for Sustainable Living
3520 30th Ave, Kenosha

KID YOGA @ PRINGLE

Inhale the fresh air and feel the grass between your toes, yogis! Stretch, shake, and be silly in this active outdoor yoga class for ages 6-10. Caregivers must stay in the park during the program. In case of inclement weather, this class will be held inside of the Pringle Nature Center. **Registration and signed waiver required before class begins. Registration opens on Saturday, May 11 at 9:00am.**

Saturday, May 25
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Pringle Nature Center
9800 County Hwy MB, Bristol

SPY SCHOOL

Do you like secrets? Are you good at keeping them? Learn the basics of becoming a stellar spy and complete spy basic training!

Wednesday, May 29
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

EVENTS FOR FAMILIES

WHEN REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, CALL YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES AT (262) 564-6150.

HOMESCHOOL CLUB

Gather and socialize with other local homeschooling families while trying different STEAM activities for homeschoolers of all ages.

Tuesdays: January 9, February 6, March 5, May 7
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Southwest Library

TIME CAPSULE CREATION

Capture your memories of 2023 in these custom-made time capsules!

Tuesday, January 16
6:00 PM
Simmons Library

Friday, January 19
4:30 PM
Uptown Library

BROWN BAG MOVIES

Bring your lunch or some movie snacks to eat while you watch a fun family film on the big screen.

Fridays: January 19, March 1
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Northside Library

Fridays: February 16, March 29, April 5
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Southwest Library

FAMILY READING CLUB

Read a book together as a family, then discuss it with others at the library! The first 6 families to register for each event will receive their own copy of the book to keep. Books will be made available 1 month in advance of each program date. Check the events calendar at mykpl.info for book titles. **Registration required.**

Sundays: January 21, February 18, March 17, April 14, May 19
2:00 PM
Southwest Library

CARDBOARD CHALLENGE: BUILD AN ARCTIC FORT

Use cardboard boxes to build an arctic fort that will keep the warmth in and the snow out.

Monday, January 22
4:30 PM
Northside Library

ICY PAINTING

Painting on foil is fun! The foil is shiny, slippery, and has a reflective surface just like the winter ice. We will be making wintery patterns and designs with various painting tools.

Tuesday, January 23
5:00 PM
Northside Library

DE-STRESS TMNT STYLE

Make a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles stress ball, trading card, or mask and participate in a round of ninja bowling!

Friday, January 26
4:30 PM
Uptown Library

POKÉMON CLUB

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Join us each month for a different Pokémon themed activity! Participants are welcome to bring cards to trade.

Mondays: January 29, March 25
4:30 PM
Uptown Library

Tuesdays: February 27, April 30
5:30 PM
Southwest Library

Monday, May 20
5:30 PM
Southwest Library

INCREDIBLE IGLOOS

Do you like to build and create? Try making a sweet igloo out of sugar cubes!

Wednesday, January 31
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

BALLOON DOGS

Create a brightly colored paper "balloon dog" inspired by the contemporary pop artist Jeff Koons. This project is a blast!

Wednesday, February 7
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

FUN FAMILY FITNESS

Pool noodles, cardboard, and balls—that's all you need to create activities that kids and adults can both enjoy. Learn games that you can recreate at home to strengthen family connections, build healthy habits, and aid in emotional regulation.

Tuesday, February 13
5:00 PM
Northside Library

MURAL MAKERS

Work with others to create a mural. These collaborative art projects will be displayed in the Children's Room at the Southwest Library. You can also make your own art to take home!

Saturdays: February 17, March 30, May 11
10:30 AM
Southwest Library

CELEBRATION OF COLOR

If you are creative and appreciate both science and art, this program is for you! We will create something beautiful with the colors of the rainbow.

Tuesday, March 12
6:00 PM
Simmons Library

Friday, March 15
4:30 PM
Uptown Library

KUNG FU PANDA FUN

Celebrate the release of the fourth Kung Fu Panda movie with crafts and games.

Wednesday, March 13
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

HEDGEHOG PARTY

It's Northside Nadia's birthday! Let's celebrate our adorable mascot with hedgehog games, experiments, crafts, and activities.

Friday, March 15
1:00 - 2:30 PM
Northside Library

PAN FLUTES

Build a pan flute out of straws and write an original song!

Friday, March 22
4:30 PM
Uptown Library

IMPRESSIONIST PRINTS

Making a floating chalk print is an amazing process that results in a colorful speckled print that looks like an impressionist painting. Come create your own masterpiece!

Tuesday, May 7
4:30 PM
Northside Library

FAIRY WALK AT HAWTHORN HOLLOW



Calling all friends of the fairies! Join us in the Hawthorn Hollow Amphitheater for a Fairy storytime, and then make a magical fairy wand. Later, take your new wand on a nature walk with a Hawthorn Hollow naturalist and search for fairies. The rain date is Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30pm. **Registration required. Call Youth and Family Services at 262-564-6150 to register, or visit the children's desk at one of our branches.**

Wednesday, May 15
6:30 PM
Hawthorn Hollow
880 Green Bay Rd, Kenosha

Teen Programs

EVENTS FOR TEENS (AGES 12-19)

WHEN REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, CALL YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES AT (262) 564-6150.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS ONE SHOT

Calling all dungeon crawlers! Join us for a series of short, one shot adventures. Bring a level 5 character you've been itching to try out, or hop right in with a premade adventurer! All skill levels welcome.

**Tuesdays: January 9, February 6,
March 12, May 14**
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

DIY SOAP AND LIP BALM

Soothe your dry skin this winter with some DIY soap and lip balm!

Thursday, January 11
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

TEEN KITCHEN: GOURMET GRILLED CHEESE



Get ready for adulting by learning some basic cooking skills. We will taste a variety of cheeses and find the key to making the perfect grilled sandwich. Power up your recipe with an assortment of add-ins. Gluten-free and dairy-free options will be available. **Registration and signed waiver required.**

Thursday, January 25
5:30 PM
Northside Library

BINGO!



Beat the winter blahs with an afternoon of BINGO (and prizes) with your friends!

Friday, February 2
4:30 PM
Uptown Library

TEEN KNIT NIGHT

Brrr! Winter calls for cozy handknits! Join us for an introductory knitting class and learn the basic stitches so you can make your own warm accessories this winter. Needles and practice yarn provided. This class is perfect for teens who have never knit before or those who need a refresher. **Registration required.**

Thursday, February 8
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

PONY BEAD POKÉMON KEYCHAINS

Gotta bead 'em all! Join us to make a keychain of your favorite Pokémon using pony beads.

Tuesday, February 20
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

MAGIC: THE GATHERING CLUB

Whether you are a well-traveled Planeswalker or a MTG newbie, you won't want to miss our monthly club! This tabletop game is perfect for fans of Pokémon or Dungeons & Dragons who are looking to branch out into a new game. For ages 10 and up.

**Thursdays: February 29,
April 25, May 30**
4:30 PM
Northside Library

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN... TEENS?

Mirror, mirror on the wall.... Are you the fairest of them all? Celebrate the upcoming release of the live action Snow White movie with an afternoon of enchanting crafts.

Wednesday, March 6
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

ALPACA BEADS



Who knew that you could make beads from scraps of fleece from alpacas and sheep? We will use these beads to make cute necklaces and bracelets that go with everything.

Thursday, March 14
4:30 PM
Northside Library

DIY BABYSITTING TOOL KIT

Become the busiest babysitter on the block with your own babysitting tool kit full of fun, kid-friendly activities!

Tuesday, March 19
4:30 PM
Northside Library

GILDED TAXIDERMY



Ring in spring with your very own taxidermy wall art! (Note: We will not be using real animals).

Friday, April 5
4:30 PM
Uptown Library

ROCKSTAR RESUMES!

Looking for a summer job? We can help! Whether you are starting from scratch or have a resume you need to polish—we've got you covered!

Thursday, April 11
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

TRANSLUCENT WINGS



Celebrate Earth Day by recycling plastic bottles into gorgeous butterflies or dragonflies. Bring your own clear 2 liter soda bottle (or we will provide one) to create these unique insects.

Thursday, April 18
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

EARTH DAY FAIRY GARDENS

Happy Earth Day! Join us to celebrate our favorite planet by creating whimsical fairy gardens.

Monday, April 22
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

EYEBALL NIGHT LIGHTS

These glowing orbs might leave you sleeping with one eye open!

Friday, May 3
4:30 PM
Uptown Library

REVENGE OF THE SIX(X)TH

(Imperial) March your way into the library for an afternoon of galaxy-themed fun. Watch a Star Wars movie, make out-of-this-world crafts, and play games featuring our favorite intergalactic heroes!

Monday, May 6
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

GENERATIONAL GAME NIGHT



Teens and their grown-ups are invited to the library for some quality time together! We will have classic games, some new ones to try, and even family trivia. This event is exclusively for teens and their adults - please, no younger siblings.

Thursday, May 9
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

Adult Programs



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Kenosha has always been a city of many stories. These programs look deeper at the diverse cultures, traditions, history, experiences, and celebrations that make our neighborhoods vibrant.

KINDNESS: THE RIPPLE EFFECT - COMMUNITY UNITY BREAKFAST

KINDNESS WEEK

Join the Kenosha community as we celebrate Kindness throughout the county. Breakfast will be served and youth Kindness awards will be presented by the Kenosha Kindness Committee.

Saturday, January 13
8:30 - 10:30 AM
Mahone Middle School
6900 60th St, Kenosha

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Enjoy short readings authored by African Americans and read by youth, adults and local community leaders. Selections may include poetry, short stories, plays, or other literary works. This year, join us in celebrating the legacy of singer, actor, and civil rights activist Harry Belafonte.

Saturday, February 3
1:00-3:00 PM
Kenosha Public Museum
5500 1st Ave, Kenosha

YOUNG. BLACK. LOUD.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

You can help build a brighter future, but do you know where to start? Our communities are strongest when all voices are represented - so how can you get started? Join us for an evening with Mandela Barnes, Wisconsin's first black Lt. Governor, to learn more about the power and importance of diverse representation in all areas of government. Learn more about how your involvement in local, statewide, and national government impacts the future of your community.

Thursday, February 22
6:00-7:00 PM
Southwest Library

PRE-CIVIL WAR QUILTS: SECRET CODES TO FREEDOM



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Join Connie Martin as she tells the stories passed down to her Great Grandmother Lizzie of how her family survived the antebellum period through trials and tribulations, and how they used quilts that contained hidden codes and secret messages to assist abolitionists—white and black—to guide enslaved people to freedom through the Underground Railroad to Canada.

Friday, February 2
4:00-5:00 PM
Southwest Library

BASS REFLECTIONS: HIP HOP AND THE INTIMACY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In Bass Reflections: Hip Hop and the Intimacy of African American Life, Langston Collin Wilkins explores what hip hop music can reveal about the intimacies of African American life in America. Hip Hop is known for its booming sounds, dynamic lyrics, and aggressive vocal performances. However, many often miss how hip hop captures and expresses fears, relationships, vulnerabilities, memories, and aspirations on individual and communal levels. Reflecting on his fieldwork within Houston, Texas' hip hop scene, Dr. Wilkins explores the intimate meanings and experiences that inform the music.

Friday, February 23
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Southwest Library
Teens 12-19, Adults

THE LADY LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER: THE LIFE OF GEORGIA STEBBINS



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Join Barb and Ken Wardius as they explore the fascinating story of Georgia Green Stebbins. From humble beginnings in New York City to the longest-tenured lighthouse keeper at North Point Lighthouse in Milwaukee. **Registration required.**

Monday, March 18
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Southwest Library

A CONVERSATION WITH COUNTY EXECUTIVE SAMANTHA KERKMAN

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

In 2022, Samantha Kerkman, was the first woman elected to lead Kenosha County government as County Executive. Come listen to more about her multiple decades working in government, who inspired her to live a life of service and leadership, and more about what motivates her to be engaged in driving positive change throughout Kenosha County.

Wednesday, March 20
5:30 - 6:30 PM
Northside Library

HOW'D THAT GET THERE?



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Librarians have many jobs, though perhaps none quite as paramount as selecting items for their collections. Join us as we hear from the KPL Librarians that select your favorite reads, movies, and special items and learn a bit about that process, what makes the cut, and how they determine what should make it to our shelves.

Wednesday, April 10
6:30-7:30 PM
Northside Library

THE RIGHT TO READ FILM SCREENING

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Join us in the culmination of Library Week with a special screening of "The Right to Read". A short discussion will follow the viewing.

Saturday, April 13
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Southwest Library

WHAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT THEIR ARAB AMERICAN NEIGHBORS



ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Syrian American David Najib Kasir is a Milwaukee artist/painter/muralist/curator whose work portrays personal narratives of life and cultural history. Kasir reveals his cultural identity in paint and designs so viewers can grow an understanding of the millions of voiceless Arabs living in chaos and disarray. By using beautiful traditional Arab designs called Zellige to dress the figures in his work, Kasir shows the beauty of a culture and the tragedy of its families as they try to hold on to it and to each other. He has a BFA in painting from Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design.

Friday, April 12
4:00 - 5:00 PM
Southwest Library

CELEBRATE HAWAII

NATIONAL ASIAN AMERICAN NATIVE HAWAIIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Malia Chow hosts this interactive program with authentic cultural artifacts such as lava rocks, sea turtle shells, and traditional Hawaiian dance implements as a hands on catalyst for education, fun, and culture. May 1 is Lei Day, a celebration of the Aloha spirit and the beautiful tradition of the Hawaiian people. Participants will observe ancient, traditional, and contemporary Hawaiian dance, and be given a dance lesson too! You'll hear the blowing of the conch, the sounds of ancient drums, and the strumming of the ukulele. Environmental awareness is interwoven throughout this interactive and engaging program. The opportunity to take picture will be available at the end of the program.

Wednesday, May 1
5:30-7:00 PM
Northside Library
For Everyone

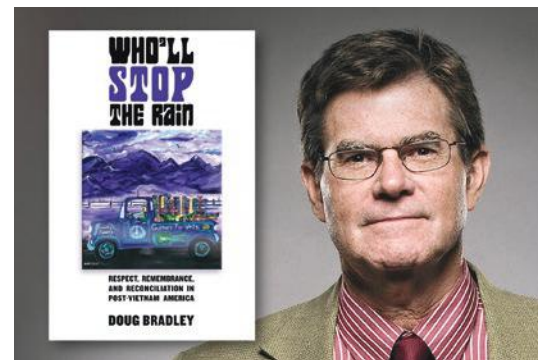
THE SAP SAP STORY

NATIONAL ASIAN AMERICAN NATIVE HAWAIIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Success isn't something that is rewarded, it is hard earned. Join us for a discussion with Alex Haneskada, owner of Sap Sap, to learn more about his journey in bringing Laotian food, culture, and artistry to the Kenosha area.

Thursday, May 9
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Southwest Library

WHO'LL STOP THE RAIN: RESPECT, REMEMBRANCE, AND RECONCILIATION



IN POST-VIETNAM AMERICA

Doug Bradley has worked for the UW for three decades, is a veteran of the Vietnam war and has written three books, DEROS Vietnam: Dispatches from the Air-Conditioned Jungle and co-authored, with Professor Craig Werner, We Gotta Get Out of This Place: The Soundtrack of the Vietnam War which was named "Best Music Book of 2015" by Rolling Stone magazine. He and Dr. Werner co-taught a very popular class at UW-Madison on the music of the Vietnam War. His new book, Who'll Stop the Rain: Respect, Remembrance, and Reconciliation in Post-Vietnam America was released in December 2019.

Tuesday, May 21
4:00 - 5:00 PM
Southwest Library

CONNECTING YOU

MORE THAN MONEY

LIFTING AND ENRICHING KENOSHANS THROUGH FINANCIAL LITERACY

Looking to expand your portfolio, understand budgeting basics, or work to start your own business? Join us as we connect you to all the resources you need to understand, build, and create financial security and wealth. Visit www.mykpl.info/morethanmoney for a full lineup of events.

FINANCIAL LITERACY: THE 101 SERIES



Join us once a month for an intimate, basic financial literacy class from our partners at Educators Credit Union. For each class, a meal will be provided for each registered person, free of charge. **Registration is limited and required.**

Social Security 101

Learn how Social Security works, understand the latest updates, discover benefit strategies and more!

Thursday, January 11

11:30 - 12:30 PM

Northside Library

It's All About Credit 101

Learn about the benefits of credit, what to consider before applying for credit, methods to establish and re-establish credit, and the real cost of different types of loans!

Thursday, February 15

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Southwest Library

Estate Planning 101

Preparing for the worst-case scenario is difficult. This session covers what goes into estate planning and how you can protect your family and guarantee assets are shared as desired in case of death.

Thursday, March 14

11:30 - 12:30 PM

Northside Library

Home Buying 101

Ready to purchase a home? We'll review the best practices for buying a home, including what to do before you shop, planning for a down payment and understanding debt-to-income requirements.

Thursday, April 18

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Southwest Library

Identity Protection 101

Get the knowledge needed to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft and what to do if it happens to you.

Thursday, May 9

11:30 - 12:30 PM

Northside Library

THE GET STARTED WORKSHOP

Getting started is the most critical and often challenging step for entrepreneurs. Join Sharmain Harris, local entrepreneur and guest lecturer, for a hands-on practical workshop that will provide you with resources, connections, and guidance for your small business journey. This workshop will lead new entrepreneurs, or those considering that first big step, through the Co. Starter Methodology. A meal will be provided during the workshop. Registration is required, please register for only one session.

Wednesday, January 24

Session 1: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Session 2: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Southwest Library

Tuesday, March 19

Session 1: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Session 2: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Southwest Library

Tuesday, May 28

Session 1: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Session 2: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Southwest Library

LEGAL ADVICE

Free legal advice appointments are geared towards individuals looking to navigate the civil court system pro se. Participants will have an opportunity to meet online for 30 minutes with a local attorney who can review completed Wisconsin forms before they are submitted to the courts. Participants will also be guided on correct forms needed to be completed and submitted to the courts to accomplish their legal goals. **To request a virtual appointment, fill out a legal advice intake form. You will be contacted soon after to set a date and time.**

Wednesdays: Family Matters

10:30 - 12:00 PM

Virtual

Thursdays: Small claims, Renter's rights and Debt issues

12:00 - 1:30 PM

Virtual

MEMORY CAFÉ

For persons living with Mild Cognitive Impairment, early-stage Alzheimer's, or a related dementia and their care partners to socialize and have fun. Join the Kenosha County ADRC's Dementia Care Specialist for a Memory Café on the second Tuesday of every month. **For questions and to register, call the ADRC at 262-605-6646. Registration and initial screening process is only required for first time attendees.**

2nd Tuesday of Each Month

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Southwest Library

BE YOUR OWN FIREWALL

The best defense against cybersecurity threats is you! Learn simple tricks to help prevent malicious attacks on your devices and key things to look out for while using online services to help keep your information safe.

Friday, February 23

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Uptown Library

NEW SKILL, NEW YOU

Learn a new skill for the new year. Start your learning at the library and take it beyond.

Intro to Web Design & Development

Thursday, January 11

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Southwest Library

Graphic Design Concepts

Thursday, January 25

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Southwest Library

Essential Lessons for First Time Managers

Monday, April 8

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Northside Library

SOURCES CITED: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE FAKE NEWS

The 24 hour news cycle has us in a bind. Is it good news? Is it bad news or reporting? Is what I read online fake? Learn the ins and outs of pushing past the boundary and what makes good info.

Thursday, April 25

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Southwest Library

RESEARCH TO SUCCESS: LOCAL DATA FOR YOUR BUSINESS PLAN

Add the extra kick of data to your business plan. Learn how to find public and library information to help give credibility and thought to your business ideas.

Monday, March 25

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Northside Library

HOME BUDGET MANAGEMENT WITH GOOGLE SHEETS

Find out how to start using Google Sheets to keep track of your finances. **A google account/Gmail is required to use Google Sheets.**

Monday, May 6

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Uptown Library

LIFE & LEGACY SERIES

Life & Legacy Fest

Saturday, February 24

9:00 - 1:00 PM

Southwest Library

Grief Journaling

Wednesday, March 20

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Stories of a Lifetime

6040 39th Ave #5, Kenosha

Obituary Writing

Wednesday, April 24

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Stories of a Lifetime

6040 39th Ave #5, Kenosha

From Memories to Memoirs:

How to Begin Writing Your Story

Wednesday, May 15 & 22

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Stories of a Lifetime

6040 39th Ave #5, Kenosha

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

STUDYING WISCONSIN: THE LIFE OF INCREASE LAPHAM

Discover the remarkable life and achievements of Increase Lapham, Wisconsin's first scientist! Join authors of *Studying Wisconsin*, Martha Bergland and Paul G. Hayes as they take a deep dive into the extraordinary life of Increase Lapham, a master of numerous fields including botany, geology, archaeology, limnology, mineralogy, engineering, meteorology, and cartography. Copies of *Studying Wisconsin: The Life of Increase Lapham, Early Chronicler of Plants, Rocks, Rivers, Mounds and All Things Wisconsin* will be available to purchase after the event.

Friday, January 12
1:00 - 2:00 PM
Southwest Library

THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRDWATCH



This short video program will introduce you to the importance of The Great Backyard Bird Watch program and show you how to participate February 16-19 2024. It's easy! Spend time in your favorite places watching birds—then report back in as little as 15 minutes! Register online for a return email with a virtual program link.

Registration open Saturday, January 20
Virtual program on-demand through February 19

BACKYARD BIRD WATCHING WITH RICK FARE

Learn about the various types of birds that visit your backyard along with different tips and tricks to keep them coming back just in time to participate in The Great Backyard Birdwatch. This event features Rick Fare from Hoy Audubon Society with time for Q & A after the event.

Thursday, February 8
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Southwest Library

AN INTRODUCTION TO BUMBLE BEE BRIGADE

Terrestrial Insect Ecologist, Elizabeth Braatz of the WI Department of Natural Resources will present an introductory session about the WI Bumble Bee Brigade and how regular citizens can be a part of the interesting work being done to conserve native bumble bees.

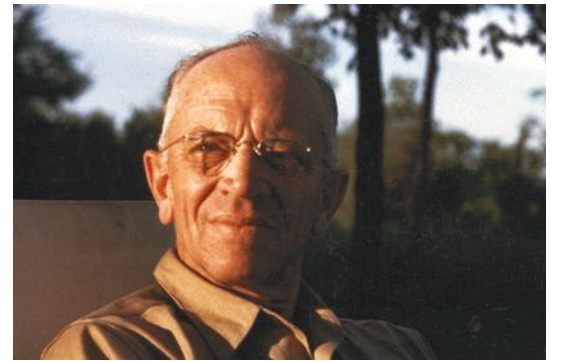
Friday, April 5
2:00 - 3:00 PM
Northside Library

SPRING ORIGAMI

Create a garden themed origami project with the staff from Outreach Services. All materials will be provided. Registration not required, but please be on time because program instruction will begin promptly at 5:30 PM.

Tuesday, April 30
5:30-6:30 PM
Northside Library

CELEBRATING ALDO LEOPOLD WEEK



Kenosha Reads Leopold
Check our calendar for list of locations!

March 3-9

Behind the Essays of Aldo Leopold's
A Sand County Almanac

UW-Madison Professor, Stan Temple, reveals dozens of engaging stories behind Leopold's essays and explains why the book's timeless, yet timely message still resonates 75 years after it was first published.

Monday, March 4
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Southwest Library

KPL WALKING CLUB

Let's get moving Kenosha! Join us as we explore one of Kenosha's many beautiful parks! Each month we will meet at a designated location and follow a predetermined route. Maps and route information can be found on www.mykpl.us/walkingclub. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes, we will leave promptly at 8:35 AM from each meeting location. **Registration is required for each walk.**

4th Tuesday of Each Month:
May 28: Library Park
8:30-9:00 AM

KPL CLASSICS

CHESS NIGHT

Play chess in the company of fellow enthusiasts and the Kenosha Chess Association! Everyone is welcome: beginners to experts of all ages (kids under 9 must be accompanied by an adult). Bring your own chess set or use one of ours. **Visit the KCA at www.kenosha-chess.org**

Wednesdays: January 3, January 17,
February 7, February 21, March 6, March 20,
April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Southwest Library

WINTER CHESS TOURNAMENT

Join us for an all-day chess fun fest for all ages! Play chess along with fellow players and the Kenosha Chess Association to win big! (children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult).

Saturday, January 20
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Southwest Library

COZY PUZZLE COMPETITION

Join us to celebrate National Puzzle Day (a day early) with a cozy competition! Test your puzzle skills solo or form a team, fill out the short form below, and join us on Sunday, January 28 at 12:00 PM at our Uptown Branch to see how quickly you can complete a 500, or 1,000-piece puzzle. All ages are welcome, the fastest time for each puzzle level wins a prize! Cozy attire is encouraged! **This is an after hours event, only those who register and will be participating in the competition will be permitted into the building.**

Sunday, January 28
12:00 - 4:00 PM
Uptown Library

CRIBBAGE CLUB



Players of all skill levels are welcome to join a fun new club at your local library. We'll supply the boards, pegs, and cards - you bring the game-winning strategy!

Thursdays: January 18, February 15,
March 21, April 18, May 16
6:00 - 7:45 PM
Southwest Library

BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR OF THE SIMMONS LIBRARY

Enjoy a peek behind the scenes of our local historic treasure: Simmons Library! Learn about Zalmon Simmons, Daniel H. Burnham, and the history of this beautiful building. This tour involves significant stair climbing. Everyone is welcome! **Due to the historic nature of the Simmons Library, the building is not equipped with a ramp for entrance. This event requires the use of a spiral staircase.**

**Saturdays: January 13, February 10,
March 9, April 13, May 11
2:30-3:30 PM
Simmons Library**

OLD WEIRD AMERICA



Join historian Cathy Polovina as she follows her curiosity and explores "Old Weird America," to look a bit closer at a variety of adventurous, innovative, and unusual characters throughout American history.

Thursdays

February 8: *The "Wonderful World" of Louis Armstrong*

March 14: *Around the World with Nellie Bly*

April 11: *P.T. Barnum, America's Premier Purveyor of Humbug*

May 9: *Mae West and the Invention of Sex*

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Northside Library

NORTHSIDE AFTERNOON MOVIE

Every first and third Thursday afternoon of the month, settle in at your Northside neighborhood branch and take in a movie. We'll provide the popcorn - feel free to bring your own drink and sweet snack! Screenings will range from highly-rated new releases to nostalgic throwback favorites. Doors open at 12:15pm, Movie begins at 12:30pm. Movie selections will be listed at mykpl.info when available.

**Thursdays: January 4, January 18,
February 1, February 15, March 7, March 21,
April 4, April 18, May 2, May 16
12:30 - 3:00 PM
Northside Library**

KPL GARDENING CLUB

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, PLEASE VISIT WWW.MYKPL.US/GARDENING FOR MORE.

SEED SWAP

Looking to add some new varieties to your seed collection? Find new favorites, and save some money in the process? Join us for our first-ever community seed swap as part of our new KPL Gardening Club series! We will also have some of our gardening club partners present to tell all about their plans for the year.

**Saturday, January 27
10:00 - 2:00 PM
Southwest Library**

GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS!

We're partnering up with UW Extension Educator, Vijai Pandian, to provide this free series! This series is part of our new KPL Gardening Club, join us to learn new skills or some refreshers from experts in the field! Registration is recommended, not required.

Seed Starting 101

Growing vegetable crops from seeds is fun and rewarding as you can choose awesome varieties for your garden and can be relatively inexpensive compared to transplants. This session will provide info in choosing the best varieties from seed catalogs, when to plant the seeds and what it requires to grow the seeds successfully inside your home.

**Saturday, March 9
11:00 - 12:00 PM
Southwest Library**

Building Healthy Soil

Healthy soil is the key for successful vegetable gardening. Improving the physical and chemical characteristics of your backyard soil promotes better crop growth and yield. Learn about the basics of garden soil, where to send your garden soil sample for testing, and how to amend your soil based on the soil test report.

**Saturday, April 6
11:00 - 12:00 PM
Northside Library**

GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS!



Pruning Demonstration: Trees, Shrubs & Fruits

Pruning trees and shrubs can be an intimidating task in landscape maintenance. Improper pruning can ruin the health and shape of the plant. This session will teach you on using pruning equipment, timing and will demonstrate proper pruning techniques for apples, young ornamental trees, common shrubs, and evergreens. **Registration is required for this event, please register here: www.mykpl.info/pruning**

**Saturday, April 20
11:00 - 12:30 PM
Kenosha County Center
19600 75th Street, Bristol, WI 53104**

Intro to Vegetable Gardening

Are you new to gardening? Wondering where to start? Join this intro to vegetable gardening that offers tips on site selections, amending soil, building raised beds, when to plant outdoors and post planting care practices.

**Saturday, April 27
11:00 - 12:00 PM
Southwest Library**

Container Gardening

Container gardening is the best option when you don't have backyard space. Though it may sound simple to grow plants in containers, there are plenty of tips and tricks to learn for successful container gardening. Join the Saturday session with Vijai Pandian, to learn more about the basics of container gardening along with methods for growing vegetables and flowering annuals.

**Saturday, May 18
11:00 - 12:00 PM
Northside Library**

GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS!

Chiwaukee History by Dana Garrigan

Chiwaukee prairie is one of the largest intact coastal wetlands in Southeastern Wisconsin, home to an exceptional amount of biodiversity and according to the Wisconsin DNR "there are rare and geographically restricted plants, birds, invertebrates, and mammals that thrive there." Join us in welcoming Dr. Dana Garrigan as he presents a photographic tour of the History of Chiwaukee prairie. **Registration is required, light refreshments will be provided.**

**Tuesday, March 26
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Northside Library**

What Does A Flower Do?

What, why, and how do flowers perform their functions? Join us for this introductory program on native plants, led by naturalist, Kay McClelland, from the Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation. Check this out before the Native Plant Walks begin in May.

**Wednesday, April 24
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Northside Library**

Native Plant Walks

Join us for this new series of walks, led by Naturalist Kay McClelland from the Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation. Learn about the benefits of native plants, how to identify them, and which ones to add in to your home landscape! These walks will take place rain or shine, be sure to bring your hiking boots, bug spray, and sunscreen. **Registration is required for each walk.**

**3rd Wednesday of Each Month:
May 15 - September 18
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Chiwaukee Prairie
Al Kampert Trail, Pleasant Prairie**

NEW YEAR, NEW PROGRAMS

THE BEARS-PACKERS RIVALRY BY JIM RICE



Calling all Packers & Bears fans! Join us in welcoming author and historian Jim Rice as he presents the history of the Packers - Bears rivalry. We'll revisit the big games, the great players, and some of the rivalry antics. Feel free to wear your team apparel! Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, January 4
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Southwest Library

STAYCATION: HAWAII

Join us for a staycation to the Big Island of Hawaii! This travelogue will show you both ancient and modern sites of the Big Island, presented by local Kenoshian, Frederick Butzen.

Wednesday, January 17
5:00 PM - 6:15 PM
Northside Library

BARBIE: THE HISTORY OF AMERICA'S MOST FAVORITE DOLL



No other doll has been played with, analyzed, collected, criticized and loved. In this illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard delves into the history of Barbie and her inventor, the passionately creative and intensely competitive Ruth Handler.

Tuesday, January 30
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Southwest Library

REGENCY ROUND-UP

Join us as we step back to the regency era for an afternoon of delight and intrigue. In this version of *Good Society*, each player will embody a single character from the regency gentry, saying what their character says, doing what they do, and navigating the turbulent waters of romance, wealth, and obligation.

Saturday, February 10
12:00 - 4:00 PM
Southwest Library

BARBIE FILM SCREENING

Hi, Barbie! Wear your best Barbie or Ken-themed outfit and bring a friend for this adults-only film screening of the smash-hit, Barbie. Featuring games, crafts, snacks and a photo opportunity.

Saturday, March 9
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Southwest Library

PEEPS COMPETITION!

Join us for an adult only Peep-O-Rama Competition! We will supply all the peeps, glue, paint and cardboard boxes you'll need, just bring in anything you'll need to make your diorama stand out from the rest! **This is an after hours event, registration is required, only those who register will be permitted into the building.**

Friday, March 15
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Uptown Library

SUSTAINABLE CRAFTING



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Join us for this new series of adult crafting classes at the Center for Sustainable Living. **Registration is required, spots are limited!**

How to Live Sustainably in Cleaning, Cooking and Crafting

Join us for a sustainable living workshop, providing attendees information on such topics as repurposing and recycling common household materials and making healthy and green cleaning alternatives at home.

Monday, February 12
4:00 - 5:30 PM
Gateway Technical College
Center for Sustainable Living
3520 30th Ave, Kenosha, WI 53144

DIY Bat House!

Make your own Bat house in observance of National Bat Appreciation Day! Join us for a "crafty" evening at our Center for Sustainable Living, we will provide the materials and instruction for this sustainable adult only craft!

Wednesday, April 17
4:30 - 5:30 PM
Gateway Technical College
Center for Sustainable Living
3520 30th Ave, Kenosha

SUSTAINABLE CRAFTING



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Fairy & Gnomes Garden Workshop

Looking to spend time and make a keepsake with your little ones? Join us for this special event where kids (5+) and grown-ups alike will work together to make a fairy or gnome garden using recycled materials!

Saturday, May 11
10:00 - 11:30 AM

Gateway Technical College
Center for Sustainable Living
3520 30th Ave, Kenosha

DIY Bee Bath's!

Join us in the Bee Barn at the Center for Sustainability for this adult only, hands-on craft! Participants will be instructed on how to make their very own bee bath in observance of National Bee Day!

Monday, May 20
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Gateway Technical College
Center for Sustainable Living
3520 30th Ave, Kenosha, WI

WGTD Live from Southwest Library: Thurgood Marshall and Earl Warren - A Conversation

May 17 marks the 70th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, arguably the most important U.S. Supreme Court ruling impacting our public schools. Enjoy a live radio theater production of Thurgood Marshall and Earl Warren - A Conversation, performed by our very own BrownUllstrup Performing Artists.

Saturday, May 4
11:15 AM - 12:30 PM
Southwest Library

Night Hikes at Hawthorn Hollow

Come experience the wonders of night in the woods with our Naturalist, Kailyn Palomares. Learn all about the adaptations nocturnal creatures have developed to survive and thrive when the sun goes down, gaze in awe at the night sky, and listen to the songs that fill the woods and fields after dark. Registration is required for this event, you can secure up to four spots during registration.

2nd Wednesday of Each Month:
May 8 - October 9
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Hawthorn Hollow
880 Green Bay Road, Kenosha

SPARK CREATIVITY

IN STITCHES: A SEWING CLUB

Are you looking to brush up on your sewing skills? Have you always wanted to learn to sew, but weren't sure where to start? Let us help you! Join us every month to learn how to sew, work on your latest project, or start a new project in a relaxed environment. We will provide 6 sewing machines for use on a first come, first serve basis. All skill levels welcome!

Tuesdays

January 2: *Hexagon Mini Quilt*

February 6: *Free Sew*

March 5: *Yo-Yo's*

April 2: *No Sewing Club*

May 7: *Mending Session*

6:00-8:00 PM

Southwest Library

LIBRARY DATE NIGHT: COUPLE'S ICE DYE T-SHIRTS



Join us for a chill evening inside and transform a t-shirt using the ice dye method. You must bring in a t-shirt of your choice that is 50% or higher cotton blend for this class, we will provide everything else you'll need to make this simple, cool design! **Registration is required for this event, you can secure up to two spots during registration.**

Friday, January 26

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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LIBRARY DATE NIGHT: COUPLE'S SCRATCH TRAVEL MAP



Join us as we celebrate National Craft Month by making your very own couple's scratch off travel map! Each couple will be guided through the process and will work together to create this keepsake personalized travel map. **Registration is required for this event, you can secure up to two spots during registration.**

Friday, March 22

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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LIBRARY DATE NIGHT: COUPLE'S SCAVENGER HUNT

Join us for this (**adults 21+ only**) after hours event at our Simmons branch as we celebrate National Scavenger Hunt Day! You and your partner will race against the clock to finish the scavenger hunt and win the grand prize, a goody filled gift basket with a boozy surprise! **Registration is required, you can secure up to two spots during registration.**

Friday, May 24

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Simmons Library

ADULTS & CRAFTS

Let's make ALL the things! Come on out to DIY, chat and reap the many benefits of crafting - stress relief, dexterity, and a sense of accomplishment, not to mention having something to take home with you.

Tuesdays

February 13: *No-sew Blankets*

April 16: *Rubber Stamp Linocut Printing*

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Northside Library

Mondays

February 26: *No-sew Blankets*

April 29: *Rubber Stamp Linocut Printing*

6:00 - 7:30 PM

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FIBER ARTS CLUB

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch, embroidery, or other fiber art? Bring your work-in-progress, share some patterns, and enjoy the company of other makers for some friendly chit-chat while you work on your projects.

Mondays: February 19, March 18,

April 15, May 20

6:00 - 7:00 PM

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Wednesdays: January 3, February 7,

March 6, April 3, May 1

5:00 - 6:00 PM

Simmons Library

POKÉMON DAY

Catch 'em all at Northside Library as we celebrate National Pokémon Day with crafts, 3D printing, activities, and more. Don't forget your trading cards, and charge those phones for Pokémon Go! Fans of all ages will love pika-choosing which activities to jump into! Check our website for a detailed list of activities and times. You love to wear it, we love to see it! Costumes and other Pokémon-wear encouraged.

Tuesday, February 27

2:00 - 8:00 PM

Northside Library

For Everyone

BEGINNING WEAVING



Looking for a fun and educational family activity this spring break? Try our weaving sessions to learn the basics of this traditional craft. Our sessions are open to individuals and families with children ages 5 and up, so everyone can participate.

Friday, April 5

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Northside Library

Saturday, April 6

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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WRITING AND LITERATURE

BOOK SWAP: CALLING ALL LIBRARY LOVERS!



For both teens and adults! Love books? Swap out your unwanted books for something new! No registration required for this program, drop in anytime during the hours listed below.

Saturday, February 3
10:00 - 1:00 PM
Uptown Library

Sunday, April 7
12:00 - 3:00 PM
Southwest Library

MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK CLUB

Do you love a good mystery? Join us to discuss what mysteries you've been reading, learn about new authors, or just come listen. No specific books are designated to read.

Mondays: January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13
2:00 - 3:00 PM
Northside Library

CALL-IN BOOK CLUB

If you have a hard time getting out of the house, try this unique book club over the phone. Just call in to hear the whole group! To register and get the call-in phone number, call Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services (KAFASI) at 262-658-3508 (ext. 110 or 118). For more information, contact Emily Kastelic at ekastelic@mykpl.info or call 262-564-6130.

Tuesdays: January 9, February 13, March 12, April 9, May 14
2:00 - 3:00 PM
Call-In Party Line

TOPICS & TALK BOOK CLUB

Would you like to read books with some depth that provide an opportunity to learn? This book club reads titles mostly selected and curated by the National Library of Medicine in a variety of interesting topics, formats and genres. Two books will be offered each month, read either or both! Then come ready to listen, learn and discuss. Studies show that reading improves memory, enhances empathy, and reduces stress.

Thursdays
February 15: *This Heart of Mine* by C. C. Hunter (fiction) or *The Open Heart Club: A story about birth and death and cardiac surgery* by Gabriel Brownstein (non-fiction)
April 18: *Haben Girma* (memoir) or *The Impending Blindness of Billie Scott* (graphic novel)
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Northside Library

FANTASY/SCI-FI BOOK CLUB

Come talk with people who love fantasy and science fiction as much as you do! Tell us what you've been reading and discover other titles and authors. No specific books are designated to read.

Mondays: January 22, February 26, March 25, April 22, May 20
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Southwest Library

CLASSIC NOVELS BOOK CLUB

What defines a classic novel? Is it time, quality, or that indefinable something that makes us want to read a book over and over? Choose something you consider classic for our monthly theme and we'll discuss what makes a book special and which ones to add to our bucket lists.

Wednesdays: January 24, February 28, March 27, April 24, May 22
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Northside Library

NANOWRIMO WRITING WORKSHOPS

Whether you are a seasoned writer or a first-time author this is the workshop for you! Stop by to learn new tips and tricks and have time to write in the presence of other writers.

Sundays: January 14, January 28, February 11, February 25, March 10, March 24, April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19
12:00 - 4:00 PM
Northside Library

GROWING KPL KIDS

EVENTS FOCUSED ON RAISING YOUNG CHILDREN FOR CAREGIVERS AND CHILDREN. HAVE FUN TOGETHER WHILE YOU LEARN FROM LOCAL EARLY EDUCATION EXPERTS.

BORN TO MOVE



Come cure some cabin fever! Let your kids run through our obstacle course over, and over, and over again. Learn about additional activities you can do inside to promote large motor development and emotional regulation. Meet early childhood specialists from KAC Early Intervention and KAC Early Head Start to find out what they do and how they can help your child meet developmental milestones.

Saturday, February 17
9:30 - 11:30 AM
Northside Library
For Families with Children, Ages 0-3

BIG FUN WITH BIG FEELINGS

Hop on under that parachute, freeze dance and more! Join your kids as they engage in fun activities, while secretly learning techniques to help them learn how to better understand and manage their emotions. Early childhood specialists from KAC Early Intervention and KAC Early Head Start will be onsite to offer tips and support.

Saturday, April 27
9:30 - 11:30 AM
Northside Library
For Families with Children, Ages 0-3

BOOKS, BALLS & BLOCKS

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

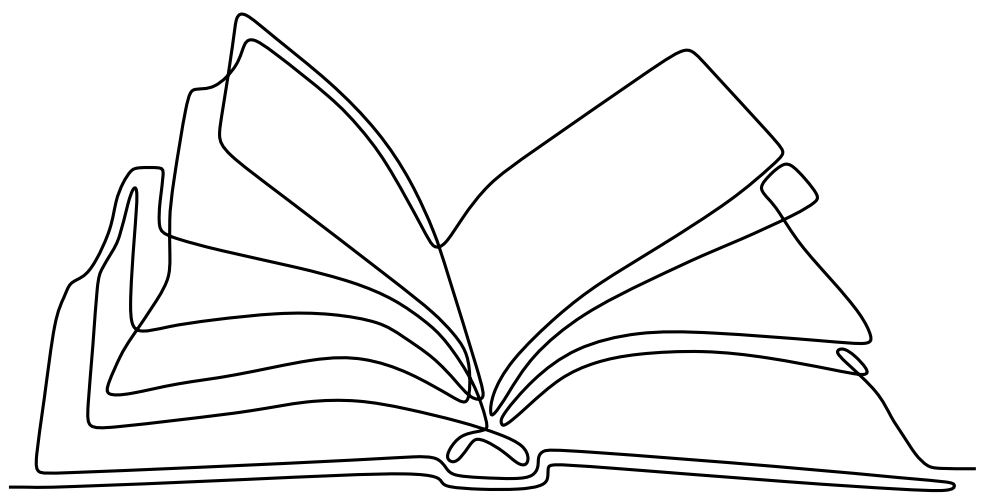
Meet with representatives from Help Me Grow Kenosha for this fun family event where children can get a free early childhood developmental screening and gift bag. Parents and caregivers can come play with their children and learn how games and activities stimulate a child's development. **For families and ages 0-4.**

Monday, February 26
10 AM - 12 PM
Southwest Library

Thursday, February 29
10:30 - 11:30 AM
Northside Library

Tuesday, March 5
10 AM - 12 PM
Northside Library

Friday, March 8
11 AM - 12 PM
Southwest Library



More than Four: ADULT WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Did you know that the average American adult reads about 12 books per year? A Gallup study shows this is the lowest average since 1990. This winter Kenosha Public Library is challenging all the adults in our community to read more than four books between January 1 and March 31 to help you break that reading average and kick-start your reading goal for the year. Participants have the chance to win a Kindle Fire!

**JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31
AT ALL KPL LOCATIONS**



DON'T MISS OUR UPCOMING BOOK SALE!

Help support the Kenosha Public Library by stopping out, and buying a book. We have lots of titles and genres to choose from. Don't miss out; it's the best bargain around! The Friends of the Kenosha Public Library support the library in many ways, including the funding of programs for kids, teens, and adults.

February 16-18: Southwest Library

\$5 a Bag

Friday, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, 12:00 - 4:00 PM

friends of the
LIBRARY
book sale

READING DRAGONS & FRIENDS

Collect 96 cards of dragons, unicorns, and griffins that grow from eggs to adulthood each time you read for 20 minutes between November 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024. Hurry in to collect them all! For both kids and teens.

Visit any KPL location to sign up!



KENOSHA PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Kenosha Public Library Foundation is a tax-exempt, private, nonprofit corporation, which exists to support the mission of the Kenosha Public Library. It is the Foundation's goal to enrich, not replace, traditional tax-based support for the Library through gifts from individuals and organizations. Your contribution to the Kenosha Public Library Foundation will help perpetuate the highest quality library resources for information, recreation, and lifelong learning for residents of all ages in the city and county of Kenosha.

Find out more about the Foundation on our website at www.mykpl.info/foundation



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Kenosha Public Library is a volunteer organization that provides support for the Library's improvement. Primary fundraisers of the Friends include book sales and the sale of reusable bags. From these funds, the Friends purchase equipment and materials as well as provide funding for programming and events at the Kenosha Public Library.

Look around the Kenosha Public Library and you will find many gifts from the Friends. These gifts are made possible by the support of people like you.

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