

The Insider

For All Things KPL, March-May 2025



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Kid & Teen Programs

GROWING KPL KIDS

Events for caregivers and children focused on raising young kids. Have fun together while you learn from local early education experts.

BOOKS, BALLS & BLOCKS: DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

Join Help Me Grow Kenosha for a fun family event with free early childhood developmental screenings for kids 5 and under. First-time screeners get a gift bag while supplies last!

Monday, March 17
10:00 - 11:30 AM
Southwest Library

Wednesday, March 19
10:30 - 11:00 AM
Southwest Library

Thursday, March 20
10:00 - 11:30 AM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

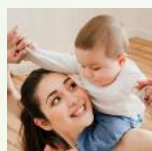
Friday, March 21
10:30 - 11:00 AM
Southwest Library

Monday, March 24
11:00 - 11:30 AM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

Tuesday, March 25
10:00 - 11:30 AM
Northside Library

Thursday, March 27
10:30 - 11:00 AM
Northside Library

Friday, March 28
11:00 - 11:30 AM
Northside Library



KEEPING MOM STRONG: PELVIC FLOOR HEALTH

Adjusting to life after birth while healing? Join Stephanie Frederickson, PT, from Aurora Health Care to learn about pelvic floor issues and ways to improve them. *Held during Baby Buddies Playtime—babies welcome!*

Tuesday, April 15
11:00 - 11:30 AM
Northside Library

Thursday, April 17
11:00 - 11:30 AM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

Monday, May 12
11:00 - 11:30 AM
Southwest Library



FILL YOUR OWN CUP: SELF-CARE BREAK FOR GROWN-UPS WITH BABIES

Focus on your well-being with Kenosha County Public Health while your little one enjoys Baby Buddies Playtime.

Monday, April 28
11:00 - 11:30 AM
Southwest Library

Thursday, May 15
11:00 - 11:30 AM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

CLASSES FOR BABIES, TODDLERS AND PRESCHOOLERS

Adult attendance required. When registration is required, call Youth & Family Services at (262) 564-6150.



BABY STORYTIME

Baby Storytime is for infants (0-18 months) and caregivers. Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and interactive play!

Mondays: March 17 - May 19
10:30 AM
Southwest Library

Tuesdays: March 18 - May 20
10:30 AM
Northside Library
No storytime on April 1

Thursdays: March 20 - May 22
10:30 AM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

BABY BUDDIES PLAYTIME

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

Mondays: March 17 - May 19
11:00 - 11:30 AM
Southwest Library

Tuesdays: March 18 - May 20
11:00 - 11:30 AM
Northside Library
No storytime on April 18

Thursdays: March 20 - May 22
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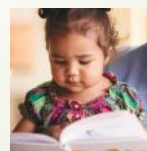
WONDERFUL ONES

Wonderful Ones Storytime is for walking toddlers (12-24 months) and caregivers. This features books, rhymes, songs,

and movement.

Tuesdays: March 18 - May 20
9:30 AM
Northside Library
No storytime on April 1

Wednesdays: March 19 - May 21
10:00 AM
Southwest Library



TODDLER STORYTIME

Toddler Storytime is for walking 1- and 2-year-olds and caregivers. Build literacy through books, fingerplays, and

songs.

Mondays: March 17 - May 19
9:30 AM
Southwest Library

Thursdays: March 20 - May 22
9:30 AM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

Fridays: March 21 - May 23
10:30 AM
Northside Library
No storytime on April 18

CLASSES FOR BABIES, TODDLERS AND PRESCHOOLERS - CONT.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

In Preschool Storytime, ages 3-5 will enjoy books, songs, fingerplays, and more with their caregiver.

Mondays: March 17 - May 19

10:30 AM

KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

Wednesdays: March 19 - May 21

10:30 AM

Simmons Library

Thursdays: March 20 - May 22

10:00 AM

Northside Library

Fridays: March 21 - May 23

10:00 AM

Southwest Library

No storytime on April 18

FAMILY STORYTIME

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

Mondays: March 17 - May 19

6:00 PM

Southwest Library

SENSORY FRIENDLY STORYTIME

Join us for a calming storytime for those with sensory sensitivities before the library opens.

Saturdays: March 8, May 10

On-demand between 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

ONCE UPON A CUENTO

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

Fridays: March 28, April 25, May 23

11:00 AM

Southwest Library

MINI MESS-TERPIECES

Babies can paint too! Create a unique artwork with your little one. Best for babies who can sit, not yet walking. Dress for a mess. Ages 0-1.

Saturday, March 1

10:30 AM

Southwest Library

KPL PRESCHOOL YOGA

Join us for a fun yoga session with songs and poses, led by a certified children's yoga teacher. **Registration and waiver required. Ages 3-5.**

Wednesdays: March 19, April 16, May 21

10:00 - 10:45 AM

KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

PRESCHOOL PLAY LAB

The science of play! Explore STEM, art, and early literacy concepts. Warning: it might get messy! Best for ages 3-5 with a caregiver.

Tuesdays: March 25, April 22

10:30 AM

KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

SING! FT. HARMONY MUSIC SCHOOL

Join Emilie Gaschke for 45 minutes of music and bonding in Kindermusik for babies 5 weeks to 11 months. Enjoy instruments, dance, and parenting tips. Parents must participate (ages 0-11 months).

Saturday, March 29

10:30 AM

Northside Library

Saturday, May 31

10:30 AM

Southwest Library

PRESCHOOL PAINT 'N' SIP

Apple juice and Aestheticism. Ages 3-5. **Registration required.**

Saturday, April 12

10:30 AM

Southwest Library

MONEY SMART WEEK: PIGGY BANK THEATER

Welcome to the Piggy Bank Theater! This interactive storytime will introduce children to the world of money and basic money concepts.

Monday, April 21

6:00 PM

Southwest Library

PINT-SIZED PROM

Taffeta and tiny tuxes? Say no more. Dress your tot to the nines and whirl them around the dance floor! Photo ops, games, and more. Ages 0-5.

Saturday, May 3

10:30 AM

Southwest Library

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-9

Adult attendance encouraged. When registration is required, call Youth & Family Services at (262) 564-6150.

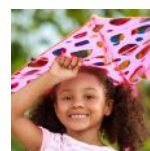
UPCYCLED JEWELRY

Use recyclables alongside odds 'n ends from past programs to design necklaces and bracelets.

Wednesday, April 2

4:30 PM

Southwest Library



LET'S GO FLY A KITE

Test your engineering skills by building, decorating, and (weather permitting) flying a kite during National Kite

Month!

Monday, April 21

5:00 PM

Northside Library



SLIME TIME

It's slime o'clock at the library! Wind down the hour by moving your hands through a batch of ooey, gooey slime.

Wednesday, May 7

4:30 PM

Southwest Library



HYDROPONICS FOR KIDS

It's "Plant Something Day!" Explore germination by making a simple hydroponic system and a pet that will grow grass seed fur.

Monday, May 19

5:00 PM

Northside Library



CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-12

Adult attendance optional. When registration is required, call Youth & Family Services at (262) 564-6150.

CIRCUIT CRASH COURSE

Use circuits to power your own Rube Goldberg machines. Knock over stacks of dominoes, flip a light switch, or even start a new chain reaction!

Thursday, March 6
5:00 PM
Northside Library

KIDS CHESS CLUB

Curious about chess? Join this fun, informal club! Play games to build your basics, whether you're a beginner or know how to capture *en passant*.

Wednesdays: March 12, April 30, May 14
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

ZENTANGLE ART

Learn how to do this simple but super satisfying art technique.

Tuesday, March 25
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

MONEY SMART WEEK: SMART SHOPPERS

Shop with play money in a mock store! Learn healthy spending habits while competing to be the smartest shopper!

Thursday, April 17
5:00 PM
Northside Library

BEGINNER UKULELE

Have you ever longed to play the ukulele? Here's your chance! Ukuleles will be provided and no musical experience is necessary. **Registration required.**

Tuesday, April 22
4:30 PM
Southwest Library



ABSURDIST ART

Let's be ridiculous! Design collage art from images and ideas that don't usually go together.

Thursday, May 15
5:00 PM
Northside Library

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-12

Adult attendance encouraged. When registration is required, call Youth & Family Services at (262) 564-6150.

TAILS 'N TALES: READ TO A DOG!

Sign up for a 15-minute reading session with a certified reading dog from Dogs of Endearment. **Call 262-564-6150 or visit the children's desk to register. Registration required.**

Saturdays: March 1, May 3
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Northside Library

Saturday, April 5
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Southwest Library



KID KITCHEN: SERIOUSLY AWESOME DIY ICE CREAM CONES

Celebrate 33 Flavors Day!

Customize vanilla ice cream cones with toppings and mix-ins for a fun ice cream experience. **Registration and waiver required.**

Monday, March 3
4:30 PM
Northside Library

ROBOT OBSTACLE COURSE

Build an obstacle course for your favorite robot and see if it is powerful enough to make it through. **Registration required.**

Friday, March 7
2:00 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

ART ROOM TAKEOVER: CLAY SCULPTURES

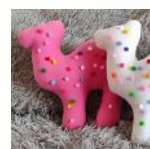
We are bringing out the messy stuff and YOU get to decide what to make.

Friday, March 7
4:30 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

THE IDES OF MARCH

Calling all thespians! Come learn more about Julius Caesar and act out Shakespeare for kids!

Saturday, March 15
2:30 PM
Northside Library



CIRCUS ANIMAL COOKIE PILLOWS

Create cozy pillows shaped like Circus Animal Cookies using felt, stuffing, and pom poms! **Registration required.**

Tuesday, March 18
5:00 PM
Northside Library

HOW MANY WAYS CAN YOU MAKE A RAINBOW?

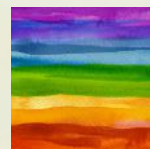
Prisms, colored water, play dough, and paint—we are mixing it up to create a rainbow of colors.

Friday, March 21
2:00 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

SIDE QUEST FANTASY CLUB

Take a break from your adventure! Join the fantasy fandom by trading cards, sharing your favorite fantasy items, crafting, and more with friends!

Fridays: March 21, May 2
4:30 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts



RAINBOW ART

Brighten your day with a pop of color! Create rainbow art using simple ingredients.

Sunday, March 23
2:30 PM
Northside Library

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-12 - CONT.



BINGO!

B1! BINGO! Join us for great prizes and plenty of fun!

Friday, March 28
2:00 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

MINECRAFT PAPER MODELS

Cut, fold, and glue your own paper Minecraft character before the movie comes out! Will you make Steve, Alex, a Creeper, or a custom character?

Friday, March 28
4:30 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts



GREAT LAKES, GREAT BOOKMARKS!

We will make our own bookmarks using flowers & leaves native to the Great Lakes region. Top it off with a scavenger hunt around the library!

Sunday, April 6
2:30 PM
Northside Library

TEDDY BEAR BIRTHDAY PARTY

Bring a doll or stuffed animal, and let's celebrate! Make party decorations, play games, and even make a gift for your favorite stuffie.

Friday, April 11
2:00 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts



LEGO LAB: LEGO BOATS

Will your boat float? Use LEGOs and other materials to make a boat that can carry the most!

Friday, April 11
4:30 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts



MONEY SMART WEEK: PENNY PINCHER'S PARTY

Test your party planning skills! See how you can throw a fun, fancy event with a limited budget. What will you buy to make it amazing without overspending?

Tuesday, April 15
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

MONEY SMART WEEK: THE PRICE IS RIGHT!

Let's play "the price is right." We will cover basic money smart concepts and have a blast!

Saturday, April 19
2:30 PM
Northside Library

KID KITCHEN: ICE CREAM IN A BAG

Learn how to make ice cream without a machine and enjoy your frosty treat instantly! **Registration and signed waiver required.**

Saturday, April 26
2:30 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts



WORLD EXPLORERS: GERMANY

Learn basic German words, enjoy a snack, and create art in a famous German style!

Tuesday, April 29
4:30 PM
Northside Library

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

Celebrate spring by making colorful rain sticks and watercolor flower paintings to highlight the connection between rain and plant growth!

Friday, May 2
2:00 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

Celebrate Star Wars Day with Baby Yoda, Wookiee, Darth Vader, and lightsaber crafts. Costumes are encouraged.

Sunday, May 4
2:30 PM
Northside Library

KID KITCHEN: CINCO DE MAYO SOPE

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo by making sopas—fried masa topped with savory goodness! **Registration and signed waiver required before class begins.**

Monday, May 5
4:30 PM
Northside Library

KID KITCHEN: MOSAIC COOKIES

Use an array of colorful treats to turn a plain frosted sugar cookie into an edible work of art. **Registration and signed waiver required.**

Friday, May 9
2:00 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

ART ROOM TAKEOVER: PAINT

We are bringing out the messy stuff and YOU get to decide what to make.

Friday, May 9
4:30 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

PRINTMAKING PARTY

Create multi-layered woodblock prints with sticky foam shapes! Expect a messy, paint-splattered experience—dress accordingly!

Friday, May 16
2:00 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

LET'S GET THIS GARDEN STARTED!

We've got seeds for a magical beanstalk, a sunflower taller than you, and grass for a troll grass head.

Friday, May 16
4:30 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

EVENTS FOR FAMILIES

When registration is required, call Youth & Family Services at (262) 564-6150.

HOMESCHOOL CLUB

Connect with local homeschooling families and explore hands-on STEAM activities for all ages!

Tuesdays: March 4, April 1, May 6
10:00 AM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts



SENSORY FRIENDLY DAY

Sensory Friendly Days provide a calm space to explore KPL Kids

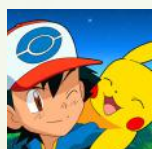
@ Uptown Lofts before opening. Enjoy adapted activities, sensory-friendly storytime, and caregiver resources.

Saturdays: March 8, May 10
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

MAGICAL STEAM

Try out art projects and science experiments that will make you believe in magic.

Saturday, March 8
2:30 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts



POKÉMON CLUB

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Join us each month for a different Pokémon themed activity! Participants are

welcome to bring cards to trade.

Tuesdays: March 11, May 13
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

Tuesday, April 8
4:30 PM
Northside Library

Tuesday, May 27
5:30 PM
Simmons Library



BROWN BAG MOVIES (ALL AGES)

Bring your lunch or some movie snacks to eat while you watch a fun G or PG-rated film on the big screen. **For all ages.**

Fridays: March 14, May 23
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Southwest Library

CREATIVITY CORNER

Collaborate on art projects to display at the Southwest Library and create your own piece to take home!

Saturdays: March 15, May 17
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Southwest Library

FAMILY READING CLUB

Read a book as a family, then join the library discussion! The first 6 families to register get a free copy of the book. Check the online calendar for titles. **Registration required.**

Sundays: March 16, April 13, May 18
2:00 PM
Southwest Library



MAGNIFICENT MAGNETS

Did you know that the North and South Poles are giant magnets?

Join us for hands-on learning and playing with our many magnificent magnets.

Wednesday, March 19
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

CARDBOARD SCULPTURE BUILDERS

Create anything with KPL's Makedo cardboard kits—build a kid-sized rocket, monster truck, race car, and more!

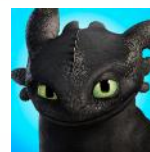
Thursday, March 20
4:30 PM
Simmons Library

Thursday, March 27
4:30 PM
Northside Library

THE WATER CYCLE: WHERE IT'S BEEN AND WHERE IT'S GOING

Explore the water cycle at the library! Learn where rain comes from, why the ocean is blue, and more through fun activities and games.

Saturday, March 29
2:30 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts



HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON ACADEMY

Join us for a variety of crafts, activities, and obstacles to prove you have what it takes to be a dragon trainer like Hiccup and Astrid!

Thursday, April 3
6:00 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

THE WORLD OF ROBOTS AND NANOBOTS

Explore robots and nanobots and discover how small real robots can be. Plus, design a robot toy from recycled materials.

Monday, April 7
4:30 PM
Northside Library

Monday, April 28
5:00 PM
Simmons Library



GLASS JAR TERRARIUMS

Create a tiny terrarium, learn how to take care of it, and enjoy its natural beauty for a long time.

Saturday, April 12
2:30 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

MONEY SMART WEEK: PET CENTS

Have you ever wanted to own a pet? Design the perfect pet and learn how to budget for your pet's needs by playing a game.

Wednesday, April 16
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

EVENTS FOR FAMILIES - CONT.

CHERRY BLOSSOM SCROLLS

Spring is coming soon and the cherry blossoms will be bursting with blooms. We will learn about traditional Chinese scroll paintings and create our own scrolls using watercolor and straws.

Thursday, April 24

4:30 PM

Northside Library



PAINT AND SIP SOME JUICE

Learn to paint your favorite children's book characters, one brush stroke (and juice pack sip) at a time!

Saturday, May 17

2:30 PM

KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

FAIRY WALK AT HAWTHORN HOLLOW

Calling all friends of the fairies! Join us in the Hawthorn Hollow Nature Center for a fairy storytime and magical fairy crown craft. Later, wear your new crown on a nature walk with a Hawthorn Hollow naturalist and search for fairies. In case of inclement weather, this program will be canceled.

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 21

5:00 PM

Hawthorn Hollow



DIY BUG VACUUMS FOR NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY DAY

Attention insect lovers! Become an amateur entomologist by learning to create your own insect vacuum. Explore the diversity of insect life outside of the library and find out what kind of bugs live in your own backyard!

Thursday, May 22

4:30 PM

Northside Library

EVENTS FOR TEENS (AGES 12-19)

When registration is required, call Youth & Family Services at (262) 564-6150.

EMBROIDERED FOUR LEAF CLOVER KERCHIEF

Embroider a four-leaf clover on a kerchief! This fun, easy craft is perfect for both beginners and experienced stitchers.

Tuesday, March 4

5:00 PM

Northside Library

Monday, March 10

4:30 PM

Uptown Library

TEEN ANIME CLUB

Watch anime, discuss manga, and enjoy activities based on your favorites! Perfect for both avid fans and newcomers.

Fridays: March 7, April 4, May 2

3:00 PM

Southwest Library



HIGH SCORE HANGOUT

Drop in, grab a controller and get your game on at Uptown! PS4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, and VR headsets

available to explore.

Thursdays: March 13, April 10, May 8

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Uptown Library

SHOOTING LASERS

Pew pew! This awesome and easy-to-make string art turns simple cardboard circles into radical pieces of art that look like - you guessed it - lasers.

Friday, March 21

3:00 PM

Southwest Library

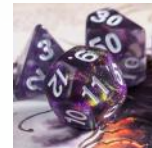
MOVIE MONDAY

Bring your favorite snacks and join us in the Teen Space for an afternoon movie!

Mondays: March 24, April 28

4:30 PM

Southwest Library



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS ONE-SHOT

Join us for one-shot dungeon adventures! Bring a level 5 character or use a premade adventurer. All skill levels welcome!

Thursday, March 27

4:30 PM

Southwest Library

Wednesday, May 14

4:30 PM

Southwest Library

PRESSED FLOWER FRAMES

Ring in spring with pretty pressed flower frames!

Tuesday, April 1

4:30 PM

Northside Library

BINGO!

Everyone's favorite game is back! Kick back with friends and win fun prizes.

Monday, April 14

4:30 PM

Uptown Library

MAGIC: THE GATHERING CLUB

Join our Magic: The Gathering club! Perfect for Pokémon or D&D fans looking to try something new. Ages 10 and up.

Friday, April 25

4:30 PM

Uptown Library

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Create a personalized door hanger gift for your teacher to show your appreciation on National Teacher Appreciation Day!

Tuesday, May 6

5:00 PM

Northside Library

Adult Programs

BOOK CLUBS & MORE!

Registration opens 4 weeks before the program date. Register online or call 262-564-6112. Events are for adults only unless otherwise stated.



MORE THAN 4

Start 2025 with a reading goal! Read 4+ books by March 31 and enter to win local business gift cards. Pick up a reading card

at any KPL branch.

January 1 - March 31

For more information:

www.mykpl.info/morethan4

MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK CLUB

Love mysteries? Join us to discuss your favorite reads, discover new authors, or just listen. No specific book required.

Mondays: March, 10 April 14, May 12

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Northside Library



CALL-IN BOOK CLUB

Join our phone book club! To register and get the number, contact KAFASI at 262-658-3508 (ext. 110 or 118) or Emily

Kastelic at ekastelic@mykpl.info.

Tuesdays: March 11, April 8, May 13

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Call-In Party Line

FANTASY/SCI-FI BOOK CLUB

Join fellow fantasy and sci-fi fans to discuss what you've been reading and discover new titles. No specific books required.

Mondays: March 24, April 28, May 19

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Southwest Library

CLASSIC NOVELS BOOK CLUB

What makes a novel a classic? Join our monthly discussion, pick your own classic, and explore what makes a book timeless.

Wednesdays:

March 26: Read a Classic Novel by a Woman Author

April 23: Read a Sci-fi or Fantasy Classic

May 28: Read a Gothic Novel Written before 1840

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Northside Library



LIT AF (AS FICTION) BOOK CLUB

Join Lit AF (As Fiction) for a flexible book club! Discuss titles

on the Fable App or at monthly meetings. Visit mykpl.info for details.

Tuesdays: March 18, April 15, May 20

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Northside Library

FICTION WRITERS GROUP

Whether you're experienced or a first-time writer, join us for tips, tricks, and time to write with fellow authors.

Sundays: March 9, March 30, April 13, April 27, May 4, May 18

12:30 - 4:00 PM

Northside Library



UNCORKED & UNHINGED BOOK CLUB

Love all things eerie? Join Uncorked & Unhinged at KPL

and The Final Girl, Kenosha's horror-themed bar. Discuss thrillers, true crime, and horror with killer drinks and a sinister atmosphere. Help choose next month's read!

Wednesdays: March 26, April 30, May 28

7:00 - 9:00 PM

The Final Girl

7546 Sheridan Road, Kenosha

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Registration opens 4 weeks before the program date. Register online or call 262-564-6112. Events are for adults only unless otherwise stated.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: U.S. MINT & THE AMERICAN WOMEN

QUARTERS™

Learn about the American Women Quarters™ program with librarian Marcia Siehr, celebrating the achievements of American women. Bring your own collection to display or trade!

Friday, March 7

4:00 - 5:45 PM

Northside Library

QUILT SHOW & TELL AND AUTHOR VISIT WITH JENNIFER CHIAVERINI

The first 20 registrants can showcase a quilt and share its story. Stay for a talk and book signing by Jennifer Chiaverini, author of *The World's Fair Quilt*. Blue House Books will handle registration and onsite book sales. **Registration required:** www.mykpl.us/quiltshow

Friday, April 4

4:30 PM - Doors Open

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Quilt Show & Tell

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Author Talk & Book Signing

Northside Library

GLOBAL GOURMET: A FOOD AND CULTURE CLUB

A group to share stories of culture, cookbooks and culinary arts. All skill levels are welcome. Registration appreciated but not required.

April: Bread from around the world

May: Culinary regions of Africa

Thursdays: April 10, May 8

5:30-6:30 PM

Southwest Library

CONNECTING YOU

Registration opens 4 weeks before the program date. Register online or call 262-564-6112. Events are for adults only unless otherwise stated.

LEGAL ADVICE

Get free legal advice online to review forms and navigate the civil court system. Request an appointment at any Kenosha Public Library or call 262-564-6130.

Wednesdays: Family Matters

10:30 - 12:00 PM

Online

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

12:00 - 1:30 PM

Online



UNDERSTANDING CANCER SCREENINGS

City of Hope® Cancer Center in Zion, IL presents "Cancer Screenings by Age for Women and Men." Join their expert clinician for valuable insights. Snacks and refreshments provided. Registration requested but not required.

Tuesday, March 4

12:00 - 2:00 PM

Northside Library

SMALL BUSINESS LUNCH & LEARN: SMALL BUSINESS ACCESS TO CAPITAL

Learn about capital resources for starting or growing a small business and how to be loan-ready. Register online for the Zoom link.

Wednesday, March 12

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Virtual

COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS FOR SENIORS

Grab a coffee (or tea!) and join us for a morning of shared stories and meaningful conversations. Drinks provided.

Wednesdays: March 12, April 9, May 7

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Uptown Library

IN-HOME CHILD CARE ORIENTATION

Join us and Kenosha's Community Impact Program (CIP) for an informational session on becoming a Certified Child Care Provider. Learn DCF guidelines and the step-by-step process to operate a certified family child care.

Tuesday, March 18

5:00 - 6:00 PM

Southwest Library

SELF CARE AND YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Join Dr. Alexandria Callahan from City of Hope® Cancer Center for a presentation on "Self-Care and Your Mental Health." Snacks provided. Registration requested but not required.

Wednesday, May 7

4:30 - 6:30 PM

Northside Library

YOU NEED BOUNDARIES!

An evening of reflection & laughter with local author, Kristy Jean, and her brand new memoir, *Please Excuse My Boundaries*.

Wednesday, May 14

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Southwest Library



GREAT LAKES
**GREAT
READ**

Join the "One Book, One Community" program to connect with the Great Lakes Watershed through reading. Learn about its rich history, biodiversity, and vital role in shaping the U.S. and Canada. The book selections: *The Best Part of Us* by Sally Cole-Misch and *The Water Walker* / Nibi Emosaawdang by Joanne Robertson.

OLD WEIRD AMERICA: LAKE MICHIGAN LORE

Join KPL's Great Lakes, Great Read for Old Weird America and a discussion on Lake Michigan's lore and mystery with guest Scott Kroes. Learn why it's the most historically deadly of the Great Lakes!

Thursday, April 10

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Northside Library

WATER AND CURRENT SAFETY

May is National Water Safety Month which highlights water awareness and swim safety. Learn best practices with Stephanie Zuehls from the Kenosha YMCA.

Wednesday, May 14

1:00 PM

Southwest Library

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Registration opens 4 weeks before the program date. Register online or call 262-564-6112. Events are for adults only unless otherwise stated.



FLYWAYS DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING

Discover the incredible journey of migratory shorebirds in this stunning documentary, and learn how you can help them along the way.

Thursday, April 3

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Northside Library



WISCONSIN BATS

Bats are the only mammals that truly fly, nursing their young and living up to 35 years, and are the only predator of

night-flying insects. In Wisconsin, eight species exist: four hibernate and four migrate. One species smells like burnt orange peels, while another eats over 1,000 mosquitoes nightly. These vital creatures need protection. Celebrate International Bat Appreciation Day to learn more and find out how to help. Presented by Pam See, Master Naturalist and Wisconsin Bat Ambassador.

Thursday, April 17

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Southwest Library

KPL WALKING CLUB

Join us for an all-new hour-long walk, as we explore one of Kenosha's many beautiful parks & trails! **Maps and route information can be found on www.mykpl.us/walkingclub** Registration required for each walk, open to all ages.

Tuesday, April 22:

GTC Kenosha Sustainability Trails

Tuesday, May 27: Library Park

9:00 - 10:00 AM

THE GREAT OUTDOORS - CONT.

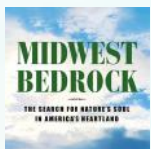


THE EASTERN BLUEBIRD

Learn about one of Wisconsin's native birds, the Eastern

Bluebird, with Rick Fare from the Hoy Audubon Society.

Thursday, April 24
7:00 - 8:00 PM
Northside Library



MIDWEST BEDROCK: A JOURNEY IN PICTURES

Join author Kevin Koch for a photo-journey through the Midwest in his book *Midwest Bedrock: The Search for Nature's Soul*. Book pre-orders and author signing available. Registration required.

Thursday, May 1
Doors open 5:30 PM
Program 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Northside Library

HAPPY COZY HYGGE SERIES

Registration opens 4 weeks before the program date. Register online or call 262-564-6112. Events are for adults only unless otherwise stated.



SOUND JOURNEY MEDITATION

Join John Stolfe from Stolfé Percussion for a guided meditation with sounds and vibrations. Bring a yoga mat, cushion, and blanket for added comfort. Registration required.

Friday, March 14
6:30 - 7:45 PM
Southwest Library

KPL CLASSICS

Registration opens 4 weeks before the program date. Register online or call 262-564-6112. Events are for adults only unless otherwise stated.



BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR OF THE SIMMONS LIBRARY

Tour the historic Simmons Library and learn about its history and design. Includes stair climbing and a spiral staircase. Simmons Library is not ramp-accessible. **Registration required.**

Saturdays: March 8, April 12, May 10
2:30 - 3:30 PM
Simmons Library

OLD WEIRD AMERICA

Join historian Cathy Polovina as she explores "Old Weird America," uncovering adventurous, and unusual characters in American history.

Thursdays:
March 13: Belle Gunness: The Female Serial Killer Who Got Away with Murder
April 10: Lake Michigan Lore
May 8: Buster Unbound: Keeping Up With Buster Keaton
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Northside Library

BROWN BAG MOVIES (ALL AGES)

Bring your lunch or some movie snacks to eat while you watch a fun G or PG-rated film on the big screen. **For all ages.**

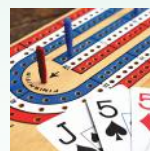
Fridays: March 14, May 23
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Southwest Library



DOCUMENTARY CLUB

Join our monthly Documentary Club for engaging films and discussions. The event is downstairs with a spiral staircase. Simmons Library is not ramp-accessible.

Wednesdays: March 19, April 16, May 21
5:30 - 7:30 PM
Simmons Library



CRIBBAGE CLUB

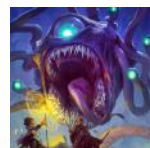
Join our new library club for players of all skill levels! We'll supply the boards, pegs, and cards - you bring the strategy!

Thursdays: March 20, April 17, May 15
6:00 PM
Southwest Library

NORTHSIDE AFTERNOON MOVIE

Join us monthly at Northside for movies, with popcorn provided. Doors open at 12:15pm, movie at 12:30pm. Movie info at mykpl.info.

Thursdays: March 20, April 17, May 15
12:30 - 3:00 PM
Northside Library

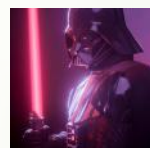


LEGENDS & LORE RPG

Answer the call to adventure with the KPL Adult D&D club! Epic quests, battles, and stories await. No experience needed.

Registration required.

Simmons Library: Thursdays: March 27, May 29
Uptown Library: Thursday, April 24
6:00 - 8:00 PM



MAY THE FOURTH: REVISITING THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

Join us as we celebrate Star Wars Day with Media Coordinator Jason Rimkus from Kenosha Community Media. Registration is not required for this event, visit mykpl.info for more info!

Sunday, May 4
1:30 - 2:45 PM
Southwest Library

KPL GARDENING CLUB

Registration opens 4 weeks before the program date. Register online or call 262-564-6112. Events are for adults only unless otherwise stated.

KPL GARDENING CLUB WEBSITE

Visit our website to access handouts from previous workshops, find a variety of free resources and webinars, or to find out more about our partners!

www.mykpl.us/gardening

GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS SERIES

Join UW Extension Educator Vijai Pandian for a free skills series! Ages 14+, registration required.

Bilingual option available by request one month in advance; Opción bilingüe disponible en todas las bibliotecas.



RAISED BED GARDENING

Learn to build a raised garden bed and trellis, choose the right soil, and explore planting styles for a thriving vegetable garden. **Registration required.**

Saturday, March 29
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Southwest Library



TREE, SHRUBS AND FRUIT CROP PRUNING CLASS

Learn to prune trees, shrubs, and fruit crops for optimal growth and yield in this 90-minute outdoor demo. **Adults only. Dress for the weather. Registration required.**

Saturday, April 5
10:00 PM - 11:30 AM
Kenosha County Center
19600 75th Street, Bristol



GROWING A BEE FRIENDLY LAWN + LAWN CARE BASICS

Learn to create a bee-friendly lawn with sustainable, eco-safe practices. **Registration required.**

Saturday, April 26
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Southwest Library

SUCCESION PLANTING FOR SUMMER & FALL HARVEST

Extend your harvest with succession planting for continuous summer and fall yields. **Registration required.**

Saturday, May 31
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Southwest Library



VERTICAL GARDENING WITH GROW SPACE VERTICAL FARMS

Learn about vertical gardening from staff at Grow Space Vertical Farms located right here in Kenosha!

Thursday, March 6
6:00 PM
Southwest Library



FREE GARDENING WEBINARS BY MELINDA MYERS

Visit the link for a full list of upcoming webinars offered by author and gardening expert, Melinda Myers! **Webinars are free, but registration is required.**

www.mykpl.us/webinar

LIBRARY DATE NIGHT

Looking for a creative and FREE date night idea – then look no further! Join us for an adults only series where partners or friends can get together and enjoy an activity or craft for two. Registration opens 4 weeks before the program date. Register online or call 262-564-6112. Events are for adults only unless otherwise stated.



PAINT YOUR PARTNER

Partner up for a fun, social media-inspired paint night filled with creativity and laughter! All materials provided. Adults only.

Registration required.

Thursday, March 13
5:00 - 6:30 PM
Southwest Library



MINDFUL GARDEN FOR TWO

Join us on the terrace of our historic Simmons branch to celebrate World Bee Day! You and your partner will create a mini mindful garden that benefits both you and the bees. This event is outdoors, and for adults only. **Registration required.**

Tuesday, May 20
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Simmons Library

SPARK CREATIVITY

Registration opens 4 weeks before the program date. Register online or call 262-564-6112. Events are for adults only unless otherwise stated.

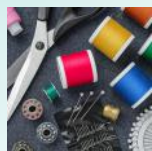


SENIOR STITCH SOCIETY

Fiber art lovers, come together! Bring your project, share patterns, and make new friends in a cozy, welcoming space. All skill levels welcome!

Mondays: March 3, April 7, May 5
10:30 - 11:30 AM
Uptown Library

SPARK CREATIVITY - CONT.



IN STITCHES: A SEWING CLUB

Join our monthly sewing sessions to learn or work on your projects with provided machines and patterns. All skill levels welcome!

Tuesdays: March 4, May 6
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Southwest Library

FIBER ARTS CLUB: SIMMONS

Enjoy knitting, crocheting, or other fiber arts? Bring your project, share patterns, and chat with fellow makers.

Wednesdays: March 5, April 2, May 7
5:00 - 6:00 PM
Simmons Library



FIBER ARTS CLUB: NORTHSIDE

Enjoy knitting, crocheting, or other fiber arts? Bring your project, share patterns, and chat with fellow makers.

Mondays: March 17, April 21, May 19
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Northside Library



SUSTAINABLE CRAFTING: UPCYCLED TABLE DECOR

Planning a wedding or event, or just want a crafty night out? Join us to create your own centerpieces and table decor with all materials provided. **Registration required.**

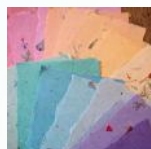
Tuesday, March 11
5:00 - 6:30 PM
Gateway Technical College
Center for Sustainable Living
3217 34th Ave, Kenosha

ADULTS & CRAFTS

Come craft with us! Enjoy DIY, stress relief, and a sense of accomplishment while making something to take home. **Registration required.**

Tuesday, April 15: Upcycled Fabric Baskets
10:00 - 11:30 AM
Northside Library

Monday, April 28: Upcycled Fabric Baskets
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Southwest Library



PAPER MAKING ON SIMMONS TERRACE

Learn to transform newspapers and junk mail into new, customizable paper. Create a hand-crafted sheet for letters, cards, journaling, or drawing. **Registration required.**

Thursday, May 22
10:00 AM
Simmons Library

TECH CORNER

Registration opens 4 weeks before the program date. Register online or call 262-564-6112. Events are for adults only unless otherwise stated.



BE YOUR OWN FIREWALL

The best defense against cyber threats is you! Learn simple tips to protect your devices and stay safe online.

Monday, March 10
6:00 PM
Simmons Library



HOW IT WORKS: OVERDRIVE AND LIBBY

Did you know Overdrive and Libby are shared by all libraries in Wisconsin? Join KPL's Zander Miller to learn about Wisconsin's Digital Library and how ebooks and e-audiobooks get to you.

Saturday, April 12
2:00 PM
Northside Library

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH AI?

AI is everywhere! Join us for a presentation to learn what AI is and hear expert insights to help you understand the buzz.

Tuesday, May 27
6:30 PM
Northside Library



3D PRINT & DESIGN CLUB

Join fellow hobbyists and designers to discuss 3D printing, design, and crafting. Open to beginners and experienced creators alike.

Tuesdays, March 18, April 15, May 20
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Southwest Library

Celebrating 125 Years of Kenosha Public Library



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS: INSPIRING LEARNING SINCE 1900

Visit our Northside branch lobby to travel through the evolution of the library and our branches, from inception to present day. With a special focus on our historic Gilbert M. Simmons and Uptown Libraries, featuring original design plans, artifacts, photographs and more!

April 1 - 30 / Northside Display Case / For Everyone



UPTOWN CELEBRATION: GAME ON @ UPTOWN- A HUNDRED YEARS OF FUN!

Get ready to level up in honor of Uptown Library's 100th birthday! Elite Gamin will be onsite to host a video game tournament that brings together gamers of all levels for an exciting day of competition, prizes, food and celebration. Whether you're here to test your skills or just have fun, you'll be part of a special event marking a century of knowledge, community, and gaming. **Teens 8th Grade & Up and Adult tourney players should register. Spectators are welcome!**

Register for NBA 2K:
www.mykpl.us/nba2k

Register for SuperSmash Bros:
www.mykpl.us/supersmash

Saturday, April 26 / 3:00 - 6:00 PM / Uptown Library / Teens 14-19, Adults



SIMMONS CELEBRATION: A SPECIAL LOOK AT 125 YEARS OF SIMMONS LIBRARY

The Gilbert M. Simmons Library, a cornerstone of education and cultural enrichment, marks its 125th anniversary this year. Opened in 1900, the library has been a beacon of knowledge and learning for generations. Over the decades, it has evolved from a modest collection of books to a modern hub of digital resources, community programs, and lifelong learning opportunities. Join us to celebrate the anniversary of the inauguration day with special tours, speakers and more! **This event will take place outdoors, weather permitting.**

Friday, May 30 / 4:00 - 7:00 PM / Simmons Library / For Everyone

www.mykpl.us/celebrate





National Library Week



DICEY PLOTS: A LIBRARY WRITING ADVENTURE!

Join our take-home creative writing challenge! Roll a dice, use our prompts, and write a story for a chance to win prizes. Open to all ages, it's a fun family activity. Winners will be announced in early May. Kits are available from April 1-30 at all locations, and entries are due by April 30.

April 1-30
All Locations



MAKE YOUR OWN MINI BOOKSHELF

Personalize a mini bookshelf with your favorite reads or your TBR list. Attendees are welcome to bring in miniatures to decorate their shelf.

Wednesday, April 9
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Southwest Library



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: BOOK SWAP!

Back by popular demand! We're kicking off National Library Week a day early, just in time for you to refresh your home library. Drop in anytime between 1:00 - 4:00pm and swap your unwanted books for something new!

Saturday, April 5
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Southwest Library



BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR OF THE SIMMONS LIBRARY

Join us for a tour of Simmons Library! Explore the history of Zalmon Simmons and Daniel H. Burnham. Please note that the tour involves significant stair climbing, and there is no ramp for entrance. A spiral staircase is required. Everyone is welcome!

Saturdays: April 12
2:30 - 3:30 PM
Simmons Library

