

# THE INSIDER

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DECEMBER 2023



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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

**DISCOVERY  
BUS**

Check our website  
for schedules and  
more information at  
[www.mykpl.info](http://www.mykpl.info)



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### VISIT US ONLINE!

Browse our collection, place holds, and much more at [www.mykpl.info](http://www.mykpl.info)

### GIVE US A CALL!

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Bookmobile: [262-564-6190](tel:262-564-6190)



## Imagining a Brighter Future



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BRATTIN**

*Director  
Kenosha Public Library*

Imagine a future where less than one out of three people are able to read well. Imagine a future where less than half of us can do math. Imagine a world where people lack the social skills to compromise and work together to solve our collective problems. Imagine a world where most of us lack the confidence to succeed.

That's the future our children in Kenosha County face right now. Only 31% of our third graders can read at a third grade level. 23% can do grade level math in 5th grade. Their social/emotional skills are way behind after years of pandemic isolation.

What is their future if we don't act? What is the future of Kenosha? More poverty, more crime, more prisons, more human suffering.

That's why we're building a children's library.

We're building a space where learning is fun, where kids can be themselves and explore a whole world of ideas in an interactive, inclusive space designed just for them. No tests, no grades, no failure. Just discovering their own potential among other explorers.

And we're building it right in the middle of a neighborhood where kids struggle academically.

The 7,624 sq. ft. space just for kids from birth through 5th grade, set to open March 2024, combines federal relief funding with private corporate and foundation gifts to purchase and finish the kids' library space on the first floor of the new Uptown Lofts housing complex, a site that burned to the ground in the 2020 civil unrest.

Phoenix from the ashes.

Frederick Douglass said, "It is easier to build strong children than to fix broken men."

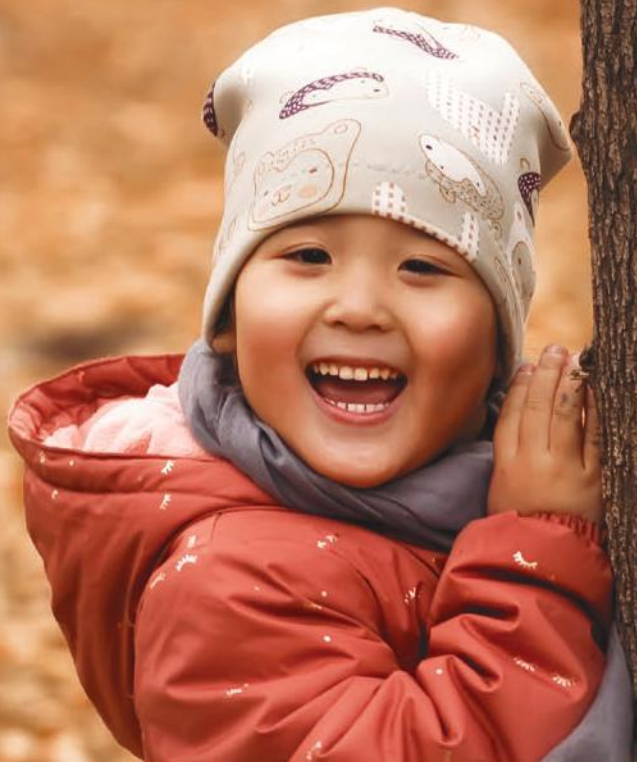
The Kenosha Public Library intends to build an entire neighborhood of strong children in the wake of devastation. Won't you join us in this extraordinary effort?



*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 during 20 minutes of books, fingerplays, and songs.

**Mondays: September 11 - December 11**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Southwest Library**

**Fridays: September 15 - December 15**  
**10:30 AM**  
**Northside Library**

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Preschool storytime is designed for three to five-year-old children. Children enjoy 30 minutes of books, songs, fingerplays, and more during this classic storytime.

**Mondays: September 11 - December 11**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Simmons Library**

**Tuesdays: September 12 - December 12**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Uptown Library**

**Thursdays: September 14 - December 14**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Northside Library**  
**No storytime September 28 or November 23**

**Fridays: September 15 - December 15**  
**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 15 minutes of books, songs, and rhymes, followed by 15 minutes of interactive play.

**Mondays: September 11 - December 11**  
**10:30 AM**  
**Southwest Library**

**Tuesdays: September 12 - December 12**  
**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: September 11 - December 11**  
**11:00-11:30 AM**  
**Southwest Library**

**Tuesdays: September 12 - December 12**  
**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: September 11 - December 11**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

### WONDERFUL ONES

Wonderful Ones storytime is for walking one-year-olds (12-24 months) and their caregivers. This active storytime features 20 minutes of books, rhymes, songs, and lots of movement designed specifically for young toddlers. Storytime is followed by 10 minutes of free play.

**Tuesdays: September 12 - December 12**  
**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: September 13 - December 13**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

### ONCE UPON A CUENTO

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

**Fridays: September 15, October 13, November 10, December 8**  
**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: September 9, October 28**  
**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.**

**Wednesdays: September 13, October 11, November 1, December 6**  
**10:00 - 10:45 AM**  
**Northside Library**

### OWL FRIENDS

Who's there? It's your new owl friend! Learn all about owls and make a cute owl craft to take home. For ages 3-5.

**Saturday, September 16**  
**10:30 AM**  
**Uptown Library**



TOTS AND TOOLS

Calling all aspiring handy-folks! Join us as we hammer with toddler-friendly mallets, nail some golf tees, measure our heights, and explore all kinds of tools. We will come to grips with tool safety while working on our motor skills. For ages 3-5.

Wednesday, September 20  
10:30 AM  
Southwest Library

PARACHUTE PLAYTIME!

Pack up the little ones and head over to the library for giant parachute fun. We will play games, sing songs, and mesmerize minds! For ages 0-2.

Saturday, September 30  
10:30 AM  
Southwest Library

PRESCHOOL MAGIC

Calling all small sorcerers and spellcasters to this special magic school. We will learn real-world STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) magic while we play make-believe sorcery. Costumes optional. For ages 3-5.

Saturday, October 21  
10:30 AM  
Southwest Library

LITTLE PUMPKINS JAMBOREE

Join the pre-Trick or Treat party! Roll, hammer, and jump over pumpkins. Complete the obstacle course, and dig into the sensory table. Costumes optional for this mildly messy mayhem.

Tuesday, October 31  
10:00 AM  
Southwest Library

PINT-SIZED PICS

Photographer booked? Need holiday card photos? Take photos of your baby at the library! We will create small scenes with props, and you provide the model and camera(phone)! Chat with other parents and let the babies play between photoshoots. For ages 0-18 months with a caregiver. **Registration required.**

Saturday, November 11  
10:30 AM  
Southwest Library

KIDDIE KITCHEN: CARAMEL APPLES



Make your own caramel apple and decorate it with colorful candies! For ages 3-5. **Registration and signed waiver required.**

Saturday, November 25  
10:30 AM  
Uptown Library

WISH UPON A STAR

Are you ready to *Wish* upon a star? Celebrate 100 years of Disney with a morning of Disney-inspired games, crafts, and fun. Costumes optional. For ages 3-5.

Wednesday, November 29  
10:30 AM  
Southwest Library

3RD ANNUAL STUFFED ANIMAL PET SHOW

The Stuffed Animal Pet Show is back! Enter your stuffed animal into our pet show. Complete a quick check-up at the vet station, fill out your animal's stat sheet, take a photo and make a picture frame, and compete in a series of challenges with your pet. At the end, we will have a parade, awards ceremony, and declare a "best in show" winner! (Please bring only one stuffed animal per child.) For ages 3-5.

Saturday, December 2  
10:00 AM  
Southwest Library

TINY HANDS

Your child's hands are the stars in this art program! Create a keepsake with clay and a hand painting of a winter scene. Wear clothes you don't mind getting messy! For ages 0-2.

Saturday, December 9  
10:30 AM  
Uptown Library

BABY BEACH COMBING

Think warm thoughts! Shake off the winter blues with a selection of beach-themed activities for babies! Search for shells, explore a tide pool, and build a "sand castle." Sunscreen not required. For ages 0-2.

Wednesday, December 13  
10:30 AM  
Southwest Library

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-9 (ADULT ATTENDANCE OPTIONAL)  
WHEN REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, CALL YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES AT (262) 564-6150.

SPLATTER PAINTING



We will be using fly swatters and other household tools to paint abstract masterpieces. Please wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy.

Wednesday, September 13  
5:00 PM  
Southwest Library

BUBBLE MANIA

Bubbles, bubbles, bubbles! We will learn the science of bubbles, make bubble wands, and, of course, play with bubbles! Weather permitting, this will be held outside on the west lawn.

Wednesday, September 27  
5:00 PM  
Southwest Library

CONSTELLATION CONSTRUCTIONS

Learn a little bit about constellations, try a constellation app, and make constellation models with play dough and other building materials.

Tuesday, October 17  
5:30 PM  
Northside Library

TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE CIRCUITS

What does it mean to complete a circuit? Find out by playing with LittleBits and making a light-up circuit to take home.

Tuesday, November 28  
5:30 PM  
Northside Library

PICTURE THIS SLIME

Not your ordinary slime! We will make slime that you can draw a picture on, erase, and draw on all over again.

Wednesday, December 6  
5:00 PM  
Southwest Library

KINDER-CODING

Get a fun introduction to coding by trying out a few of our favorite coding toys. **Registration required.**

Tuesday, September 19  
5:30 PM  
Northside Library

FAKÉMON CREATIONS

It's not a real Pokémon, it's a FAKE! Bring your imagination to create a unique Fakémon out of clay.

Tuesday, November 14  
5:30 PM  
Northside Library

# CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

## AGES 9-12 (ADULT ATTENDANCE OPTIONAL)

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

### WOODWORKING: NAIL STRING ART

Create colorful artwork on a piece of wood using string and nails. **Registration and signed waiver required. Parent or guardian supervision required for the duration of the class.**

Monday, September 11  
4:30 PM  
Northside Library

### 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: September 13, October 4,  
November 8, December 6  
4:30 PM  
Southwest Library

### MINECRAFT MAKERS

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. We will also meet over Zoom so that we can talk as we play. After registering, check your email for confirmation, which will include a link to the Zoom event. **Registration required.**

Thursdays: September 21, October 5,  
November 16, December 14  
4:30 PM  
Zoom

### ESCAPE ROOM: THE LOST MUMMY

Investigate the mystery of the lost mummy! Figure out how the mummy escaped its tomb before it’s too late... **Registration required.**

Monday, October 9  
4:30 PM  
Northside Library

### DOT AND DASH MAZE

Ever dreamed of programming your own robot? Join us as we program Dot and Dash bots and lead them through a variety of challenges, including a maze! **Registration required.**

Thursday, November 2  
4:30 PM  
Southwest Library

### ULTIMATE CHEF CHALLENGE

Contestants will have 45 minutes to make a delicious dish featuring a mystery ingredient. Our judges will do a taste test to decide who is the Ultimate Chef in this fun cooking challenge. **Registration and signed waiver required.**

Monday, November 6  
4:30 - 6:00 PM  
Northside Library

### KNIT 2GETHER

Knitting novices are invited to join us for an introductory knitting lesson! Needles and practice yarn will be provided. **Registration required.**

Thursday, November 30  
4:30 PM  
Southwest Library

### WOODWORKING: WOODEN SNOWMAN

This snowman definitely won’t melt away! Use wooden rounds, scrap wood, and paint to build a snowman for the upcoming winter season. **Registration and signed waiver required. Parent or guardian supervision required for the duration of the class.**

Monday, December 4  
4:30 PM  
Northside Library

### DIY HOT CHOCOLATE CANDLE

Make your season bright with a cocoa-scented candle that looks like a delicious cup of hot chocolate. **Registration required.**

Monday, December 11  
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.

### POPCORN SCIENCE

Experiment with popcorn in different ways and enjoy the added bonus of having a fun snack to eat afterward!

Monday, September 18  
4:30 PM  
Northside Library

### KID KITCHEN: MINISTRONE SOUP WITH GARLIC BREAD

Celebrate Italian Heritage month and cook up a delicious pot of vegan minestrone soup with a side of garlic bread. **Registration and signed waiver required.**

Monday, October 2  
5:00 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: October 7, December 9  
10:00 - 11:00 AM  
Southwest Library

Saturday, November 11  
10:00 - 11:00 AM  
Northside Library

### INTRO TO TABLETOP RPGS: STARSWORN

Are you interested in learning more about Tabletop Role Playing Games (TTRPGs), but aren’t quite sure where to begin? Join us for a session of Starsworn, an RPG for kids! There will be lots of dice-rolling and storytelling fun!

Saturday, October 14  
12:30 PM  
Southwest Library

### I SURVIVED DISASTERS

Inspired by the “I Survived” book series, you can build a volcano, experiment with earthquake-proof building techniques, and try other activities related to these epic disasters.

Monday, October 23  
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.**

Wednesday, October 25  
5:30 - 6:15 PM  
Southwest Library

Wednesday, December 13  
5:30 - 6:15 PM  
Northside Library

SPECTACULAR SPOOKY EYEBALLS

Learn to create the creepiest eyeballs ever using oil pastels. Only you, the artist, will know whose eyes you’re making. Could it be an owl, a wolf, or a monster?

Thursday, October 26  
4:30 PM  
Southwest Library

GALAXY EMOJI PAINTING WORKSHOP

Paint the majesty of outer space, then add your favorite emoji to create an out-of-this-world art project. **Registration required.**

Monday, November 13  
4:30 PM  
Southwest Library

KID KITCHEN: SPAGHETTI

Flavor and season your own bowl of “spaghetti” with pesto, tomato sauce, seasonings, and more. We will learn how to make spaghetti squash a seasonal favorite. **Registration and signed waiver required before class begins.**

Wednesday, November 15  
4:30 PM  
Southwest Library

DIY SUPER BOUNCY BALLS

Watch the cool chemical reactions of a few ingredients turn into super bouncy balls! As an added bonus, bouncy balls are excellent for stress relief and absolutely perfect for annoying your friends and family.

Monday, November 27  
5:00 PM  
Northside Library

STUNNING SANDPAPER PRINTS

Print unique designs on clothes using crayons and sandpaper. Bring your own washed cotton t-shirt or print on a provided bandana.

Tuesday, December 12  
5:00 PM  
Northside Library

EVENTS FOR FAMILIES

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

BROWN BAG MOVIES

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

Fridays: September 1, November 3  
12:00 PM  
Northside Library

Friday: October 13, December 15  
12:00 PM  
Southwest Library

HOMESCHOOL CLUB

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

Tuesdays: September 5, October 3,  
November 7, December 5  
10:00 - 11:00 AM  
Southwest Library

PARENTS: WE’VE GOT CLASSES JUST FOR YOU!

See Growing KPL Kids on back cover.

POKÉMON CLUB

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

Thursdays: September 14, October 12,  
November 9, December 7  
6:00 PM  
Southwest Library

Mondays: September 25, October 30,  
November 20, December 11  
4:30 PM  
Uptown Library

MARBLE MAZES

Build your own marble maze to take home and challenge your family and friends!

Friday, September 15  
4:30 PM  
Uptown Library

LEVERS & LAUNCHERS

Lift with levers, rig up a pulley system, and engineer your very own catapult. Makers will put mechanical advantage to the test in a series of engineering experiments that culminate in a final challenge.

Saturday, September 16  
12:30 PM  
Southwest Library

Friday, November 3  
4:30 PM  
Uptown 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: September 17, October 15,  
November 12, December 10  
2:00 PM  
Southwest Library

FAIRY STORYTIME AND NATURE WALK

Calling all friends of the fairies! Join us in the Hawthorn Hollow Amphitheater for a fairy storytime and a magical fairy lantern craft. Later, take your new lantern on a nature walk with a Hawthorn Hollow naturalist and search for fairies. The rain date is Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30pm. Call Youth and Family Services at 262-564-6150 to register, or visit the children’s desk at one of our branches. **Registration required.**

Wednesday, September 20  
6:30 PM  
Hawthorn Hollow  
880 Green Bay Rd, Kenosha

POCKET PETS

Create your own pocket-sized pet to play with! Base it off of a real animal, or make a totally new kind of critter.

Friday, September 22  
4:30 PM  
Uptown Library

Tuesday, September 26  
6:00 PM  
Simmons 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: September 23,  
November 4, December 16  
10:30 AM  
Southwest Library

## WONDERFUL WATERCOLOR GEODES

Learn how to make a "Watercolor Geode." We will look at some real geodes, and then do a step-by-step project using watercolors, markers, and collage.

**Tuesday, September 26**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Northside Library**

## LEGOS @ THE LIBRARY

Build with LEGOs and display your creation at the library. Best for families with children ages 4 and up.

**Tuesdays: October 3,**  
**November 7, December 5**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Simmons Library**

**Fridays: October 6,**  
**November 10, December 8**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Uptown Library**

## POPSICLE STICK MONSTERS



Design a friendly monster using popsicle sticks and other craft materials. Will this become your cutest or creepiest masterpiece?

**Tuesday, October 10**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Simmons Library**

**Friday, October 13**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Uptown Library**

## FALL ART

Leaves are falling all around us! We will use leaves to make a unique painting in this guided art class.

**Wednesday, October 11**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## THE GREAT PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Show off your favorite book character in pumpkin form! Decorate a pumpkin with non-perishable items to resemble your favorite book character, and bring it in to be displayed in the Southwest Library Children's Room. Entries must **NOT** be carved in any way to prevent rotting while on display. Drop off your decorated pumpkin on Saturday, October 14th by 2PM. This contest is open to all ages and winners will be announced on October 31st! Winners will be notified by phone.

**Saturday, October 14**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## PUMPKIN BOOK CHARACTER VOTING

Check out pumpkins decorated as book characters and vote for your favorite one! All pumpkins will be on display in the Southwest Library Children's Room. Voting will take place from October 15 - 31.

**October 15-31**  
**Southwest Library**

## MONSTER MASH LIBRARY BASH!

Come to the library for a monster-themed party filled with games, crafts, and music. Costumes are welcome!

**Friday, October 20**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Uptown Library**

**Tuesday, October 24**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Simmons Library**

## SLIGHTLY SPOOKY SIMMONS

Looking to join in the spooky season of fun with a family-friendly atmosphere? Join us for games, crafts, and activities that are sure to delight and entertain children of all ages. Costumes are encouraged! Check out the online event calendar at [mykpl.info](http://mykpl.info) for a schedule of storytimes and costume parades.

**Sunday, October 22**  
**12:30 - 2:30 PM**  
**Simmons Library**

## GIANT POTATO HEADS

We've got Potato Heads bigger than you! Come make all of your favorite Potato Head parts—hats, glasses, mustaches, and more. Be ready to draw and cut out large pieces from paper.

**Tuesday, October 24**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Northside Library**

## BATS & OTHER MISUNDERSTOOD CREATURES



Learn about different misunderstood, spooky creatures ranging from the fruit bat to the tarantula spider, just in time for Halloween. Join us for this informative presentation for all ages by Daniel and Sharon Peterson of Incredible Bats, featuring live bats and other creatures! **Registration required.**

**Sunday, October 29**  
**1:00 - 2:30 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## MARVEL TRIVIA CHALLENGE

So you think you know Marvel comics? Show off your knowledge by answering trivia questions about all things Marvel! You might even win a prize! **Registration required.**

**Monday, October 30**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Northside Library**

## TROLLS: THE CELEBRATION

Come celebrate the new Trolls movie with fellow fans of all sizes! You can sing and dance along to the music while playing games and making a hair-raising craft.

**Wednesday, November 1**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## RAINBOW FISHIES

Use your artistic skills to weave a magical rainbow fishie.

**Tuesday, November 14**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Simmons Library**

**Friday, November 17**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Uptown Library**

## SUPERHERO ACADEMY

Do you love superheroes and wish you could be one? Come to the library to create your own superhero identity, complete with a mask and all the accessories. Afterward, compete in feats of strength and agility!

**Tuesday, November 28**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Simmons Library**

**Friday, December 1**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Uptown Library**

## ALEXANDER CALDER MOVEMENT MOBILES

Create an imaginative mobile in the style of Alexander Calder. We will be combining organic shapes with color and motion to build these unique mobiles.

**Wednesday, November 29**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## UGLY SWEATER COMPETITION

Do you think you have what it takes to make the ugliest holiday sweater? Please join us for a tacky, hideous, and gaudy ugly holiday sweater competition! Bring your own sweater or shirt and we will provide the rest. The prize categories will include The Most Beautifully Tacky, The Most Retro and The Loudest (Literally).

**Saturday, December 2**  
**1:00 - 3:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## MEGA WREATHS

Show the magnitude of your holiday spirit by creating gigantic decorative wreaths!

**Tuesday, December 12**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Simmons Library**

**Friday, December 15**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Uptown Library**



# Teen Programs



## EVENTS FOR TEENS (AGES 12-19)

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

### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS ONE-SHOT ADVENTURES

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

**Wednesdays:**  
**September 6, November 8**  
**6:00-8:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

### LOCKER MAGNETS

School is back in session! If your locker is looking a little bland, create unique locker magnets from washi tape, pictures, and stickers. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own stickers if you want to turn them into magnets!

**Thursday, September 7**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

### PUFFY PAINT PENCIL POUCH



Keep your pens or hygiene items organized and stylish with a personalized zipper bag. Drop-in at anytime!

**Saturday, September 9**  
**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**Simmons Library**

### GRAB AND GATHER: ORIZOMEGAMI JOURNALS

Orizomegami is the Japanese art of paper dyeing. Grab a kit the week before we meet to dye your rice paper at home. Bring the dyed paper in and make a journal to start your school year off right! **Registration required. Kit pick-up information will be sent at the time of registration.**

**Tuesday, September 12**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Northside 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.

**Tuesdays: September 19, October 17,**  
**November 21, December 19**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Northside Library**

### PERCY JACKSON PARTY

Our favorite demigod is back! Celebrate the release of the new Percy Jackson book with games and crafts. Ages 10 and up.

**Tuesday, September 26**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Uptown Library**

### GLOW-IN-THE-DARK PUMPKINS



Make your favorite festive fruit (yes, pumpkins are actually fruit!) glow—no candle required!

**Friday, October 13**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Northside Library**

### LET'S DO SCIENCE: DNA EXTRACTION

Celebrate Science Week by making an edible DNA model. Then take a look at real DNA extracted from strawberries!

**Monday, October 16**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

### LET'S DO SCIENCE: CANDY CELLS

Learn the parts of the cell and their functions by using a sweet treat. Drop-in at anytime!

**Thursday, October 19**  
**3:00 - 4:30 PM**  
**Simmons Library**



ZOMBIE BARBIES



Come on Zombie, let’s go party! Make your own ghoul from old Barbie dolls!

Tuesday, October 24  
4:30 PM  
Uptown Library

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

Freddy Fazbear has opened a new location in the teen space! Celebrate the movie release with mini pizzas and FNaF fun!

Thursday, October 26  
4:30 - 5:30 PM  
Southwest Library

MINI YARN ART

Is your wall missing a little artistic flair? Is your creativity just bursting at the seams? Join us to create yarn art on miniature canvases!

Thursday, November 2  
4:30 PM  
Southwest Library

DIY DRAGON EGGS

Decorate your room or level up your D&D game with your own dragon egg. Drop-in at anytime!

Thursday, November 9  
3:00 - 4:30 PM  
Simmons Library

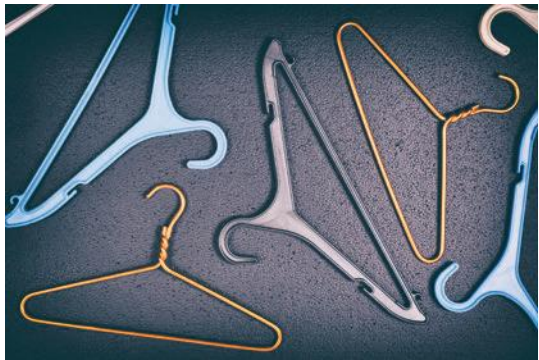
Tuesday, November 14  
4:30 PM  
Uptown Library

HUNGER GAMES AT THE LIBRARY

Are you a budding archer like Katniss? A baker like Peeta? A musician like Lucy? Celebrate the release of the movie *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* with survival trivia, making paracord bracelets, and designing clay snakes.

Monday, November 13  
6:30 PM  
Southwest Library

YARN-WRAPPED CLOTHES HANGER



It’s sweater weather! Wrap a clothes hanger in yarn to add some color to your closet or as a gift for your favorite fashionista! Drop-in at anytime!

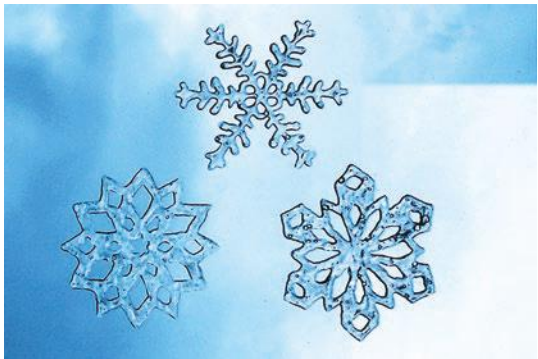
Monday, December 4  
3:00 - 5:00 PM  
Simmons Library

GEOBOARD SNOWFLAKES

Remember these from Kindergarten? Spend a relaxing afternoon making snowflakes and other patterns on geoboards. It’s the perfect midweek break!

Tuesday, December 5  
4:30 PM  
Uptown Library

WINTERY WINDOW CLINGS



Welcome winter with whimsical DIY window clings!

Friday, December 8  
4:30 PM  
Southwest Library

WARM & COZY MOVIE NIGHT

Escape the chill outside by curling up in the library with hot cocoa and friends. Movie title to be announced one week in advance.

Friday, December 15  
4:00 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.

### MAHJONG MONDAYS

Stop by and play a round of this classic Chinese tile game. All ages and skill levels are welcome to this drop-in style gaming hour.

**Monday, September 18**

**4:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Southwest Library**

**Mondays: October 9,**

**November 20, December 11**

**4:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Simmons Library**

### SALSA SATURDAYS



#### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Join us for a live cooking demonstration, highlighting authentic Belizean & Mexican salsa recipes. Warning, recipes include peppers and seasonings that are considered spicy! **Registration required.**

**Saturday, September 23**

**1:30 - 3:00 PM**

**Northside Library**

**Saturday, October 7th**

**1:30 - 3:00 PM**

**Southwest Library**

### LIBRARY DATE NIGHT: COUPLES COOKING CLASS

#### ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Join us for a date night in the library as we show you how to make some Italian-American inspired no bake desserts! Couples will be walked through each step of the process and will work together to make the desserts. Bring your appetite and we'll provide the rest! **Registration and signed waiver required before class begins. You can secure up to two spots during registration.**

**Tuesday, October 10**

**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**Southwest Library**

### DON'T MISS OUR TECHNOLOGY CLASSES!

See *Technology* on back cover.



### WALKIN' IN MY SHOES: HOMELESS YOUTH

#### HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH

Join us in welcoming the Founder and CEO of Walkin' In My Shoes, Jo Wynn, as she talks about her non-profit organization in observance of National Homeless Youth Awareness Month. This event will also include a donation drive for hygiene products. Please bring new, unopened items to donate. For a complete list of items visit [www.walkininmyshoes.org/donate](http://www.walkininmyshoes.org/donate)

**Saturday, November 4**

**1:30 - 3:00 PM**

**Southwest Library**

**Donation Drive**

**November 4 - 11**

**All KPL branches**

### THE BINGO QUEENS OF ONEIDA



#### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Join Wisconsin Historical Society speaker Mike Hoeft and his wife, Patty Hoeft, for an enlightening afternoon. They will discuss the incredible story of Sandra Ninham and Alma Webster, two Oneida women who introduced bingo to their community in 1976. Mike will delve into the research and writing process of his book, "The Bingo Queens of Oneida", while Patty, an enrolled Oneida tribal member, and daughter of one of the bingo queens, will share her personal experiences growing up and helping with bingo events. Learn how this beloved game not only helped revive the Oneida economy but also strengthened the community.

**Wednesday, November 29**

**1:00 - 2:00 PM**

**Southwest Library**



# CONNECTING YOU

## INFORMATION FEST

### LIFE & LEGACY SERIES

Join us for the start of the Life and Legacy Series with an Information Fest. This event will feature speakers from local agencies and businesses that can offer guidance on end-of-life arrangements. Each speaker will provide a brief presentation, followed by a Q&A session. We will also provide additional information to help you connect with the speakers and make more formal arrangements on your own time.

Wednesday, September 6  
10:00 - 11:00 AM  
Southwest Library

Wednesday, September 6  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Northside Library

## AUTHOR TALK WITH LAURA BIRD



### LIFE & LEGACY SERIES

Grief knows no age limit. Surrounded by the beautiful Wisconsin Northwoods, author Laura Bird, explores grief and bullying in her middle-grade fiction book “Crossing the Pressure Line”. Families and caregivers with children are invited to join us to talk with Laura about her book and a Northwoods themed craft. For ages 8+ and their grown-ups.

Friday, September 15  
4:00-5:00 PM  
Northside Library

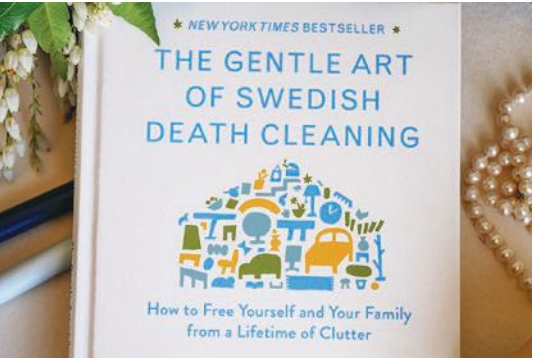
## LEGACY LETTERS

### LIFE & LEGACY SERIES

Every life can leave a legacy, but how will yours be remembered? Join Holly Miller, Life Tribute Professional Writer and Owner of Stories of A Lifetime, for a writing workshop to help capture your or your family's legacy. Participants will be guided through the writing process and gain a deeper understanding of the importance of capturing memories. This interactive class includes time for fun storytelling and memory sharing, too. **Registration is limited and required.**

Wednesday, October 4  
6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Stories of a Lifetime  
6040 39th Ave, Suite #5, Kenosha

## BOOK DISCUSSION



### LIFE & LEGACY SERIES

Join us for a book discussion for *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning* by Margareta Magnusson, a charming, practical, and unsentimental approach to putting a home in order while reflecting on the tiny joys that make up a life.

Wednesday, November 8  
1:00 - 2:00 PM  
Southwest Library

## MEMORY MURALS

### LIFE & LEGACY SERIES

Join us to create a mini-mural to celebrate your favorite memory or loved one. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring in materials from home to capture your memory.

Wednesday, November 22  
10:00 - 11:00 AM  
Northside Library

## LEAVING A LEGACY

### LIFE & LEGACY SERIES

Join us for an informative session with Holly Miller, owner of Stories of A Lifetime, as we briefly touch upon how your life is your legacy and how you will be remembered along with helpful tips for navigating the grief and stressors that come with the loss of a loved one. **Registration is limited and required.**

Wednesday, December 6  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Stories of a Lifetime

## AURORA BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC



Looking for ways to be mindful of your health? Come visit your friendly neighborhood library and take advantage of a free blood-pressure screening, provided by Aurora Health Care! Screenings will be conducted 1-2 people at a time, and are on a first come, first serve, basis. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, December 13  
12:00 - 2:00 PM  
Northside 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, visit any Kenosha Public Library location and fill out a legal advice intake form or call 262-564-6130. 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

## COFFEE TALK WITH EAST VIEW COFFEE COMPANY



We're celebrating National Coffee Day with a Coffee Talk! Come learn, sample different coffee, and chat with other coffee enthusiasts. Learn about the process of roasting coffee beans, along with how East View Coffee Company sources their beans from women-produced farms and the history and struggles of coffee farms around the world.

Friday, September 29  
9:30 - 10:30 AM  
Southwest Library

## SECOND SUNDAYS WITH CAREGIVERS, FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS

Join us on the second Sunday of each month for an extraordinary gathering. This group is for caregivers, family, and friends of people with disabilities, impairments, or conditions that require extra care or support. Learn about community resources and have the opportunity to share your experience with others. Your loved one is welcome to be a part of this meeting. There is room for breaks, movement, and entertainment.

Sundays: September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10  
2:00 - 3:30 PM  
Southwest Library



# ESCAPE THE WINTER BLUES

Looking for a way to break through those winter blues? Explore the programs below, designed to help you get through the darkest months of the year.

## SELF-CARE HAPPY HOUR

Take the time to indulge yourself in gentle stretching, deep breathing, and guided meditation. Add in the herbal tea bar, dim lighting, and relaxing music, and you'll surely have a very happy hour! Instructor Heather Thompson is a KPL staff member and 200-hour Registered Yoga Teacher.

**Wednesdays: September 6, October 11, December 13**  
**5:30 - 6:30 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

**Wednesday, November 1**  
**5:30 - 6:30 PM**  
**Northside Library**

## SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER

The holidays aren't always jolly or happy for everyone. Join us to learn about the symptoms of seasonal depression, how you can help loved ones who are struggling and the types of treatments that are available. Presented by KHDS Linkage and Follow-up Counselor, Ryan Huntington.

**Tuesday, December 5**  
**5:00 - 6:00 PM**  
**Northside Library**

## STAYCATION TO EGYPT

Join us for this staycation to Egypt, presented by local Kenoshian, Fredrick Butzen. This travelogue will show you both ancient and modern sites along with behind the scene information including travel prep and expenses!

**Tuesday, December 29**  
**10:00 - 11:15 AM**  
**Northside Library**

## LIBRARY DATE NIGHT: MOVIE NIGHT WITH HOT COCOA BAR



Join us for a classic Hallmark movie, complete with a hot cocoa bar! Wear your comfiest clothes and bring a blanket to get cozy. We will be making homemade marshmallows and will have plenty of popcorn on standby. **Registration required. You can secure up to two spots during registration.**

**Tuesday, December 12**  
**6:45 - 8:45 PM**  
**Northside Library**

# EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS

## KPL WALKING CLUB

Let's get moving Kenosha! Join us twice a month as we explore one of Kenosha's many beautiful parks! Each month we will meet at a designated location and follow a predetermined route. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes, we will leave promptly at 8:30 AM from each meeting location. Maps and route information can be found on [www.mykpl.us/walkingclub](http://www.mykpl.us/walkingclub)

**2nd & 4th Tuesdays**  
**September 12: Hawthorn Hollow**  
**September 26: Petrifying Springs Park**  
**October 10: Hawthorn Hollow**  
**October 24: Sam Poerio Park**  
**8:30 - 9:00 AM**

## BATS & OTHER MISUNDERSTOOD CREATURES

Learn about different misunderstood, spooky creatures ranging from the fruit bat to the tarantula spider, just in time for Halloween. Join us for this informative presentation for all ages by Daniel and Sharon Peterson of Incredible Bats, featuring live bats and other creatures! **Registration required.**

**Sunday, October 29**  
**1:00 - 2:30 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## WINTER BIRDS WITH HOY AUDUBON SOCIETY

Did you know that several bird species can withstand Wisconsin's harsh winters? Rick Fare, from Hoy Audubon Society, will help you learn how to identify them and explore the physiological and behavioral adaptations they've developed to survive. We'll also discuss different seed choices, feeder selection, and other methods to attract them.

**Monday, November 13**  
**6:00 - 7:30 PM**  
**Northside Library**

# 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](http://www.kenosha-chess.org)

**Wednesdays: September 6 & 20, October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15, December 6 & 20**  
**6:00 - 7:30 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## FALL CHESS DAY



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

**Saturday, September 23**  
**10:00 - 4:30 PM**  
**Southwest 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: September 21, October 19, November 16, & December 21**  
**6:00 - 7:30 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: September 9, October 14,  
November 11, December 9  
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

**September 14: *Isadora Duncan, the Dancing Queen***

**October 12: *The Horrible Sanity of Edgar Allan Poe***

**November 9: The Mystery of Writer-Adventurer**

Ambrose Bierce

**December 14: *Frank Lloyd Wright and the Taliesin Murders***

**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. Screenings will range from highly-rated new releases to nostalgic throwback favorites. Doors open at 12:15pm, Movie begins at 12:30pm.

### Thursdays

**September 7: *A Man Called Otto* (2022) (PG-13)**

**September 21: *Creed III* (2023) (PG-13)**

**October 5: *Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves* (2023) (PG-13)**

**October 19: *The Mummy* (1999) (PG-13)**

**November 2: *The Lost King* (2022) (PG-13)**

**November 16: *Somewhere in Queens* (2022) (R)**

**December 7: *Love Again* (2023) (PG-13)**

**12:30 - 3:00 PM**

**Northside Library**

# LET'S GET SPOOKY

Join us in the month of October as we explore the strange, mysterious and spooky at the library.

## SCARY SHORT STORY CONTEST

Are you a fan of horror stories? Visit any KPL location to pick up an entry form to take a stab at writing your own terrifying short story. We invite you to share your spine-chilling short stories with us during the creepiest month of the year. At the end of the month, prizes will be awarded to the best stories in three categories: shortest, scariest, and most creative.

**October 1 - 31  
All KPL Locations**

## THE LIBRARY MYSTERY: WGTD LIVE RADIO THEATER

Welcome to WGTD's next chapter of The Kane Shadow - inspired by Kenosha's own Orson Welles. Actors will bring to life some familiar voices in this locally produced and written performance. This radio performance will be recorded live at the Southwest Library, audience members are welcome for a special behind the scenes.

**Saturday, September 9  
11:15 AM  
Southwest Library**

## FRANKENSTEIN: PENETRATING THE SECRETS OF NATURE

### FRANKENSTEIN: PENETRANDO EN LOS SECRETOS DE LA NATURALEZA

In 1816, Mary Shelley conceived a story about a scientist who creates a creature that can think and feel, but is monstrous to the eye. Spurned by all, the embittered creature turns into a savage killer. Shelley's story served as a metaphor for apprehensions about scientific advancement that continue to resonate today. This traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine is available at Northside Library in both English and Spanish. Esta exhibición itinerante de la Biblioteca Nacional de Medicina está disponible en la Biblioteca Northside en inglés y español.

**September 11 - October 21  
Northside Library**

## WHAT IS CRYPTOZOOLOGY?



Join Barnaby Jones from Wisconsin Cryptids Anomalies Paranormal Society for this interactive look at Cryptids & Cryptozoology, the study of hidden animals. Moving from animals once considered legend that are currently seen in zoos around the world, like the lowland gorilla, komodo dragon and platypus, to animals that are extinct, into the unknown and unclassified by science, such as the Sasquatch and Loch Ness Monster.

**Friday, October 6**

**6:30 - 7:30 PM**

**Southwest Library**

## HAUNTED COOKIE HOUSE COMPETITION



Join us for an adult-only after hours event on the unluckiest day of the year! We're swapping out the classic gingerbread houses for some Halloween themed haunted cookie house building kits. Bring your competitive spirit and creativity and we'll provide the rest!

**Friday, October 13**

**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**Northside Library**

## HAUNTED SIMMONS

Is Simmons Library home to the supernatural? Join us for this updated, spooky version of our behind-the-scenes Simmons tour, complete with staff reports of ghostly happenings within our historic building. This tour involves significant stair climbing and includes timed exhibits and an exploration map. Please register for one session only.

**Saturday, October 21**

**6:30 - 9:00 PM**

**Simmons Library**

## SLIGHTLY SPOOKY SIMMONS

Looking to join in the spooky season of fun with a family-friendly atmosphere? Join us for games, crafts, and activities that are sure to delight and entertain children of all ages. Costumes are encouraged! Check out the online event calendar at [mykpl.info](http://mykpl.info) for a schedule of storytimes and costume parades.

**Sunday, October 22**

**12:30 - 2:30 PM**

**Simmons Library**

## DON'T MISS OUR TECHNOLOGY CLASSES!

See *Technology* on back cover.



## FRIDAY NIGHT FRIGHTS FILM SCREENING

### THE CABIN IN THE WOODS (R, 2011)

Join us after hours for a frightful night of popcorn and a jumpscare or two. Doors open at 6:15, movie begins promptly at 6:30.

**Friday, October 27**

**6:30 - 8:30 PM**

**Northside Library**



# MAKING YOUR MONEY WORK FOR YOU

## THE GET STARTED WORKSHOP

### STARTUP SUCCESS SERIES

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.

**Monday, September 18**  
**Session 1: 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**Session 2: 6:30 - 8:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## THE FOLLOW-UP

### STARTUP SUCCESS SERIES

You've taken the first step, introductions have been made, and the ball is in your court - what comes next? Join Bakari Collins, gBETA Kenosha's program manager, for a next-step etiquette workshop. This workshop will prepare you with an arsenal of best practices for moving past the introduction stage in business relations, tips to build confidence, and strategies for being remembered for all the right reasons.

**Monday, September 25**  
**6:00-7:30 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## BASICS FOR FIRST-TIME TIME HOME BUYERS

If you're a first-time homebuyer, navigating the world of mortgages can be overwhelming. Our partners from North Shore Bank will help you understand the basics and make informed decisions about purchasing your first home. **Registration recommended.**

**Thursday, September 21**  
**1:00 - 2:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## THE COST OF COLLEGE

College can be expensive, but with the right tools and strategies, you can plan and prepare for this important investment in your future. Join us with our partners from North Shore Bank to gain valuable insights on budgeting and saving for college. **Registration recommended.**

**Tuesday, September 26**  
**6:00 - 7:00 PM**  
**Simmons Library**

## HOLIDAY BUDGETING

The holiday season can be a time of joy and celebration, but it can also be a strain on your finances. Our partners at North Shore Bank will teach you how to create and stick to your own holiday budget. **Registration recommended.**

**Thursday, October 19**  
**1:00 - 2:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## FRAUD AND SECURITY

Learn about common types of fraud and scams and how to prevent financial exploitation. Most importantly, discover ways to keep your information safe and secure through advanced planning. This program is brought to you by our partners at North Shore Bank.

**Registration recommended.**

**Tuesday, October 24**  
**6:00 - 7:00 PM**  
**Simmons Library**

## BANKRUPTCY 101

Bankruptcy can be a helpful tool to achieve financial stability, but it should only be considered as a last resort. Our partners at North Shore Bank will teach the basics, covering who qualifies, Chapter 7, Chapter 13, and means testing. **Registration recommended.**

**Thursday, November 16**  
**1:00 - 2:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## STOCK MARKET BASICS

Investing in stocks is a great way to grow your money over time. Our partners from North Shore Bank will teach you the basics and how to make informed investment decisions. **Registration recommended.**

**Tuesday, November 28**  
**6:00 - 7:00 PM**  
**Simmons Library**

## ESTATE PLANNING

Estate planning may seem overwhelming, but it's a necessary process that can bring peace of mind. Our partners from North Shore Bank will offer guidance on how to develop an estate planning checklist tailored to your needs. **Registration recommended.**

**Thursday, December 21**  
**1:00 - 2:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

# 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 along with a simple pattern each session. All skill levels welcome!

**Tuesdays: September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## IN THE MAKING

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: September 19, October 24, November 21, December 19**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## FIBER ARTS COMPANY

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: September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18**  
**6:00 - 7:00 PM**  
**Northside Library**

**Wednesdays: September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6**  
**5:00 - 6:00 PM**  
**Simmons Library**

### PARENTS: WE'VE GOT CLASSES JUST FOR YOU!

See *Growing KPL Kids* on back cover.



## THE GREAT COMMUNITY ART SUPPLY SWAP

Are you an avid hobbyist constantly moving from one interest to another? Are you looking to expand your art supply collection without spending a fortune? Bring your gently used art supplies to our Southwest Branch to donate. Please ensure that the items are in like-new condition. **Donations accepted from October 1 - 25.**

**Swap Day**  
**Saturday, October 28**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## UGLY SWEATER COMPETITION

Do you think you have what it takes to make the ugliest holiday sweater? Please join us for a tacky, hideous, and gaudy ugly holiday sweater competition! Bring your own sweater or shirt and we will provide the rest. The prize categories will include The Most Beautifully Tacky, The Most Retro and The Loudest (Literally).

**Saturday, December 2**  
**1:00 - 3:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**



# WRITING AND LITERATURE

## 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: September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11**  
**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](mailto:ekastelic@mykpl.info) or call 262-564-6130.

**Tuesdays: September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12**  
**2:00 - 3:00 PM**  
**Call-In Party Line**

## 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: September 25, October 23, November 27, December 18**  
**6:00 - 7:30 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## CAUTION BANNED BOOKS BE HERE

Join KPL librarians for a brief history of banned books in libraries and how librarians manage their collections of books.

**Monday, October 2**  
**6:30 - 7:30 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## 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**  
**October 19: *No Visible Bruises* by Rachel Louise Snyder (non-fiction) or *Breathing Underwater* by Alex Flinn (fiction)**  
**December 21: *Already Toast* by Kate Washington (non-fiction) or *Every Note Played* by Lisa Genova (fiction) or *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant* by Roz Chast (graphic novel memoir)**  
**6:30 - 7:30 PM**  
**Northside 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: September 27, October 25, November 22, December 27**  
**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: September 17, October 1, 15 & 29, November 5, 12, 19 & 26, December 3**  
**12:00 - 4:00 PM**  
**Northside Library**

## VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Tune in to hear from national bestselling authors from the comfort of your own home.

**Sign up for these great talks and more at [mykpl.info/author-talks](http://mykpl.info/author-talks)**

## LIFE, LOVE, FAMILY, AND FOOD



## AN AUTHOR TALK WITH LIDIA BASTIANICH

You're invited to an intimate evening with award-winning television host and bestselling author Lidia Bastianich as she talks about her memoir *My American Dream: A Life of Love, Family, and Food*. As a special bonus (and pre-release!) Lidia will preview and chat about her newest cookbook *Lidia's From Our Family Table to Yours: More Than 100 Recipes Made With Love For All Occasions: A Cookbook*. In this inviting, deeply personal new cookbook, she shares the dishes she cooks for those she loves the most. This is the first book Lidia has written since the death of her mother, Nonna, who was beloved not only by Lidia's family but also by millions of cookbook and TV fans.

**Thursday, September 7**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Virtual**

## HOW TO GET UNSTUCK WHEN IT MATTERS MOST

## AN AUTHOR TALK WITH ADAM ALTER

Join us as we chat with *New York Times* bestselling author Adam Alter about his new book *Anatomy of a Breakthrough: How to Get Unstuck When It Matters Most*. Whether you're muddling through a midlife crisis, wrestling with writer's block, trapped in a thankless job, or trying to remedy a fraying friendship, the resulting emotion is usually a mix of anxiety, uncertainty, fear, anger, and numbness. But it doesn't have to be this way. *Anatomy of a Breakthrough* is the roadmap we all need to escape our inertia and flourish in the face of friction.

**Wednesday, September 20**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Virtual**

## ON WRITING THREE INTERNATIONAL BEST SELLERS

## AN AUTHOR TALK WITH AMOR TOWLES

Please tune in as we chat online with *New York Times* bestselling author Amor Towles about his incredible body of work. Born and raised in the Boston area, Amor Towles graduated from Yale College and received an MA in English from Stanford University. As well as, *Rules of Civility*, *A Gentleman in Moscow*, and *The Lincoln Highway*, Mr. Towles is also the author of the ebook *You Have Arrived at Your Destination*, part of Amazon's Forward collection.

**Wednesday, September 27**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Virtual**

## FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S WISCONSIN

## AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR KRISTINE HANSEN

Join author Kristine Hansen as she explores and examines Frank Lloyd Wright's southeastern Wisconsin projects. Hansen is a published travel, architecture, and food writer who brings an engaging perspective to the history of one of America's most famous architects.

**Monday, September 25**  
**6:30-7:30 PM**  
**Northside Library**

## SOUTHPORT LITERARY FAIR

Join us as we bring together 20+ Midwestern authors to celebrate the power of story, literature, and the readers who appreciate it. We will have a wide variety of authors available for book signings, panel discussions, and more. An activity area for kids and families with programming by local children's authors will be available. Local food trucks and the Blue House Bookmobile will also be on site!

**Saturday, September 30**  
**11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**



# TECHNOLOGY

## GOOGLE DRIVE 101

Learn about Google Drive, the free web-based alternative to Microsoft that lets you create documents, presentations, spreadsheets, and forms.

**Tuesday, September 5**  
**6:00 - 7:00 PM**  
**Northside Library**

## TYPING CLUB



Want to learn to type? Want to read some classics? Why not both? Come type for learning, fun and be social with your fellow keyboardists.

**Mondays: September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11**  
**6:30 - 7:30 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH AI?



AI or Artificial Intelligence news seems to be everywhere nowadays. We've put together a presentation to give you the facts about what AI is and what experts are saying so you can make sense of the onslaught of information.

**Tuesday, September 19**  
**6:00 - 7:00 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.

**Monday, November 20**  
**6:00 - 7:00 PM**  
**Southwest Library**

## BUILDING RESUMES USING GOOGLE DOCS



Let us show you how to use templates to give you a baseline place to get started building a stellar looking resume or cover letter. A Google account/Gmail account is required to use Google Docs.

**Friday, December 8**  
**2:00 - 3:00 PM**  
**Uptown Library**

# GROWING KPL KIDS

## DEVELOPMENTAL TOYS 101

What toys are best for my 6-month-old? What activities should I be doing with my 18-month-old to help with development? Join Aurora Health Care's Occupational Therapist to learn more about the childhood benefits of playing with developmentally appropriate toys and discover what educational toys the library has available for checkout. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend to participate with caregivers at this interactive session.

**Wednesday, October 11**  
**10:30 - 11:30 AM**  
**Southwest Library**

## MANAGING COMMON CHILDHOOD ILLNESSES AT HOME



Do you ever find yourself questioning whether or not a fever is too high? Jackie Stark, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with Aurora Health Care, will lead us through some of the most common scenarios parents and caregivers face and provide information on when and where you should take your child in for care and what you can do for them at home. This program takes place as part of Baby Buddies playtime after Baby Storytime. Caregivers with toddlers are welcome to join.

**Monday, November 13**  
**11:00 - 11:30 AM**  
**Southwest Library**