

NEW PROGRAMS & CLASSES AT KPL

THE INSIDER

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

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2020 WISCONSIN
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Library of the Year

LOCATIONS AND HOURS

SOUTHWEST LIBRARY

7979-38th Avenue

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

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

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

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

NORTHSIDE LIBRARY

1500-27th Avenue

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

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

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

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

Closed Sundays
Memorial Day -
Labor Day

SIMMONS LIBRARY

711-59th Place

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

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

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

Sunday
Closed

UPTOWN LIBRARY

2419-63rd Street

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

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

Sunday
Closed

KPL KIDS @ UPTOWN LOFTS

6144 22nd Avenue

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

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

DISCOVERY BUS

Check our website
for schedules and
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www.mykpl.info

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General Information: 262-564-6100
 Youth Services: 262-564-6150
 Adult Services: 262-564-6130
 Bookmobile: 262-564-6190



DON'T MISS OUR UPCOMING BOOK SALE!

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

October 25-27: Southwest Library

\$5 a Bag
 Friday, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Saturday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Sunday, 12:00 - 4:00 PM

friends of the
LIBRARY
 book sale

LIBRARY CLOSED: STAFF TRAINING

Due to our all staff inservice, all of our branches will be closed September 13th. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Friday, September 13
 All Branches Closed



KENOSHA PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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

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



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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

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

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



Kids Programs



GROWING KPL KIDS: TERRIFIC TALKERS

VISIT WWW.MYKPL.US/TALKERS FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION.

Join us for an exciting program series offering dynamic opportunities for babies, toddlers, and caregivers to learn, inspired by the *My First Learn-to-Talk Book* series by speech pathologist, Stephanie Cohen. These programs encourage the building blocks of speech, emotional connection, and early learning from infancy by equipping caregivers with the tools to help new speakers grow. Participants will receive a copy of Stephanie Cohen's board book, *My First Learn-to-Talk Book* while supplies last.

BOOKS, BALLS, & BLOCKS: DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

FT. HELP ME GROW KENOSHA

Meet with representatives from Help Me Grow Kenosha for this fun family event where children can receive a free early childhood developmental screening and take home a gift bag for first-time screeners, while supplies last. Parents and caregivers can come play with their children and learn how games and activities stimulate a child's development. Screenings are designed for families with children, ages 0-4.

Southwest Library
Monday, September 9
10:00 - 11:30 AM

Wednesday, September 11
10:30 - 11:00 AM

Friday, September 20
10:30 - 11:00 AM

KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts
Thursday, September 12
11:00 - 11:30 AM

Monday, September 16
11:00 - 11:30 AM

Northside Library
Tuesday, September 17
10:00 - 11:30 AM

Thursday, September 19
10:30 - 11:00 AM

Friday, September 20
11:00 - 11:30 AM

TERRIFIC TALKERS SING!

FT. HARMONY MUSIC SCHOOL

Join Emilie Gaschke from Harmony Music School for 45 minutes of music that will spark joyful learning in your child! Music is one of the most exciting ways for young children to support early language development and Kindermusik provides endless opportunities for babies and caregivers to communicate with each other, including verbally, nonverbally, actively listening, developing language, and integrating movement. Full parental involvement is required for this class for the entire duration. Parents should sit with their children, ages 0-3, and actively engage with them in the music and activities.

Saturday, September 14
10:30 - 11:15 AM
Northside Library

TERRIFIC TALKERS WRITE!

FT. KID POWER AND ART EDUCATOR LINDA POTTER

Paint with us! Art-making is foundational for developing those pre-writing skills through sensory play! It helps to grow fine motor skills, fosters problem-solving and emotional expression - not to mention creativity. Join Kacy Puntillo, a pediatric occupational therapist from Kid Power to discover why creative play is so invaluable for communication and art educator, Linda Potter, to learn how to get the most (fun!) out of art-making with your child.

Thursday, September 26
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

TERRIFIC TALKERS PLAY!

FT. SIMPLY SPOKEN THERAPY

The best (and most fun!) way to develop language is through PLAY! Join speech language pathologist, Amanda Townsend, for a jam-packed session where you'll discover different types of developmental play to support your child's communication at every stage.

Saturday, September 28
10:30 - 11:30 AM
Southwest Library

AT HOME WITH TERRIFIC TALKERS!

FT. EARLY HEAD START

How do you work the building blocks of language into your family routine? Visit with Early Head Start and try out some easy activities with your terrific talker!

Tuesday, October 1
10:00 - 11:30 AM
Northside Library

AT MEALTIME WITH TERRIFIC TALKERS!

FT. SPEECH PATHOLOGIST TREVOR HARRIS

Make mealtime fun and rewarding! Join speech pathologist Trevor Harris from Aurora Health Care and discover ways to present food to children, behavioral techniques for success, what milestones you can look for, and when you might need help.

Wednesday, October 2
10:30 - 11:00 AM
Southwest Library

EMPOWERING TERRIFIC TALKERS KEYNOTE WORKSHOPS WITH STEPHANIE COHEN

VISIT WWW.MYKPL.US/TALKERS FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION.

Author of the *My First Learn-to-Talk Book* series and speech pathologist, Stephanie Cohen, will offer keynote workshops for both early childhood educators and parents or primary caregivers. In-person and livestreaming space is limited and registration is required for these events.

IMITATION & COMMUNICATION: MAKING CONNECTIONS

A WORKSHOP FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

Discuss sensorimotor learning and imitation as a process supporting communication development, learn specific practical strategies to support nonverbal and verbal communication skills, and more! Continuing education credit available for educators.

Saturday, October 5
9:30 - 10:30 AM
Northside Library & Virtual
For Early Childhood Educators
Registration Required

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING: MEETING YOUR CHILD WHERE THEY ARE

A WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Learn effective strategies for choosing and using books to teach children the building blocks of communication, and discuss myths and expectations at different stages of development. Caregivers will leave with new ideas (and less stress!) to help foster joyful experiences with their children.

Saturday, October 5
10:45 - 11:15 AM
Northside Library & Virtual
For Parents & Caregivers
Registration Required

THE POWER OF VERBAL ROUTINES

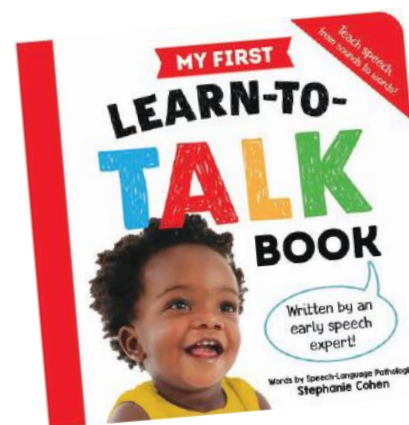
A WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Learn why phrasing things the exact same way with a child helps encourage their communication development. This interactive session includes demonstration of how to incorporate verbal routines into reading time with Stephanie's *My First Learn-to-Talk Book* series.

Saturday, October 5
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Northside Library & Virtual
For Parents & Caregivers
Registration Required

NO CHILD CARE?

Your infants and toddlers are welcome at this event! We will have some books and toys available for you to bring to your seat, and moving around is welcome. Food for hungry little ones is also welcome and encouraged. There is a children's restroom in close proximity to the event space.



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) who are not yet walking and their caregivers. Join us for books, songs, rhymes, interactive play, and FUN!

Mondays: September 9 - December 9
10:30 AM
Southwest Library

Tuesdays: September 10 - December 10
10:30 AM
Northside Library
No storytime November 5

Thursdays: September 12 - December 12
10:30 AM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts
No storytime November 28

BABY BUDDIES PLAYTIME

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

Mondays: September 9 - December 9
11:00 - 11:30 AM
Southwest Library

Tuesdays: September 10 - December 10
11:00 - 11:30 AM
Northside Library
No storytime November 5

Thursdays: September 12 - December 12
11:00 - 11:30 AM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts
No storytime November 28

WONDERFUL ONES

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

Tuesdays: September 10 - December 10
9:30 AM
Northside Library
No storytime November 5

Wednesdays: September 11 - December 11
10:00 AM
Southwest Library
No storytime November 27

TODDLER STORYTIME



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

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

Fridays: September 20 - December 13
10:30 AM
Northside Library

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

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

Mondays: September 9 - December 9
10:30 AM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

Thursdays: September 12 - December 12
10:00 AM
Northside Library
No storytime November 28

Fridays: September 20 - December 13
10:00 AM
Southwest Library
No storytime November 29

FAMILY STORYTIME



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

Mondays: September 9 - December 9
6:00 PM
Southwest Library

STEM STORY AND PLAYTIME

Fun for the whole family! Come for a short storytime that explores simple science, technology, engineering, and math concepts. Then stay for playful hands-on learning.

Saturdays: September 14 - December 14
12:30 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

ONCE UPON A CUENTO

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

Fridays: September 27, October 25, November 22
11:00 AM
Southwest Library

STORYTIME ADVENTURES

Storytime with a twist! Come read and sing along to storytime, then join us for a half hour of play outside! *In case of inclement weather, this program will be moved indoors.*

Saturday, September 7
10:30 AM
Southwest Library Park

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 11,
October 9, November 13, December 11
10:00 - 10:45 AM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

SAVE THE STUFFIES!

It's National Escapology Day, and there are some stuffed animals and toys who need some help freeing themselves. Bring your 0-2s to the library to work on those fine motor skills and save the stuffies! For ages 0-2.

Saturday, September 21
10:30 AM
Southwest Library

PRESCHOOL PLAY LAB

The science of play! Explore a variety of science, technology, engineering, art, math, and early literacy concepts. Warning: things might get messy! Best for ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Tuesdays
September 24: All the Apples
October 22: Pumpkin Party
November 26: In the Forest
10:30 AM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

A KOOKY, NOT-SO-SPOOKY PARTY

Let's party! Dress up in your favorite costume and prepare to have a hauntingly good time with games, activities, and crafts, followed by a parade around the library.

Thursday, October 31
10:30 AM
Northside Library

AIRPLANE ADVENTURE



Celebrate Aviation History Month with your preschool pilot! Zoom to the library for an energetic program full of games and activities. For ages 3-5.

Saturday, November 9
2:00 PM
Northside Library

WEE D&D

Is your preschooler a paladin or a fighter? Elf or dwarf? Create a character, dress the part, roll some giant dice, and join in a very simple quest. For ages 3-9.

Saturday, November 23
10:30 AM
Southwest Library

STUPENDOUS SNOWFLAKES

Let's make a winter wonderland! Curl up and enjoy a snowy story, and then try your hand at creating your own unique snowflake! For ages 3-5.

Sunday, December 8
2:30 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

4TH ANNUAL STUFFED ANIMAL PET SHOW



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 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 14
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.

DRAGONS LOVE TACOS



Dragons LOVE tacos, but watch out, because they HATE spicy food! Celebrate this modern classic with taco-tastic crafts!

Monday, September 16
5:00 PM
Northside Library

GROSS SCIENCE

Do you like things that ooze and make you cringe? Then get ready to learn about chemical reactions and create gross concoctions that will make you say EWW!

Monday, October 14
5:00 PM
Northside Library

ELASTIC EXPRESSIONS: RUBBER BAND ART

What can you paint with rubber bands? Explore the messy side of art in this color-filled escapade!

Wednesday, November 13
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

SNOWMAN SHENANIGANS



Do you want to build a snowman... but not out of snow? Experiment with building and melting snowmen in this cool science program!

Monday, December 2
5:00 PM
Northside Library

DIY GIFTS: COLORFUL KIDS

Looking for a unique gift idea? Join us to design a one-of-a-kind coaster that you can keep or give as a special gift. We'll also create amazing bookmarks that are perfect for sharing with friends or family.

Wednesday, December 11
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

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

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

RECORD-BREAKING FUN!

Come and challenge real Guinness World Records! Participants will take on a series of real world records with amusing results!

Thursday, September 12
5:00 PM
Northside Library

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BIRDS

Join us at Gateway's Center for Sustainability to learn about birds, using binoculars, and how to spot local wildlife. Weather permitting, you will get to go on a short nature hike to practice your new skills! Afterwards, you will build a birdhouse to share with your feathered friends at home.

Friday, September 20
4:30 PM
Gateway Center for Sustainability
3520 30th Avenue, Kenosha

COSMIC CREATIONS

Learn about galaxies and nebulas, and create art inspired by the wonders of space!

Thursday, September 26
5:00 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: October 9,
November 13, December 11
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

STENCILS GALORE

Have you always wanted to create a masterpiece, but don't really know how? Painting with stencils is a fun and easy way to spark your creativity! Painters of all experience levels are welcome.

Thursday, October 10
5:00 PM
Northside Library

ORIGAMI ART

Learn about the art of Japanese paper folding and make your own origami creations to take home!

Thursday, November 14
5:00 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.**

Tuesday, December 3
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

SLIMY SCIENCE!



Learn how to make slime that bounces, slime that glows, and even magnetic slime! We will also learn about the science of polymers and why they're essential for making slime so awesome.

Thursday, December 12
5:00 PM
Northside Library

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

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 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.**

Saturday, September 7
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Northside Library

Saturdays: October 5, December 7
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Southwest Library

DYE-NAMIC TIE-DYE



Let's get groovy! Unleash your inner artist and imagination as we tie-dye bandanas. Participants are welcome to bring their own items to tie dye. *In case of inclement weather, this program will be moved indoors.* **Registration required.**

Sunday, September 22
2:00 PM
Southwest Library

THINKING MONEY FOR KIDS: CURRENCY CONGA

Suitable for both younger and older kids, join us as we practice our money skills and have fun doing it! Think Twister meets money management - kids will improve their money math and currency recognition skills while engaging in play!

Monday, September 30
5:00 PM
Northside Library

CREEPY WATERCOLORS

Bring the scariest ideas that you can think of: bats, spiders, crooked trees, and haunted houses to create spooky designs with coffee filters and liquid watercolors!

Thursday, October 3
4:30 PM
Northside Library

PINECONE FAIRIES

Use pinecones and other natural items to make adorable fairies! Please wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy.

Sunday, October 6
2:30 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

DIY SPA DAY

Take some time to relax and pamper yourself! Build bath bombs, mix custom lip gloss, and fashion a stress ball. **Registration required.**

Wednesday, October 16
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

THINKING MONEY FOR KIDS: MAKING MOOO-LAH

Welcome to the farm! Starting with \$200, can you and your friends run a successful farm and make some moo-lah? Play this life-sized board game to find out if you have what it takes to turn a profit while learning real-world finance skills.

Wednesday, October 23
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

KID KITCHEN: CAMPFIRE PINEAPPLE CAKES

Warm up by the digital campfire and learn how to make a donut lover's alternative to s'mores. Allergens: gluten. **Registration and signed waiver required before class begins.**

Thursday, November 7
4:30 PM
Northside Library

SCULPT IT: ICE CREAM SUNDAE ART

Sculpt a scrumptious ice cream sundae using clay and paint. They'll look good enough to eat!

Monday, November 11
4:30 PM
Northside Library

KID KITCHEN: BANANA PUDDING



Celebrate National Banana Pudding Month with this delicious dessert! Make an incredibly tasty layered dessert consisting of vanilla wafers, banana slices, pudding, and whipped cream. **Registration and signed waiver required before class begins.**

Monday, November 18
5:00 PM
Northside Library

MINECRAFT UNPLUGGED

Join us offline for a celebration of all things Minecraft! Complete a scavenger hunt, build a Minecraft fort, and create your own creeper craft!

Tuesday, November 19
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

FAIRY TALE STEM CHALLENGE

Design, engineer, and test solutions for a few classic fairy tale challenges.

Monday, November 25
4:30 PM
Northside Library

THINKING MONEY FOR KIDS: PENNY PINCHERS' PARTY

Have you ever wondered how people plan big, fancy parties on a budget? Test your party planning skills to see who can make the best party with a limited amount of money. What will you choose to buy to make it party-tastic without spending too much?

Tuesday, November 26
5:00 PM
Southwest 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, December 4
5:00 - 5:45 PM
Southwest Library

DON'T LET THE COOKIE CRUMBLE

The race is on: Team Reindeer vs Team Gingerbread! Your mission is to build a sleigh to carry a cookie reindeer or gingerbread man down a zipline without falling out or breaking apart. Who will make the fastest, safest zipline sleigh to become the ultimate cookie champion?

Monday, December 9
4:30 PM
Northside Library

GIANT GAMES

Enjoy an afternoon of enormous fun by competing in life-sized games!

Sunday, December 22
1:00 - 3:00 PM
Southwest Library

EVENTS FOR FAMILIES

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

PICASSO SELF- PORTRAIT COLLAGE



Use cut paper and glue to create an abstract self-portrait collage like Spanish artist Pablo Picasso.

Monday, September 9
4:30 PM
Northside Library

HOMESCHOOL CLUB

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

Tuesdays: September 10,
October 8, November 12, December 10
10:00 - 11:00 AM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

SENSORY FRIENDLY DAYS

Sensory Friendly Days give visitors of all ages with complex developmental disabilities, sensory sensitivities, or who are on the autism spectrum, a safe, comfortable environment to explore KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts before the library opens to the general public. Activities will be modified and additional resources will be available to support visitors. Explore our monthly hands-on play and art activities and enjoy a sensory friendly storytime.

Saturdays: September 14, November 9
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

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 15, October 13,
November 10, December 8
2:00 PM
Southwest Library

STEM CHALLENGE: NEWSPAPER TOWER

Your mission is to design and build a tower using only newspapers, tape, and scissors. The best tower will not only be tall, but it will be able to withstand the elements.

Sunday, September 15
2:30 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

FIN-TASTIC SCRATCH ART

Dive into your creativity and craft your own mesmerizing underwater scene. Inspired by Paul Klee's "Fish Magic," we will use a new scratch art technique to create truly fin-tastic art!

Wednesday, September 18
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

POKÉMON CLUB

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

Thursdays: September 19, November 21
4:30 PM
Northside Library

Tuesday, October 15
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

CONSTRUCTION ZONE



Plan, design, and build with blocks, pipes, tools, and more in the Construction Zone.

September 22 - October 26
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE DAY

Let your fingers do the talking and discover the world of American Sign Language. Learn some basic conversational signs with games and fun activities, and explore the benefits of signing.

Monday, September 23
4:30 PM
Northside Library

PJ PARTY

It's a pajama party! Wear your favorite jammies and join us for a special evening storytime, complete with a bedtime snack.

Tuesday, September 24
6:00 PM
Southwest Library

KIDS COSTUME DRIVE



Donate your clean, gently used, store-bought children's Halloween costumes at the children's service desk at the Southwest Library between September 30th and October 9th. For each costume you donate, you will receive 1 Advance Admission ticket to our Kids Costume Swap on Saturday, October 12 for early admittance from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Each ticket may be redeemed for 1 costume or accessory. Donations do not guarantee finding a new costume.

September 30 - October 9
Southwest Library

FAIRY WALK AT HAWTHORN HOLLOW

Calling all friends of the fairies! Join us in the Hawthorn Hollow Amphitheater for a Fairy storytime and make a magical fairy wand. Later, take your new wand on a nature walk with a Hawthorn Hollow naturalist and search for fairies. The rain date is October 8th at 6:30pm. **Registration required. Call Youth and Family Services at 262-564-6150 to register, or visit the children's desk at one of our branches.**

Wednesday, October 2
6:00 PM
Hawthorn Hollow
880 Green Bay Rd, Kenosha

WORLD HABITAT DAY: HABITATS OF THE GREAT LAKES REGION

Explore the Great Lakes region and its variety of habitats. Using the materials provided, build a miniature model of a wildlife habitat found in the Great Lakes region of Wisconsin like an aquatic lake, forest, marsh, or dune ecosystem.

Monday, October 7
4:30 PM
Northside Library

KIDS COSTUME SWAP

Halloween is just around the corner! Stop by the library and pick out a new-to-you kids costume free of charge! Early admission (10am - 12pm) is available to those who donate costumes to the Kids Costume Drive from September 30 - October 9. Costumes are available on a first come, first served basis.

Saturday, October 12
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Southwest Library

BLAST OFF!

3-2-1 BLAST OFF!!! Build your own rocket and launch it using the power of pressurized air, carbon dioxide, and water!

Thursday, October 17
4:30 PM
Northside Library

BALLOON TOWER

Use balloons and masking tape to build the tallest freestanding tower. It's trickier than it sounds...are you up to the challenge?

Saturday, October 19
2:00 PM
Southwest Library

SLIGHTLY SPOOKY SIMMONS



Join us for a barely scary afternoon of games, crafts, and trick or treating in the library—perfect for families with children! Costumes are encouraged.

Sunday, October 20
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Simmons Library

DAY OF THE DEAD

Create some colorful decorations for Day of the Dead (Día De Los Muertos), a traditional Mexican celebration to remember someone who died and to celebrate their memory. Make clay sugar skulls, paper marigolds, a colorful luminari, and a picture frame to place on our ofrenda to honor your special loved one. The ofrendas will be displayed at the Northside Library from November 2 - 9.

Monday, October 21
4:30 PM
Northside Library

BROWN BAG MOVIES

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

Fridays
October 25: Mummies
December 27: Inside Out 2
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Northside Library

Fridays
November 8: Teenage Kraken
December 30: Frozen
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Southwest Library

CREATIVITY CORNER

Join forces with fellow artists to collaborate on exciting art projects. Your creations will be showcased in the children's room at the Southwest Library. Plus, you'll have the chance to craft your own artwork to bring home!

Saturdays: October 26,
November 16, December 28
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Southwest Library

ENERGY LAB

Energy turns on the lights, helps plants grow, and moves things (including you!) from one place to another. Explore it all in the Energy Lab.

October 27- November 30
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

SWIFTIES UNITE!

Are you ready to shake it off?! Come sing, dance, and play some T. Swift trivia with us! We will play "Name That Song" and make friendship bracelets as we celebrate the Eras Tour.

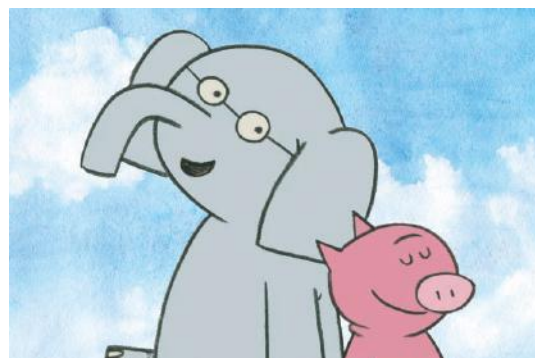
Saturday, November 2
11:00 AM
Southwest Library

KIDS VOTE!

Visit the Southwest, Northside, or KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts on Election Day to cast your ballot on important issues that matter to kids like you. Cats or Dogs? Chocolate or Vanilla? Make your voice heard!

Tuesday, November 5

ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE PARTY



Celebrate Mo Willems' characters Gerald and Piggie! We will have crafts, stories, and games featuring your favorite books, and some fantastic photo ops, too.

Sunday, November 17
2:30 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

KENOSHA ROCKS!

Join us to paint rocks as we spread joy throughout our town. Celebrate the season and paint what you're thankful for! We will provide the rocks and paint, you provide the inspiration!

Saturday, November 24
2:00 PM
Northside Library

PROBLEM SOLVERS

What do artists, chemists, carpenters, and you all have in common? You are all mathematicians! Play with math, celebrate fabulous failures, and be part of the Problem Solvers Squad.

December 1 - January 6
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

FAIRYTALE PRINCESSES



Calling all princes and princesses! Join us and Fairytale Birthday Company, LLC for a magical afternoon of music, photos, and fun! The Frost Queen and Island Princess will even be there for a very special musical performance. Costumes encouraged!

Friday, December 13
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Southwest Library

LEGOS @ THE LIBRARY



Just imagine the possibilities! Come build LEGOs, complete the challenges, and display your creation at the library! Families are welcome as we build LEGOs. DUPLO will be available for children 3 and under.

Sunday, December 15
2:00 PM
Southwest Library

TINKER LAB

Drop in and try your hand at building something spectacular. We'll have a variety of building supplies so you can find your favorite!

Monday, December 23
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

ART CART

Drop in to make something amazing out of the odds & ends available on The Art Cart. See what's available and let your creativity soar!

Thursday, December 26
Friday, January 3
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Southwest Library

NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY



Don't worry about keeping your littles ones up until midnight to ring in 2025 - let's party until 12 PM instead! Join us for celebratory New Year's fun, including a noisy bubble wrap popping countdown at Noon!

Tuesday, December 31
11:00 AM
Southwest Library

COLLAGE CREATIONS

Bring your imagination and creativity, and we'll provide the rest to help you create a colorful masterpiece.

Thursday, January 2
1:00 - 3:00 PM
KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts

Teen Programs



EVENTS FOR TEENS (AGES 12-19)

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

TEEN ANIME CLUB

Come watch an anime, talk about manga, and enjoy fun activities based on your faves. Whether you are an avid anime fan or just starting out, this club is perfect for you!

**Fridays: September 6, October 4,
November 1, December 6**
3:00 PM
Southwest Library

MELTED ART



Do you like to make art but also enjoy the unconventional? Use heat to create a unique melty masterpiece with crayons.

Monday, September 9
4:30 PM
Uptown Library

DIY BOOKENDS

Add some pizzazz to your bookshelf by painting bookends! Make a portal to your favorite fantasy world or design an homage to your favorite book—The possibilities are endless!

Wednesday, September 18
4:30 PM
Northside Library

COTTAGECORE WREATHS



Unleash your inner hobbit and celebrate the onset of autumn by making a beautiful cottagecore-inspired wreath! Use foam wreaths as a base and let your creativity shine with leaves, vines, hobbit doors, and more!

Friday, September 20
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

MOVIE MONDAY

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

**Mondays: September 23, October 28,
November 25, December 23**
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

BULLET JOURNALS

Do you feel stressed, disorganized, or that you have too many activities going on? Let us help you simplify your life with a bullet journal. We will provide the journals and show you some general rules of thumb for putting it all together.

Wednesday, September 25
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

FREAKY FOG STEM

Learn how to make creepy fog using ice so you can keep the Mad Scientist vibe going all year round.

Monday, October 14
4:30 PM
Uptown Library

MURDER ON THE PICKLE EXPRESS



Put your forensic investigation skills to the test to solve the mystery of how the pickles died. Try your hand at a pickle 'autopsy,' investigate the mystery, and even try 'blood' typing a mystery sample.

Friday, October 18
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

MAGIC: THE GATHERING CLUB



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

Wednesdays: October 23, December 18
4:30 PM
Northside Library

DIY JEWELRY



Are you crafty and like to wear jewelry? Do you like to use tools to fix things around your house? Learn how to make a one-of-a-kind piece of steampunk inspired jewelry using hardware like nuts and washers.

Monday, November 4
4:30 PM
Uptown Library

CROCHET BASICS

Have you always wanted to learn to crochet, but don't know where to start? Join us to learn the fundamentals! We will learn how to start, make basic stitches, and read a simple pattern. Suitable for ages 9-19 (no children under 9 or grown ups, please!). **Registration Required.**

Friday, November 15
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

DIY STAMPED TOWELS



Use everyday objects and fabric paint to stamp your own dish towel. Drying dishes has never been so fun!

Wednesday, November 20
4:30 PM
Northside Library

FAUX GLASS ART



Experiment with a new glass-like material to create colorful bowls that mimic the work of Dale Chihuly. You'll make an awesome one-of-a-kind bowl to take home!

Friday, November 22
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

WINTER NATURE ART

Prepare for winter with a nature-inspired art session at the Uptown Library. Utilize natural materials to create artwork that captures the beauty of the outdoors. When the cold weather arrives, you'll have your own stunning piece of nature to admire indoors.

Monday, December 9
4:30 PM
Uptown Library

FLIP THIS (GINGERBREAD) HOUSE!

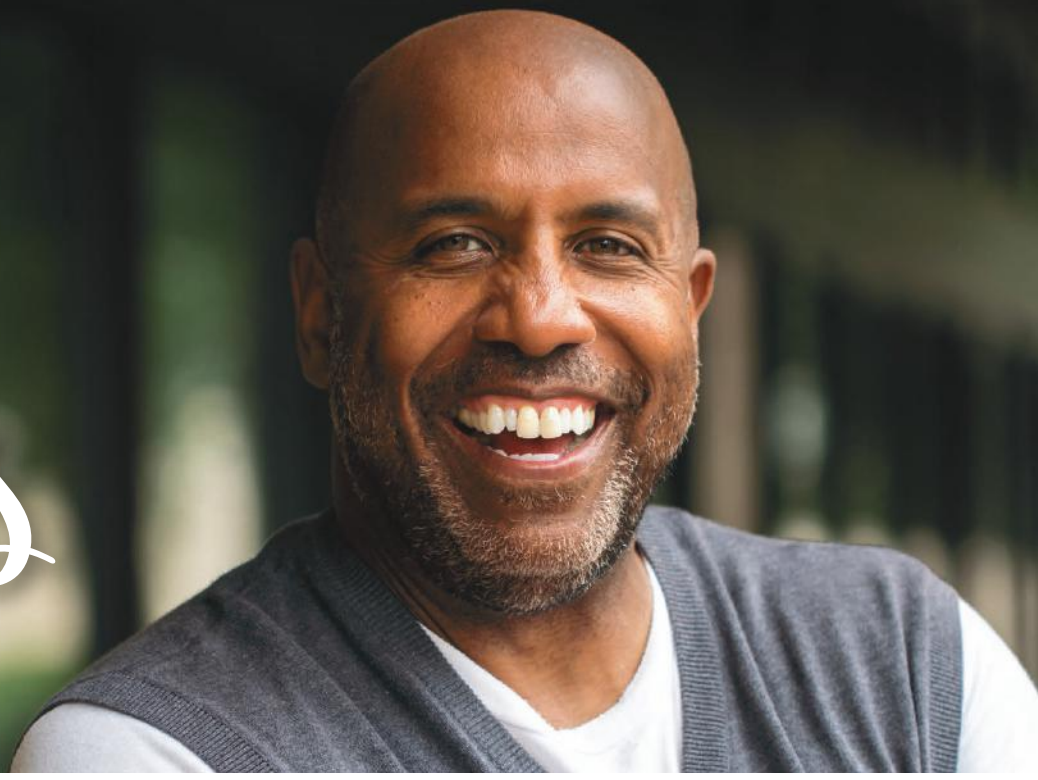


Get creative and make your gingerbread dream home a reality. Need inspiration? Draw a random challenge from a hat and see how you can incorporate it into your design!

Friday, December 20
4:30 PM
Southwest Library



Adult Programs



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

WHEN REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, REGISTER ONLINE OR CALL OPE OFFICES (262)564-6112. EVENTS ARE ADULTS ONLY, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN DESCRIPTION.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH & DIA DE LOS MUERTOS SERIES

KPL has been awarded grant funds from the Kenosha Community Foundation & the CBK Grant fund to build a Community Ofrenda at the Northside Branch and provide programs that increase cultural connection and offer educational opportunities.

PAPER MARIGOLDS & PAPEL PICADO WORKSHOP & LOTERIA

Learn to make paper marigolds and papel picado which are traditional offerings on a Dia de los Muertos altar, also called an ofrenda. A lively game of Loteria with prizes will follow the workshop. **For adults and teens (13+), registration is required.**

Friday, October 11
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Northside Library

PICTURE FRAME OFFERING & LOTERIA



Materials will be provided to drop in and make a picture frame to hold a loved one's photo for the community ofrenda. Stay for a lively game of Loteria with prizes. **For adults and teens (13+), registration is required.**

Saturday, October 26
1:00 - 3:00 PM
Northside Library

COMMUNITY OFRENDA



Bring your traditional offerings such as marigolds, papel picado, or pictures in frames to the Community Ofrenda! The ofrenda will be on display at our Northside branch and opens at 12:00 PM on Friday, November 1st. **No registration required, open to all ages.**

November 1 - 9
Northside Library

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS & LIVE DANCE BY LA PERLA TAPATÍA

Bring offerings for the KPL Community Ofrenda and stay to watch folklore dancers from the La Perla Tapatía. The live dance performance will be followed by a film screening of Disney/Pixar's Coco with refreshments. **No registration required, open to all ages.**

Saturday, November 2
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Northside Library

LIBRARY DATE NIGHT: COUPLES COOKING CLASS



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

Sunday, September 15
1:00 - 2:30 PM
Uptown Library

CONNECTING YOU

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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

JOB SEEKER AND UNEMPLOYMENT HELP

Job Service staff can assist with applying for online jobs, creating or updating your resume, and assistance with filing your online unemployment claims.

Fridays: September 27, October 25, November 22
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Uptown Library

ASSISTED LIVING: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

When it comes to assisted living, often you don't know what you need to know until you NEED to know it. At this informative session you'll leave well informed for when the time comes to help a loved one, or even you, consider assisted living. Join Nancy Davies from Library Terrace Assisted Living for insight and to answer your questions.

Thursday, September 5
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Northside Library

Thursday, September 12
5:30 - 6:30 PM
Southwest Library

MEMORY CAFÉ

The Memory Café is a monthly gathering for persons living with Mild Cognitive Impairment, early-stage Alzheimer's, or a related dementia and their care partners to socialize and have fun. Join the Kenosha County ADRC's Dementia Care Specialist for a Memory Café on the second Tuesday of every month. For questions and to register, call the ADRC at 262-605-6716.

Tuesdays: September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10
1:00 - 2:00 PM
Southwest Library

VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

September 17 is National Voter Registration Day! Stop at any library branch to get staff assistance to determine if you are currently registered to vote, update your name or address, apply for an absentee ballot or find your polling place using the self-service **My Vote Wisconsin website: myvote.wi.gov** Voter registration requires uploading verification of identity with photo and physical address- not a PO Box; please have items ready.

Tuesday, September 17
All Branch Locations

BRAVER ANGELS WORKSHOPS

These workshops are not designed or intended to change your political beliefs, or give you the skills to change the beliefs of others, for more information about the Braver Angels Organization, please visit: braverangels.org Registration is required, light refreshments will be provided.

BEING RED IN A BLUE ENVIRONMENT

We've partnered up with **Braver Angels** to bring you this unique in-person workshop for political conservatives who are surrounded by liberals in key areas of life like work, family, social circle, religion, or community. Participants learn safe and effective ways to communicate their conservative values and beliefs in environments where liberal ideas are assumed to be correct. **Registration required, open to adults & teens (14+).**

Monday, October 14
5:00 - 7:00 PM
Southwest Library

BEING BLUE IN A RED ENVIRONMENT

We've partnered up with **Braver Angels** to bring you this unique in-person workshop for political liberals and progressives who are surrounded by conservatives in key areas of life like work, family, social circle, religion, or community. Participants learn safe and effective ways to communicate liberal values and beliefs in environments where conservative ideas are assumed to be correct. **Registration required, open to adults & teens (14+).**

Monday, October 21
5:00 - 7:00 PM
Northside Library

ENCOURAGING FINANCIAL CONVERSATIONS

Encouraging Financial Conversations is a 6 week virtual program designed for case managers, social workers, or human service professionals to help empower clients achieve their financial goals and manage their money. Participants will learn techniques and strategies to help their clients create a financial plan, build and maintain good credit, pay off debts, write a spending and savings plan, and protect themselves from fraud. **Registration is required to receive the virtual link: go.wisc.edu/efc.krw**

Mondays:
October 7, October 14, October 21,
October 28, November 4, November 11
2:00 - 3:00 PM
Virtual

SMALL BUSINESS LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

Are you a new business owner or have an idea for a small business? If so, then this lunch and learn series is the perfect opportunity to step away from the office and learn about a new topic during your lunch hour. Bring your lunch and we'll provide refreshments.

THE POWER OF VIDEO MARKETING

Discover how video marketing can help you build your brand, attract new customers, engage existing customers, and increase sales! This training will share the benefits of video marketing, resources and tools available to successfully add videos to marketing plans, and a review of successful small business video campaigns.

Wednesday, October 9
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Southwest Library

PRICING FOR SMALL BUSINESS PROFITABILITY

Learn how to determine the best price for your product or service from the Small Business Development Center. This program will give participants the opportunity to understand the key financial metrics for their business and different pricing strategies. We will help you understand cost of goods, profit margins, fix vs variable expenses, cost per customer and more.

Wednesday: November 13
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Southwest Library

SMALL BUSINESS ACCESS TO CAPITAL

In this workshop, you will learn about several types of capital resources to start or grow a small business. You will also learn how to be application and loan-ready. Bank, WWBIC, Kiva and other experts will be available to answer all your questions!

Wednesday, December 11
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Southwest Library

MENTAL HEALTH & THE HOLIDAYS

Does thinking about Winter leave you not feeling your best? You are not alone, learn about depression, anxiety, and how to manage through the holiday/winter seasons in this enlightening session with Carol Kessel from A Ray of Hope: Great Lakes Institute of Neurology and Psychiatry.

Wednesday, November 13
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Northside Library

Monday, December 9
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Southwest Library

GREAT LAKES GREAT READ

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Welcome to the “one book, one community” program designed to inspire passion and connection to the Great Lakes Watershed through reading. They’ve been home to 120 bands of Indigenous people, provided drinking water for millions, held flourishing biodiversity and 20% of the world’s surface freshwater and more. By diving into this project, you are deepening your connection to a system that shaped the U.S. and Canada, and continues to sculpt stories today. Our book selections are *The Best Part of Us* by Sally Cole-Misch and *The Water Walker (Nibi Emosaawdang)* by Joanne Robertson.

MEET OUR AUTHORS

A CONVERSATION WITH SALLY COLE-MISCH AND JOANNE ROBERTSON

Register in advance for this webinar, after registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar:

www.mykpl.us/greatread

Wednesday, September 25
6:00 PM
Virtual

A CONVERSATION WITH SALLY COLE-MISCH

After a career in Great Lakes policy and environmental communications, Sally translated her life’s work into fiction through her multi-award-winning novel, *The Best Part of Us*. Join us for an interactive conversation to learn about the career and writing experiences that led her to write this selection which immerses readers in a breathtaking natural world, a fresh perspective on loyalty, and an exquisite ode to the essential roles that family, nature, and place hold in all of our lives.

Register in advance for this webinar, after registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar:

www.mykpl.us/sally

Wednesday, October 2
6:00 PM
Virtual

HAWKS & BIRDS OF PREY

This program by Vic Berardi, who organizes the Hawk Watch at Illinois Beach State Park, will help you identify hawks and other birds of prey, including their behavior, movement, and other interesting facts about them.

Thursday, October 3
7:00 - 8:00 PM
Northside Library

A CONVERSATION WITH JOANNE ROBERTSON

Register in advance for this webinar, after registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar:

www.mykpl.us/joanne

Wednesday, October 9
6:00 PM
Virtual

BEACH CLEAN-UP

430 million years ago, what is now the City of Kenosha was part of a tropical reef in a warm, shallow sea teeming with life--the evidence is still here! Join the Kenosha Public Museum and the Kenosha Public Library in an exciting hunt for fossils along Lake Michigan where you will discover clues to Kenosha’s ancient past. There will be a storytime to learn more about fossils and the people who find them, activities for kids, and you can help us keep Kenosha’s lakeshore beautiful while we search for fossils!

Saturday, September 7
1:00 - 3:00 PM
Simmons Island Beach House

HAWK BIRD WALK



We are headed to beautiful Chiwaukee Prairie for this bird walk with members from the Hoy Audubon Society.

Saturday, October 12
9:00 AM
Chiwaukee Prairie
Al Kampert Trail, Pleasant Prairie

DOCUMENTARY & DISCUSSION: FLYWAYS

Learn how to help Kenosha’s shore birds! Shorebirds fly thousands of miles each year along ancient and largely unknown migratory routes called Flyways. More than 200 species travel from feeding grounds in the southern hemisphere to breeding grounds in the Arctic and back again, but their populations are crashing amidst climate change and urban development. Stay for discussion of the documentary and the Great Lakes, Great Read book selections, *The Best Part of Us* and *The Water Walker*. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. **Registration required. Ages 10 and up.**

Sunday, October 13
1:00 PM
Northside Library

KPL GARDENING CLUB

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MONARCH JOINT VENTURE WEBINAR WATCH PARTIES

Join us for a watch party each month to learn all about Monarch Conservation. Can't make it to the watch party? Watch on your own time, to register click the link: www.mykpl.us/monarch

Tuesdays

September 24: *Tracking Shifts in Food Availability for Monarchs and Other Pollinators*

October 22: *Monarchs and the Military, MJV Collaboration on Public Lands*

November 19: *AZA SAFE Monarch, Engagement and Conservation in Zoos and Aquariums*

December 17: *An Assessment of Native Seed Needs and the Capacity for Their Supply*

1:00 - 2:00 PM
Southwest Library

BUILDING HEALTHY SOIL THROUGH COVER CROPS

Learn all about cover crops and how you can use them to slow erosion, improve soil health, enhance water availability, help control pests, weeds, and diseases, increase biodiversity and bring a host of other benefits to your garden. Early fall sowings of cover crops are a good entry point for gardeners who are working with cover crops for the first time. Join us for this informational presentation featuring Eric Carlberg, Program Director for Westosha Senior Center. Free cover crop plant to take home for first 40 registrants.

Registration is required.

Sunday, September 8
1:00 - 2:30 PM
Northside Library

LET'S GET MOVING KENOSHA!

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KPL WALKING CLUB

Join us as we explore one of Kenosha's many beautiful parks! Each month we will meet at a designated location and follow a predetermined route. Maps and route information can be found online. Comfortable shoes and sunscreen are encouraged, we will leave promptly at 8:35 AM from each meeting location. Registration is required for each walk, open to all ages: www.mykpl.us/walkingclub

**Tuesdays: September 24,
October 22
8:30 - 9:00 AM**

NIGHT HIKES AT HAWTHORN HOLLOW

Come experience the wonders of night in the woods with a Naturalist from Hawthorn Hollow. Learn all about the adaptations nocturnal creatures have developed to survive and thrive when the sun goes down. This is a 60-minute outdoor program, please dress for the weather, comfortable shoes and insect repellent for possible ticks are highly encouraged! **Registration is required for each hike, spots are limited (ages 12+).**

**Wednesdays: September 11, October 9
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Hawthorn Hollow
880 Green Bay Rd, Kenosha**

NATIVE PLANT WALKS



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

**Wednesdays: September 18, October 16
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Chiwaukee Prairie
Al Kampert Trail, Pleasant Prairie**

WEEKDAY WELLNESS

Mindfulness is a fantastic way to check in with yourself, manage stress and unwind. Join us to learn more about mindfulness, along with a guided meditation or short yoga session to end the class featuring videos from Masterclass. Can't make the session? Watch the videos at home, Masterclass is free with your library card: www.mykpl.us/master **Registration Required.**

Wednesdays
September 25: A Guide to Mindfulness, A Guide to Meditation & Putting Out the Welcome Mat Guided Meditation
October 30: Working with Thoughts while Meditating & Dropping In Guided Meditation
November 27: Meditation Posture & Choiceless Awareness Guided Meditation
December 18: Mindfulness and Stress & The Mountain Guided Meditation
**9:30 - 10:30 AM
Southwest Library**

KPL CLASSICS

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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.

**Wednesdays: September 4, September 18,
October 2, October 16, November 6,
November 20, December 4, December 18
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Southwest 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 12: Sex Magik and Rocket Science, The Mad World of Jack Parsons
October 10: Halloween in America
November 14: The Disappearance of Dorothy Arnold
December 12: Home Front USA, 1941-1945
**6:00 - 7:00 PM
Northside 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 14, October 12,
November 9, December 14
2:30-3:30 PM
Simmons 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 19, October 17,
November 21, December 19
6:00 - 7:45 PM
Southwest Library**

AFTERNOON MOVIE @ NORTHSIDE

Once a 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. Movie selections will be listed at mykpl.info when available. Popcorn provided; movie snacks and non-alcoholic beverages welcome.

**Thursdays: September 19, October 17,
November 21, December 19
12:30 - 3:00 PM
Northside Library**

HAUNTED SIMMONS

Is Simmons Library home to the supernatural? Join us to find out on this updated 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. Register for one of five timeslots to experience this special event. **This event is for adults only, registration is required.**

**Friday, October 18
6:30 - 9:30 PM
Simmons Library**

LIBRARY DATE NIGHT: MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT GAME NIGHT!

Do you love a little friendly competition? Put your teamwork, coordination, and quick thinking to the test as you and your partner go head-to-head against other dynamic duos in a race against the clock! **Registration is required for this after hours, adult only event.**

Saturday, November 16
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Uptown Library

SPARK CREATIVITY

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EVENTS ARE ADULTS ONLY, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN DESCRIPTION.

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 3, October 1
No Sewing Club December 3
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Southwest Library

ADULTS & CRAFTS

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

Tuesdays: October 15, December 10
10:00 - 11:30 AM
Northside Library

Mondays: October 28, December 16
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Southwest Library

FIBER ARTS CLUB



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

Wednesdays: September 4, October 2,
November 6, December 4
5:00 - 6:00 PM
Simmons Library

Mondays: September 16, October 21,
November 18, December 16
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Northside Library

MINI ART EXTRAVAGANZA



Looking for a way to show off your creativity and to help us celebrate World Recycling Month? Join us for this art extravaganza! Using the take home kit along with other recycled materials create your own mini masterpiece. We have the supplies, just bring your creativity.

Tuesday, November 19
5:00 - 6:00 PM
Northside Library

MINI ART EXTRAVAGANZA TAKE HOME KIT

Flex your creativity and help us celebrate World Recycling Month by recycling materials to make some mini art! Stop by any branch to pick up a kit, take it home to create your masterpiece or join us on Tuesday, November 19 to create in a class environment. Kits have everything you need to create, but feel free to add other materials (recycled or otherwise)! from home in your creation process. Please bring in completed art by December 2nd to be displayed at our Southwest Branch. **Kits are for all ages to create.**

Monday, November 18 - Monday, December 2
All KPL Branches

GOBBLE UP THESE THANKSGIVING COOKIES

Try your hand at TikTok worthy royal icing cookies with cookie pro, Acute Cookies by Sarah Heischberg. Participants will learn the basics of adorable decorating techniques using pre baked cookie kits and royal icing. Don't walk, turkey trot to register beginning November 1. **For adults, registration is required.**

Wednesday, November 20
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Northside Library

WINTER SNOWFLAKES

Have you always wanted to learn how to make the big paper snowflakes that hang at Northside all Winter? Now is your chance! We will show you how to make a variety of different snowflakes in this hands-on class. **Registration is required.**

Thursday, December 5
4:00 PM
Northside Library

SUSTAINABLE CRAFTING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Join us for a series of adult crafting classes at the Center for Sustainable Living.

UPCYCLED FALL DECOR

Don't trash that pumpkin, upcycle it! Bring in your leftover pumpkins and gourds and join us for a "crafty" afternoon at the Center for Sustainable Living. We will provide the additional materials and instruction for this sustainable, adult only craft! **Registration is required, spots are limited.**

Monday, November 4
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Gateway Technical College
Center for Sustainable Living
3520 30th Ave, Kenosha

SUSTAINABLE CRAFTING: UPCYCLED GIFT WRAPPING PARTY

Bring your holiday gifts and join us for an event filled with festive music, hot cocoa, and lots of recycled paper and natural materials to wrap gifts beautifully & sustainably. Don't have gifts to wrap? No problem! We'll also demonstrate how to make recycled bows and gift tags. **Registration is required, spots are limited.**

Saturday, December 14
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Gateway Technical College
Center for Sustainable Living
3520 30th Ave, Kenosha

TECH CORNER

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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.

Thursday, October 24
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Southwest Library

3D PRINT & DESIGN CLUB

Talk together with fellow hobbyists, crafters, and designers to discuss 3D printing, design, issues, ask questions, and generally chat about the world of 3D craft. The club is open to anyone with a fleeting interest in 3D craft and those with in depth experience.

Tuesdays: September 17, October 15,
November 19, December 17
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Southwest Library

ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE EASY

Venmo, Paypal, Cash App, Facebook Pay and more have become some of the primary ways people can ask for payments online. We will explore what digital payment options are, discuss how secure digital wallets are, and how they factor in the current digital world.

Friday, December 6
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Uptown Library

WRITING AND LITERATURE

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BOOK SWAP

Back by popular demand! Join us as we celebrate National Read A Book Day and swap your unwanted books for something new! Drop in anytime during the hours listed below, registration is not required. **Open to all ages.**

Friday, September 6
10:00 - 5:30 PM
Northside Library

MADELINE MARTIN & THE BOOKLOVER'S LIBRARY

A mother and daughter struggle in wartime England, in this heartwarming tale about the power of books that bring them together... We have partnered with Blue House Books for a presentation and book signing with the author herself, Madeline Martin, as she celebrates the release of *The Booklover's Library*! Copies of *The Booklover's Library* and other novels by the author will be available for purchase at the event or in advance from Blue House Books. This event is completely free but registration is required: www.mykpl.us/booklover

Saturday, September 14
1:00 - 3:00 PM
Simmons Library

MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK CLUB

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

Mondays: September 9, October 14,
November 11, December 9
2:00 - 3:00 PM
Northside Library

CALL-IN BOOK CLUB

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

Tuesdays: September 10, October 8,
November 12, December 10
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 23, October 28,
November 25, December 23
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Southwest Library

AUTHOR DISCOVERY CLUB

A fresh new book club dedicated to helping you connect with authors in a novel new way! This is a two part book club (in either order) read any book by the featured author for the month, next log on to KPL's virtual author talk link to watch a recorded virtual program to connect deeper (optional). Then come to the book club ready to listen and discuss the author, the books and writing style. Registration not required.

September 4: *NYT Best Selling Author and Rees's Book Club Pick, Sadeqa Johnson*
Virtual: www.mykpl.us/sadeqa

October 2: *NYT Best selling author, Fredrik Backman*
Virtual: www.mykpl.us/fredrik

November 6: *United States Poet Laureate & 2022 Academy of American Poets Leadership Award, Joy Harjo*
Virtual: www.mykpl.us/joy

December 4: *Emmy award-winning television host and bestselling author, Lidia Bastianich*
Virtual: www.mykpl.us/lidia

Wednesdays: September 4,
October 2, November 6, December 4
2:30-4:00 PM
Southwest Library

CLASSIC NOVELS BOOK CLUB

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

Wednesdays

September 25: *Read a classic novel set in the city*

October 23: *Read a classic novel with a deeply flawed protagonist*

November 27: *Read a classic novel set in a place you'd like to visit*

3:00 - 5:00 PM
Northside Library

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Join us for this fantastic series of virtual talks from some of your favorite authors, all from the comfort of your own home and coziest pants. Browse all previous author talks, register for upcoming sessions or watch any you may have missed by visiting: www.mykpl.us/authortalks

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, September 24
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Northside Library

NANOWRIMO FICTION WRITERS GROUP

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 15, September 29,
October 27, November 3, November 10,
November 17, December 1
12:30 - 4:00 PM
Northside Library

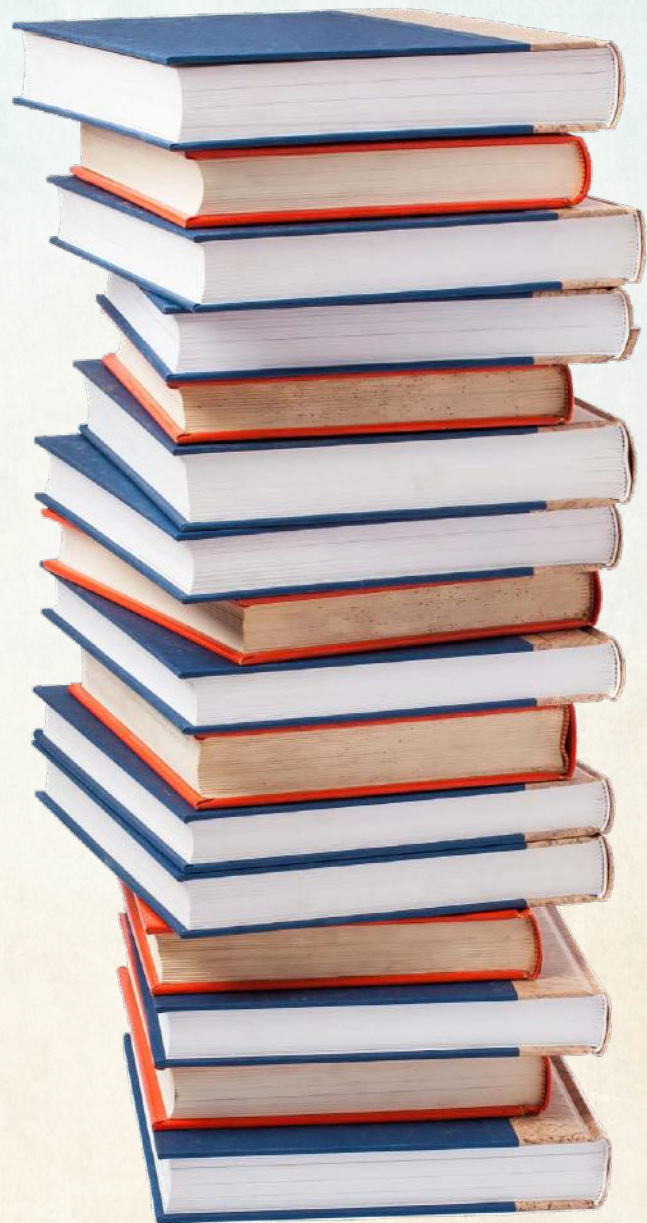


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