

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

DISCOVERY BUS

Check our website
for schedules and
more information at
www.mykpl.info



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**INTERESTED IN PROGRAMS
HAPPENING AT THE NEW
UPTOWN CHILDREN'S LIBRARY?**

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR
MORE INFORMATION SOON!**

VISIT US ONLINE!

Browse our collection, place holds,
and much more at www.mykpl.info

GIVE US A CALL!

General Information: [262-564-6100](tel:262-564-6100)
Youth Services: [262-564-6150](tel:262-564-6150)
Adult Services: [262-564-6130](tel:262-564-6130)
Bookmobile: [262-564-6190](tel:262-564-6190)



A GIFT TO THE CHILDREN OF KENOSHA



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BRATTIN**

*Director
Kenosha Public Library*

What do we do when a block of our city burns to the ground and we have a chance to rebuild? What do we do when our children struggle to read and do math on grade level? How do we replace devastation with hope? We build a Children's Library!

On July 13th, 2024, Kenosha Public Library will open its fifth location on the ground floor of the Uptown Lofts apartment building with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, private foundations, corporations, and individual donors like you. The 7,632 square foot space will be filled with learning activities and stories to delight young minds and inspire them to thrive both intellectually and emotionally.

We will host Early Head Start during the day and the YMCA Elementary Achievers Program after school. Our Community Room will provide space for social service agencies to meet with families and connect them to the services they need. UW-Extension will bring their FoodWise program to teach good nutrition to children and families. We'll partner with UW-Madison to bring language developmental disabilities screening. We'll offer a toy lending library, an art room for young Picassos and a comfort room for children who feel a little overstimulated. And everywhere you look there will be books filled with stories to grow a child's imagination and answer all those burning questions that need answers.

I hope you'll join us on Opening Day and I also hope that you'll make this new library and every library in Kenosha a regular part of your family's schedule. Children who go to the library are much more likely to be successful in school and in life. Is there any greater gift we can give to our children?

See you at the library!

Barbara Brattin

Kids Programs



GROWING KPL KIDS (ADULT ATTENDANCE REQUIRED)

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

KEEPING MOM STRONG: PELVIC FLOOR HEALTH

Not only are you adjusting to a whole new lifestyle after your baby is born, but you are also healing from bringing that life into the world! Join Stephanie Frederickson, a physical therapist from Aurora Health Care, to learn more about the symptoms of pelvic floor pain and issues that can range from incontinence, heaviness, and bulging, and what you can do to help alleviate, improve, and thrive. Babies welcome!

Monday, June 24
11:00 - 11:30 AM
Southwest Library

PARK & PLAY: GIFT OF GAB

Join us outdoors for the Schulte Park & Play Storytime! Following some songs and stories, Trevor Harris, a speech therapist from Aurora Health Care, will lead caregivers and littles in a session of fun activities you can take home with you! This is a great way to connect with your toddler/preschool-age kids and support their development at the same time.

Wednesday, June 26
Storytime: 9:30 - 10:00 AM
Playtime: 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Schulte Park
4400 87th Place, Kenosha
For Families with Children

PARK & PLAY: DEVELOPMENTAL TOYS PETTING ZOO

Join us outdoors for the Schulte Park & Play Storytime! Following some songs and stories, Adriana Marciniak, an occupational therapist from Aurora Health Care, will show caregivers and littles the benefits of playing with developmentally appropriate toys that you can check out from your neighborhood library! This is a great way to connect with your toddler/preschool-age kids and support their development at the same time.

Wednesday, July 31
Storytime: 9:30 - 10:00 AM
Playtime: 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Schulte Park
4400 87th Place, Kenosha
For Families with Children

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: June 17 - August 12
10:30 AM
Southwest Library

Tuesdays: June 18 - August 13
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: June 17 - August 12
11:00 - 11:30 AM
Southwest Library

Tuesdays: June 18 - August 13
11:00 - 11:30 AM
Northside Library

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: June 18 - August 13
9:30 AM
Northside Library

Wednesdays: June 26 - August 14
10:00 AM
Southwest Library

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: June 17 - August 12
9:30 AM
Southwest Library

Fridays: June 21 - August 16
10:30 AM
Northside Library

PARK & PLAY STORYTIME

Bring your blanket or lawn chairs and meet us at the park! Join us under the shade near the playground for an all-ages storytime from 9:30-10 followed by an hour of play, bubbles, and music. The bookmobile will also be open to check out fresh reading materials to take home each week. **In case of inclement weather, this program will be canceled.**

Mondays: June 17 - August 12
9:30 - 11:00 AM
Columbus Park
2003 54th St, Kenosha

Wednesdays: June 26 - August 14
9:30 - 11:00 AM
Schulte Park
4400 87th Place, Kenosha

Fridays: June 21 - August 16
9:30 - 11:00 AM
Roosevelt Park
6801 34th Ave, Kenosha

BUG OUT!

Fly, crawl, or hop over to the library for interactive insect play! Hunt for bugs in the grass, catch some butterflies, and try not to get stuck in the spider's web! Nothing to fear here: all bugs are friendly (and fake)! For ages 1-2.

Saturday, June 8
10:30 AM
Northside Library

MAKE A MINI-MOCKQUARIUM

Perfect for pet-obsessed preschoolers! Come to the library and make your own mason jar aquarium to take home. No need to clean or feed these fishies—they're just pretend! For ages 3-5. **Registration required.**

Saturday, July 20
10:30 AM
Southwest Library
Ages 3-5

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.

Thursdays: June 20 - August 15
10:00 AM
Northside Library
No storytime July 4

Fridays: June 21 - August 16
10:00 AM
Southwest Library

FAMILY STORYTIME

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

Mondays: June 17 - August 12
6:00 PM
Southwest Library

ONCE UPON A CUENTO

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

Fridays: June 28, July 26
11:00 AM
Southwest Library

SPLISH SPLASH

Let your little one explore the wonders of water outside on the lawn! Activity stations will be set up to encourage your baby's exploration and learning. Dress to get wet. For ages 0-2. **In case of inclement weather, this program will be canceled.**

Saturday, August 10
10:30 AM
Southwest Library Park
Ages 0-2

HAROLD AND THE PURPLE PARTY

Celebrate the timeless classic Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson at the library. Make purple art, follow Harold's purple line through the obstacle course, and play with purple toys. Wear your best purple outfit! For ages 3-5.

Saturday, August 17
10:30 AM
Northside Library

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

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

STEM LAB: BLOCK & ROLL

We are bringing out ALL of the ramps for this one! Experiment with ramp construction and learn how to manage velocity so a ball rolls all the way to the end.

Tuesday, June 25
4:30 PM
Northside Library

CODING 101

Do you like computers or video games? Find out how video games are made by learning the basics of coding. **Registration required.**

Wednesday, July 17
3:00 PM
Southwest Library

STAMP IT UP

Design your own stamps and try printing with a variety of household objects. Keep your creativity going all summer long by designing a cover for an art journal!

Tuesday, August 6
5:00 PM
Northside Library

GIANT GAMES

Our life-sized versions of Jenga, Tic-Tac-Toe, and 4 in a Row are sure to be enormous fun!

Tuesday, July 9
3:00 PM
Northside Library

STEM LAB: FLIGHT CLUB

Learn about weight, lift, thrust, and drag as you try to keep your creations in the air. Use the wind tunnel, fans, hairdryers, and your lungs to power flying objects.

Tuesday, July 23
3:00 PM
Northside Library

AMAZING MAZES

Use recyclables to make a maze that you can solve over and over again.

Wednesday, August 14
3:00 PM
Southwest Library

FAIRY GARDENS

Get lost in the enchanting world of miniatures by making a mini-fairy garden complete with toadstools and sparkly jewels.

Wednesday, July 31
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.

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: June 5, July 10, August 7
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

SHARPIE ART

Paint and swirl using permanent markers and rubbing alcohol on a blank canvas to create a magical masterpiece that's beyond amazing.

Monday, June 17
3:00 PM
Northside Library

GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

Read an awesome Graphic Novel and meet up to talk about it! This month we will be reading *InvestiGators* by John Green. The first 7 participants to register will receive their own copy of the book to keep (limited to one book per household). **Books are available for pickup at the Southwest Library unless you call to request it for pickup at another branch. Registration required.**

Thursday, June 20
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. You must have a Minecraft account and play on Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, Android Phone, iPhone, iPad, Windows 10, Windows Phone, Amazon Fire tablets, or Gear VR. You cannot be playing on the Java version. You will be emailed how to access the server the day before the program. 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: June 27, July 25, August 29
4:30 PM
Zoom

LEGO ROBOTICS

Have you tried LEGO Robotics and completed some basic projects? This is your chance to tackle bigger, more complex challenges. You will also get a chance to explore our new LEGO WeDo 2.0 kits! **Registration required.**

Monday, July 1
4:30 PM
Northside Library
Ages 9-12

ESCAPE ROOM: DISNEY PRINCESSES

The princesses are on a quest! The villains have kidnapped their animal (and snowman) friends. Can you help the princesses solve the puzzles and bring everyone home safely?

Thursday, July 18
3:00 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. Allergens: Gluten, Dairy, Soy. **Registration and signed waiver required.**

Monday, July 29
3:00 PM
Northside Library

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

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

TAILS 'N TALES: READ TO A DOG!



Sign up for a 15-minute reading session with 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: June 8, August 3
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Southwest Library

Saturday, July 13
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Northside Library

KPL KIDS YOGA AT THE BEACH

Feel the sun on your face and the sand between your toes, yogis! Shake, sing, and be silly while learning basic yoga poses, mindfulness, and meditation. Whether we practice on the grass or in the sand, you should bring a towel to use as a yoga mat, as well as sunscreen and a water bottle. Class will be taught by a KPL staff member who is a certified children's yoga teacher. **Registration and signed waiver required before class begins. Arrive 5-10 minutes early, as class will begin promptly.**

Tuesdays: June 25, July 23
9:00 AM
Simmons Island Beach
5001 4th Ave, Kenosha
Ages 5-12

MINIONS SLIME

BANANA! Celebrate the new *Despicable Me* movie and make slime that minions would love!

Wednesday, July 10
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

KID KITCHEN: FRUIT FUN

Enjoy the fruits of the Caribbean! Mango, coconut and plantains abound! Make a refreshing tropical fruit pizza and whip up a delicious plantain smoothie. Allergens: Gluten. **Registration and signed waiver required.**

Monday, July 15
5:00 PM
Northside Library

WILD WEAVING

Around and around we go—around the loom, that is! Circular weaving is a fun and fresh upgrade to a classic crafting medium. Try your hand at circle weaving and create a colorful piece of art to take home!

Thursday, August 1
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

SUMMER OLYMPICS



Plan for a fun time with Olympic-themed activities, games and crafts. Outdoor water activities will be held if weather permits, so don't forget to bring a towel!

Monday, August 5
4:30 PM
Northside Library

SIX DOTS: THE ART OF BRAILLE

Have you ever wondered how people who have trouble seeing can read by touch? Join braille user Heather Coon to learn about the history of the braille writing system and how it works. You can even learn how to read and write your name in braille!

Tuesday, August 27
4:30 PM
Northside Library

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

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

ROLLER COASTER APPRECIATION MONTH



Design a paper roller coaster or play with some of the library's roller coaster building kits. We will also highlight some of the best roller coasters from around the world.

Monday, June 10
4:30 PM
Northside Library

GLOW IN THE DARK PARTY

Not dark out yet? No problem! We will have glowing bowling, a light table, and other luminous activities. You can even join us for a glow stick dance!

Wednesday, June 12
4:30 PM
Southwest 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
June 14: Trolls Band Together
August 30: Kung Fu Panda 4
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Northside Library

August 2: Wish
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Southwest Library

DINOSAUR DIMENSIONS

Dinosaurs come to life in this action packed show! Learn some dino-mite dino facts and come face to face with different dinosaurs!

Saturday, June 15
11:00 AM
Southwest Library

STEM LAB: ROBOTS

Come and play with different types of robots. Learn the basics of each robot and participate in different challenges.

Tuesday, June 18
4:30 PM
Uptown Library

THE ART OF PHYSICS

Create a temporary work of art with a pendulum while exploring the physics of potential and kinetic energy.

Friday, June 21
3:00 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.

Monday, June 24
3:00 PM
Uptown Library

Tuesday, July 2
5:00 PM
Northside Library

Thursday, August 15
5:00 PM
Southwest Library

PLASTIC BAG PRINTMAKING



Fall in love with a simple new way to make an art print: with a plastic bag! You will leave with frameable one-of-a-kind prints.

Friday, June 28
4:30 PM
Northside Library

SPARKLE LIKE A FIREWORK



Mix up a dazzling faux firework display with simple ingredients. Explore the sights, sounds, and smells of chemical reactions.

Wednesday, July 3
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

ENGINEERING LAB: PLAY DOUGH BRIDGES

Build a bridge to help dinosaurs cross over a river of lava! Use play dough, sticks, and other loose parts to build a bridge strong enough to hold a dinosaur! Allergens: Gluten.

Friday, July 5
3:00 PM
Northside Library

LITTLE MISS ANN: A CONCERT FOR KIDS

Join Little Miss Ann, an award-winning, nationally-touring kids musician, for a morning filled with upbeat, interactive songs! Your kiddos will love to sing and dance along with Little Miss Ann!

Saturday, July 6
10:30 AM
Northside Library

POP ART!



Celebrate National Freezer Pop Day and World Watercolor Month! Paint with frozen freeze pops and spray paint with liquid watercolors. Cool down with a refreshing flavorful popsicle of your choice while painting away.

Monday, July 8
4:30 PM
Northside Library

GRAPHIC NOVEL DAY!

Geek out over your favorite graphic novels all afternoon! Use Petey's shrink ray, find the missing InvestiGators "V.E.S.T.," make magic with Mimi, and more. You will also learn to read Manga, vote for the best graphic novel, and draw some of your favorite characters.

Friday, July 12
2:30 - 4:30 PM
Southwest Library

FAMILY READING CLUB

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

Sunday, August 11
2:00 PM
Southwest Library

RAINY DAY ART

It's raining! It's pouring! Learn about the life cycle of a raindrop and make a rainstorm into a piece of art.

Tuesday, July 30
4:30 PM
Northside Library

RHYTHMS OF THE WORLD



Move to the beat of your own drum, literally. Join us to celebrate rhythms from around the world with John Stolfe, teaching artist from Stolfe Percussion Studio in beautiful Library Park in front of Simmons Library. Instruments will be provided. All ages welcome! **Registration required.**

Friday, August 2
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Simmons Library Park

SUMMER FUN WITH SHAVING CREAM



Get messy with some of our favorite shaving cream activities! This will be fun for kids of all ages (including the young at heart!)

Monday, August 19
5:00 PM
Northside Library

FAMILY FORT NIGHT

Make a fort, grab some books, and read as a family! Optional: Bring pillows and blankets from home and get comfy.

Wednesday, August 21
4:30 PM
Southwest Library

Teen Programs



EVENTS FOR TEENS (AGES 12-19)

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

MOVIE MONDAY

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

Mondays

June 3: *Wonka*

June 17: *Hunger Games:*

The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes

July 1: *Dune*

July 15: *Dune Part 2*

August 5: *Spiderman Into the Spideverse*

August 19: *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret*

3:00 PM

Southwest Library

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: June 7, July 5, August 2

3:00 PM

Southwest Library

GLOW JARS

Are you a fan of fantasy or maybe you like bright and glowy vibes? Come to the Uptown library and make a glowing jar to take on your next adventure.

Monday, June 10

3:00 PM

Uptown Library

TEEN-TASTIC SHARPIE SCARVES

Do you need a pop of color in your wardrobe? Using sharpies and rubbing alcohol, we will turn bland white scarves into magnificent statement pieces! White scarves will be provided, but bringing your own items is welcome. As this will be an outdoor event, please dress appropriately and bring a water bottle. **In case of inclement weather, this program will be moved into the Southwest Teen Space.**

Friday, June 14

3:00 PM

Southwest Library

DIY GALAXY COASTERS

Protect your desk from water rings with these sparkly coasters. They are out of this world!

Tuesday, June 18

3:00 PM

Northside Library

TEEN CRAFT CLUB



Get your craft on and socialize with like-minded crafters! Bring your current work-in-progress and hang out, or take a look at our craft supplies and see if anything sparks your interest in the moment. Though there is no specific craft to do, this is a great place to work on a project for an hour while chatting with friends!

Fridays: June 21, July 19, August 16

3:00 PM

Southwest Library

MAGIC: THE GATHERING CLUB

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

Thursdays: June 27, July 25, August 22

4:30 PM

Northside Library

DOODLE DAY

Artists extraordinaire and stick figure specialists welcome! Learn to doodle and draw in different styles. Then help decorate the Uptown Library with a collaborative art project!

Monday, July 8

3:00 PM

Uptown Library

JAPANESE LANTERNS

Celebrate Bonbori Matsuri, a Japanese lantern festival, by making a unique paper lantern that can be lit and hung anywhere.

Friday, July 12

3:00 PM

Southwest Library

TECH TASTING

Want to play with fun tech toys that you don't have at home? Create a sculpture with 3Doodler pens, code a maze for an Ozobot, or make a stop motion movie!

Tuesday, July 16

3:00 PM

Northside Library

BESTIE BRACELETS



Enjoy time with your bestie or make a new friend while creating your own bestie bracelet. Make, trade, and enjoy!

Monday, August 12

3:00 PM

Uptown 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.

WISCONSIN'S AMAZING AGRICULTURE WITH AUTHOR COREY GEIGER

BOOK SIGNING AND CHEESE TASTING!

Wisconsin author and agriculture expert, Corey Geiger, will talk about his books *The Wisconsin Farm They Built* and *On a Wisconsin Family Farm* and then present about the importance of Wisconsin's amazing agriculture industry. Stay for a book signing and cheese tasting because June is Dairy Month!

Thursday, June 6
1:00 - 3:00 PM
Northside Library

JUNETEENTH KENOSHA

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Celebrate at an inclusive family friendly event with activities for all ages such as retail, food, kid's corner, networking, raffles, athletic tournaments, music, dance, and more. Find us in the vendor market.

Saturday, June 15
11:30 - 6:00 PM
On the Lawn at 52nd Street & 13th Court

TACO FEST @ KENNEDY PARK

Find our KPL Bookmobile at the annual Taco Fest hosted by the Kenosha History Center at Kennedy Park. The evening will bring great food, live music and Hispanic history exhibits. **For all ages.**

Friday, June 28
3:00 - 9:00 PM
Kennedy Park
4051 5th Ave, Kenosha

CITIZEN SCIENCE: GLOBE CLOUD SPOTTERS

GLOBE OBSERVER TAKE-HOME KIT



Did you know clouds have a large influence on Earth's energy, balance, climate, and weather? Join us all summer long for this Citizen Science program to help collect data for NASA through The Globe Observer Program. Visit any branch to pick up a kit and watch this short video about how you can track and record your data. **All ages welcome to participate.**

June 1 - August 31
All KPL Locations

ADULTS & CRAFTS: PAINT YOUR OWN CLOUD SCAPES

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. **These sessions are curated for adults, registration is required.**

Tuesday, June 11
10:00 - 11:30 AM
Northside Library

Monday, June 24
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Southwest Library

LIBRARY DATE NIGHT: NIGHT HIKE & STAR GAZING

We've partnered up with Hawthorn Hollow to give you a date night under the stars! Participants will be led on a 60-minute hike through the woods as they learn all about the local nocturnal wildlife. The evening will conclude at the Heide Observatory with one of their expert guides as participants relax in a zero-gravity chair with their favorite wine or beverage. **For adults, registration is required.**

Wednesday, July 10
7:00 - 10:00 PM
Hawthorn Hollow
880 Green Bay Rd, Kenosha

STARTING A NATURE/ SCIENCE JOURNAL

Starting a science or nature journal is a great way to document discoveries and foster exploration without having to rely on WiFi or cell service. Learn how to start your own journal and then go on a short walk after the class to start recording your findings. We will provide the journal; just bring your sense of curiosity.

Registration required.

Thursday, August 1
5:00 - 6:30 PM
Northside Library

CONNECTING YOU

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

MEMORY CAFÉ

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

2nd Tuesday of Every Month
1:00 - 2:00 PM
Southwest Library

VIDA SALUDABLE CON DIABETES

La clase comienza el 17 de julio a las 2:00 p.m. El registro para inscribirse es en el ADRC, ellos te llamarán y se inscribirán a la clase con nuestra recepcionista. La clase se construye sobre sí mismo, y como resultado, tendrían que inscribirse/venir a la clase antes del 17 de julio. El máximo permitido en la clase es 20 personas. Esta clase se ofrece solamente en español.

Semana 1: Introducción a la alimentación saludable

Semana 2: Reglas generales para un plan de alimentación saludable/Cómo lidiar con el estrés

Semana 3: Prevención de niveles bajos de azúcar en la sangre y toma de decisiones

Semana 4: Lidiar con emociones difíciles/Practicar cómo planificar menús

Semana 5: El pensamiento positivo/Meditación

Semana 6: Cuidado de los pies, uso y manejo de medicamentos/planificación para el futuro

Begins Wednesday, July 17
2:00 PM
Northside Library

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

FORAGING 101

We're so thrilled to bring this exciting opportunity in partnership with Pringle Nature Center. Learning to recognize wild-growing food sources opens up a world of possibilities, including becoming attuned to your local plants and environment, exploring culinary and nutritional diversity, and experiencing the satisfaction of "living off the land." If you've ever been curious about foraging, but lacked the confidence to strike out on your own, now is the time to give it a try!

Registration is required, spots are limited.

Saturday, June 1
9:00 - 12:00 PM
Pringle Nature Center
9800 County Hwy M B, Bristol

WATERSHED SCIENCE

Discover what's going down storm drains and how it travels to rivers and lakes. Students conduct scientific tests to determine water quality and explore the diverse ecosystems right on our own lakefront! The WATERshed Program in partnership with Seno K/RLT Conservancy uses Lake Michigan and the Root River as living laboratories to make personal connections to freshwater resources in our community. For adults and families; all children must be accompanied by an adult. This program is entirely outdoors. **Meet by the benches closest to the parking lot.**

Monday, July 8
5:30 - 6:30 PM
Southport Beach House
7825 3rd Ave, Kenosha

FOR THE BIRDS: BLUEBIRD TALK

Learn about one of Wisconsin's native birds, the Eastern Bluebird, with Rick Fare from the Hoy Audubon Society.

Thursday, July 11
5:30 - 6:30 PM
Northside Library

FOR THE BIRDS: BLUEBIRD WALK

Connect with other bird enthusiasts and see if you can spot any visitors in the nesting boxes along the scenic trails of Hawthorn Hollow.

Thursday, July 18
5:30 - 6:30 PM
Hawthorn Hollow
880 Green Bay Rd, Kenosha

FOR THE BENEFIT AND ENJOYMENT OF THE PEOPLE



No United States president is more central to our understanding of the natural world than Theodore Roosevelt. From 1901-1909 TR preserved 230 million acres of public lands for future generations to enjoy. From the creation of national parks and forests, to game preserves and bird sanctuaries, TR did it all. Join Roosevelt scholar, Calvin Watts, as he dives in just in time to celebrate National Parks Founder Month.

Monday, August 19
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Northside Library

KPL CLASSICS

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: June 20, July 18, August 15
6:00 - 7:45 PM
Southwest Library

BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR OF THE SIMMONS LIBRARY

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

Saturdays: June 8, July 13, August 10
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
June 13: *Pop Culture and Valley of the Dolls*
August 8: *The Posthumous Prose of Patience Worth*
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Northside Library

AFTERNOON MOVIE @ NORTHSIDE

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. Movie selections will be listed at mykpl.info when available. **For adults.**

Thursdays: June 20, July 18, August 15
12:30 - 3:00 PM
Northside Library

SUMMER LETTERBOXES



Letterboxing combines artistic ability with "treasure-hunting" in parks, forests and public spaces that adventure seekers of all ages can enjoy. Participants seek out hidden letterboxes by following clues to their prize: a rubber stamp—often hand-carved—to stamp into one's personal logbook. KPL has hidden a letterbox at each branch. Can you find all four? Newbies can find a basic instruction video, *Intro to Letterboxing*, from previous year boxes on the KPL YouTube channel. **Find all 4 clues at www.mykpl.us/letterboxing or scan the QR code.**

June 1 - August 31
Southwest, Northside,
Simmons & Uptown Branches



NIGHTS AT NORTHSIDE

Hop over to your friendly neighborhood library for themed activity nights this summer.

CREATIVE ARTS FEST

Join us for an evening outdoors filled with arts and crafts for all ages! Indulge your inner artist with a make and take craft of your choosing. Take a break and stop by our pop-up Friends of the Library Book Sale and enjoy outdoor games with our KPL Book Truck. We've got dinner covered. Food trucks will be on-site.

Friday, July 12
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Northside Library
For Everyone

CHALK IT UP!

Kenosha's favorite community chalk art project is back! Join us for the revival of Chalk It Up! Limited spaces are available so register early! Bring a chair and relax in the evening air while listening to live music from the Flat Creek Highway Band. Don't forget to stop by our pop-up Friends of the Library Book Sale and enjoy outdoor games with our KPL Book Truck. We've got dinner covered. Food trucks will be on-site.

Friday, August 23
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Northside Library
For Everyone

LET'S GET MOVING KENOSHA!

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
June 12, August 14
7:00 - 8:00 PM
Hawthorn Hollow
880 Green Bay Rd, Kenosha

NATIVE PLANT WALKS FOR BEGINNERS

Join us for this new series of walks, led by Naturalist Kay McClelland from the Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund. Learn about the benefits of native plants, how to identify them, and which ones to add into your home landscape! **For adults, registration is required for each walk, spots are limited.**

Wednesdays
June 19: *Insect Pollinators*
July 17: *When is grass not a grass?*
August 21: *Amazing Sunflower Family!*
5:30 - 6:30 PM
Chiwaukee Prairie
Al Kampert Trail, Pleasant Prairie

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 on www.mykpl.info/walkingclub2024. Registration is required for each walk.

Tuesdays
June 25: *Poerio Park West*
July 23: *Navy Memorial Park*
August 27: *Lincoln Park*
8:30 - 9:00 AM
For Everyone

MORE THAN MONEY:

LIFTING AND ENRICHING KENOSHANS THROUGH FINANCIAL LITERACY

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

FINANCIAL LITERACY: THE 101 SERIES

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



Car Buying 101

Eliminate the typical car buying hassles! Find the best car for your needs and budget with the tools taught in this workshop.

Thursday, June 13
5:30 - 6:30 PM
Southwest Library



Money and Debt Management 101

Reducing debt is an easy way to increase your available funds and improve your credit score. We provide tips on how to manage your money to help you overcome your existing debt.

Thursday, July 25
11:30 - 12:30 PM
Northside Library



Estate Planning 101

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

Thursday, August 29
5:30 - 6:30 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 each session. All skill levels welcome!

Tuesdays

June 4: Free Sew

July 2: Sew Your Own Barn Quilt

August 6: Free Sew

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Southwest Library

ADULTS & CRAFTS: PAINT YOUR OWN CLOUD SCAPES

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. Sign up for this simple step-by-step painting class to learn different techniques to paint a variety of clouds! All materials will be included. **Registration required.**

Tuesdays: June 11, August 20

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Northside Library

Mondays: June 24, August 26

6:00 - 7:30 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: June 17, July 15, August 19

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Northside Library

Wednesdays: June 5, July 3, August 7

5:00 - 6:00 PM

Simmons Library

EAT YOUR VEGGIES! COOKIE DECORATING



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 veggie shaped cookie kits and royal icing. **For adults, registration is required.**

Monday, June 17

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Northside Library

SUMMER AT SIMMONS

ROCK OUT WITH OUTREACH SERVICES

Get creative and rock out while painting and swapping rocks in the great outdoors of Library Park! Open to rock painting experts and newbies, rocks and supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own. **Registration required, for adults.**

Friday, June 21
10:00 - 11:30 AM
Simmons Library Park

SUMMER OLYMPICS



Join us at Library Park for a friendly competition filled with games inspired by this year's Summer Olympics! This **adult only** (outdoor) event will be held behind Simmons Library, participants will play a series of games as they compete to win a Gold, Bronze, or Silver medal! **For adults, registration is required.**

Friday, July 19
10:00 - 12:00 PM
Simmons Library Park

RHYTHMS OF THE WORLD

Move to the beat of your own drum, literally. Join us to celebrate rhythms from around the world with John Stolfe, teaching artist from Stolfe Percussion Studio in beautiful Library Park in the back of Simmons Library. Instruments will be provided. **All ages welcome, registration is required.**

Friday, August 2
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Simmons Library Park

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: June 10, July 8, August 12
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 (KAFAS) at 262-658-3508 (ext. 110 or 118). For more information, contact Emily Kastelic at ekastelic@mykpl.info or call 262-564-6130.

Tuesdays: June 11, July 9, August 13
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: June 24, July 22, August 26
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. Then come to the book club ready to listen and discuss the author, the books and writing style. For adults, no registration required.

Wednesdays
June 5: *NYT Best Selling Author Liz Moore*
Virtual: www.mykpl.us/moore

July 3: *NYT Best Selling Author William Kent Krueger*
Virtual: www.mykpl.us/krueger

August 7: *Educational Psychologist Dr. Michele Borba*
Virtual: www.mykpl.us/borba

2:30 - 4:00 PM
Southwest 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 authors talks, register for upcoming sessions or watch any you may have missed:
www.mykpl.us/talks

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
June 26: *Read a Classic Novel Emblematic of its Time*
July 24: *Read a Novel that Confronts the Concept of Time*
August 28: *Listen to a Classic Novel*
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Northside Library

TOPICS & TALK BOOK CLUB

Beat that reading slump and boost your brain! This book club reads titles in a variety of interesting topics, formats and genres. And then we talk! Two books will be offered each month, read either or both. Come ready to listen, learn and discuss. Studies show that reading improves memory, enhances empathy, and reduces stress.

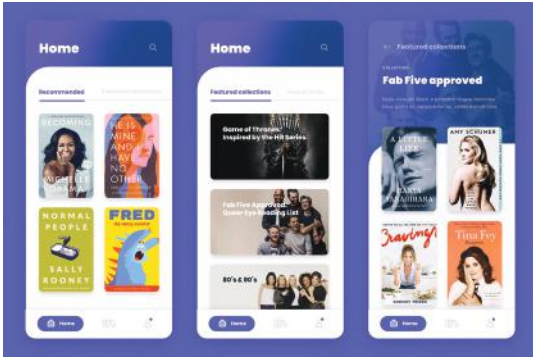
Thursdays
June 20: *What My Bones Know* by Stephanie Foo (non-fiction) or *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

August 15: *Walk through fire: the train disaster that changed America* by Yasmine Ali (non-fiction) or *A Fire Story* (graphic novel memoir)

6:30 - 7:30 PM
Northside Library

TECH CORNER

HOW IT WORKS: OVERDRIVE AND LIBBY



Did you know that Overdrive and Libby are shared with every library in Wisconsin. That's right, every library in Wisconsin. Join KPL Digital Strategy Librarian, Zander Miller, to learn about Wisconsin's Digital Library and what it takes for your ebooks and e-audiobooks to reach your hands.

Monday, July 8
6:00 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.

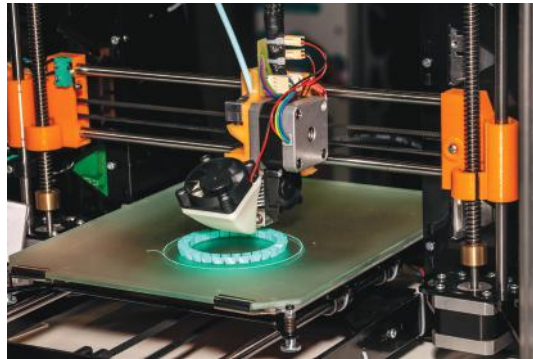
Monday, June 24
6:00 PM
Northside Library

GOOGLE DRIVE 101

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

Monday, August 21
6:00 PM
Northside 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: June 18, July 16, August 20
6:30 PM
Southwest Library

BUILDING RESUMES WITH GOOGLE DOCS



Learn how to use templates to give you a baseline place to get started building a stellar looking resume or cover letter.

Friday, June 14
10:00 AM
Uptown Library

Everybody Reads

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

KID & TEEN SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Beat the summer slide with our fun reading challenge for kids and teens! Read for 45 days this summer to earn a free book and the chance to win a gift card to an awesome local business. Complete optional activities for even more chances to win! In person registration opens May 15 at all KPL branches for the Everybody Reads summer reading program, which runs June 1 - August 31.

Visit www.mykpl.info/summerreading for all the details plus options for digital registration.

June 1 - August 31
Online & All KPL Branches

ADULT SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



The community reading challenge is back! Last year, Kenosha adult readers beat the 1 million page challenge. So this year, we are raising the bar to read 1,276,611 pages. This community reading challenge is for adults, and we will need all the pages to beat last year's total. Yes, there will be prizes! In person registration opens May 15 at all KPL branches for the Everybody Reads summer reading program, which runs June 1 - August 31.

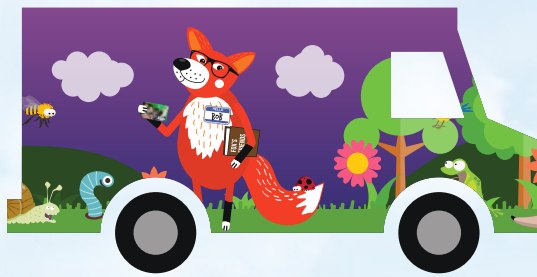
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