

February 2022

Grab some "take out" for our Adult Winter Reading Challenge

January 10 - February 28

The past few years, we have all discovered the big world of "take out." Here at the Basehor Community Library, we would like you to discover not only our extensive "menu" of services, but also "take out" some great books. Too many choices? Can't decide what to order? Our server (librarian!) will be glad to make a recommendation. So, whether you like your book on paper or on your smart device, we've got it all! Come grab some "take out" for our winter reading challenge!

Our reading challenge runs from January 10th through February 28th. Read five adult books to earn the prize of an insulated food bag (while supplies last). Completing the challenge will also qualify you to be entered into the grand prize drawing of your choice of a \$50 gift card to local restaurants. You can get all the details, register and track your progress on our Beanstack app. Pick up your "menu" with more details today!



Blood Drive

Monday, February 28, 12:30-5:30pm

Kansas City is experiencing a critical blood shortage. The Red Cross stated that it is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade with less than a one-day supply of critical blood types. The library will be holding a blood drive at the end of February. Sign up now at RedCrossBlood.org and save a life.



Spring Book Sale

THURSDAY, March 3 1-7 PM (Friends only)

FRIDAY, March 4, 9 AM-5 PM

SATURDAY, March 5, 9 AM-5 PM

SUNDAY, March 6, 1-4 PM

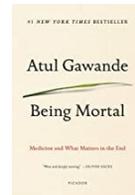
On Sunday, fill a grocery-size bag for \$5!

We will be **CLOSED Monday, February 21**

Hear from Your Elected Representative - featuring Mike Stieben

Tuesday, February 8 @ 7:00pm

Leavenworth County Commissioner Mike Stieben feels it's important to hear from his constituents. In December of 2021, Commissioner Stieben conducted an online survey of citizens in Leavenworth County to find out where they stood on important issues. Stieben will share and discuss the results of his survey. The program will be available in person and online. Please call or email us for the Zoom link.



Book T.A.L.K. (Talking About Literature in Kansas)

Wednesday, February 16 @ 6:00pm

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande

In February, we will begin the spring Humanities Kansas Book TALK series, "Dearly Beloved." Death and dying are uncomfortable topics, but a frequent theme in literature. Join us for a discussion over *Being Mortal*. Our culture idealizes youth. People are so busy trying to look, act, or feel younger that we ignore the fact of our aging. *Being Mortal* offers a brutally honest truth: we will all someday die. Dr. Gawande writes compassionately and engagingly about the sensitive topic of death and dying. He argues that our medicalization of aging and dying merely prolongs life without regard to whether or not it is enjoyable.

Please join us. Our discussion will be led by Dr. Rachel Goossen, professor of history at Washburn University.

Program will be held in person and online. Email or call the library for the Zoom link.

VITA Tax Service

Tuesday, February 22

Thursday March 3 and Tuesday, March 15

The Council on Aging will be providing free tax service for participants, age 60 and over who have no farm or rental income from February 1 – March 31. Contact Dawn or Marla at (913) 684-0777 to schedule an appointment.

Adults

Coffee Klatch

Monday, February 14 @ 9:30 am

Please join us for coffee (or tea!) and something sweet to eat while we have a lively discussion about the new books here at the library. Learn what's hot and discover a new title or two. We'll also share a little about the books we've been reading and recommending.

Can't make it, but would like to know what new books are available? Sign up for our e-mail alerts. You'll receive a list of all the new books and movies delivered directly to your inbox each week. Sign up on our website or give us a call, and we'll sign you up.

Thursday Evening Book Club

Thursday, February 24 @ 6:30 pm

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect?

Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family, from the Deep South to California, from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett produces a story that is a riveting, emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of the American history of passing. Looking well beyond issues of race, *The Vanishing Half* considers the lasting influence of the past as it shapes a person's decisions, desires, and expectations, and explores some of the multiple reasons and realms in which people sometimes feel pulled to live as something other than their origins.

Copies of the book are available at the library. Please join us.



Fitness for Fun—Fitness for Life (55+)

Monday, February 7, 14, and 28 @ 10:30—11:30 am

Friday, February 4, 11, 18 and 25 @ 10:30—11:30 am

Balance, Strength, and Toning are very important especially as we age. In this class, we will use a combination of exercises, resistance bands, and hand weights to help strengthen and tone all areas of the body. Join our new instructor, Paula Papst, Certified Fitness Trainer, ISSA, as we combine music with exercise. This is a fitness class, not an aerobics class, and the skill level is designed for 55+. Choose the skill level that is right for you. Please wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes, and bring a yoga or exercise mat. Classes are free for all participants, but please register for the class online or by calling the library.

Monthly Groups

Council on Aging Community Outreach

Thursday, February 17 • Drop by 9:00-10:00 am

The Leavenworth County Council on Aging will be here to answer your questions regarding services available to any person 60 or older regardless of income. For more information, contact the Council on Aging at (913) 684-0777.

Dementia Support Group

Thursday, February 3 @ 6:30 pm in person and on Zoom

Join us in this safe, supportive environment for caregivers. Dr. Martiza Buenaver, Geriatric Psychiatrist specializing in dementia education, will guide us as we share our experiences. We will meet on Zoom and in person. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please call the library for the Zoom link before the next meeting.

Mahjongg

Monday evenings @ 5:30-8:00 pm

Friday afternoons @ 1:00-4:00 pm

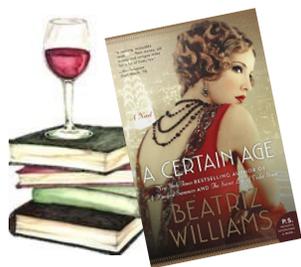
Mahjongg (American style), the Chinese game played with tiles, is sometimes compared to dominoes or the card game rummy. The 4 Winds Mahjongg League meets twice a week at the library. Come as often and as much as you like. Please note: The tables are reserved for experienced players. Would you like to learn how to play? We have an experienced player ready to teach newcomers. Give us a call at the library and we'll help you get started.

Writer's Group

Tuesday evenings @ 6:30-8:00 pm

Have you thought about writing your family stories or finally getting started on that novel? Give the Basehor Writer's Group a try! For more information, email the group's facilitator at tmus55@aol.com or call the library.

20's & 30's



Books n' Beverages Book Club

Thursday, February 10 @ 7:00 pm

A Certain Age by Beatriz Williams

As the freedom of the Jazz Age transforms New York City, the iridescent Mrs. Theresa Marshall of Fifth Avenue and Southampton, Long Island, has done the unthinkable: she's fallen in love with her young paramour, Captain Octavian Rofrano, a handsome aviator and hero of the Great War. An intense and deeply honorable man, Octavian is devoted to the beautiful socialite of a certain age and wants to marry her. While times are changing and she does adore the Boy, divorce for a woman of Theresa's wealth and social standing is out of the question, and there is no need; she has an understanding with Sylvio, her generous and well-respected philanderer husband.

But their relationship subtly shifts when her bachelor brother, Ox, decides to tie the knot with the sweet younger daughter of a newly wealthy inventor. Engaging a longstanding family tradition, Theresa enlists the Boy to act as her brother's cavalier, presenting the family's diamond rose ring to Ox's intended, Miss Sophie Fortescue—and to check into the background of the little-known Fortescue family. When Octavian meets Sophie, he falls under the spell of the pretty ingénue, even as he uncovers a shocking family secret. As the love triangle of Theresa, Octavian, and Sophie progresses, it transforms into a saga of divided loyalties, dangerous revelations, and surprising twists that will lead to a shocking transgression . . . and eventually force Theresa to make a bittersweet choice.

Teens

Anime Club

Tuesday, February 1 and 15 @ 4:00-5:45pm

Do you like anime? Watch and discuss anime with other fans!



Writer Wednesdays

Wednesday, February 2, 9, 16, and 23
@ 4:00-5:45pm

Do you enjoy writing? Then join our group. We'll play games, tell stories, and there will be quiet time to write whatever you'd like. If you need or want input from other teens about a story, you can do that here too, but don't worry, sharing is not required.



Video Game Night

Thursday, February 3
@ 4:00-5:45pm

Bring your consoles and play solo or against other teens!

T.A.G.

Tuesday, February 8, 4:30-5:45pm

Teen Advisory Group meets once a month to plan and shape the teen program at the library.

Flexible Book Club

Thursday, February 10 @ 4:30-5:45 pm

Hear about the newest teen books and get first pick of all the titles!

Board Game Night

Thursday, February 17 @ 4:00-5:45pm

Enjoy the ultimate retro-gaming! What do you enjoy? Uno? Sorry? Clue? Choose from our selection or bring your own!

Anti-Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 22 @ 4:30-5:45 pm

LOVE STINKS!

Forget the red roses and disgusting sweet cards this year. Un-celebrate Valentine's Day with moody music, and some cranky crafts - Make Anti-Valentine's Day cards, draw on the covers of romance novels, write funny captions for gooey romantic pictures, play games and more!



Open Craft Night

Thursday, February 24 @ 4:00-6:00pm

Do you have a project that you've been wanting to work on? Is there a craft you didn't get finished at another time? This is the program for you. Join us for this low-key craft night where we snack, craft, and talk.

Babies - 5th Grade

Heart Wreath

Want to show off your Valentine's Day spirit? Come grab a Heart Wreath craft kit! This wreath will brighten up any room with its fun 3D design and dazzling sequins. This craft will be available for the month of February.



Bird Feeder Make-and-Take Craft

Wednesday, February 23 @ 6:00-7:00 pm OR

Thursday, February 24 @ 6:00-7:00 pm

Grades K-5

February is National Bird Feeder Month. To celebrate, we will make a small bird feeder with the wood and paint supplies provided. We will also give you some bird seed to take home and fill up your new bird feeder. Help our local birds make it through the rest of winter with this little craft.



Registration begins Thursday, February 10

Make-and-Take a Valentine Card

Entire month of February

Come to the library to make a special card for your valentine! We have once again brought the table out with some blank and some colorful Valentine cards. Supplies will be provided so that you can come make a great card for someone special!



Storytimes with Mr. Patrick

We will continue to have storytime in our downstairs meeting room on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. (At this time we will no longer have a Thursday storytime.) Tuesdays will continue to be geared toward birth-2 years and Wednesday storytime is designed for all. Join us in February for new books, valentine's surprises, birds, and a special collection by author Amy Hest!

Tuesday mornings @ 10:00 - 10:20 am
STORYtots (Babies - 2 yrs.)

Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 - 10:30 am
STORYpals (2 + years)

LEGO Club: K-5th Grade

Wednesday, February 23 @ 4:00-5:30 pm

**No Registration required but space is limited*

We provide the LEGOs...children provide the imagination... everyone has FUN!



All Ages

Food Drive

Month of February

We had a great community response for the food drive for BLAS (Basehor-Linwood Assistance Services) during the months of November and December. Thank you! Unfortunately, the need is great and ongoing. Please bring your non-perishable food items and personal care items to the library anytime during the month of February.

Please make sure your food items are not beyond the expiration date.



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