

November 2022



HUMANITIES
KANSAS

Book TALK

Wednesday, November 2 @ 6:30 pm

The Farming of Bones by Edwidge Danticat

We continue our fall Book TALK (Talk About Literature in Kansas) series of "Wit and Grit: Women Characters in Contemporary Literature" with this month's selection: *The Farming of Bones* by Edwidge Danticat.

It is 1937 and Amabelle Désir, a young Haitian woman living in the Dominican Republic, has built herself a life as the servant and companion of the wife of a wealthy colonel. She and Sebastien, a cane worker, are deeply in love and plan to marry. But Amabelle's world collapses when a wave of genocidal violence, driven by Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo, leads to the slaughter of Haitian workers. Amabelle and Sebastien are separated, and she desperately flees the tide of violence for a Haiti she barely remembers.

Acknowledged as a classic, this harrowing story of love and survival written by one of the most important voices of its time is an unforgettable memorial to the victims of the Parsley Massacre and a testimony to the power of human memory. Our discussion will be led by Dr. Tom Prasch. Copies of the book are available at the library.

A New Generation of Veterans: Stories From Iraq and Afghanistan

Wednesday, November 16 @ 6:30 pm

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan gave rise to a new generation of veterans. They challenged society's traditional notions of military services and raised questions about the role of the US in global conflicts. Soldiers from Kansas were some of the first deployed to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan. They returned again and again, yet their stories remain largely untold. Modern communication platforms connected these veterans to family and friends instantaneously but left little written record for future generations. This talk reviews key events of America's longest war to date and discusses methods to collect and share these stories from American veterans. Presented by Murl Riedel, retired major from the Kansas Army National Guard.

Immediately following the presentation, Sheli Sweeney, Outreach Program Specialist, VA Eastern Kansas Healthcare System, will be available to answer any questions concerning VA benefits.

Christmas Ornament Making

Tuesday, November 29 @ 6:00 pm

Cost - \$5

It's time to get in the mood for Christmas! Come and enjoy hot chocolate, coffee, and treats while making three different kinds of Christmas Ornaments—one diamond dot, one wood ornament with stencil, and one wooden bead snowman.

This program is geared for adults. Children 3rd grade and older are welcome to register and make their own ornaments alongside an accompanying adult. Children below 3rd grade are welcome to help their accompanying adult make ornaments. Please let us know if a child will be joining you. All supplies will be provided.

Class size is limited. Prepayment is required at time of registration.

Food Drive - November and December

During this season of sharing and caring, the library is sponsoring a food drive to benefit BLAS (Basehor-Linwood Assistance Services). Please donate non-perishable food items, paper products and personal care products. Special needs at this time are: laundry detergent, kids' snacks, breakfast cereal and holiday meal items. Place your items in the blue bucket inside the library or drop them off at the drive-up window. Please make sure your food donations are not beyond their expiration date. Thanks so much!

Beginning Bridge

Thursdays, January 19 - March 9 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Cost - \$40

Warren Buffett and Bill Gates exercise their mental muscles by playing bridge. You can too! During this eight-week class, the basics of bidding will be discussed in the first hour, and we will have fun playing the cards during the second hour. Our textbook "Bidding in the 21st Century" by Audrey Grant will be available for \$13.00. Your instructor, Christie Thomas Collier, is an American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) accredited instructor with 30 years of teaching experience.

Registration required. Registration begins December 1st.

We will be CLOSED

November 11 for Veterans Day

After 5:00 pm on November 23

November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving

Adults

Coffee Klatch

Monday, November 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.

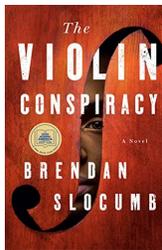
You'll receive a list of new books and movies delivered directly to your inbox each week. Sign up on our website or give us a call, and we'll sign you up.

Thursday Evening Book Club

Thursday, November 17 @ 6:30 pm

The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocum

Growing up Black in rural North Carolina, Ray McMillian's life is already mapped out. But Ray has a gift and a dream—he's determined to become a world-class professional violinist, and nothing will stand in his way. Not his mother, who wants him to stop making such a racket; not the fact that he can't afford a violin suitable to his talents; not even the inherent racism in the world of classical music.



When he discovers that his beat-up, family fiddle is actually a priceless Stradivarius, all his dreams suddenly seem within reach, and together, Ray and his violin take the world by storm. But, on the eve of the renowned and cutthroat Tchaikovsky Competition—the Olympics of classical music—the violin is stolen with a ransom note for five million dollars left in its place. Without it, Ray feels like he's lost a piece of himself. As the competition approaches, Ray must not only reclaim his precious violin but prove to himself—and the world—that no matter the outcome, there has always been a truly great musician within him. The New York Times review said, "Such a page-turner . . . a musical bildungsroman cleverly contained within a literary thriller." Copies of the book are available at the library.

Fitness for Fun—Fitness for Life (55+)

Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 @ 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Thursdays, November 3, 10, and 17 @ 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

In these fitness classes designed for 55+, we will use a combination of exercises and hand weights to help strengthen and tone all areas of the body and work to increase balance. Paula Papst, Certified Fitness Trainer, ISSA, will lead this very fun and popular class. Please wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes and bring a yoga or exercise mat. Classes are free for all participants. Register for the classes by calling the library. Registration is for the entire month of classes.

Monthly Groups

Council on Aging Community Outreach

Thursday, November 17 @ 10:00-11:00 am
Please note the time change.

The Leavenworth County Council on Aging continues to offer BINGO at the library! Join us for a fun morning with your friends. It's a free event for adults 50 and better. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact the Council on Aging at (913) 684-0777.

Dementia Support Group

Thursday, November 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, November 10 @ 7:00 pm

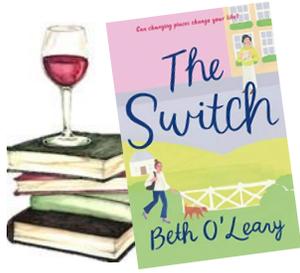
The Switch by Beth O'Leary

When overachiever Leena Cotton is ordered to take a two-month sabbatical after blowing a big presentation at work, she escapes to her grandmother Eileen's house for some long-overdue rest.

Eileen is newly single and about to turn eighty. She'd like a second chance at love, but her tiny Yorkshire village doesn't offer many eligible gentlemen. So they decide to try a two-month swap. Eileen will live in London and look for love. She'll take Leena's flat, and learn all about

casual dating, swiping right, and city neighbors. Meanwhile Leena will look after everything in rural Yorkshire: Eileen's sweet cottage and garden, her idyllic, quiet village, and her little neighborhood projects.

But stepping into one another's shoes proves more difficult than either of them expected. Will swapping lives help Eileen and Leena find themselves...and maybe even find true love?



Teens

Anime Club

Tuesday, November 1 and 15

@ 4:00-6:00 pm

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



Board Game Night

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

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

Open Craft Night

Tuesday, November 22 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

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.

Writer Wednesdays

Wednesday, November 2, 9, 16 and 30

@ 4:00-5:45 pm

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, November 3

@ 4:00-5:45 pm

Bring your consoles and play solo or against other teens!



Flexible Book Club

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

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

High School Coffee House

Friday, November 4 @ 9:00 pm to MIDNIGHT

The Coffee House is back!

We have a coffee truck to serve drinks, and we will also provide a variety of snacks. Don't like flavored coffees? The truck will also have tea, hot chocolate, and smoothies.



GRADES 9-12 ONLY

Babies - 5th Grade

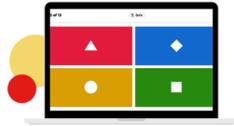
Kahoot!

Kahoot! Family Trivia Night

Tuesday, November 15 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

Bring your mobile devices and/or tablets to log in with us on *Kahoot!* and play some fun trivia games! This program is geared towards children 2nd grade and older. We encourage parents, grandparents, and siblings to come and join in the quick-thinking competitive fun!

Registration begins on Monday, November 7th.



Storytimes with Mr. Patrick

It is November and that means it is time for to celebrate the statewide annual event Kansas Reads to Preschoolers! For this year's program, we will be reading "Not a Box" by Antoinette Portis. We can't wait to start the month off talking about kindness and family before enjoying some new books. We will be on break the week of Thanksgiving, and after the week long break we will come back to read about the comforts of food and winter.

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

Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 - 10:30 am
STORYpals (Babies - 5 yrs.) Wednesday Storytime will be indoors for the winter season!

***There will be no Storytime
November 22 and 23.
Happy Thanksgiving!***

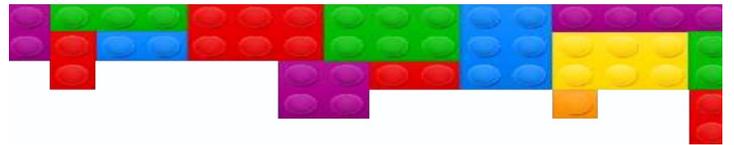
The Mayor's Annual Tree Lighting Event



Friday, November 18
Event begins @ 5:30 pm
Lighting ceremony begins @ 6:30 pm

Kick off the holiday season with us! At the Mayor's Annual Tree Lighting ceremony, there will be live music, crafts, snacks, and more. Santa Claus himself will come visit to meet everyone and help the mayor light his majestic tree!

We will also be hosting a drive for Basehor-Linwood Assistance Services (BLAS). Please bring donations of hats, gloves, and scarves to help community members in need. There will be a Toys for Tots box available for donations as well.



LEGO Club: K-5th Grade

Wednesday, November 30 @ 4:00-5:30 pm

**No registration required but space is limited*

Join us for a low-key night of brick-building fun. With our huge supply of bricks and Lego people, the creative process has never been easier. What can you build?

Parents, please note: Children under the age of 10 cannot be left alone in the library. Children 5+ are welcome in Lego Club, but a parent or guardian must remain in the building.

Children's Craft of the Month - "Terrific Turkeys"

Gobble up these supplies and make a fun turkey to share with friends or family at Thanksgiving.



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