

## December 2022



HUMANITIES  
KANSAS

### Book TALK

Wednesday, December 14 @ 6:30 pm

*The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead

We conclude 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 Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead.

In Whitehead's ingenious conception, the Underground Railroad is no mere metaphor—engineers and conductors operate a secret network of tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil.

Like the protagonist of Gulliver's Travels, this exciting tale's heroine Cora encounters different worlds at each stage of her journey—hers is an odyssey through time as well as space. As Whitehead brilliantly re-creates the unique terrors for black people in the pre-Civil War era, his narrative seamlessly weaves the saga of America from the brutal importation of Africans to the unfulfilled promises of the present day. Whitehead's book won a Pulitzer, the National Book Award and other awards. Our discussion will be led by Sister Rosemary Kolich.

Even if you were unable to join us for the other two books in the series, please don't miss the opportunity to join us for a fascinating discussion. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to join by Zoom please call the library to register.

### Food Drive and Toys for Tots

For the rest of the month, 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. We have a Toys for Tots box available for donations as well. Thanks so much!

### Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 27 @ 12:30-5:30 pm

The need for blood is constant. Give the best present of all this holiday season: the gift of life. Sign up for the blood drive at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org); enter the sponsor code: Basehor or our zip code, 66007.

### Holiday Bus Trip

**"A Christmas Carol" - KCRep Spencer Theater**

Saturday, December 3

Bus departs at 1:00 pm and will return by 5:00 pm

Cost - \$40

For over 40 years, Kansas City's beloved tradition has created holiday memories for families all around our community with all the heart and spectacle you've come to love. Start a new family tradition this year and create memories that will last for many Christmases to come! Join Ebenezer Scrooge on his redemptive journey with the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future, and rediscover the true meaning of the holidays. You'll meet the Cratchits, Tiny Tim, and the irresistible Fezziwigs, and hear the haunting and joyous Candlelight Carol — all this and more to kindle your Christmas spirit. Children third grade and older are welcome with an adult.

*Registration required. Prepayment is required at time of registration.*

### 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. Class size is limited.

*Prepayment is required at time of registration. Registration begins December 1st.*

**CLOSED**

**December 2 for a network upgrade**

**December 24 and 25**

**After 1:00 pm on December 31**

**January 1, 2023**

# Adults

## Coffee Klatch

Monday, December 12 @ 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, December 22 @ 6:30 pm

*Dear Committee Members* & *The Uncommon Reader*

For our last read of 2022, we have two short, humorous books, American and British. So, if you are looking for a light read and something to make you smile as we close out the year, please join us.

*Dear Committee Members* by Julie Schumacher

Jason Fitger is a beleaguered professor of creative writing and literature at Payne University. From his career to his romantic endeavors, his life is a tale of woe. Schumacher uses a series of hilarious letters of recommendation written by Fitger; letters that he is endlessly called upon his students and colleagues to produce. Each one is a small masterpiece of high dudgeon, low spirits, and passive-aggressive strategies. A droll, inventive novel, I recommend *Dear Committee Members* to you in the strongest possible terms.

*The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett

Led by her yapping corgis to the Westminster traveling library, the Queen discovers her passion for reading which is so great that her public duties begin to suffer. And so, as she devours work by everyone from Hardy to Brookner to Proust to Beckett, her equerries conspire to bring the Queen's literary odyssey to a close. A dignified tribute to Her Majesty and a tongue-in-cheek cautionary tale about reading.

## Fitness for Fun—Fitness for Life (55+)

Tuesdays, December 6 and 20 @ 11:15 am-12:00 pm

Thursdays, December 1, 15, 22, and 29 @ 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 & 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.

*Please note: No class on December 8, 13, or December 27.*

# Monthly Groups

## Council on Aging Community Outreach

Thursday, December 15 @ 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, December 1 @ 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

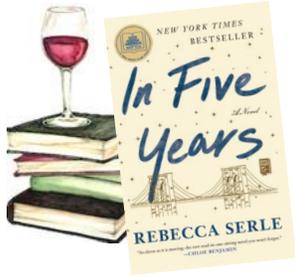
Have you thought about writing your family stories or finally getting started on that novel? Give the Basehor Writer's Group a try! For more information, email the group's facilitator at [tmus55@aol.com](mailto:tmus55@aol.com) or call the library.

# 20's & 30's

## Books n' Beverages Book Club

Thursday, December 8 @ 7:00 pm

*In Five Years* by Rebecca Serle



Where do you see yourself in five years?

Dannie Kohan lives her life by the numbers.

She is nothing like her lifelong best friend—the wild, whimsical, believes-in-fate Bella. Dannie's meticulous planning seems to have paid off after she nails the most important job interview of her career and accepts her boyfriend's marriage proposal in one fell swoop, falling asleep completely content.

But when she awakens, she's suddenly in a different apartment, with a different ring on her finger, and beside a very different man. Dannie spends one hour exactly five years in the future before she wakes again in her own home on the brink of midnight—but it is one hour she cannot shake.

# Teens

## Video Game Night

Thursday, December 1 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

Bring your consoles and play solo or against other teens!

## Anime Club

Tuesday, December 6

@ 4:00-6:00 pm

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



## Writer Wednesdays

Wednesday, December 7 and 14 @ 4:00-6:00 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.



## Flexible Book Club

Thursday, December 8 @ 4:30-6:00 pm

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

## Board Game Night

Thursday, December 15 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

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

## T.A.G.

Tuesday, December 13 @ 4:30-6:00 pm

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



## Interactive Movie: Home Alone

Tuesday, December 20 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

You've seen the movie, but now it's time to live it. It's the only time you'll be encouraged to be disruptive in a movie. Upon arriving you'll be given a bag of props to use at designated times. You'll eat snacks, reenact scenes, boo the bad guys, and yell things at the screen!

Arrive as early as you can to get your instructions.



# Babies - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Build a Gingerbread House

Monday, December 5

Register for either a 4:30-5:30 pm session  
OR a 6:30-7:30 pm session

Our Gingerbread House event is back!

Kids in grades K-5 will create their own house using graham crackers, icing, candy and other goodies for a fun time! No charge, but registration is required for one of two sessions available.

*Registration begins on Monday, November 28th.*



## Brett Crandall's "A Christmas Carol" Puppet Theatre

Thursday, December 29 @ 2:00-3:00 pm

Bah! Humbug! So says Ebenezer Scrooge, a miserly businessman who has lost his Christmas spirit. It'll take the help of some spooky spirits, as well as a few volunteers from the audience, to renew his faith in people. In this live production, some participants will dress up and be characters in the story. Then they will join puppeteer Brett Crandall in teaching Ebenezer the true meaning of Christmas. This fun program from Brett Crandall Studios is guaranteed to leave audiences of all ages filled with holiday cheer!

## Scavenger Hunt

December 15 - December 30

Join in on another fun scavenger hunt! This time, we'll be looking for the sneaky elves that are hiding around the library.

## Santa's Express Mailbox

November 18 - December 16

The "Santa Express" Mailbox, sponsored by the Basehor Community Library and the North Pole, will be available at the library through Friday, December 16.

For the drive thru magical mailbox, envelopes cannot be larger than 5x4in and have as little girth as possible.

*To get a return letter from Santa, children must include their name, age and return address.*



## Storytimes with Mr. Patrick

For a few short weeks, we will celebrate winter and traditions before our big WINTER BREAK. The last storytime of the year will be on December 14th. Storytime will return in 2023 on January 3rd.

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

Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 - 10:30 am  
STORYpals (Babies - 5 yrs.)

**There will be no Storytime from  
December 15th - January 2nd  
Happy Holidays!**

## Reader's Theatre

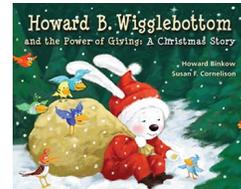
Grades 2nd-5th

Friday, December 30 @ 12:00-2:00 pm

*Howard B. Wigglebottom and the Power of Giving*

Get your part, read the script, rehearse... then showtime! No acting experience necessary. Pizza will be provided to the kids at noon. Families are encouraged to come at 2:00 pm to view the final performance.

*Registration required and space is limited. Register online or by calling the library.*



## LEGO Club: K-5th Grade

Wednesday, December 28 @ 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 - "Jolly Little Elf"

Come get in the holiday spirit with some supplies to make your own little Elf!



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