

BCL Buzz



January 2023

Adult Winter Reading Challenge:

READING TAKES YOU PLACES!



January 9th - March 17th

Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are. Our Adult BINGO Winter Reading Challenge will take us exploring. You choose your own travel destinations. Books can be fiction or nonfiction but do need to be adult or young adult. Which destinations will you choose?

First bingo - Awarded for completing the first row, column, or diagonal on the bingo card. Read three books and receive a personalizable luggage tag.



Second bingo - Awarded for completing the second row, column, or diagonal on the bingo card. Read six books and receive a mesh travel bag. Great for after a day at the beach or for bringing home laundry.



Blackout bingo - Awarded for completing the third row, column, or diagonal on the bingo card. Read nine books and receive an insulated bottle carrier. Keep your drink cold and your hands free. Great for walking adventures.



Prizes available while supplies last.

You can get all the details, register and track your progress on our Beanstack app. Paper bingo cards are also available. Registration begins January 5th.

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. Prepayment required at time of registration.

Quilting for Beginners: Informational Meeting

Wednesday, January 18 @ 1:00 pm

Quilting is quickly becoming a lost art. If you've always wanted to try your hand at quilting, this class is for you. Local quilter Sherry Kennard will be teaching a four-week class on the basics of quilting. Jenell Noeth, a long-time quilter who has taught hundreds of people to quilt, will be assisting Sherry.

The first meeting in January is **informational only**. Sherry will explain what to expect from the class, what will be taught, and what supplies will be needed. The actual quilting classes begin Wednesday, February 1st. Class dates are Wednesdays, February 1st and 15th and March 1st and 15th. All classes are from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

No registration is required for the informational meeting. There is a \$30 fee for class supplies and quilting material. Class size is limited. Prepayment is required at time of registration to participate in the four-week class. There is also a quilting basics book recommended for students to purchase if they choose to.

Registration for the quilting class begins January 18th.

Greater Kansas City Genealogy Open House

Saturday, February 4 @ 10:30 am - noon

Join Larry Reynolds as he introduces the genealogy website Family Search. Participants will learn new tools and resources to jumpstart their genealogy research. Bring your curiosity and questions.

Please register online or by calling the library.



We will be CLOSED

**Sunday, January 1
for New Year's Day**

**Monday, January 16
for Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Open in-library and drive-thru: Mon-Thurs 9am-8pm © Fri-Sat 9am-5pm © Sun 1pm-5pm

Adults

Coffee Klatch

Monday, January 9 @ 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, January 26 @ 6:30 pm

Loving Frank by Nancy Horan

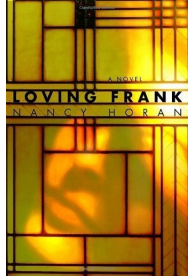
Loving Frank is based on the real-life love affair between architect Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Cheney. In 1903, Mamah and her husband, Edwin, commissioned the renowned architect to design a new home for them.

During the construction of the house, a powerful attraction developed between Mamah and Frank. Over time, the lovers, each married with children, embarked on a course that would shock Chicago society and forever change their lives.

Blending fact and fiction together brilliantly, Horan gives full weight to their dramatic love story and illuminates Cheney's profound influence on Wright.

Drawing on years of research, Horan weaves little-known facts into a compelling narrative, vividly portraying the conflicts and struggles of a woman forced to choose between the roles of mother, wife, lover, and intellectual. Horan's Mamah is a woman seeking to find her own place, her own creative calling in the world. Mamah's story is an unforgettable journey marked by choices that reshape her notions of love and responsibility, leading inexorably to this novel's stunning conclusion.

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



Fitness for Fun—Fitness for Life (55+)

Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, and 24 @ 11:15am - 12:00pm

Thursdays, January 5, 19, and 26 @ 11:15am - 12:00pm

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.

Please note: There will be no class on January 12th or 31st.

Monthly Groups

Council on Aging Community Outreach

Thursday, January 19 @ 10:00-11:00 am

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, January 5 @ 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.

Please note: There will be no meeting on Monday, January 16.

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, January 19 @ 7:00 pm

Dial A for Aunties by Jesse Q. Sutanto

What happens when you mix 1 (accidental) murder with 2 thousand wedding guests, and then toss in a possible curse on 3 generations of an immigrant Chinese-Indonesian family? You get 4 meddling Asian aunties coming to the rescue!



When Meddelin Chan ends up accidentally killing her blind date, her meddlesome mother calls for her even more meddlesome aunties to help get rid of the body. Unfortunately, a dead body proves to be a lot more challenging to dispose of than one might anticipate, especially when it is inadvertently shipped in a cake cooler to the over-the-top billionaire wedding Meddy, her Ma, and her aunties are working at an island resort on the California coastline. It's the biggest job yet for the family wedding business—*"Don't leave your big day to chance, leave it to the Chans!"*—and nothing, not even an unsavory corpse, will get in the way of her auntie's perfect buttercream flowers.

But things go from inconvenient to downright torturous when Meddy's great college love—and biggest heartbreak—makes a surprise appearance amid the wedding chaos. Is it possible to escape murder charges, charm her ex back into her life, and pull off a stunning wedding all in one weekend? Call the library for the location of the book club meeting.

Teens

Anime Club

Tuesday, January 3 and 17 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

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

Writer Wednesdays

Wednesday, January 4, 11, 18, and 25 @ 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.

Video Game Night

Thursday, January 5 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

Bring your consoles and play solo or against other teens!

T.A.G.

Tuesday, January 10 @ 4:30-6:00 pm

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

Flexible Book Club

Thursday, January 12 @ 4:30-6:00 pm

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

Board Game Night

Thursday, January 19 @ 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!

Bad Art Night

Tuesday, January 24 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

Anyone can appreciate good art, but where's the fun in that? Come to this program and let your less-than-perfect art style shine. Paint your bad art, display it along with the others, and then admire the paintings while enjoying some delicious appetizers.



The Great Ramen Challenge

Thursday, January 26 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

Can you make the best dish out of ramen noodles and random ingredients? You'll be provided with one pack of noodles to make your dish. There will be some toppings and "extras" to choose from but if you want to use something specific, feel free to bring it! And the best part? Ms. Amy has to eat what you make. Prizes will be given away for the tastiest dishes.



Open Craft Night

Tuesday, January 31 @ 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.

Babies - 5th Grade

Winter Wonderland Tiny Art Show

Thursday, January 12 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us for another Tiny Art Show! We had so much fun with this program last fall! Kids in grades 1-5, come in and create a Winter Wonderland painting. We will put your masterpiece on display for a couple weeks in our display case for all to behold. You'll then be able to pick up your painting after the show ends February 1st.



Registration begins on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Wiggle Workshop

Friday, January 20 and 27 @ 10:00-10:30 am

Welcome to the Wiggle Workshop. A 20-30 minute dance and movement time geared for littles and their parents or guardians. Please bring a workout mat or blanket to dance on and enjoy this fun and engaging wiggle time together. Parents are encouraged to participate in activities with children.

Sign up is required and will begin on January 9th. Please sign up each person attending.

LEGO Club: K-5th Grade

Wednesday, January 25 @ 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 – “Cozy Mittens”

Think warm thoughts as you make these cozy mittens with a variety of fun craft supplies!



Storytimes with Mr. Patrick

Welcome to another year of Storytime! New programs will be coming for Birth-5 that will extend the Storytime experience! Is dance your favorite part? Or maybe the finger play and felt board? Stay tuned!

For our January Storytimes, we will start off with Kid's Choice! Come to Storytime with your favorite book for Mr. Patrick to read. Then, enjoy NEW books, dinosaurs, a secret author, and tea party books to prepare for our upcoming program.

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

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

Read to a Dog

Saturday, February 4 @ 2:00-3:00 pm

Returning after many years, therapy dogs will be here at the library for kids to read to. There will be a number of different dogs available, and sign-up slots are for 10 minute increments. This is a wonderful program for kids who are struggling to read or who just need a friendly ear that won't judge them. The dogs will be handled by their trainers from the Human Animal Bond out of Ft. Leavenworth.

Registration required. Registration begins January 30th.



Sunday, February 5 @ 2:00 - 3:00pm

The Annual Tea Party has returned! Children ages 4-11 are invited to the library for a celebration. Follow the White Rabbit down to Wonderland and enjoy tea time with your favorite Wonderland characters.

Registration begins Monday, January 30th.

When you make your reservation, please include all names of guests attending the tea.

Space is limited.



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