

# BCL Buzz



## April 2024



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK  
APRIL 7-13, 2024

Join us in celebrating National Library Week! Libraries serve minds of all kinds, and here at the Basehor Community Library, no matter who you are and where you're at, you belong. Don't miss these happenings:

- Explore the past, present, and future of your community's library through a special display in the lobby.
- Bring the kids in for a themed scavenger hunt!
- Collect limited edition trading cards featuring your favorite local librarians! New cards will be released each day of the week. Collect and have at least 5 cards autographed by staff for a special collectors' prize!



### Family Trivia Night

Tuesday, April 9 @ 6:00-7:30 pm

Create your team (and team name) and join us for a night of trivia! We are looking for teams of 3 to 6 to compete in rounds of trivia. Our only rule is that each team must have at least 1 adult and 1 child/teen. First grade and up are welcome to play! We will provide the snacks and the fun, but we ask that you bring your own drink. Please remember this is a family friendly event and is just for fun!

*Please register by calling or visiting the library. Registration begins April 1st.*

### Bridge Instruction

Thursday, April 11 @ 1:00-3:00 pm

We give bidding and play of the cards a lot of attention, but what about defense. How to set the opponents? We should be on defense about half the time, so we should make that time count.

### Tech Help Drop-In

Monday, April 15 @ 12:00-1:30 pm

Our resident techies William and Mike will be available to answer questions at this walk-in tech help session. Bringing in your mobile devices is encouraged.

### Genre Book Club

Tuesday, April 16 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

Genre Book Club explores a new genre each month to help expand your reading horizons. This month we'll be reading **Microhistories**. From butter to paper to fonts to redheads, these nonfiction titles focus on one specific subject, often revealing fascinating facts and histories. Need suggestions? We'll have a list available at the front desk.

### Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding with Secure E-Cycle

Saturday, April 20 @ 9:00-1:00 pm

It is time for our annual electronics recycling event. This year we will be offering free paper shredding too. What recycles? Anything that plugs in or runs on a battery (and they take used batteries too)! How much? Free, except for TVs (\$40) and monitors (\$25).

Secure E-Cycle has been offering secure recycling and data destruction in Kansas City for over 10 years. Library staff will be collecting the fees for TV's and monitors. Cash or check will be accepted at the drop off point. Payment by credit card must be completed inside at the library front desk.

### April Flower Crafts

Tuesday, April 23 @ 6:00-7:30 pm

Join us in using dried pressed flowers to create a beautiful tea light candle holder. We will also have the supplies for you to create a bookmark if you finish early. All supplies will be provided. This program is geared towards adults. Children 5th grade and up are welcome to register but must be accompanied by an adult.

*Register online, at the library, or on the phone. Space is limited. Registration begins April 15th.*



### Growing Strawberries in the Home Garden

Wednesday, April 24 @ 6:30 pm

LVCO Master Gardener Pat Matthews will explore some quick facts about strawberries, explain different types of strawberries and share some planting and care information.

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

# Adults

## Coffee Klatch

Monday, April 8 @ 9:30-10:30 am

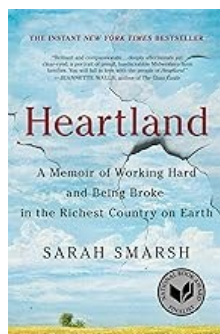
Please join us for a lively discussion about multiple new and exciting books here at the library. Learn what's hot off the presses, and discover a new title or two. Don't be hesitant. We're a friendly and inviting group, and you only need to participate to your level of comfort. Often, participants choose to share a little about the books they've been reading and would recommend ...but there's never an obligation to do so. Happy reads!



## Thursday Evening Book Club

Thursday, April 25 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

Join the library's longest-running book club in discussing *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth* by Sarah Smarsh.



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

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Class #1 is 10:00-10:45 am

Class #2 is 11:00-11:45 am

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.

*Registration will begin the day of the first class, April 2, for the entire month. Registrations will be accepted by phone after 9:00 am on the first day of classes. We will continue to offer the class by Zoom.*



# Monthly Groups

## Bridge Club

Thursdays, April 4, 18, and 25 @ 1:00-3:00 pm

Following our successful bridge classes, we are now inviting players to meet and practice what they learned. We invite all experienced players to join as well. These will be fun afternoons of socializing and playing. No registration required.

## Dementia Support Group

Thursday, April 4 @ 6:30 pm

Join us in this safe, supportive environment for caregivers. Dr. Maritza Buenaver, Geriatric Psychiatrist specializing in dementia education, will guide us as we share our experiences. Anyone is welcome to join us. We meet in person, but Zoom is also an option. Please call the library for the Zoom link.

## Council on Aging Community Outreach and BINGO

Thursday, April 18, drop by 10:30-11:00 am  
BINGO @ 11:00 am-12:00 pm

The Leavenworth County Council on Aging will be here to answer your questions from 10:30-11:00 am regarding services available to any person 60 or older, regardless of income. Then at 11:00 am, they will offer a few games of Bingo. For more information, contact the Council on Aging at (913) 684-0777.

## Mahjongg

Monday evenings @ 5:30-8:00 pm

Friday afternoons @ 1:00-4:00 pm

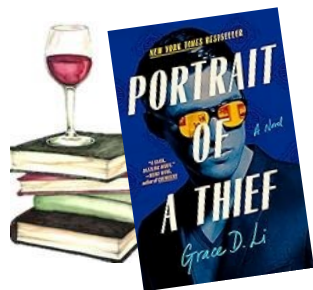
Mahjongg (American style), the Chinese game played with tiles, is sometimes compared to dominoes or the card game rummy. The 4 Winds Mahjongg League meets twice a week at the library. Come as often and as much as you like. Please note: The tables are reserved for experienced players. Would you like to 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, April 11 @ 7:00 pm  
*Portrait of a Thief* by Grace D Li

History is told by the conquerors. Across the Western world, museums display the spoils of war, of conquest, of colonialism: priceless pieces of art looted from other countries, kept even now. Will Chen plans to steal them back.

A senior at Harvard, Will fits comfortably in his carefully curated roles: a perfect student, an art history major and sometimes artist, the eldest son who has always been his parents' American Dream. But when a mysterious Chinese benefactor reaches out with an impossible—and illegal—job offer, Will finds himself something else as well: the leader of a heist to steal back five priceless Chinese sculptures, looted from Beijing centuries ago.

His crew is every heist archetype one can imagine—or at least, the closest he can get. Each member of his crew has their own complicated relationship with China and the identity they've cultivated as Chinese Americans, but when Will asks, none of them can turn him down.

Because if they succeed? They earn fifty million dollars—and a chance to make history. But if they fail, it will mean not just the loss of everything they've dreamed for themselves but yet another thwarted attempt to take back what colonialism has stolen.

Contact Amy at [aschaffer@basehorlibrary.org](mailto:aschaffer@basehorlibrary.org) for the location of the book club meeting.

## Teens (6-12th Grade)

### Anime Club

Tuesday, April 2 and 16  
@ 4:00-6:00 pm

Like anime? Come watch and discuss anime with other fans!



### Flexible Book Club

Thursday, April 11 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

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



### Board Game Night

Thursday, April 18 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

Enjoy the ultimate retro-gaming! Choose from our selection of board and card games or bring your own!



### Oreo Taste Test Challenge

Tuesday, April 23 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

Put your taste buds to the test! You'll have the opportunity to sample a variety of Oreo flavors, from classic to limited editions, and vote for your favorites.



### Open Craft Night

Tuesday, April 30 @ 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.

### Writers Wednesday

Wednesday, April 3, 10, and 17  
@ 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, April 4 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

Bring your consoles and play solo or against other teens!



### T.A.G.

Tuesday, April 9 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

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



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

## Wiggle Workshop

Fridays @ 10:00-10:30 am  
Toddler-5 yrs.

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.



## Card Game Night for Kids

Tuesday, April 16 @ 6:00-7:30 pm  
2nd-5th Grade

Kids in grades 2-5 can join Miss Jen and learn to play a few basic card games with us! Go Fish, Crazy 8's, Solitaire and more...

*Sign-up is required and will begin on April 8th.*



## Take-home Fun!

### Cicada Coloring Booklet

All month long

Learn about Cicadas in this fun and FREE booklet with coloring pages. Now when you hear them chirping this summer, you will know all about them!



This booklet will be available only for the month of April. But don't forget! We always have crafts and coloring pages available at the Children's Desk every single month.

### Children's Craft of the Month: "Pop-Up Bunny Craft"

Hop on in and get this "Springy" Pop-up Bunny craft while supplies last!



## Storytimes with Mr. Patrick

For our first week, we are going to calm things down and try out a Quiet Storytime. Then we will celebrate siblings before we hear the new books of the month. For Earth Day, we will talk about our gardens and nature. Then for the last week leading into May, buckle up for multiple celebrations, Star Wars, Cinco de Mayo, and TUNA!

Tuesday mornings

@ 10:00-10:20 am AND 10:30-10:50 am  
STORYtots (Babies - 2 yrs.)

Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 - 10:30 am

STORYpals (Babies - 5 yrs.) *Wednesday Storytimes may be outside, weather depending. We recommend bringing a blanket or chairs on nice days for some outdoor Storytime fun!*

## LEGO Club: K-5th Grade

Wednesday, April 24 @ 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; a parent or guardian must remain in the building.*



## Read to a Dog Program

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

Bring your child to the library to read to a therapy dog. This is a wonderful program for littles struggling to read or kids who just need a friendly ear that won't judge them. Sign-up slots are for 10 minute increments. The dogs will be handled by their trainers from the Human Animal Bond out of Fort Leavenworth.



*Registration is required and begins April 29th.*



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