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GOOD NEWS: A letter from the WPLF



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Library Giving Day – a big win for child literacy

Thank you for donating to fund four engaging children’s programs over the next 12 months. Because of your gifts and a \$2,000 gift from the Friends of the Library, we exceeded our fundraising goal. Now the Wichita Public Library can provide children better programming and help them improve their reading skills. Below are the programs your donations will fund.



1. Kansas Reads to Preschoolers: This outreach program to preschools, daycares, and more promotes early literacy.
2. Summer Reading Program: 300 books will be purchased to be used as incentives for kids to meet their summer reading goals.
3. The Young Artist Exhibits: This program will take place in the spring of 2022 and provides young artists the opportunity to display their art in the Library with a reception for family and artists.
4. Purchase of Vimeo: This product platform provides high-definition video across various devices.

Did you know?

Good news for fans of the Friends of the Public Library Used Bookstore, inside the Advanced Learning Library. It will reopen for in-person shopping – by appointment only – on Wednesday, May 5. Temporary bookstore hours will be 10:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Shopping appointments will be 30 minutes. Shoppers can schedule an appointment online at WichitaLibraryFriends.org.

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Your Library programs

The Library continues to adapt to keep customers safe and engaged during COVID-19. Your financial support of the WPLF makes these programs possible.

Senior Wednesday: Driving Down Memory Lane: Wednesday, May 12; 1:30-2:30 p.m.; online via Zoom. Wichita Eagle restaurant and entertainment writer Denise Neil will take us on a fascinating journey of Wichita's culinary past. Call 316-261-8500 or visit wichitalibrary.org/events to register.

Wichita's Diverse History of Baseball: Starting June 12 and through the summer; times TBA; at the Wichita Public Library, the Kansas African American Museum, and League 42, explore the history of Wichita's diversity through the lens of baseball. Learn about Wichita's earliest years of playing baseball on Ackerman Island, developing the NBC Baseball Tournament and the new Riverfront Stadium. Explore themes of race and ethnicity by learning about the Negro League, the Monrovians vs. the KKK game, the Mexican League teams that played along railroad lines, and more.

Plan Your Next Outdoor Adventure!: Tuesday, June 8; 6-7:30 p.m.; online via Zoom. Ready to plan your next great outdoor adventure? Get the low-down on how to explore the outdoors safely in Kansas from an expert in the field. Call (316) 261-8500 or visit wichitalibrary.org/events to register.

Summer Reading Program: Tuesday, June 1; registration begins May 17. The Library is getting WILD this summer as we explore "Tails and Tales." In addition to the reading challenge and early learning activities, the Library has in-person and virtual programs on the calendar. More information available on May 17 at wichitalibrary.org/summerreading.

Visit wichitalibrary.org/events for more programs and information.

Branch Library updates

All Wichita Public Library branches are open for in-person services to browse for materials, use public computers, and access free Wi-Fi service. We ask customers to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Lounge furniture has been removed to prevent gatherings. For Library operations information, visit wichitalibrary.org/covid-19. Work on the **Children's STEAM Garden** at the Advanced Learning Library will conclude early summer. Airplane shade structures will be installed as well as outdoor play elements. Stay tuned for additional opening details. Special thanks to Spirit AeroSystems for funding the painting of the planes.

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