

# Let's Discuss This!

## TALK: Talk about Literature in Kansas

Spring 2022 Theme: Coming up in Rural America

February 17, 6 pm: *Farmer Boy* by Laura Ingalls Wilder

March 17, 6 pm: *Nathan Coulter* by Wendell Berry  
April 21, 6 pm: *Winter Wheat* by Mildred Walker

### Mahogany Readers

Join us to read and discuss books written by African-American authors, urban, Christian fiction, and gentle reads, as well as the occasional African-American classic. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Call for book information.

### Ladies of the Night

Join us to discuss books with strong female characters, many who have overcome adversity; books that focus on relationships and the bonding/unifying experience of women; and books that explore the positive aspects of women's lives. We meet the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Call for book information.

### Mystery Club

Join us to discuss "whodunit"! From tough and gritty to the sly and witty, Mystery Club discusses the head scratchers! We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. Call for book information.

### Fans of Film Club

Any movie aficionado, ages 18 and up, are welcome to join us for a lively discussion! Plots, themes, acting, characters, and more! On your own, watch the 2019 film *Midsommar*, directed by Ari Aster and join us for a discussion! Refreshments will be served.

In person and Zoom available.  
March 10 @ 5:30 pm

## Carry-out Creations

To help our community stay safer-at-home, these kits are specially designed to be completed in the comfort of your home with easy to follow instructions. Registration required for all carry-out projects.

January: Valentine Mini Wood Bead Garland  
March: Bunny Egg Centerpiece  
May: "Oceans of Possibilities" Wish Jar



## January Special Edition Carry-out Creations

### Mental Health Matters: Holiday De-Stress Kit

Are you feeling run down and stressed after the hustle and bustle of the holiday season? Then this special edition carry out creation is just what the doctor ordered. Let us help you enjoy a day of pampering to recover from the holidays! Limited spots available. Pick up starts January 6th, registration begins 2 weeks prior.

*A library is more than just books.*



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# SPRING 2022



## Learning is for Everyone



To maintain social distance, limited spots are available for spring programs. For questions, call 785-238-4311.

*All programs require registration.*



# January

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR CELEBRATION

MLK Art and Writing Contest-Information available at the Circulation Desk or on our Facebook page.

"I have a Dream" MLK Storytime. Thursday January 13, 11 am. Registration required.

January 27th, 6-7 pm: "Jazz & The Civil Rights Movement" Musical Performance by Calen Abdur-Razzaq of Flute Juice Productions in partnership with Great Bend Public Library. This performance will be presented virtually and streamed at the library. Zoom link will also be available.

We also invite you to the 2022 Community Conversation. Books are available for pick up starting January 10th. Read the book chosen, then join us in February for a book discussion & movie screening.

# February

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Community Conversation book discussions help explore diversity of perspectives, show appreciation for continuing differences, and respect for voices and experiences. Starting January 10th pick up your copy of the book for our "Community Conversation" discussion (while supplies last). Spend the month reading and reflecting on the title, then join us on February 15th, 6-7 PM for the discussion.

"Just Mercy" Movie Screening, February 19th, 1 pm  
"The People in my Neighborhood" Virtual Story Time. Check out our Facebook page on Tuesday and Thursday during the month of February for a special edition Black History month story time!

## VINTAGE VALENTINE IN-PERSON, FEBRUARY 12, 10-NOON

Will you be my sweetheart? Join Sheridan Vansickle, owner of SV Custom Hand Lettering and Shutterbug by Sheridan to learn the basics of handlettering through the art of creating your own vintage valentine card. Learn the tools she uses, how she got started, practice the alphabet and take home a finished Valentine card to give to your loved one!

# March

## BOOK PAGE ART

IN-PERSON, MARCH 12, 1-3 PM

Take a page out of the book! No really, we'll tear it out! For this crafty class, we'll use vintage encyclopedias to create a one of a kind art piece. You don't have to be a seasoned artist to create your own frame worthy piece! Light snacks will be served.

## LIVING LITERATURE

EXPLORATION THROUGH CHILDHOOD CLASSICS  
IN-PERSON, MARCH 19, 10-11 AM

Join us as we embark on storytelling through experience with our first Living Literature program. Pick up your book, *Pippi Longstocking* by Astrid Lindgren, while supplies last, starting one month before discussion. Then join us for a book discussion, author discovery, and a dish inspired by the book!



## GROWING GEARY COUNTY

ALL MONTH

Stop in during the month of April to help celebrate Earth Day! Pick up your seed packet (one per person, 18 years and up) to "Help Grow Geary County!" Fruit, vegetable, and flower seeds are available.

## COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

IN-PERSON & ZOOM, APRIL 6, 5:30-6:30 PM

This is open for anyone who needs help researching any aspect of our local history-great or small-including local family history. Or, if you are curious about personal research, how to use the archive to look up cool stuff, this is a great opportunity to get the ball rolling! We'll assist you in searching. Bring your questions and other relevant information to get your research started!



# National Library Week

April 3-9

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. Help us celebrate and enter to win a \$50 gift card by participating in one of the following contests:

High School Students: Peeps Diorama Contest  
Adults: Book Spine Contest

Rules and entry form available at the library or on our Facebook page starting March 1

# May

## BLOGGING FOR BEGINNERS

IN PERSON, MAY 19, 5:30-6:30 PM

You don't have to be a great writer to start a blog! As long as you have knowledge to share, or have a passion, you can certainly start a blog. Learn how to set up a blog using either blogger.com or wordpress.com. Topics will include finding your niche to develop and write interesting content, coming up with a blog theme and design, and building your platform.

## SHRED EVENT

MAY 21, 10 AM-NOON

It's time to spring clean your file folders! The library has partnered with Underground Vaults & Storage to offer a FREE Shred Day to dispose of personal documents and files. Each patron is limited to FIVE boxes or bags per household. **No businesses allowed.** Documents will be shredded off-site.

## FAMILY DINNER BOOK CLUB

SUITABLE FOR PARENTS & KIDS (GRADES 3-5)

IN-PERSON, MAY 25, 5:30-6:30 PM

Start a new family tradition with our Family Dinner Book Club. Suitable for Parents and their children, grades 3-5. Explore literature with a critical lens, learn how to incorporate reading in your busy schedule, and create a new family tradition. Books will be available for pick up ONE MONTH prior to discussion on May 25. A book themed meal will be served.