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Fun and informative events at your library!
Nikki Erlick
New York Times Best Seller

Visiting Author
NIKKI ERLICK

Thursday, October 12 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Indiana University Kokomo, Kresge Auditorium
Adults

Come and be part of a captivating discussion with Nikki Erlick, author of the critically acclaimed book, *The Measure*. Released in June 2022, this remarkable debut novel instantly soared to the top of the New York Times Bestseller list and has received widespread acclaim. Don’t miss the opportunity to buy your own copy of *The Measure* at the event, and stick around for an exciting author signing afterwards.

Tickets are free, but you must have one to attend. Pick up yours at any KHCPL location or the IUK Library. **Ticket release date: Monday, September 11**

The Howard County Reads program was founded in 2004 to foster a sense of community through page-turning togetherness. It is an annual community-wide reading program sponsored by the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library and the Indiana University Kokomo Library.

Every year a committee of staff members as well as community members collaborate to select books and plan programs.
Look for the Howard County Reads seal throughout the newsletter for special programming that highlights one of the Top 15 books!
Register for these events at KHCPL.org under “Events” or by calling any location.

ALL AGES

Line Dancing for All!
Tuesday, September 12 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL Russiaville, Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • All Ages
Have fun learning different line dance steps, then we’ll put it all together. No experience necessary. Wear closed-toe shoes that won’t fly off!

Swing Dance the Night Away!
Tuesday, October 10 • 6:00-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL Russiaville, Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • All Ages
Learn a swing dance routine and have fun dancing the night away! This class is for couples or singles - no dance experience required. Bring a water bottle and a sense of humor!

Friends of the Library Book Sale
KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B
Discover new treasures at the Friends of the Library Book Sale. From recent bestselling novels and how-to nonfiction to DVDs and picture books, shop from a wide array of items at affordable prices. Find more information about the Friends of the Library and membership at www.khcpl.org/friends.

- For Educators Only - Thursday, October 5 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Members Only - Friday, October 6 • Noon-5:00 p.m.

Memberships can be purchased at the door.

- Public Welcome - Saturday, October 7 • 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

First Friday
- Haunted Candy Kingdom
  Friday, October 6 • 5:30-8:00 p.m.
  KHCPL Main
Welcome to the haunted Candy Kingdom! Celebrate First Friday with a cake bake-off, zombie walk, zombie face paint, snacks, and all the fun! Costumes are encouraged but not required.

- Local Author Fair
  Friday, November 3 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Support local authors by purchasing signed books at our Local Author Fair! Hey, authors! Register for a table by scanning the QR code and filling out our online registration form by October 1. For more information, contact Melissa Wheelock at mwheelock@khcpl.org.

Food for Fines
November 1-30
All locations and bookmobiles
Waive up to $1.00 in fines for each nonperishable canned or boxed food item donated. Donation items can be used for overdue fines only. Unfortunately, we cannot accept donations in place of lost or damaged items. Questions? Call Head of Circulation, Kayla, at 765.626.0831.

Save the Date!

Rudolph Family 5k Fun Run & Walk
Saturday, December 2
KHCPL Main • All Ages
Dress up in your favorite holiday outfit and join us for the annual Rudolph Run 5K, a family friendly fun run/walk through downtown Kokomo and along the Wildcat Walk of Excellence. Be sure to dress for cold weather! We’ll play reindeer games before the race for your chance to win prizes!
Free Mental Health Access Days  
*Tuesdays, September 5, 19, October 3, 17, November 7, 21 9:00 a.m.-Noon • KHCPL Main, Quiet Study 2 • Adults*
Are you an adult struggling with anxiety, depression, or another mental health challenge? Come talk confidentially to a 4C Health associate who will help you find help locally. *No appointment necessary.*

Legal Aid Clinic  
*Every Wednesday • 9:00 a.m.-Noon • KHCPL Main, Large Group Study • Adults*
Need pro bono representation? Have questions for an attorney? Apply with Pro Bono Indiana, Inc. to get the legal assistance you need at no cost to you! No appointment needed.

Are you an author?  
Register for the local author fair on November 3!

Writers’ Group  
*Wednesdays, September 6, October 4, November 1 • 5:00-8:00 p.m. KHCPL South, Tulip Tree Room • Adults*
Feedback for writers of fiction by writers of fiction.

The Walking Readers Club  
*Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, 26 • 8:00-9:00 a.m. KHCPL Russiaville, Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • Adults*
Join us as we make our minds and bodies healthier! We’ll walk around KHCPL Russiaville’s neighborhood.

Forensic Genealogy Used to Solve Cold Cases  
*Saturday, September 9 • 9:30-11:00 a.m. • KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults*
Join us as Robert Sliwinski of DNA Explorers shares how cold cases are being solved using genetic genealogy in concert with police investigations to solve cases from decades ago.

Craft Corner  
*R  1:00-3:00 p.m. • KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room • Adults*
Saturday, September 9 - Wooden Bead Wreath  
Saturday, October 14 - Layered Pumpkin Decor  
Saturday, November 11 - Holiday Cards
Join in the fun as we make a seasonal craft!

Book Buddy Book Club  
*Tuesdays, September 12, 26, October 24, November 7, 21 10:00-11:30 a.m. • KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults*
Join our book club for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We enjoy books, make friends, and have fun! All are welcome, regardless of reading ability. Snacks and water are provided, and you are welcome to pack a lunch and stay to eat. Register by calling 765.626.0813.

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Book Discussions
Expand your reading horizons by joining us for engaging and lively discussions of books from different genres. Registration is required.

KHCPL Main - 10:00-11:30 a.m. • Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults
- Wednesday, September 13 - The Measure by Nikki Erlick
- Wednesday, October 11 - Dracula by Bram Stoker
- Wednesday, November 8 - The Book of Two Ways by Jodi Picoult

KHCPL Russiaville • 1:00-2:00 p.m. • Meeting Room • Adults
- Thursday, September 14 - A Net for Small Fishes by Lucy Jagond
- Thursday, October 12 - The Measure by Nikki Erlick
- Thursday, November 9 - The Inheritance of Orquidea Divina by Zoraida Cordova

Back to School BINGO for Teachers!
Friday, September 15 • 6:00-7:30 p.m.
KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room • Adults
Teachers, come play BINGO and win school supplies! Everyone will leave with something! Your teacher ID is your ticket in to this after-hours event.

What Does Food Insecurity Really Mean?
Monday, September 18
7:00-8:00 p.m.
Russiaville Lions Club, 555 North Liberty St.
While the term “Food Insecurity” can be defined, what does it really mean? September is Hunger Action Month. Learn how food insecurity affects Howard County, and look at statistics and available resources. Please bring a non-perishable item to support the Russiaville Community Food Pantry.

Cooking Matters!
Smart Shopping
Thursday, September 28
7:00-8:00 p.m.
Russiaville Lions Club, 555 North Liberty St.
This program will explore strategies to maximize your grocery budget. Participants will have the chance to practice using grocery ads to help them use similar ingredients for multiple dishes, all while doing their best to maximize their grocery budget.

Well Read & Badly Behaved
BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays, September 20, October 18, November 15
6:00-7:00 p.m. • KHCPL South, Tulip Tree Room • Adults
We are well read and badly behaved. Are you? Not sure what this book club for adults is all about? If you love to hang out with old friends and meet new people, talk about books, and hate rules, then this is the book club you’ve been waiting for. Call 765.453.4150 for the monthly title.

Soil Testing
Thursday, September 21 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room • Adults
Learn how to test your soil to find out what nutrients you need in order to grow prize-winning petunias or gigantic gourds. Mathias Ingle, with Purdue Extension in Howard County, will lead this program.

SIP AND RELAX
DIY Loose-Leaf Tea Infusion
Sunday, October 1
3:00-4:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults
Enjoy sampling and making your own loose-leaf tea infusion. A Psalm for the Wild-Built has been described as “a steaming cup of tea” - an uncommon description for a sci-fi story. However, this novella is just that. It takes you on a thoughtfull journey with a robot and a human tea monk, Dex.

Daughters of the American Revolution
Saturday, October 7
10:00 a.m.- Noon • KHCPL Main, Genealogy Department
Members from the DAR will assist with paperwork for joining a lineage society.

Seed Swap
Saturday, October 14
10:00 a.m.-Noon • KHCPL Russiaville, Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • Adults

Genealogy for Night Owls
Family History Lock-In
Friday, October 20
5:00 p.m.-Midnight • KHCPL Main Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults
This after-hours event is open to all levels of experience! We will have a buffet supper and snacks, as well as door prizes - big and small. Use our computers or bring your own for Ancestry Library Edition, Newspaper Archive, Howard County Memory Project, and much more. The cost to attend is $20, which can be paid in the Genealogy Department by October 16 to reserve your spot.

Register for these events at KHCPL.org under “Events” or by calling any location.
Howard County Land Records
Saturday, November 4 • 9:30-11:00 a.m. • KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults

The comprehensive Howard County Land Records collection on the Howard County Memory Project is a valuable new tool for researchers. Local history writer Gil Porter will explore and explain details about the new collection, which has more than 400 separate records, maps, and spreadsheets.

Annual Murder Mystery Theatre: The Dead Man
Friday, November 17 • 6:30-10:00 p.m. • Elite Banquet and Conference Center • Adults

Heiress and newlywed Lotta Cash is on a spaceship cruise to Mars. When her husband, Noah Cash, is accused of murder, it is up to her and her companion dog, Johnnie Walker, to clear his name and find the real killer. All while sipping a fine cocktail, of course. "Loosely" inspired by the Howard County Reads top 15 book, The Spare Man by Mary Robinette Kowal.

Doors open: 6:30 p.m.  Showtime: 7:00 p.m.

Purchase tickets at any KHCPL location from October 9 to November 6. Tickets are $30 each or $270 for a table of 10.

Medicare Help
Wednesdays, November 8, 29
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
KHCPL Main, Quiet Study 1

Adults

Have Medicare questions? Get answers from SHIP Medicare counselors. For more info, call Samaritan Caregivers at 765.453.7611.

PUBLIC BOOKMOBILE STOPS

Chippendale Disc
3:45-4:30 p.m. • Mondays
Sept. 11, 25, Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 13, 27, Dec. 11

Christy Lane Disc
4:00-4:30 p.m. • Wednesdays
Sept. 13, 27, Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 8, 22, Dec. 6

Fox Acres Apts. Adv
4:00-4:30 p.m. • Wednesdays
Sept. 6, 20, Oct. 4, 18, Nov. 1, 15, 29, Dec. 13

Friendship Haven Disc
3:30-4:00 p.m. • Thursdays
Sept. 14, 28, Oct. 12, 26, Nov. 9, Dec. 7

Greenacres & Crestview
3:45-4:30 p.m. • Wednesdays
Sept. 13, 27, Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 8, 22, Dec. 6

Howard Haven Disc
2:00-2:45 p.m. • Wednesdays
Sept. 6, 20, Oct. 4, 18, Nov. 1, 15, 29, Dec. 13

Jefferson Manor Adv
3:45-4:30 p.m. • Mondays
Sept. 11, 25, Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 13, 27, Dec. 11

Madison & Berkley Disc
4:00-4:30 p.m. • Tuesdays
Sept. 12, 26, Oct. 10, 24, Nov. 7, 21, Dec. 5

Oliene & McKibben Adv
4:00-4:30 p.m. • Thursdays
Sept. 7, 21, Oct. 5, 19, Nov. 2, 16, 30, Dec. 14

Primrose Community Adv
3:15-4:00 p.m. • Thursdays
Sept. 14, 28, Oct. 12, 26, Nov. 9, Dec. 7

Silver Birch Adv
2:30-3:15 p.m. • Thursdays
Sept. 7, 21, Oct. 5, 19, Nov. 2, 16, Dec. 14

Spice Run Adv
4:00-4:30 p.m. • Tuesdays

Sugar Mill Farms Adv
4:00-4:30 p.m. • Mondays
Sept. 18, Oct. 2, 16, 30, Nov. 13, 27, Dec. 11

Terrace Towers Disc
3:00-3:30 p.m. • Mondays
Sept. 18, Oct. 2, 16, 30, Nov. 13, 27, Dec. 11

Villas at Waterford Disc
4:00-4:30 p.m. • Mondays
Sept. 18, Oct. 2, 16, 30, Nov. 13, 27, Dec. 11

Vinton Woods Disc
4:00-4:30 p.m. • Wednesdays
Sept. 6, 20, Oct. 4, 18, Nov. 1, 15, 29, Dec. 13

Windwood & Jeff Adv
4:00-4:30 p.m. • Tuesdays
Sept. 12, 26, Oct. 10, 24, Nov. 7, 21, Dec. 5

5 Star Residences Disc
2:45-3:30 p.m. • Tuesdays
Sept. 12, 26, Oct. 10, 24 Nov. 7, 21, Dec. 5
The 48-Hour Film Contest
Sun King Kokomo • High School & Adults
Do you love local films? Come to the 48-Hour Film Contest!

Team entry - Aug. 25 • Sun King Kokomo

Movie screening - Sept. 1 • Sun King Kokomo, Depot Room

In this 3rd annual event, participants in the contest will receive their rule packet when they enter on Aug. 25. Inside the packet, you’ll find instructions and requirements. Once you pick up your packet, the clock starts and you have 48 hours to write, record, and edit your film. See the event listing at www.khcpl.org for more information.

Turning Point System of Care
Rapid Access Navigator
Thursdays, September 7, 21, October 5, 19, November 2, 16
Noon-5:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main,
Quiet Study 2 • High School & Adults
Turning Point offers resources to those with mental health and addiction challenges.

ADULTS + TEENS

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DIY Holiday Garlands
KHCPL Main, Large Group Study • Middle School - Adults

Tuesday, September 19 • 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Fall Garland
Monday, November 6 • 6:00-7:30 p.m. - BoHo Braid
Monday, November 20 • 6:00-7:30 p.m. - Circle POP

Beginning Finger Knitting
Sunday, September 24 • 2:30-4:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main,
Meeting Rooms A & B • Middle School - Adults

Learn to finger knit with chunky yarn! Supplies will be provided for participants.

Stories of Exile - Reading Groups for Public Libraries
Wednesday, September 27 • 6:00-7:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main,
Large Group Study • High School & Adults

The Glatstein Chronicles by Jacob Glatstein
Join us for a discussion exploring themes of displacement, migration, and exile. Copies available for pickup one month before the event at all KHCPL locations.

The Yiddish Book Center Stories of Exile Reading Groups for Public Libraries is a reading and discussion program to engage teens and adults in thinking about experiences of displacement, migration, and diaspora. In this program, librarians organize reading groups to discuss three books of Yiddish literature in translation and one book related to the experience of a community served by their library. The Yiddish Book Center Stories of Exile Reading Groups for Public Libraries is made possible by a gift from Sharon Karmazin.
Digital Den Hours:
Mondays • 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Tuesdays • Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays • 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Thursdays • Noon-5:00 p.m.
Fridays • Noon-5:00 p.m.

Digital Den Class: Intro to Google Applications 2
Wednesday, September 6
Noon-1:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Digital Den
High School & Adults
In this class, we will focus on Google Drive and go over the basics of Docs, Slides, and Forms.

Manga and Anime Club
6:30-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL South, Tulip Tree Room
High School & Adults
✦ Thursday, September 28  Read Spy X Family
Volume 1, and join us for crafts and an escape room!
✦ Wednesday, October 25 - Come dressed as your favorite character and join us for games.
✦ Wednesday, November 29 - Read Jujutsu Kaisen
Volume 1 and do a craft while we talk about it.

Getting Started with Houseplants
Wednesday, October 4 • 6:00-7:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B
High School & Adults
Have you always wanted get into house plants but don’t know where to start? Learn about lighting, soils, watering, plant varieties, etc., and leave with some free giveaways!

Board Game Party
Tuesday, October 10 • 10:00 a.m.-Noon • KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B
High School & Adults
Snacks and board games! Celebrate fall and make new friends while playing board games. Everything provided.

Festive Crochet-Along
Wednesday, October 11, Thursday, November 9
6:00-8:00 p.m. KHCPL Main, Meeting Room B
High School & Adults
Do you love to crochet? If so, join us to create a small, festive pattern. Beginner friendly, but basic crochet skills are required.

Digital Den Designs
KHCPL Main, Digital Den • High School & Adults
✦ Fall Wreath with Paper Flowers
Tuesday, September 12 • 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Fall is here and it is time to start decorating! In this class, you will learn how to make a fall wreath using paper flowers designed on the Cricut.
✦ Photo Refrigerator Magnets
Thursday, September 21 • 1:00-2:00 p.m.
You can always use another refrigerator magnet! In this class, we’ll show you how to make one using your photos from your smart phone.
✦ Horror Movie Poster Making
Wednesday, October 4 • Noon-2:00 p.m.
In this class, you will learn how to put yourself into a horror movie poster.
✦ Spooky Skeleton Socks
Friday, October 20 • 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Boo! Did we scare you? Come to the Digital Den to learn how to make spooky skeleton socks for the Halloween season.
✦ Holiday Cards
Tuesday, November 14 • 3:00-4:00 p.m.
In this class, you’ll learn how to make incredible holiday cards using the Cricut Design Space.

Indiana Genealogical Society: Gateway to Hoosier Research
Wednesday, October 11 • 6:00-7:15 p.m.
KHCPL South, Cardinal Room
High School & Adults
Learn about the Indiana Genealogical Society and all it has to offer! Membership perks include access to databases on its website, a yearly conference at the Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, and lineage societies to honor your Hoosier ancestors.

Do You Know Your Trees?
Thursday, October 19 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room
High School & Adults
Join us as Mathias Ingle from Purdue Extension shares information about trees growing in Indiana. Following Mathias’s presentation, we’ll take a stroll to identify trees that grow in our community.

Laying a Foundation for Successful Home Research
Saturday, October 21 • 1:00-2:15 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B
High School & Adults
Have you ever wanted to solve the mysteries of your home? Learn to decipher clues left in your home by previous owners by digging into historical records, such as newspaper databases, land records, city directories, and other resources.
Register for these events at KHCPL.org under “Events” or by calling any location.

**Halloween Horror Makeup**
Saturday, October 28
1:00-4:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main,
Meeting Rooms A & B
Middle School - Adults
Come learn how to apply horror makeup from pro makeup artists, done just in time to go Trick-Or Treating or to scare your friends. We will have everything you need and will walk you through how to create the most realistic gory makeup.

**Teen Art Group**
Every Thursday • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Large Group Study
Middle & High School
Would you like the chance to sketch, color, and paint regularly with your friends? Then join the Teen Art Group! Use any of the materials provided or bring your own.

**Teen Writers’ Group**
Every Thursday • 5:00-6:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Large Group Study
Middle & High School
Want the chance to sharpen your creative writing and critiquing skills and receive feedback from your peers? Then join our weekly writing group just for teens!

**Can You Land a Rocketship?**
Sunday, October 8 • 2:30-3:30 p.m. • KHCPL South, Peony Room • Middle School
Landing on the moon and Mars is tricky. In this challenge, use our supplies to design and build a lander that will protect two astronauts during touchdown.

**Halloween Buttons**
Saturday, October 28 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main, Digital Den • Middle & High School
Teens will have the chance to visit the Digital Den and make their own spooky scary Halloween buttons. Teens only.

**Whodunnit? Play a Live Game of Clue**
Saturday, November 4 • 2:00-5:00 p.m. • KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room • Middle & High School
Teens will have the chance to play a live game of Clue. Mr. Cy Fye Genre was hosting a party at his favorite place, the library. But right in the middle of the festivities, he was found dead! Teens must don the identity of a partygoer to learn who committed the heinous act in this live game of Clue. Register for your spot in this classic whodunnit game and learn the truth about Cy Fye Genre’s demise. Teens only.

**Dungeons & Desserts: A Cozy Role-Playing Adventure**
Sunday, October 29 • 1:00-5:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B • High School & Adults
Play through a delightful session of D&D that emphasizes role-playing and teamwork over combat. This event is inspired by the Howard County Reads novel *Legends & Latte*s by Travis Baldree. New and experienced D&D players welcome. Refreshments will be provided!

**Korean Culture**
Wednesday, November 1 • 6:00-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room • High School & Adults
Learn about the Korean food scene and how to use chopsticks. Plus, taste kimchi! This event is inspired by *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner.

**John Wayne & Louise Brooks Night**
Sunday, November 12 • 6:00-8:00 p.m. • KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room • High School & Adults
In honor of Howard County Reads book *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty, we will be showing the movie *Overland Stage Raiders*. Dress in your western duds or as a roarin’ twenties flapper!
**Cosmic Adventures**

**LEGO® Space**
Tuesday, September 5 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.
KHCPL South, Cardinal Room • Ages 6-11
Build a spaceship to escape our planet with a launchpad.

**PreSchool S.T.E.A.M**
Tuesday, September 12 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Meeting Room A • Ages 3-5
Come combine play with an out-of-this-world activity for young budding scientists. Dress for a mess!

**Kids in the Kitchen: Space Edition**
Thursday, September 14 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B • Ages 3-13
Space enthusiasts ages 3-13, come and create moon snacks and fruit rockets, and recreate the moon phases with Oreos!

**Planetary Fuse Beads**
Saturday, September 16 • 3:00-4:00 p.m.
KHCPL South, Cardinal Room • Ages 6-11
It’s your chance to design a world! Children ages 6 years and up will make a design using beads and a pegboard.

**Galaxy Pastel**
Monday, September 25 • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
KHCPL South, Tulip Tree Room • Ages 3-11
Create a galactic empire with chalk pastels. Dress for a mess!

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**Reading with Pet Partners**
Kids can practice their reading skills with trained therapy animals.

- **Love on a Leash**
  KHCPL Main • Saturdays, September 2, October 7, November 4
  11:00 a.m.-Noon
  Children’s Department

- **Paws to Read**
  KHCPL Russiaville
  Saturdays, October 7, November 4
  11:00 a.m.-Noon
  Children’s Department

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**Growing Readers**
Introduce your little one to quality literature and the library in a fun, inviting way with age-appropriate activities.

- **Tiny Tykes** - For Toddlers
  KHCPL South - Friday, September 1, 15, 22 October 6, 13, 20, 27,
  November 3, 17 • 10:00-10:45 a.m. • Cardinal & Peony Room
  KHCPL Main - Mondays, September 11, 18, October 2, 9, 23, 30,
  November 6, 13, 20, 27 • 2:00-2:30 p.m.

- **Little Learners** - Ages 3-5
  KHCPL Main - Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 26,
  November 2, 9, 30 • 11:00 a.m.-Noon • Children’s Department
  KHCPL South - Wednesday, September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 25,
  November 1, 8, 15 • 10:00-10:45 a.m. • Cardinal & Peony Room
  KHCPL Russiaville - Monday, October 9, 23, 30 • 10:00-10:30 a.m.
  Meeting Room

**Galaxy Painting**
Monday, October 2 • 5:30-6:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B • Ages 6-13
Paint with us and create an out-of-this-world work of art. Dress for a mess! Limited to the first 30 participants.

**Tiny Tykes: Space Edition**
Monday, October 9 • 2:00-2:30 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Children’s Department • Ages 0-3
Babies in space! This storytime will be about all things cosmic, with a special space-themed craft.

**Visit Space with Virtual Reality**
Tuesday, October 10 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Discovery Center • Ages 8-13
Use our VR headsets to travel through space and explore the galaxies. Turns will be limited to 15 minutes.
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**New Baby Bunch**
Every Monday • 9:30-11:00 a.m. • KHCPL South, Tulip Tree Room • Ages 0-2
Do you have a new bundle of joy? Or maybe you feel like you’re in the trenches of parenting? Join for friendship, support, and to share your parenting journey with other caregivers. For caregivers with a baby 0-12 months old. Older siblings welcome.

Join us for a fun activity class. We'll use drumsticks and an exercise ball to foster a healthy balance - physically, emotionally, mentally, and socially. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes!

**Family Beats**
- **KHCPL Russiaville** - Tuesdays, September 5, 19, 26
  6:00-6:30 p.m. • Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • Age 6+
- **KHCPL South** - Mondays, October 2, 9, 16, 23
  6:30-7:15 p.m. Cardinal & Peony Room • Any Age

**Homeschool Beats**
- **KHCPL South** - Friday, October 6, 13, 20, 27
  2:30-3:15 p.m. • Cardinal & Peony Room • Any Age

**The Amazing World of Virtual Reality**
Thursdays, September 7, October 12, November 2
6:00-7:00 p.m. • KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room • Ages 6-13
STEM is part of virtual reality fun!
We’ll also have other STEM gadgets to play with!

**Runway Fun Day**
New York Fashion Week at the Library
Thursday, September 7
6:00-7:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main, Children’s Department
Ages 3-13
Costume lover? Fashionista? Come dressed in your best and strut your stuff on the runway! Check out books on famous designers and how clothes are made, and make your own fashion accessory!

**Discovery Center at KHCPL Main**
4:00-6:00 p.m. • ages 8-13

**Osmos**
- Tuesdays, September 5, 26
- November 28
- Thursday, October 19
Osmo puts the fun in building learning fundamentals through the magic of hands-on play, tangible pieces, and digital fun!

**Girls Who Code Book Club**
Wednesdays, September 6, October 11, November 8
5:00-6:30 p.m.
Read *Learn to Code and Change the World* by Reshma Saujani and complete fun coding activities.

**3D Pens**
- Tuesday, September 12
- Thursday, October 12
- Wednesdays, September 27, November 1, 29
Whether it be a keychain, a toy, or a 3D version of your favorite character, 3D Pens give you the opportunity to bring your creativity to life.

**Hex Bugs**
- Wednesday, September 13
- Thursday, September 28
- Tuesdays, October 17, November 7
Explore the world of Hex Bugs.

**Video Games**
- Tuesday, September 19
- Wednesdays, October 4, 18
- Thursday, November 9
Kids aged 8-13 will get an opportunity to play video games on one of the following systems: PS4, Xbox, Nintendo Switch, or Meta Quest VR. Turns are limited to 15 minutes and are first come, first serve.

**Robots**
- Thursdays, September 21, October 5, November 2, 16
Learn the basics of coding with our remote-controlled robots. Turns are limited to 15 minutes and are first come, first served.
Family Movie Night at KHCPL Russiaville

- Friday, September 8 • 7:45-9:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 14 • 6:45-8:30 p.m.
Join us for a free outdoor movie! You bring a chair or blanket, we’ll supply the popcorn. For more details, visit the program listing under “Events” at KHCPL.org.

Busy Builders

Mondays, September 11, 18, 25 • 10:00-11:30 a.m.
KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room • Ages 0-5
Playing with blocks in an open social setting encourages cooperation with others while developing motor skills. Building toys appropriate for all ages will be available, including magnetic tiles, KEVA planks, wooden blocks, and more!

BLUEY PARTY!

This episode of Bluey is called Party at the Library
Saturday, September 16 • 10:30 a.m.-Noon • KHCPL Main • Ages 2-11
Do you love Bluey and the Heeler family? If the answer is yes, celebrate your favorite Blue Heeler family with music, stories, hands-on activities, and crafts.

Talk Like a Pirate Day

Tuesday, September 19
5:00-6:00 p.m. • KHCPL South, Tulip Tree Room • Ages 2-5
Grab your eye-patch and peg leg for a day of pirate fun! Learn to talk like a pirate, create pirate accessories, and hunt for treasure in the library!

Homeschool Book Club

Mondays, September 25, October 30, November 27
10:00-11:00 a.m. • KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B
Ages 6-13
First through sixth grade home-schoolers, join us to talk books. We read and discuss a variety of genres from fiction to graphic novels. Contact KHCPL Main’s Children’s Department for the fall booklist - 765.626.0830.

Laugh and Learn

Children ages 18 months to 5 years
KHCPL South - Monday, October 2 • 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Cardinal & Peony Room
KHCPL South - Saturday, November 11 • 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Peony Room
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Tweens Mindfulness

- Yoga for Beginners -
Wednesday, September 20
5:00-6:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main, Meeting Room A • Ages 8-13
Kids can practice mindfulness, build self-confidence, and reduce stress through basic yoga poses, meditation, and breathing techniques.
Wear comfortable clothing.
Yoga mat or towel is optional.

Preschool Playgroup

Thursdays, October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16
10:00-11:30 a.m. • KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room
Ages 2-5
You and your child will enjoy activities while making new friends!

It’s a Trolls Party!

Saturday, October 14
10:00-11:00 a.m. • KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 3-11
The new “Trolls” film release date is in November, but we’re going to get the party started early with the biggest, loudest, craziest party ever! Join us for crafts, activities, and dancing!

Straw Maze at KHCPL Russiaville!
October 1-31 • 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • Ages 0-5
**Artober**
Let’s play with different styles of art all month!

- **Perler Beads**
  Tuesday, October 3 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.
  KHCPL Main, Discovery Center • Ages 8-13

- **Yarn Art**
  Tuesday, October 3 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
  KHCPL South, Cardinal Room • Ages 6-11
  Make a tactile piece with yarn.

- **Preschool S.T.E.A.M**
  Tuesday, October 10 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.
  KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B • Ages 3-5
  Come combine play with science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics! Create your own masterpiece using techniques from beloved artists! Dress for a mess.

- **Craft with Me!**
  Sundays, October 22 and November 26
  3:00-4:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main, Children’s Department • Ages 3-13
  Join us as we embark on an exciting journey of making autumnal-themed creations together.

- **Bead Build**
  Tuesday, October 24 • 6:30-7:15 p.m.
  KHCPL South, Cardinal Room • Ages 6-11
  Learn to make beads for your projects with air dry clay.

- **Calavera Mask**
  Tuesday, October 31 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.
  KHCPL Main, Discovery Center • Ages 8-13
  Celebrate Dia de los Muertos by creating your own calavera (skeleton) mask. Supplies are limited and will be first come, first served.

**Autumn Escapades - Fall Break**
Get ready for an exciting Fall Break filled with creativity, fun, and imagination. Spend quality time playing, making, and building with your family and friends.

- **Dress Up Dance Party!** • Ages 3-11
  KHCPL Russiaville - Monday, October 16
  10:00-10:30 a.m. • Meeting Room
  KHCPL Main - Tuesday, October 17
  Noon-1:00 p.m. • Discovery Center
  KHCPL South - Wednesday, October 18
  10:00-10:45 a.m. • Cardinal Room

- **LEGO® Any Age**
  KHCPL Main - Monday, October 16
  Noon-1:00 p.m. Discovery Center
  KHCPL Russiaville - Thursday, October 19
  2:00-4:00 p.m.

- **Game Day** • Any Age
  KHCPL Russiaville - Tuesday, October 17
  2:00-4:00 p.m. • Meeting Room
  KHCPL South - Thursday, October 19
  1:00-2:00 p.m. • KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room
  KHCPL Main - Friday, October 20
  Noon-1:00 p.m. • Discovery Center

- **Craftapalooza** • Ages 3-11
  KHCPL South - Tuesday, October 17
  6:30-7:15 p.m. • KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room
  KHCPL Main - Wednesday, October 18
  Noon-1:00 p.m. • Discovery Center

- **Play Dough** • Any Age
  KHCPL Main - Thursday, October 19
  Noon-1:00 p.m. • Discovery Center
  KHCPL Russiaville - Friday, October 20
  10:00-11:00 a.m • Meeting Room

**Pumpkin Painting**
Create your own spooky pumpkin! Dress for a mess.

- **Galaxy Pumpkin**
  Tuesday, October 10 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
  KHCPL South, Cardinal Room • Ages 6-11

- **Pumpkin Decorating**
  Wednesday, October 25 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.
  KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B • Ages 3-13

- **Spooktacular Pumpkin Painting**
  Saturday, October 28 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.
  KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room
  Any Age

**Trick or Treat at KHCPL Russiaville!**
- **Trick or Treat** - Tuesday, October 31 • 5:00-7:30 p.m.
- **Pinata** - Tuesday, October 31 • 6:00 p.m.

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Dinovember

Dino Chomp!
Thursday, November 2
3:30-4:00 p.m. • KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room
Ages 6-11
Celebrate dinosaurs by decorating cookies and chomping on them!

Dino Stomp!
• Ages 3+
KHCPL Main - Wednesday, November 1 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Meeting Rooms A & B
KHCPL South - Monday, November 6 • 3:30-4:45 p.m.
Cardinal & Peony Room
Do the dinosaur stomp, make dino art, play triceratops ring toss, create paper pterodactyl puppets, and learn about amazing prehistoric creatures.

Dino Camp
Mondays, November 6, 13, 20, 27
10:00-11:30 a.m. • KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room
Ages 2-5
Every camp begins with a picture book followed by sensory-rich exploration and hands-on play activities to engage your preschooler and learn about dinos!

Owl Pellet Dissection
Tuesday, November 14 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Discovery Center • Ages 8-13
Have you ever wondered how archeologists extract bones? Kids will work in pairs to carefully dissect owl pellets and analyze their findings with the bone sorting chart. Supplies are limited to the first 30 patrons.

Meet the Dinosaurs!
• All Ages
KHCPL Main - Thursday, November 16 • 11:00 a.m.-Noon
Meeting Rooms A & B
KHCPL South - Thursday, November 16 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Cardinal & Peony Room
KHCPL Russiaville - Friday, November 17 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom
A program designed to transport children into the prehistoric world of dinosaurs through story and interactive activities. After the performance, families are invited to a special meet and greet session. Get up close and personal with one of the dinosaurs and take individual photos.

Dino-mite Crafts!
Saturday, November 25
3:00-5:00 p.m. • KHCPL South, Cardinal Room • Any Age
Grab a friend and drop in for afternoon crafts featuring dinosaurs!

Dino Storytime
Tuesday, November 28
5:00-5:45 p.m. • KHCPL South, Cardinal Room • Ages 3-5
Join us for an evening of stories, music, and a craft all about dinos!

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Family Literacy Night
Wednesday, November 15 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Children’s Department
Did you know that November is National Family Literacy Month? Families with Preschoolers-5th graders, dress in your family PJ’s and come enjoy an evening of literacy activities. A selfie booth and snacks will be available!

Elf Boot Camp
Thursday, November 30
10:00-10:45 a.m.
KHCPL Russiaville,
Meeting Room • Ages 3-5
If your holiday “To-Do” list is a mile long, then get the kids trained as elves to help! Children will learn gift-wrapping, cookie decorating, and how to surprise friends and family with little acts of kindness. We’ll hear a story and sing a song to get us in the holiday spirit! Designed for ages 3-5, but all kids are welcome.

Kids in the Kitchen
No Bake Holiday Treats
Thursday, November 30
5:30-6:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B
Ages 3-13
Aspiring chefs ages 3-13, join us to create delicious, no-bake holiday treats your family will enjoy! Dress for a mess. First come, first served while supplies last.

Preschool S.T.E.A.M.
Holiday Ornaments
Tuesday, November 21
2:30-3:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B
Ages 3-5
Come create holiday ornaments that can be used as gifts. First come, first served while supplies last.

Dinovember for Tweens!
Dino Chomp!
Thursday, November 2
3:30-4:00 p.m. • KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room
Ages 6-11
Celebrate dinosaurs by decorating cookies and chomping on them!
September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

Throughout the month of September, KHCPL will have all kinds of special offers for new and current library cardholders at local businesses! Check our social media and branches for more information.

Sign up for a library card in September and you’ll be entered into a drawing for a FREE Kindle Fire!