MANHATTAN PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

JANUARY - MAY 2024

CHILDREN BIRTH-5TH GRADE

STORYTIMES (Jan. 22 - Apr. 13)

*BABY & TODDLER PLAY DATE, Ages 0-24 months, with a caregiver
January 11, 10-11:30 a.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
This is a time for parents with young children to interact and play together. We will put out blocks, sensory toys and other activities for your babies and toddlers to enjoy. Children can also be signed up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.

PRE-K DANCE PARTY, Ages 2-5 years
March 14, 11-11:30 a.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Groove and dance to fun music at our Pre-K dance party!

FREE MOVIE: LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE
January 2, 2-4 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Relax at the library with a free movie! A parent or caregiver must remain with children under age 10.
Rated PG. 100 minutes.

STORY AND A CRAFT, K-2nd Graders
1:30-2 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Celebrate fun books with us! Learn about the author, hear a story (or two) and make a fun craft. Participants may get to play a role in storytelling as well.
January 15: “Lyle, Lyle Crocodile”
February 15: “Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus”
March 14: “Umma Destroys the World”

CHESS NIGHT, 3rd Grade - adults
2nd & 4th Wednesdays (through end of April), 4:30-5:30 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium
Join us for an informal night of chess games. Volunteers will be available to help players of all levels learn the basics or try different strategies. Chess Night is more social than competitive, so plan to have fun and make new friends.

LEGO CLUB, K-5th Graders
1st & 3rd Fridays (through end of April), 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Let’s build! Kids in kindergarten-5th grade can build a new structure each week using the library’s LEGOs and their imagination.

MKL JR. DAY: KING DAY PIN, K-5th Graders
January 15, 2-3 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday with a story and making a King Day pin with our button maker. We will have pictures and designs to choose from or you can create your own.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN, K-5th Graders
February 9, 2-3 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Do you love to help in the kitchen? We will create a special treat together that you can recreate at home in your own kitchen.

AUTHOR VISIT: TRE GLASPER, (with the Beach Museum), K-5th Graders
February 16, 2-3 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium
Trell Glasper, 4th grader at Eisenhower Middle School in Manhattan, will talk about his recently published book, “Squeeze Into Your Dreams,” and how he started his Tre’s Squeeze lemonade business. His story is an inspiration to all ages.

GARDEN PARTY (with Riley County Extension), K-5th Graders
March 8, 2-3 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Learn about spring gardening and take a seed home to plant. We will also make special stepping stones for the garden next to the Children’s Room.

KIDS GAMING ON THE SWITCH, 3rd-5th Graders
March 11, 2-3 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Let’s play together on the Nintendo Switch! We will take turns playing games like Mario Kart and have fun with other gamers.

GEOLOGY ROCKS! (with K-State), K-5th Graders
March 12, 2-3 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Learn about geology through some hands-on activities, led by students from K-State. Kids can see how fossils form and interact with real fossils provided by the K-State Geology Department. Kids will also create a simple water filtration device, create rock layers out of paper and more.

PLAY AND BUILD WITH YOUR FOOD, PreK-5th Graders
April 1, 2-3 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Kids can use their imagination and engineering skills to build structures and anything they can imagine with food we provide. Creations can be taken home or eaten at the end of the program.

BE AN ARTIST (with the Beach Museum), K-5th Graders
April 26, 2-3 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Create fun art with guidance from our friends at K-State’s Beach Museum of Art. We will read “Studio: A Place for Art to Start” by Emily Arrow. Kids will explore various art materials to create a dry mixed-media still life art piece.

STORYWALK INDOORS, PreK-3rd Graders
Enjoy a StoryWalk® Indoors this week in the Children’s Room.
January 15-21: “Martin’s Dream” by Jane Kurtz
March 11-17: “Umma Destroys the World” by Jonathan Stutzman

STORYWALK DOWNTOWN, PreK-3rd Graders
StoryWalk® Downtown is a self-directed outdoor activity available May through July. Start at Manhattan Public Library’s north windows, then walk downtown and read pages from a featured picture book as you go. Look for pages in downtown businesses’ windows. Co-sponsored by Downtown Manhattan.

Mary Ann Sprott
TEENS 6TH-12TH GRADE

TEEN SOCIAL HOUR, 6th-12th Graders
Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Teen Zone, 2nd Floor
Fun options for teens in grades 6-12. Join us for snacks, board games, crafts and more.

TEENS LEAD, 6th-12th Graders ★★★
2nd Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. | Teen Zone
Teens meet with a librarian to help with current program prep and discuss ways for teens to be involved with the library. Earn volunteer hours. Learn about summer teen volunteering.

TEEN COFFEE HOUSE & OPEN MIC NIGHT, 6th-12th Graders ★★★
February 23, 6-7 p.m. | Groesbeck Room
Teens present poetry, spoken word or songs of their own creation or published by others! Limit 5 minutes per person. Lyrics must be age appropriate (think PG). Sign up for a spot when you arrive or listen and watch others. Free coffee, tea, hot cocoa and snacks.

ADULTS

YACK & YARN, Adults and teens
Mondays, 1-3:30 p.m. | Groesbeck Room
All aspiring and experienced knitters and crocheters are invited to meet, socialize and help one another with their craft projects.

DIY NIGHT, Adults and teens ★★★
1st Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium
January 4 - Vision Board
February 1 - Mason Jar Candle Maker
March 7 - TBD - check the online Events Calendar for updates
April 4 - Cooking Class with Riley County Extension
May 2 - TBD - check the online Events Calendar for updates
Adults & teens (6th grade and up) are invited to try something new! A librarian or guest speaker will present a do-it-yourself project or a life skill, and we all learn together. Registration is required. Supplies are provided thanks to sponsorship from the Manhattan Library Association.

TEEN ZONE HOURS
M-F, 3-6 p.m. | Sat + Sun, 1-6 p.m.
For 6th-12th Graders

HUMANITIES KANSAS T.A.L.K. BOOK SERIES:
THE KANSAS EXPERIENCE, Adults ★★★
Monthly, 6:30-8 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium
January 18: “Heartland” by Sarah Smarsh; Led by Nic Shump.
March 21: “No Place Like Home: Lessons in Activism from LGBT Kansas” by C.J. Janovy; Led by Dennis Etzel, Jr.
April 25: Film Screening for “No Place Like Home: The Struggle Against Hate in Kansas” with author C.J. Janovy.

SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING, Adults ★★★
April 8, 1-2:30 p.m. | TBD
The library will reserve some eclipse glasses for participants to use. We will hope for clear skies to be able to see the partial solar eclipse.

DONUTS & DANGER: MYSTERY BOOK CLUB, Adults ★★★
Located in the 2nd Floor Auditorium
Morning Club: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 8, Apr. 12
Evening Club: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 28, Apr. 18
Enjoy a donut while we discuss books with dangerous storylines. Hang out with other book lovers in this nontraditional book club to hear about some of the latest books and discuss what each of us has read in the past month. Free book drawing at each session.

TECHNOLOGY DROP-INS, Adults
1st Monday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Manhattan Senior Center
2nd Monday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Douglass Activity Center
3rd Thursday, 9-11 a.m., Meadowlark Hills Community Center
Are you new to technology? Start your digital adventure and get one-on-one help with your tablets, laptops and smartphones.

BASIC TECH CLASS, Adults | Library Collaboration Space
Winter Session: Wed, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 8, Apr. 12
Spring Session: Wed, Apr. 13, 20-13, 2023 at 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Basic Tech Class is a three-part course for seniors and patrons with limited computer skills that desire to re-enter the workforce.

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