

MANHATTAN PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

JANUARY - MAY 2024



CHILDREN BIRTH-5TH GRADE

STORYTIMES (Jan. 22 - Apr. 13)

*No Storytimes February 19 or March 11-16.

M	T	W	Th	F	S
18 mo.+ ST 10 a.m. Baby Rhyme Time 11 a.m.	18 mo.+ ST 10 a.m. 3+ ST 1:30 p.m.		Baby Rhyme Time 10 a.m. 18 mo.+ ST 11 a.m.		Family Fun/ All Ages ST 11 a.m.

BABY RHYME TIME, Ages 0-18 months
Mondays 11 a.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Caregivers sit with their little ones to sing, clap and play along with rhymes, read a short book and enjoy music time. Learn a new word in baby sign language each week.

18 MONTHS & UP STORYTIME, Ages 18 months and up
Mondays & Tuesdays 10 a.m., Thursdays 11 a.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
This storytime is active and fun for young children. Caregivers participate with their children as we sing songs, do action rhymes, listen to stories and have music time.

3 & UP STORYTIME, Ages 3+ years
Tuesdays 1:30 p.m. *No storytime March 12 | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Librarians will present an active storytime for children ages 3 and up. We incorporate various fun activities such as instruments, scarves, puppets and parachute time. Children may attend with a caregiver or independently.

FAMILY FUN STORYTIME, All ages welcome
Saturdays 11 a.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
These storytimes combine the best elements of all storytimes to suit a wide age range so the whole family can attend. Listen to stories, sing songs, learn rhymes and dance to music.

PAJAMA STORYTIME, All ages welcome
4th Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 26, Apr. 23
Stories, songs, rhymes, exercises and calming techniques are included in evening storytimes. Kids are welcome to come dressed in their pajamas. Caregivers participate with their children.

YOGA STORYTIME, Ages 3+ years
2nd Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Feb. 13, Mar. 12, Apr. 9
Stretch, breathe and read! Hannah will present yoga picture books, activities and music involving simple yoga poses. Kids can come dressed in their pajamas and may bring yoga mats or use one supplied by the library. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

ZOOFARI TAILS STORYTIME, Ages 3+ years
4th Fridays, 10-10:30 a.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium
Sunset Zoo and the library present a fun animal-themed storytime for ages 3 years+ with books on the big screen, active songs and lots of animal sounds and poses. The zoo brings animal artifacts to look at or touch and sometimes a live animal.



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!

PRE-K PUPPET SHOW (with K-State), Ages 3+ years
May 7, 1:30-2 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
K-State students in Dr. Bailey’s Creative Drama class will perform stories using puppets they created. Join us for an entertaining puppet show and meet the students and their puppets afterwards. Children must be accompanied by adult caregiver.



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: “Llama 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.

★ = Registration Required

Some events need registration to ensure people have sufficient supplies and/or seats. Register by scanning the QR code and searching for the desired event.

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 2: “Lyle, Lyle Crocodile”
February 15: “Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus”
March 14: “Llama Destroys the World”

CHESS NIGHT, 3rd Grade - adults
2nd & 4th Wednesdays (through end of April), 6-7:30 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.

GARDEN PARTY (with Riley County Extension), K-5th Graders ★
March 8, 2-3 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Learn about spring gardens 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.

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 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

For teens entering 9th-12th grade, whether you have a passion for making a difference or need volunteer hours for school this is the opportunity for you!



TEENS (cont'd) 6TH-12TH GRADE

KNOT YOUR AVERAGE TIE DYE FOR TEENS, 6th-12th Graders ★
April 25, 4:30-5:45 p.m. | Teen Zone, 2nd Floor

Come and experience a kaleidoscope of colors at our tie-dye program April 25th at the library! Dive into the world of tie-dyeing and create your own personalized wearable art pieces. Be sure to wear clothing that you don't mind getting a little messy or stained as we explore different dyeing techniques and unleash our inner artists together!

TEEN GAMING TOURNAMENT, 6th-12th Graders ★
March 19, 6-8 p.m. | Teen Zone

Get ready for an electrifying gaming experience at our Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament. Compete for prizes, showcase your skills and connect with fellow gamers. Whether you're a seasoned player or a newcomer, this tournament is for you!

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

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 - Acrylic Painting
- 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Looking to make a difference? Join us as a volunteer to help support our programs, organize events, and contribute to our community!



HOURS

Monday-Thursday	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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Questions about an event?

Call us or visit our online events calendar at mhklibrary.org or email us at programs@mhklibrary.org.

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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.
- Feb. 15: "The Learning Tree" by Gordon Parks; Led by John Edgar Tidwell.
- 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.

Talk About Literature in Kansas (T.A.L.K.) book discussions bring communities together for engaging conversations over good books. Books are available to borrow prior to the discussion date. Check out T.A.L.K. titles at the 2nd Floor Reference Desk. Sponsored by a grant from Humanities Kansas and the Manhattan Library Association.

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. 3, 10, 17 at 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Spring Session: Wed, Apr. 3, 10, 17 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.



SPRING 2024

EVENTS CALENDAR

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