

JANUARY - APRIL 2025



CHILDREN BIRTH-5TH GRADE

STORYTIMES (January 22 - April 12)

*No Storytimes February 17-22 & March 17-22

Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
18 mo.+ ST 10 a.m. Baby Rhyme Time 11 a.m.	18 mo.+ ST 10 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time 10 a.m. 18 mo.+ ST 11 a.m.	3+ ST 10 a.m.	Saturday ST 11 a.m.

BABY RHYME TIME, Ages 0-18 months
Tuesdays 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
Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m., Thurs. 11 a.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
This storytime is active and fun. A librarian will read stories aloud. 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
Fridays 10 a.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Librarians will present an active storytime for children ages 3 and up, with fun books, action rhymes, parachute time and music. Storytime helps children develop early literacy skills. Children may attend independently or with a caregiver.

SATURDAY STORYTIME, All ages welcome
Saturdays 11 a.m. | January 25 - April 12 | Tami Borck Storytime Room
*No Saturday Storytime on Feb. 22 & March 22
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.

ZOOFARI TAILS STORYTIME, Ages 3+ years
January 24, February 28, March 28
10-10:30 a.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium

April 25 AT SUNSET ZOO, 10-10:30 a.m.
Join Sunset Zoo and the library for wild storytime fun with animal tales, lively songs, and interactive activities. Enjoy cool artifacts and occasionally meet a live animal!



BABY & TODDLER PLAY DATE, Ages 0-2 years
Jan. 7, Feb. 18, Mar. 18, & April 22
11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Bring your little one to the library for some social interaction and fun with toddler toys during this informal program. Join other caregivers and feel free to chat. Come and go as you like.

PAWSITIVITY PALS, PreK-12th Grade
Jan. 11, Feb. 22, Mar. 22, April 19 | 10-11 a.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Pet and read to a therapy dog, Murphy, Daisy, Suri, or Pepper, during a 5-minute slot (sign up upon arrival). Enjoy the calming effects of hanging out with a sweet puppy!



STUFFED ANIMAL STORYTIME & SLEEPOVER | All Ages
Jan. 14, 6-6:30 pm, Storytime and Stuffed Animal Drop-off
Jan. 15, 12-7 pm, Stuffed Animal Pick-up | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Bring a favorite stuffed animal to a special storytime, then leave them at the library for an overnight sleepover! When you pick up your fuzzy friend on Wednesday, you'll find out exactly what all the animals were up to all evening at the library!

DANCE PARTIES, Ages 2-5 years and up to 5th grade when school is out
Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 20, & April 17 | 10-10:30 a.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Groove and dance to music at these dance parties! Hear a few stories, too. This is a fun time to get out all your wiggles and dance with shakers, scarves, and more.

NO-SCHOOL-DAY PARTIES, various ages
Various dates, 2-3 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium or Tami Borck Storytime Room
The fun continues at the library on USD 383 district's school days off! Check out these fun events!
Jan. 20: Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, PreK-5th Grade | 2nd Floor Auditorium
Feb. 7: Supa Awesome Dog Man Party, K-5th Grade | 2nd Floor Auditorium
Feb. 13: Rodeo Round-Up, K-5th Grade | 2nd Floor Auditorium
Feb. 14: Grand Party! PreK-5th Grade | 2nd Floor Auditorium
Mar 14: All Things Fairies Party, PreK-5th Grade | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Mar. 17: Kids in the Kitchen: International Cuisine, ages 8-11 | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Mar. 19: Geology Rocks! K-5th Grade | 2nd Floor Auditorium
Apr. 21: Garden Party, K-5th Grade | Tami Borck Storytime Room

★ = 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.

CHESS NIGHT, 3rd Grade-Adults
2nd & 4th Wednesdays (Jan.-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.



KIDS LEGO CLUB, K-5th Grade
1st & 3rd Fridays (Jan.-April), 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Tami Borck Storytime Room
Let's get together and build! Kids going into K-5th grades can build a new structure each week using the library's Legos and their imagination.

CELEBRATE CULTURES, K-5th Grade
Various Dates 2-3 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium
February 22: Korea | March 29: France | May 3: Mexico
Join us for a celebration of cultures with stories, music, demonstrations and cuisine. We will celebrate the various traditions and languages of people in our community.

KANSAS SCIENCE FESTIVAL, All Ages
April 26, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. | All Meeting Rooms
Presented by the Kansas Science Festival, this year's big event features STEM activities, experiments, real scientists, and hands on activities. Come and go from 11:00a.m.-4:00p.m.. Join us for a day of fun, science-based experiences! This is a free event.



TEENS 6TH-12TH GRADE

TEEN ZONE HOURS
Mon.-Fri. 3-5:45 p.m. | Sat.-Sun. 1-5:45 p.m.
Wednesdays & Fridays open to 7th-12th grade only

TEEN SOCIAL HOUR, 6th-12th Grade
Tuesdays, January 14 - April 22, 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Teen Zone
Take some time to relax, enjoy the space, and maybe get to know some new friends. Activities include snacks, board games, crafts and more, guided by teen interests.

TEEN ANIME CLUB, 6th-12th Grade
Every other Thursday, beginning Jan 16, 4-5 p.m. | Groesbeck Room
Teens who enjoy anime, manga, drawing, and games can hang out, learn about Japanese culture through media, and see its influence on other cultures. Snacks included.

JUST JOURNAL IT, 6th-12th Grade
January 11, 2-3 p.m. | Groesbeck Room
New year, new hobbies! Teens, join us for an introduction to journaling and learn the basics! Try out different techniques, get help with writer's block, and discover your own flow of self-expression. The library will provide tips and tricks, some craft supplies to get started and a space to practice. Bring your own journal or have a small starter one provided for you.



CAREER SHUFFLE: SWITCH WICKED, 8th-12th Grade
February 21, 4-5:30 p.m. | Groesbeck Room
Take a new spin on career exploration with Career Shuffle, a program for teens ready to discover diverse job opportunities in the community. Our first session features Dane and Ash Meloan from Switch Wicked. They will explain and demonstrate some of their skills in design, illustration, t-shirts and other custom merchandise.
Registration is encouraged but not required.

TEEN TECH TEARDOWN, 6th-12th Grade
March 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Groesbeck Room
Interested in technology? Curious about the inside of your computer or gaming console? If those questions resonate with you, join us for our Teen Tech Teardown event! Used technology equipment will be available for you to take apart piece by piece and ask questions. We hope to see you there!

TEEN VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT, 6th-12th Grade
March 20, 6-8 p.m. | Teen Zone
Calling all gamers! Get ready for an electrifying gaming experience at our Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament. Compete for prizes, showcase your skills, connect with fellow gamers, and immerse yourself in the thrilling world of Super Smash Bros. Whether you're a seasoned player or a newcomer, this tournament is for you!



For more details visit our calendar: manhattanks.librarycalendar.com

Manhattan Public Library HOURS

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

BOOK DISCUSSIONS, Adults

Three dates, 6:30-8 p.m. | Groesbeck Room

Two of these discussions are part of the Humanities Kansas series. This event explores themes of traditions, resilience, and the western spirit. We will have a limited number of copies.

February: **The Last Cattle Drive** | Discussion on February 20 ★

The Last Cattle Drive by Robert Day, a humorous and heartfelt story of a Kansas rancher navigating the challenges of a changing West. Registered participants can pick up their copy starting Jan. 20 at the reference desk.

March: **Letters of a Woman Homesteader** | Discussion on March 20 ★

Letters of a Woman Homesteader by Elinore Pruitt Stewart, a captivating memoir of courage as a woman builds a life on the frontier. Registered participants can pick up their copy starting Feb. 20 at the reference desk.

April: **Tombstone** | Discussion on April 17 ★

Tombstone by Tom Clavin, an engaging and action-packed account of the infamous gunfight at the O.K. Corral and the legendary figures of the Wild West. Registered participants can pick up their copy starting Mar. 20 at the reference desk.

DIY NIGHT, Adults and teens ★

1st Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium

January 2: Map-Covered Journal | February 6: Initial Canvas, Western Style

March 6: Book Folding | April 3: Grapevine, Western Wreath

Adults & teens (6th grade and up) can learn a new do-it-yourself project with a fun group with some guidance from librarians and other community members. Registration is required. Supplies are provided thanks to sponsorship from the Manhattan Library Association.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

INTROVERTS' BOOK CLUB

Jan. 21 and Mar. 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
1st Floor Reading Room

POETRY & STARS

March 4, 6-7:30 p.m.
Flint Hills Discovery Center - Outdoor Classroom

WESTERN MOVIE NIGHT: TOMBSTONE ★

March 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium

KANSAS LEGENDS & FOLKTALES

April 10, 6:30-8 p.m.
2nd Floor Auditorium



SPRING 2025

EVENTS CALENDAR



Manhattan Public Library

SENIORS' SCRABBLE, TEA & MORE, Adults

4th Wednesdays (January-April), 10-11 a.m. | Groesbeck Room

Seniors and retirees, it's tea time at the library! Join us for a relaxing break to socialize with others while playing Scrabble, other games and more engaging activities.

YARN CRAFTERS NICHE, Adults and teens

2nd Fridays, 5-6:30 p.m. | Groesbeck Room

January 10, February 14, March 14, and April 11

Bring whatever you're working on whether it be knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch, or embroidery. All are welcome from beginner to advanced.



DONUTS & DANGER BOOK CLUB, Adults

4th Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m. | 2nd Floor Auditorium

January 23, February 27, March 27, and April 24

Enjoy Varsity donuts while hanging out with other book enthusiasts! Discuss any book within the popular genres of true crime, mystery, murder or suspense, and share your thoughts with us.



Free book drawing 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 ★

Session 1: Wed, Jan. 8, 15, 22 at 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Session 2: Wed, Apr. 2, 9, 16 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.



TECH ONE-ON-ONE, All Ages | Technology Training Center

Learning how to use new technology can be exciting and frustrating. With one-on-one training, you have an opportunity to practice your new skills. Topics include email & Internet basics, downloading books, working with smart phones or tablets, technologies that aid individuals who have a disability, and more. Start your digital adventure and contact Wandean to make an appointment, call 785-776-4741 ext. 302, or email wandean@mhklibrary.org.



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