



ANDOVER NEWS

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm | Friday 9am-5pm | Saturday 9am-3pm

Pictured here is a performance from February's Open Mic Night!



RECENT HAPPENINGS!

February 15th was our first Open Mic night! We had people of all ages show up to watch and perform. We will continue having Open Mic nights every 3rd Thursday, so don't miss our next one!

Also in February, we had "Unleash the Absurd: A Dada Art Extravaganza" an art show by 5th grade students at Sunflower elementary. These students created both 2D and 3D works that were whimsical, unique, and a bit absurd!

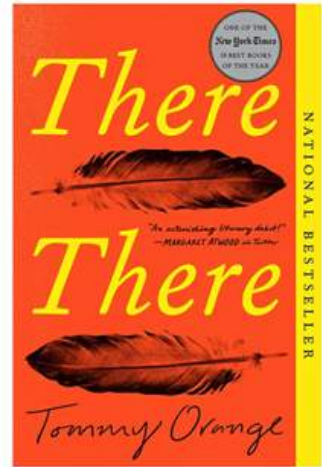
We are thrilled to announce that we have two new American Girl dolls, Makena and Evette! Both dolls are now available to place on hold. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for donating the dolls!

Makena (left) and Evette (right) are our two new dolls! These two girls are also friends in real life!



NEA BIG READ: WICHITA

The Big Read starts March 16th! Libraries and communities in the Wichita area will be hosting various events in relation to the book "There There" and companion titles. Scan the QR code below to see a full list of events.



UNLIMITED AUDIOBOOKS

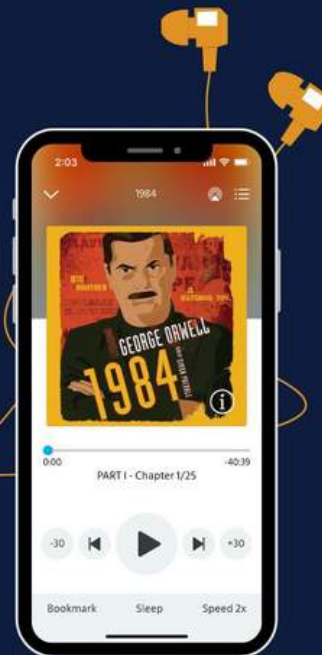
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ADULTS

First Friday

Friday, March 1st

9:30AM

Sip coffee and relax with friends or join to make new friends. Featuring a new activity every month. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. email friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com for any questions.



BUNCO

21 & up

Monday, March 4th

6PM

\$5 Entree fee. 21+ BYOB & Snacks. RSVP by email to friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com. Presented by the Friends of the Library



BINGO

21 & up

Tuesday, March 19th

6PM

Join the Friends of the Library for BINGO! \$5 per card. 21+ UP. There will be cash prizes. Space is limited. Must RSVP in advance by emailing friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com Presented by the Friends of the Library



EVERY WEDNESDAY

Chair Yoga

8:50-9:45AM

Cost per session
\$3 Friends of APL
\$5 Andover residents
\$6 Nonresidents

Gentle Yoga

9:50-10:45AM

(bring your own mat)

For more information,
contact
friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com

American Mahjong

12:30-3:30PM

Interested in playing American Mahjong? Now you can come to the library every week to play!

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Ask the circulation desk for an application to join the Friends so you can have:

- Discounted events sponsored by Friends
- Late fee coupons
- Early access to the Fall Book Sale

BOOK CLUBS

Romance Book Club

Every First Tuesday of the month @6PM

March's Pick: *The Burnout* by Sophie Kinsella



Sasha has had it. She cannot bring herself to respond to another inane, "urgent" (but obviously not at all urgent) email or participate in the corporate employee joyfulness program. She hasn't seen her friends in months. Sex? Seems like a lot of effort. Even cooking dinner takes far too much planning. Sasha has hit a wall.

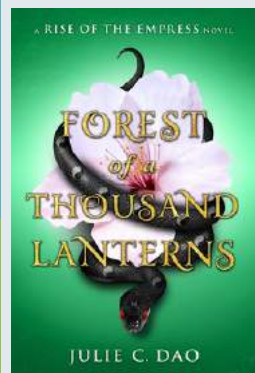
Armed with good intentions to drink kale smoothies, try yoga, and find peace, she heads to the seaside resort she loved as a child. But it's the off season, the hotel is in a dilapidated shambles, and she has to share the beach with the only other a grumpy guy named Finn, who seems as stressed as Sasha. How can she commune with nature when he's sitting on her favorite rock, watching her? Nor can they agree on how best to alleviate their burnout (manifesting, wild swimming; drinking whisky, getting pizza delivered to the beach).

When curious messages, seemingly addressed to Sasha and Finn, begin to appear on the beach, the two are forced to talk—about everything. How did they get so burned out? Can either of them remember something they used to love? (Answer: surfing!) And the question they try and fail to ignore: what does the energy between them—flaring even in the face of their bone-deep exhaustion—signify?

YA Book Club

Every Last Tuesday of the month @6:30PM

March's Pick: *Forest of a Thousand Lanterns* by Julie C. Dao



An East Asian fantasy reimagining of The Evil Queen legend about one peasant girl's quest to become Empress—and the darkness she must unleash to achieve her destiny.

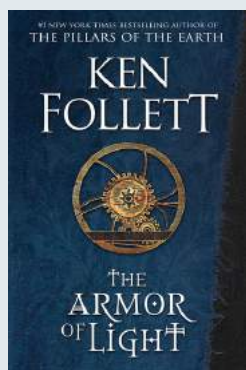
Eighteen-year-old Xifeng is beautiful. The stars say she is destined for greatness, that she is meant to be Empress of Feng Lu. But only if she embraces the darkness within her. Growing up as a peasant in a forgotten village on the edge of the map, Xifeng longs to fulfill the destiny promised to her by her cruel aunt, the witch Guma, who has read the cards and seen glimmers of Xifeng's majestic future. But is the price of the throne too high?

Because in order to achieve greatness, she must spurn the young man who loves her and exploit the callous magic that runs through her veins—sorcery fueled by eating the hearts of the recently killed. For the god who has sent her on this journey will not be satisfied until his power is absolute.

Monday Night Book Club (Open Genre)

Every Second Monday of the month @6:30PM

March's Pick: *The Armor of Light* by Ken Follett

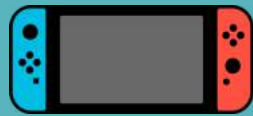


The Spinning Jenny was invented in 1770, and with that, a new era of manufacturing and industry changed lives everywhere within a generation. A world filled with unrest wrestles for control over this new world order: A mother's husband is killed in a work accident due to negligence; a young woman fights to fund her school for impoverished children; a well-intentioned young man unexpectedly inherits a failing business; one man ruthlessly protects his wealth no matter the cost, all the while war cries are heard from France, as Napoleon sets forth a violent master plan to become emperor of the world. As institutions are challenged and toppled in unprecedented fashion, ripples of change ricochet through our characters' lives as they are left to reckon with the future and a world they must rebuild from the ashes of war.

Contact the library if you're interested in joining!

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

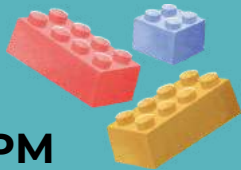


Monday, March 11th @1 PM

Join us for an electrifying Super Smash Bros. Ultimate showdown on March 11th from 1pm-2pm! Please sign up at the front desk. limited space.

Lego Club

Ages 7+



Thursday, March 14th @5PM

LEGO CLUB is back! We supply the LEGOS; you bring your imagination!

Call the Library or stop by the Front Desk to Register.

Comic Club

Ages 7+

Tuesday, March 26th @4:30PM



Learn more about how to make comics and create your own comics! We'll have the supplies; you just need to bring your creativity! New members welcome! No registration required.

Tween Book Club

Every Third Thursday of the month @5PM

March's Pick: The Lost Library by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass



When a mysterious little free library (guarded by a large orange cat) appears overnight in the small town of Martinville, eleven-year-old Evan plucks two weathered books from its shelves, never suspecting that his life is about to change.

Evan and his best friend Rafe quickly discover a link between one of the old books and a long-ago event that none of the grown-ups want to talk about. The two boys start asking questions whose answers will transform not only their own futures, but the town itself.

Told in turn by a ghost librarian named Al, an aging (but beautiful) cat named Mortimer, and Evan himself, *The Lost Library* is a timeless story from award-winning authors Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass. It's about owning your truth, choosing the life you want, and the power of a good book (and, of course, the librarian who gave it to you).

Talk to the front desk if you're interested in joining!

STORYTIME

Special Storytime with Calla Edwards

Tuesday,

March 12th 10:30 a.m.

In the story Laboratory

ages: 3-8 yrs.

Families welcome!

Learn how to make SEED BOMBS with K-State Horticulture Agent Calla Edwards!



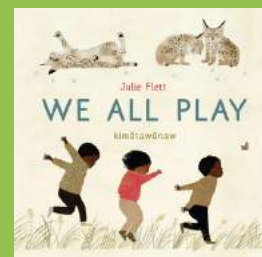
Special Storytime 2024 NEA Big Read: Wichita

Tuesday, March 19th

In the Story Laboratory

Twos Time 9:30am

Pre School 10:30 am



A special reading of *We All Play!* After Storytime kids will have time to play with balls and go through tunnels.

Spring Story Times March 11th thru April 24th

In the Story Laboratory

Twos Time

age: 2 yrs.

Mondays @ 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m.

Preschool

age: 3 - 5 yrs.

Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m.



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2024

CREATIVE EVENTS

Young Masters Art Show

Art Reception: Wednesday, March 6th

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Art will be up March 6th - April 4th, 2024

Participating schools: Cottonwood Elementary, Meadowlark Elementary, Prairie Creek Elementary, Robert Martin Elementary, Sunflower Elementary, and Wheatland Elementary

Be a part of this delightful showcase and get inspired by the fresh perspectives of our young artists from across the Andover school district.

For More Information: tlarsen@andoverlibrary.org

Seed Exchange

Tuesday, March 12th

5:30PM-7:00PM



A Gardeners' Get-Together where seeds are the currency of connection!

Bring a variety of seeds (vegetables, flowers, trees) in small, clearly labeled bags. Also bring extra bags and markers for labeling the seeds you collect and trade with others. Let's make this exchange diverse and organized!

For more information contact:

tlarsen@andoverlibrary.org

Organized by Master Gardeners & Friends of the Library

Library's Muralist Mika Holtzinger's Artist Talk & Chalk Art With Kids

Wednesday, March 13th

11AM-12PM

Art Presentation, Chalk Art & Live Music

Join us for collaborative chalk art fun with Mika Holtzinger, while enjoying live music! Kids participation encouraged! Join us after Storytime on Wednesday. Mika will be accompanied by jazz guitarist Eric Shumaker, playing live music while kids and Mika draw together. Let's Create Together!



Open Mic Night & Poetry Night

Thursday, March 21st

Every 3rd Thursday, 6-8 PM

Performance Slots: Young Talents (5-17 years): 6-7 PM The Grown-Up Stage (18+): 7-8 PM

Bring your favorite poems, heartfelt stories, or songs Immerse yourself in the power of spoken word Connect with a community of artists and enthusiasts!

info: tlarsen@andoverpubliclibrary.org

Fire Feather Banner Beading Class

Saturday, March 30th

1PM-3PM

Join us for an exciting beginner loom beading class, where you will create a tiny feather banner in vibrant fire colors. These banners can be worn or used to adorn your houseplants. The class will be led by Michelle Conine, Shawnee-Delaware, who is the Education Coordinator at the Indian Museum.

All supplies will be provided. Class size is limited! Participants will complete their banners during the class.

Email Tatiana to reserve your spot or for any questions: tlarsen@andoverlibrary.org

Part of the Wichita Big Read



THEMES

Conservation, Nature, Recycling, Wildlife, Climate, Earth, Sustainability, Action, Green, Future... and more



EARTH DAY VIDEO CONTEST

Submission Date:
April 19th!

ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY + GREAT PLAINS NATURE CENTER

HOW TO SUBMIT:

OPTION 1:  Upload video to YouTube, send link to TLARSEN@ANDOVERLIBRARY.ORG

OPTION 2: SUBMIT IN PERSON AT THE ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY OR AT GREAT PLAINS NATURE CENTER; ON LABELED FLASH DRIVE DURING BUSINESS HOURS

VIDEO LENGTH: 1-5 MIN

LABEL YOUR VIDEO:
FIRST NAME_LAST NAME_TITLE_AGE
EXAMPLE:
TATIANA_LARSEN_METAMORPHOSIS_18UP

SCREENING NIGHT:
APRIL 26TH, 2024, 6PM

GREAT PLAINS NATURE CENTER
6232 E. 29TH NORTH
WICHITA, KS 67220

andoverlibrary.org

1511 E. CENTRAL AVE, ANDOVER, KANSAS

316-558-3500

MARCH 2024

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