



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

RECENT HAPPENINGS!

The temperature is dropping, and the year is coming to a close!

Last month we had a few special events, such as Special Storytimes for Kansas Reads to Preschoolers and guests from Rushwood Senior Living.

In the Art Gallery, we had Taiomah Rutledge's Solo Show. Taiomah Rutledge is a Wichita-based multidisciplinary artist and a cofounder of the Warclan Collective. Drawing on Indigenous heritage and contemporary life, he layers painting, printmaking, and mixed media to explore memory, place, and identity. We are so grateful to have to chance to display his art.

We also had an art workshop "Letterform Play". Participants got creative with tape, color, and texture—turning simple letters into bold, unexpected art. Every piece reflected curiosity, play, and a love for making. Big thanks to Irma Puškarević for leading the workshop.

December is a slower month for programming, but we do still have some holiday events like an art show, a concert, and Storytimes! Hometown Christmas is also coming up this month with fun events planned throughout Andover Central Park on December 11th.

We have a few closings this month due to the holidays, so make sure to mark your calendars. We hope everyone has a fantastic rest of the year!



Art made during the Letterform Play Art Workshop can be seen on the Creative Cove.

A photo from the Rushwood Storytime. Rushwood will be back for another Storytime on December 16th.



DECEMBER CLOSINGS

December 9th
Close @5PM

December 24th
CLOSED ALL DAY

December 25th
CLOSED ALL DAY

December 31st
Close @2PM

ADULT EVENTS

First Friday

Friday, December 5th 9:30AM

Join the Friends of the Library for First Friday in the Friends Room. This month they will be making Christmas decorations out of various eco-friendly materials.

For ages 18 & up.

Email
friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com
to sign up.

BUNCO

21 & up

**Wednesday, December 17th
6PM**

\$5 Entree fee. 21+ BYOB & Snacks.
Must RSVP.

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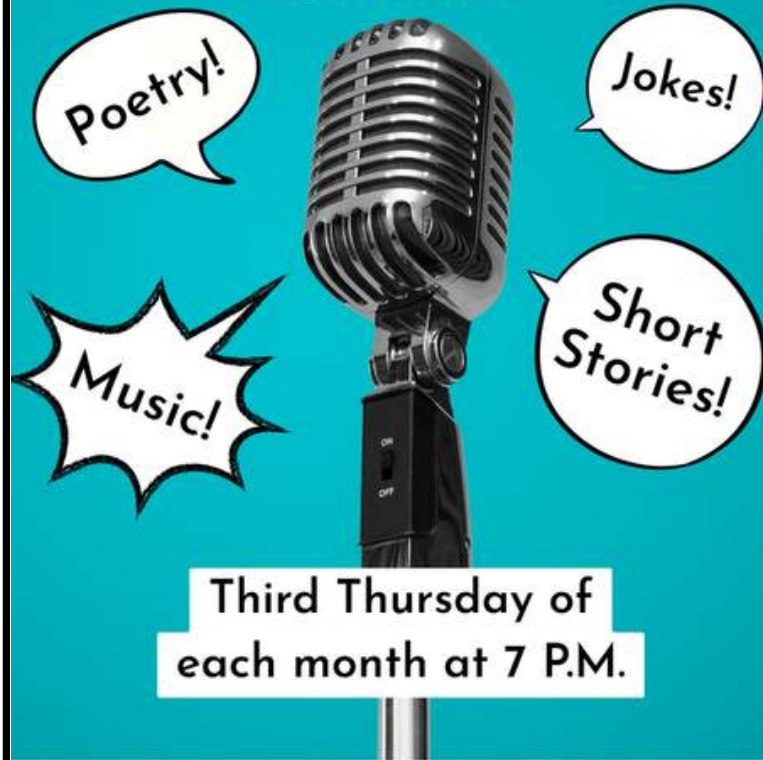
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Open Mic Night

Bring poetry, music, jokes, or
short stories to share with others!

Ages 18 and over.



American Mahjong

Wednesday Play
Every Wednesday*
12:30-3:30pm
drop-in play, no sign-up required

Guided Play
Thursdays Nov 20th, Dec 4th, & Dec 18th
5:30-7:30pm
Sign up required

Intermediate/Advanced Play
Every 1st & 3rd Monday of the Month*
5:30-7:30pm
Sign up required. Bring \$3.00 in change.

To sign-up or to learn more information on lessons, email apfrienvent@gmail.com
*Mahjong will not be held on dates the library is closed.

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CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Special Storytime
with guests from Rushwood
Senior Living
Tuesday, December 16th
Twos 9:30
Preschool 10:30
in the Story Laboratory

HOLIDAY STORYTIME

DEC. 1ST THRU DEC. 17TH

TWOS TIME

AGES: 2 YRS.

MONDAYS @ 10:30 A.M.

TUESDAYS @ 9:30 A.M.



PRE SCHOOL

AGES: 3-5 YRS.

TUESDAYS @ 10:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAYS @ 10:30 A.M.

BABY & ME

AGES: 0-18 MOS.

WEDNESDAYS @ 9:30 A.M.



Hometown Christmas

Thursday, December 11, 2025

4:30 - 8 p.m. | Andover Central Park

TREE LIGHTING AT 6 p.m.

Join us for fun in the park!

Photos with Santa, photobooth for families, holiday crafts, cookie decorating, hot beverages, music, carol singers, s'mores, Christmas model village, hay rack rides, dance performance by Wichita Children's Theatre and Dance Center, and more!



Admission:

Canned foods, local restaurant gift cards, gift toiletries, or monetary donations are suggested

All donations benefit Caring and Sharing, helping Andover area families in need.

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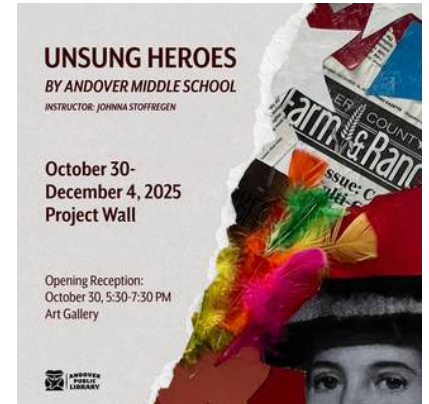
ART SHOWS & OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Unsung Heroes Art Show

Instructor: Johnna Stoffregen

Throughout history, many remarkable individuals have shaped our world without recognition. Students at Andover Middle School explored the lives of these unsung heroes, from scientists and inventors to activists and community members, bringing their powerful stories to light. Join us as we honor perseverance, compassion, and innovation through the eyes of the next generation.

The show will be on display on the project wall from **October 30th-December 4th**



Cosmic Bloom Art Show

Artist: Sarah Chavez

Opening Reception: December 4th 5:30-7:30pm

Wichita-based artist Sarah Chavez invites viewers into a dreamlike world where food, the body, and nature intertwine. Her work merges the surreal, symbolic, and feminine, exploring the space between beauty and decay, transformation and loss. Beneath playful surfaces lie deeper reflections on desire, identity, and change, each piece unfolding like a visual poem inspired by art history, pop culture, and dreams.

Follow the artist on Instagram: [@_sarah_chavez_](https://www.instagram.com/_sarah_chavez_)

The art show will be on display in the Art Gallery **December 4th-January 1st**

A Winterful Life

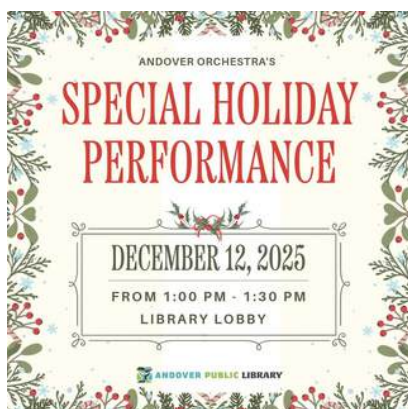
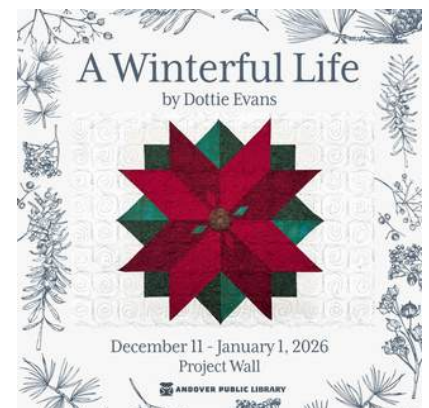
Artist: Dottie Evans

Celebrate the season with the intricate, hand-crafted quilt art of Dottie Evans, owner of White Crane Designs. Her holiday collection features vibrant patterns, rich textures, and timeless designs that capture the warmth and spirit of the season. Each piece reflects Dottie's artistry, storytelling, and love for fabric traditions.

See more of Dottie's work on Instagram [@whitecranedesigns](https://www.instagram.com/whitecranedesigns) or online at

www.WhiteCraneDesigns.com

The show will be on display on the project wall from **December 11th- January 1st**



Special Holiday Performance

with Andover Orchestra

December 12th, 1-1:30PM

Join us for a festive afternoon as Andover Middle and High School's Full Orchestra (Grades 7-12) brings holiday cheer to the library! Our talented student musicians will fill the library with classic holiday cheer and orchestral favorites, conducted by Mrs. Hutchins. Bring your family, enjoy the music, and celebrate the season with our young performers.

Located in the Andover Public Library Lobby.

DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Twos Time @10:30AM Mahjong Intermediate/Advanced Play @5:30-7:30 (register in advance)	2 Twos Time @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM	3 Baby & Me @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM Mahjong @12:30- 3:30pm	4 Last day of Unsung Heroes Art Show Sarah Chavez "Cosmic Bloom" Art Show Opening Reception 5:30-7:30PM Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30(register in advance)	5 First Friday @9:30 AM	6
7	8 Twos Time @10:30AM	9 Twos Time @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM CLOSE @5PM	10 Baby & Me @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM Mahjong @12:30- 3:30pm	11 "A Winterful Life" by Dottie Evans Art Show begins Hometown Christmas 4:30-8PM in Andover Central Park	12 Special Holiday Performance with Andover Middle and High School's Full Orchestra 1-1:30PM	13
14	15 Twos Time @10:30AM Mahjong Intermediate/Advanced Play @5:30-7:30 (register in advance)	16 Story Corner with Rushwood Senior Living Center 9:30AM & 10:30AM	17 Baby & Me @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM Mahjong @12:30- 3:30pm BUNCO @6PM (register in advance)	18 Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30(register in advance) Open Mic Night 7-8PM	19	20
21	22 NO STORYTIME THIS WEEK	23	24 CLOSED FOR Christmas Eve	25 CLOSED FOR Christmas Day	26	27
28	29 NO STORYTIME THIS WEEK	30	31 "A Winterful Life" by Dottie Evans art show ends CLOSE at 2PM FOR New Year's Eve			

COLOR KEY: Young Children 0-5 Older Children 5+ Tweens/Teens 11+ All Ages Adult 18+