

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

RECENT HAPPENINGS!

We had two new art shows open last month. Formed in Fire by Kim Ownbey is currently on display on the Project Wall and inside the library. This show features beautiful handmade jewelry made by a local glass artist.

In the Art Gallery is the Unsung Heroes Art Show. Andover Middle School students created artwork telling the stories of remarkable individuals who shaped history behind the scenes.

We recieved a big donation of American Girl dolls recently and we have new dolls ready for checkout! Talk to the front desk to learn more about our new dolls.

And in case you missed it, we are on YouTube! Give us a follow at [@andoverkslib](https://www.youtube.com/@andoverkslib).

Flip through this newsletter to see what we have happening at the library in April!

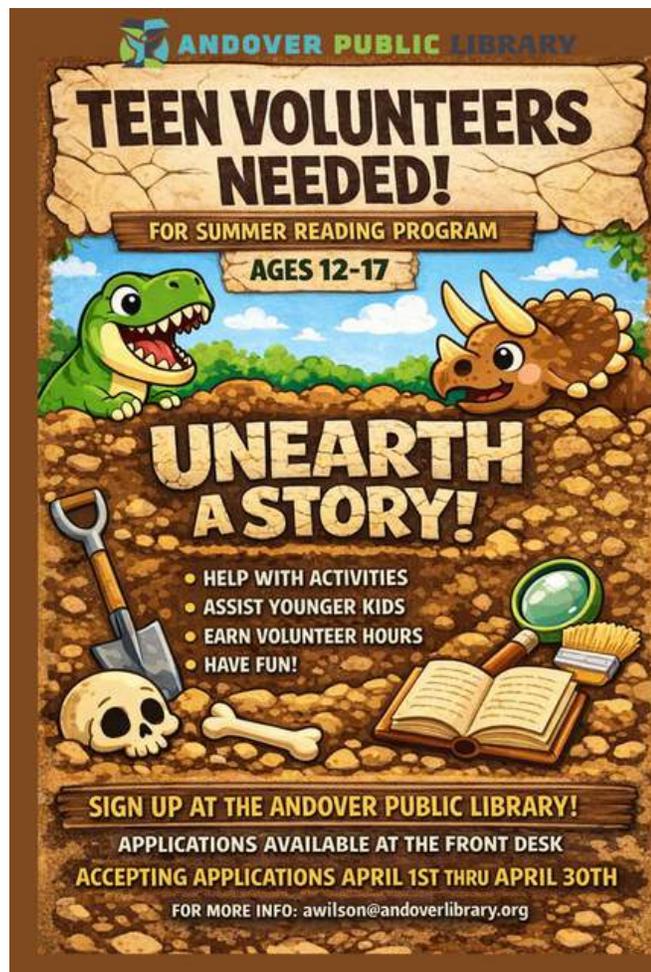
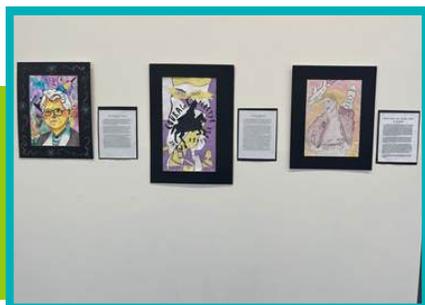


Our new dolls! From left to right, Amber, Ivy, Valerie, and Emily!



A photo of one of the pieces on display in the "Formed by Fire" art show.

Just a few of the pieces in the "Unsung Heroes Art Show".



ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FOR SUMMER READING PROGRAM
AGES 12-17

UNEARTH A STORY!

- HELP WITH ACTIVITIES
- ASSIST YOUNGER KIDS
- EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS
- HAVE FUN!

SIGN UP AT THE ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY!
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT DESK
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS APRIL 1ST THRU APRIL 30TH
FOR MORE INFO: awilson@andoverlibrary.org

ADULT EVENTS

First Friday

Friday, April 3rd

9:30AM

Join the Friends of the Library in the Friends Room for coffee and conversation while we make bookmarks in April for National Library Week.

Email friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com to sign up.

BINGO

21 & up

Tuesday, April 14th

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.

Email friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com to RSVP.

BUNCO

21 & up

Wednesday, April 15th

6PM

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

Email friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com to RSVP.

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Paint & Sip

April 30, 2026 - 5:30 to 7:45
Gallery room - Andover Public Library



Advance Sign Up - aplfriendevent@gmail.com or library front desk
Pay at the Door - \$35 per person - BYOB - ages 21 and up
hosted by Friends of the Andover Public Library
stop by to view the Declaration 1776 exhibition in the Story Laboratory

Ages 18+

American Mahjong

Wednesday Play

Every Wednesday*

12:30-3:30pm

drop-in play, no sign-up required

Guided Play

For players who have completed lessons and want a slower pace of play. Experienced players will be available to help.

Thursdays,

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 aplfriendevent@gmail.com

*Mahjong will not be held on dates the library is closed.

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CHILDREN'S & TEENS EVENTS

Lego Club

Thursday, April 9th
5PM-6PM

Build your own Lego creations! Every month we have a new theme. We provide the Legos; you just need to bring your imagination. No registration required.

Tween Book Club

Monday, April 20th
5PM-6PM

April's book is "The Key to Extraordinary" by Natalie Lloyd.

Sign up at the front desk and email apltweenbookclub@gmail.com for any questions.

Comic Club

Tuesday, April 28th
4:30PM-5:30PM

Create and share your own comics! We provide templates and inspiration to get your creativity going. New members are always welcome, and no registration required.

Special Storytime

with guests from Rushwood Senior Living

Tuesday, April 21st
Twos 9:30

Preschool 10:30

in the Story Laboratory



SPRING STORYTIME

MARCH 9TH THRU APRIL 22ND

Twos time
Age: 2 yrs
Mon. - 10:30
Tues. - 9:30

Preschool
Age: 3-5 yrs
Tues. - 10:30
Wed. - 10:30

Baby & Me
Age: 0-18 mos.
Wed. - 9:30

 **ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY** 2026

TAB

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD



CALLING ALL TEENS AGES 12-18!

Want to make a difference at your library? Have ideas for programs, books, or events? Join the **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD!**

WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Help plan teen events
- Recommend books & games
- Earn volunteer hours
- Make new friends
- Build leadership skills

MEETINGS:

Date: Last Thursday of every month
Time: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Location: Andover Public Library
Story Lab
(Yes, there will be snacks!)

INTERESTED?

Stop by the library for more information and applications or email:
awilson@andoverlibrary.org

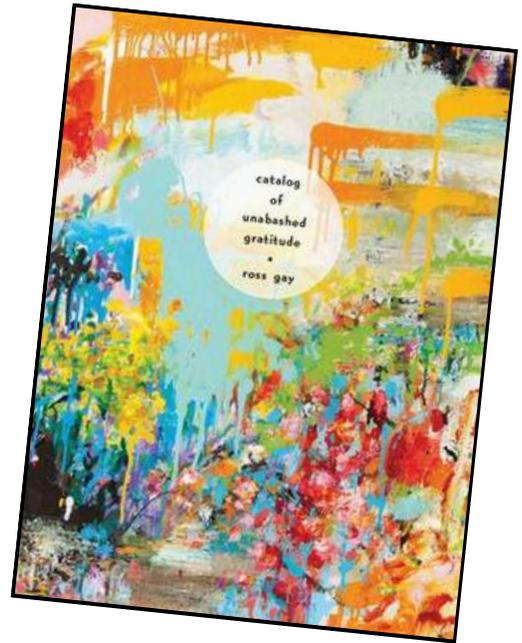
ALL AGES

Open Mic Night National Poetry Month Celebration

Thursday April 16th 6-7PM

Come to the Andover Public Library and share your creativity with others! In celebration of National Poetry Month this April, a select amount of free poetry books will be handed out during the event! Wichita's Big Read 2026 Winner: "Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude" by Ross Gay.

Open to All Ages



Plants for Birds

Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00 pm

Presented by Dr. Jackie Augustine
Audubon of Kansas Executive Director

Learn how you can make your backyard a wildlife haven by planting native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers.

Hosted by Friends of the Library
All ages welcome

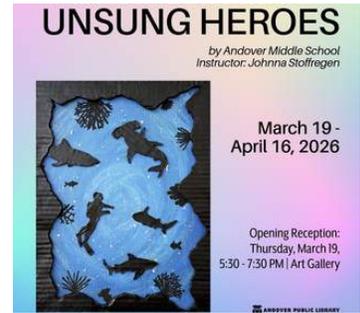


ART SHOWS & OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Unsung Heroes Art Show

Great change is often driven by people whose names rarely appear in textbooks. In this exhibition, Andover Middle School students set out to uncover those hidden figures—individuals whose courage, dedication, and quiet leadership strengthened communities and advanced ideas in lasting ways.

Through research and creative expression, students examined the ripple effect one determined person can have. Their work highlights a diverse range of contributors and invites viewers to reconsider how we define influence and achievement. *Unsung Heroes* celebrates both the remarkable individuals who shaped history behind the scenes and the thoughtful inquiry of students learning to see history from a broader perspective. **This show will be on display March 19th-April 16th in the Art Gallery.**



Formed in Fire by Kim Ownbey

In *Formed in Fire*, Andover lampwork glass artist Kim Ownbey transforms simple rods of glass into luminous, one-of-a-kind beads shaped by hand in the flame. Through precise control of heat, timing, and movement, she layers transparent and opaque colors to create depth and quiet complexity, capturing light within each form. Ownbey pairs her handmade glass with thrifted, vintage, and antique elements, blending newly formed beads with materials that carry their own history. Presented in this library, her wearable art invites viewers to discover beauty, meaning, and connection preserved in glass. **This show will be on display March 19th-April 30th on the Project Wall. View more of Kim Ownbey's work at kimberlyoriginals.com.**

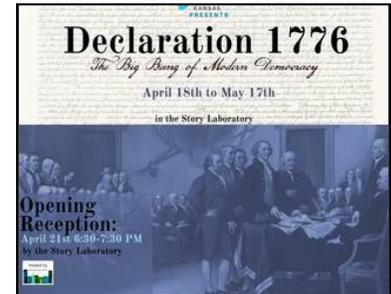
Declaration 1776

The Big Bang of Modern Democracy

Opening Reception: April 21st 6-7:30 PM in the Story Lab

It's the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Do you know what's in America's founding document? Explore the exhibition to find out more and learn how the Declaration of Independence impacted the nation's civil rights movement and women's movement, as well as the establishment of democracy in other countries. A special addition to this exhibit is "Kansas 1776." What was it like here, on the land that would become Kansas, 250 years ago? This special exhibition from the Kansas State Historical Society gives us a glimpse into life on this land in 1776. Enjoy the exhibit and be sure to take a free copy of the Declaration of Independence.

This show will be up in the Story Lab April 18th to May 17th.



Eco Printing Workshop

Instructor: Lori Santos

April 27th 6-7:45PM

Ages: 8 & Up

Join Dr. Lori Santos for a hands-on Eco Printing Workshop exploring the connection between art and nature through sustainable practices. Participants will create unique prints using natural materials while learning eco-conscious techniques. Open to all ages and skill levels, this workshop invites creativity, curiosity, and a deeper appreciation for the natural world. **Registration required. Registration opens March 30th.**

Andover Senior Center Art Show

Opening Reception: April 23rd 5:30-7:30PM in the Art Gallery

Celebrate the creativity of artists from the Andover Senior Center in this welcoming and inspiring exhibition. Featuring quilts, paintings, and handmade crafts, the show reflects a wide range of styles, stories, and personal expression. Each piece offers a glimpse into the experiences and creativity that continue to grow and evolve over time. Join us in enjoying the talent, warmth, and artistic spirit of our senior community.

This show will be on display April 23rd-May 16th in the Art Gallery

APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Baby & Me @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM Tween/Teen Summer Volunteers Applications open Mahjong @12:30- 3:30pm	2 Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30(register in advance)	3 First Friday @9:30 AM	
5	6 Twos Time @10:30AM Mahjong Intermediate/Advanced Play @9:30-7:30 (register in advance)	7 Twos Time @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM	8 Baby & Me @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM Lunch & Learn @12:15-12:45PM Mahjong @12:30- 3:30pm	9 Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30(register in advance) Lego Club @5PM	10	11
12	13 Twos Time @10:30AM	14 Twos Time @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM Bingo @6PM (register in advance)	15 Baby & Me @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM BUNCO @6PM (register in advance) Mahjong @12:30- 3:30pm	16 Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30(register in advance) Open Mic Night 6-7PM	17	18
19	20 Twos Time @10:30AM Tween Book Club 5-6PM (talk to the front desk about registering) Mahjong Intermediate/Advanced Play @9:30-7:30 (register in advance)	21 Story Corner with Rushwood Senior Living Center 9:30AM & 10:30AM Declaration 1776 Exhibit Opening Reception 6-7:30PM	22 Baby & Me @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM Mahjong @12:30- 3:30pm	23 Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30(register in advance) Andover Senior Center Art Show Opening Reception 5:30-7:30 PM	24	25
26	27 Eco Printing Workshop 6-7:45PM (Register in advance) Comic Club @4:30PM	28 Comic Club @4:30PM	29 Mahjong @12:30- 3:30pm Plants for Birds 6PM	30 Last day to submit Tween/Teen Summer Volunteer Application Teen Advisory Board 5-6PM (talk to the front desk about joining) Paint & Sip 5:30-7:45PM (register in advance)		

NO STORYTIME THIS WEEK

COLOR KEY: Young Children 0-5 Older Children 5+ Ages 8+ Tweens/Teens 11+ All Ages Adult 18+