



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

RECENT HAPPENINGS!

At the end of March, we had the Paint the Music workshop. Participants use music to inspire art pieces. We have photos of these pieces on display in the Creative Cove. Thank you to Pamela Lamont for leading the workshop. Our art workshops usually fill up fast, so keep an eye out for future workshops.

The Andover Senior Center also has an art show on display in the Art Gallery featuring quilts, paintings, and handmade crafts. And in the Story Lab, we have the Declaration 1776 exhibit presented by Kansas Humanities, in celebration of America's 250th birthday.

Here at APL, we are gearing up for Summer Reading! Summer Reading will officially kick off on May 28th. This year's theme is "Unearth a Story" and it's going to be all about Dinosaurs! We hope you will sign up!



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the opening reception for the Declaration 1776 exhibit!

Artists hard at work during the Paint the Music workshop.



ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY
UNEARTH A STORY™
 2026 SUMMER READING PROGRAM
May 28th - July 31st
 Start preregistering on May 18th on **beanstack**

SUMMER READING KICKOFF WITH DINO O'DELL
MAY 28TH @ 10:30AM
 in the Gazebo

Scan the QR code to see a current list of events! We'll be updating this site throughout the month of May, so keep checking!

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ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY
 WILL BE
CLOSED
MEMORIAL DAY
 May 25th

We will reopen regular hours on Tuesday, May 26th.
 No books will be due and there will be no late fees charged.

ADULT EVENTS

First Friday

Friday, May 1st

9:30AM

Join the Friends of the Library in the Friends Room for coffee and conversation as we make paper flowers for May Day. Email friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com to sign up.

BINGO

21 & up

Tuesday, May 12th

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, May 20th

6PM

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

Email friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com to RSVP.

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Do you have extra garden plants or houseplants? Do you need more variety in your garden? Come to the Plant Swap and trade plants with other gardeners and plant lovers. Gardeners of all skill levels and ages are welcome to join!
Calla Edwards and Master Gardeners will lead the event.



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**ANDOVER
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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

Special Heritage Fest Storytime

Wednesday, May 13th

9:30 & 10:30AM

Join Little Beth on the Prairie for a special storytime celebrating the upcoming Heritage Fest!

Lego Club

Thursday, May 14th

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, May 18th

5PM-6PM

May's book is "A Handful of Stars" by Cynthia Lord. Sign up at the front desk and email apltweenbookclub@gmail.com for any questions.

Comic Club

Tuesday, May 26th

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.

Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, May 28th

5PM-6PM

Want to make a difference at your library? Have ideas for programs, books, or events? Join the TEEN ADVISORY BOARD! Help plan teen events, recommend books & games, earn volunteer hours, make new friends, and build leadership skills. Must sign up in advance. Stop by the library for more information and applications or email: awilson@andoverlibrary.org

ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY Summer Reading Kickoff

with



UNEARTH A STORY WITH DINOSAUR O'DELL
THE HISTORY OF LIFE ON OUR PLANET

JOURNEY BACK IN TIME TO 550 MILLION YEARS AGO, WHEN LIFE BEGAN ON PLANET EARTH. WE STUDY THE PALEOZOIC, THE MESOZOIC AND THE CENOZOIC ERAS - MARINE LIFE TO DINOSAURS TO MAMMALS. AND WE LEARN ABOUT EVOLUTION AND EXTINCTION - INCLUDING THE DAY A GIANT ASTEROID HIT PLANET EARTH.

Date: Thursday, May 28th

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Gazebo

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ANDOVER YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL

Friday, May 8, 6:00-7:00 PM

Capitol Federal Amphitheater
at Andover Central Park

Participating School Choirs:

Prairie Creek Singers
Sunflower Singers
Trojan Children's Choir



Join us for the inaugural Andover Youth Choir Festival, hosted by the Andover Public Library. This united elementary school choir festival brings together young singers across the Andover district for an evening of music, collaboration, and community celebration. Enjoy a variety of choral selections in a welcoming outdoor setting, highlighting the dedication and creativity of students and music educators.

Families are kindly encouraged to bring their own picnic blankets or foldable chairs, as seating will not be provided.

Scan the QR code to view the program:



ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

ART SHOWS & OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Declaration 1776

The Big Bang of Modern Democracy

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 16th.



Andover Senior Center Art Show

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

"Biota" by Emily Ritter


Opening Reception: May 7th 5:30-7:30PM in the Library Lobby

Discover the many living things that share our Wichita environment through the artwork of Emily Ritter. In Biota, careful observation and detailed images invite viewers to look more closely at creatures they might usually overlook and notice their unique beauty. The exhibition also encourages us to think about how all living things, including us, are connected as part of the same natural world.

The art will be on display on the Project Wall May 7th-June 18th.



Artsit Website: www.emilyeritter.com





SCHOLASTIC
BOOKFAIR
In the Art Gallery
May 26th-30th

<u>Tuesday</u> 9:30AM-7:30PM	<u>Wednesday</u> 9:30AM-7:30PM	<u>Thursday</u> 9:30AM-7:30PM
<u>Friday</u> 9:30AM-4:30PM	<u>Saturday</u> 9:30AM-2:30PM	



MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 First Friday @9:30 AM	2
3	4 Mahjong Intermediate/Advanced Play @5:30-7:30 (register in advance)	5	6 Lunch & Learn @12:15-12:45PM Mahjong @12:30-3:30pm	7 Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30(register in advance) "Biota" by Emily Ritter Opening Reception 5:30-7:30 PM	8 Andover Youth Choir Festival 6-7 PM at the Capital Federal Amphitheater	9
NO STORYTIME THIS WEEK						
10	11	12 Bingo @6PM (register in advance)	13 Special Heritage Fest Storytime 10:30AM Mahjong @12:30-3:30pm	14 Plant Swap 5:30-7PM Lego Club @5PM Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30(register in advance)	15	16 Andover Senior Center Group Show last day Declaration 1776 Exhibit last day Heritage Fest 10AM-2PM at Heritage Park Plaza
NO STORYTIME MON & TUES						
17	18 Preregister for Summer Reading! Tween Book Club 5-6PM (talk to the front desk about registering) Mahjong Intermediate/Advanced Play @5:30-7:30 (register in advance)	19	20 Mahjong @12:30-3:30pm BUNCO @6PM (register in advance)	21 Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30(register in advance)	22	23
NO STORYTIME THIS WEEK						
24	25 CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	26 Comic Club @4:30PM Scholastic Book Fair 9:30AM-7:30PM	27 Mahjong @12:30-3:30pm Scholastic Book Fair 9:30AM-7:30PM	28 Summer Reading Kickoff with Dino O'Dell @ 10:30AM in the Gazebo Teen Advisory Board 5-6PM (talk to the front desk about joining) Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30(register in advance) Scholastic Book Fair 9:30AM-7:30PM	29 Scholastic Book Fair 9:30AM-4:30PM	30 Scholastic Book Fair 9:30AM-2:30PM
NO STORYTIME THIS WEEK						

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

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HERITAGE FEST

Saturday, May 16, 2026

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | The Heritage, 360 S Heritage Way