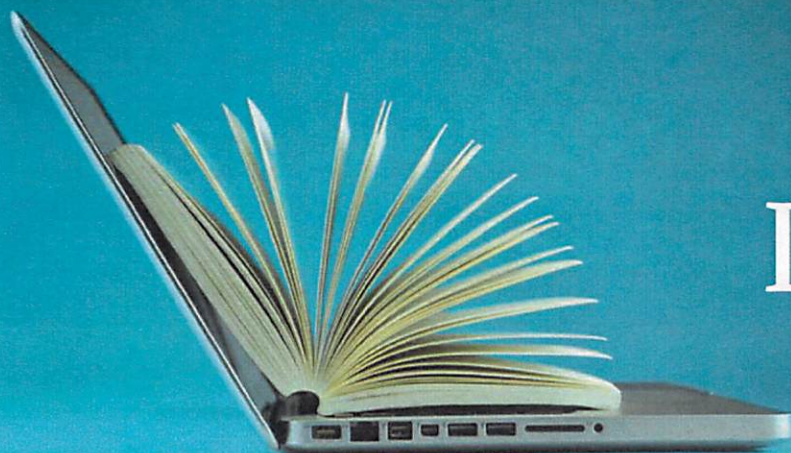
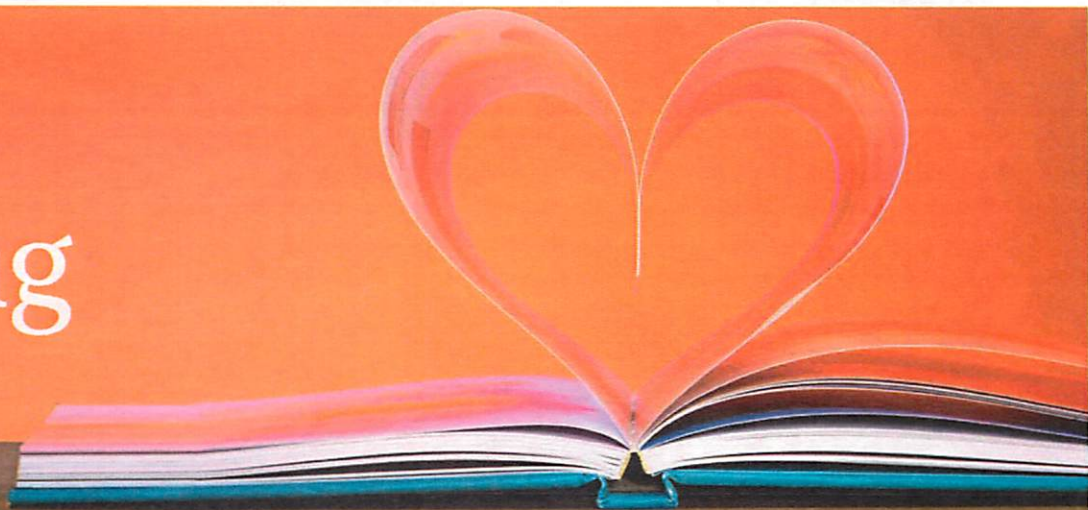


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# Inspiring a Love of Reading

Life-Long Reading at KCKPL



# Programs

- **Baby and Toddler Storytimes**
  - These storytimes foster a love of reading in our littlest patrons. Children who start early are more likely to develop literacy skills and maintain a love of reading throughout life.
- **6X6 Ready to Read Storytimes**
  - These sessions focus on the 6 crucial pre-reading skills a child should know before turning 6 years old. They use interactive stories, rhymes, music, and activities to facilitate learning.
- **READ to a Dog**
  - Reluctant readers can read to a non-judgmental dog to practice and gain confidence in their skills.
- **Special Storytimes**
  - Each month our branches also hold special theme storytimes such as a bilingual storytime or one focused on what happens to trees in the fall.
- **Book Clubs**
  - **Book Brew (West)**
    - Discuss books you've read recently and learn about new titles at the library
  - **Bookfix Book Club (West)**
    - A little bit of everything: nonfiction, classic, contemporary and young adult
  - **Clueless: A Mystery Book Club (West)**
    - Mystery, suspense, thrillers, and crime fiction
  - **Common Grounds Book Club (Main)**
    - Books focused on race, gender, and political focuses, in both fiction and non fiction
  - **Inspirational Book Club (West)**
    - Books with an inspiring message
  - **Lunchtime Express (Main)**
    - Two meetings, one to show off new books in the library and one to discuss recent reads
  - **My Friends Bookshelf (South)**
    - Discuss what you've recently read
  - **Next Chapter Kansas City Book Group (Main)**
    - In partnership with Next Chapter KC, it uses both fiction and nonfiction titles to discuss issues important to people 50 and older.
  - **The Main Thing Book Club (Main)**
    - A club for those who don't think they have time for a book club
  - **Long Overdue Bookclub (Main)**
    - A book club specifically for veterans
- **E-Reader 101**
  - A monthly class on using our eContent on tablets and ereader devices

# Services

- In Person Readers' Advisory
  - We have several knowledgeable staff members who their time helping patrons find books they want and need through interviews and recommendations
- Reading Lists
  - Our staff has compiled lists of popular titles, genres, and authors which are updated regularly and available in our branches and on our website
- Personalized Recommendations
  - Patrons are able to fill out a short survey about their preferences and a librarian will provide a list of recommended books
- Bestseller Club
  - Patrons can pick out their favorite authors from a list of popular bestsellers and new books from those authors will automatically be put on hold for them
- Displays
  - Staff frequently create themed displays at our branches to highlight specific titles and genres
- eCommunity Recommendations
  - We highlight specific ebooks and eaudiobooks collections on our eCommunity site through blog posts recommending titles
- Library Tours
  - Staff give tours of the branches and talk about programs and services we offer.



## Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program takes place each year in June and July. A theme is chosen by the Collaborative Library Summer Program and we present activities, speakers, and book clubs centering on that theme. Participants are encouraged to read and log the books they have read. Summer reading greatly benefits students. Reading skills are critical to classroom success and students who continue to read throughout the summer maintain reading proficiency at a higher level than those who do not.

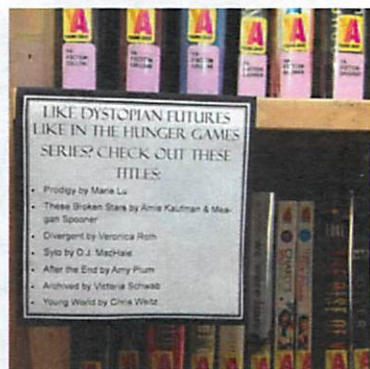
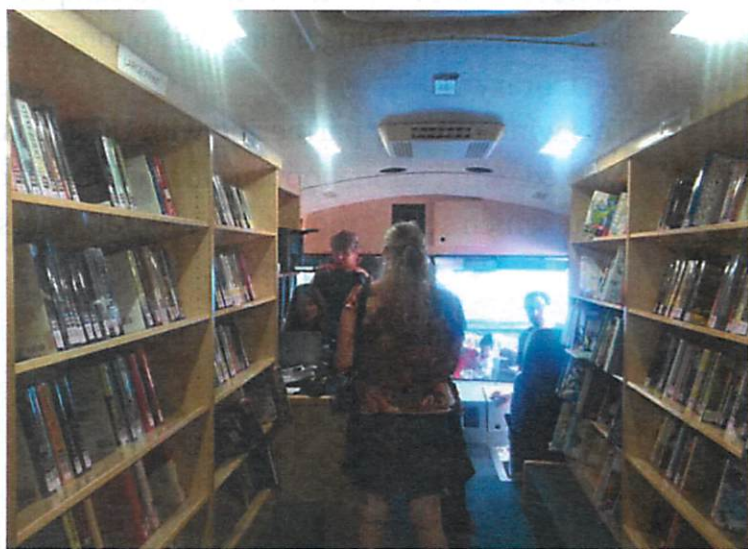


# The Mobile Library

The Kansas City, Kansas Public Library Mobile Library service was launched in 2014. The mobile library is a key component in the library's mission of connecting members of our dynamic community with information, tools, resources, and welcoming spaces to enrich their lives.

The Mobile Library provides access to library collections through an on-site collection of items as well as the ability to deliver branch items. It also provides patrons with the ability to access the internet through an on-site wireless connection and a mobile computer lab.

The purpose of the Mobile Library is to serve individuals who have difficulty reaching a library branch. It extends current library services to the larger community and helps to lessen the digital divide. We are currently serving 22 sites around Wyandotte County. There are 14 locations that are on a waiting list to become one of those sites. We plan to add 2 more mobile libraries next year to accommodate our growing waiting list.



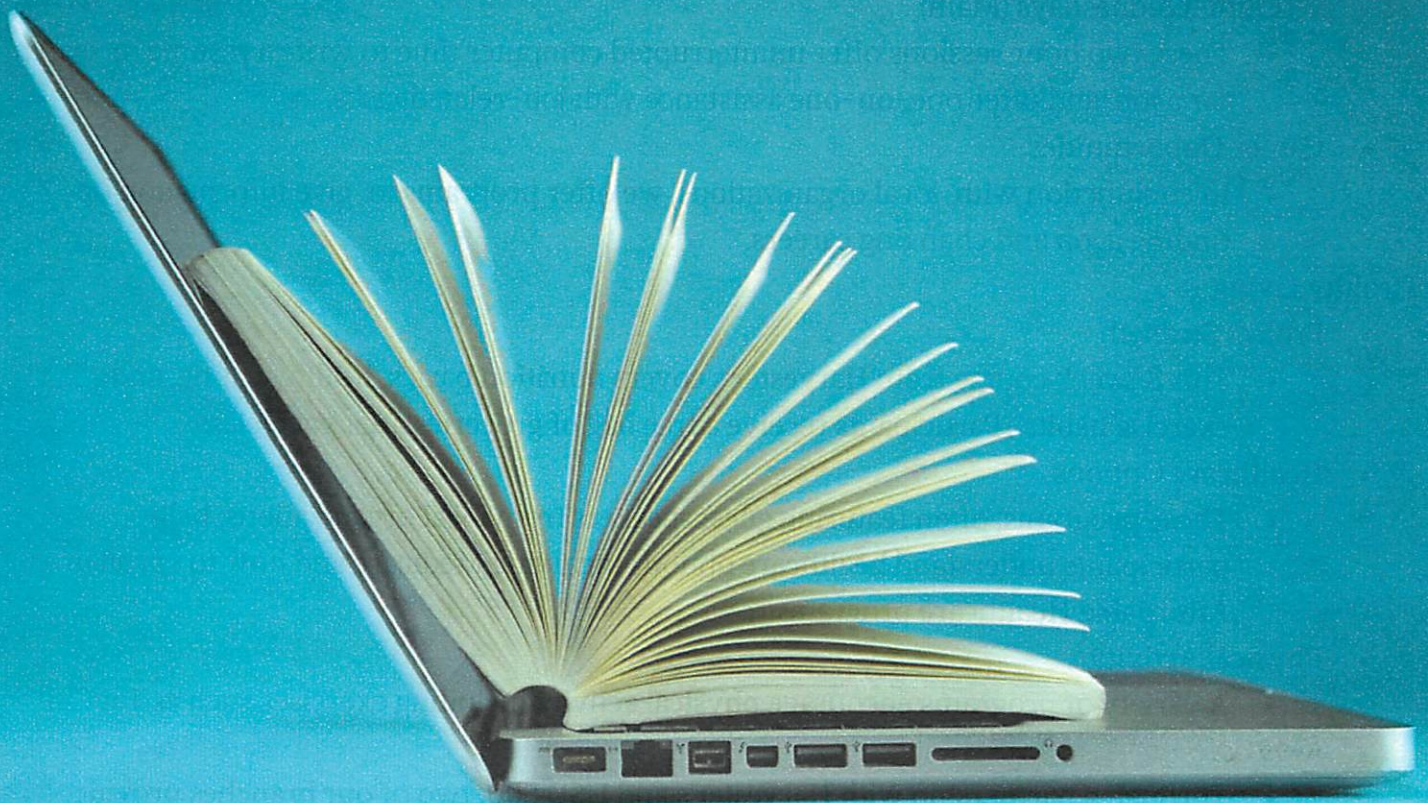
# Outreach

- Branch Outreach
  - Staff at our branches regularly attend community events and meetings to tell people about our services. Many of these outreach events also include storytimes, storytelling, and readers' advisory. These community events and organizations range from preschools and parent groups to book drives and festivals.
- Back 2 School Fair
  - Each year we attend the Back 2 School fair and give out free books. Last year we gave out 4000 books to local students.
- Deposit Collections
  - We provide a monthly drop off of books tailored to each communities' preferences and needs to a dozen senior living facilities, Kidzones, childcare centers, and community service agencies in Wyandotte County.
- Cell Phone Checkout
  - After a successful pilot at Dykes Medical Library this summer, we are currently expanding the number of sites around the KU Med campus where community members can check out the latest bestsellers using their smart phone or email.
- Little Free Library
  - This winter we are partnering with UG Transit and KCKCC to launch Little Free Libraries stocked with fiction, popular nonfiction and comic books at the 5 busiest stops on the 101 bus route which serves more than 500,000 riders a year.



# Supporting Information Needs

Life-Start Reference at KCKPL



# Programs

- **Language Learning**
  - We have multiple classes designed to teach both English and Spanish language skills.
- **Computer Classes**
  - We offer classes over many computer programs for skill levels for beginners to more advanced. Many classes are offered in Spanish.
- **Education Support**
  - **Plaza Comunitaria**
    - As part of a partnership with Instituto Nacional para la Educación de los Adultos, adults can complete the education they began in Mexico and obtain a primary or secondary certificate at no cost.
  - **Educational Opportunities**
    - In conjunction with local organizations, we offer programs to give information on educational opportunities and financial aid.
  - **ACT Practice Test**
    - We offer a full length practice ACT test to help students prepare for taking the ACT.
  - **Tutor.com**
    - Through a subscription with Tutor.com, students can get free online tutoring and homework help 24/7.
- **Job Assistance**
  - **Working Wednesdays (Main)**
    - These two hour sessions offer uninterrupted computer time to write a resume or search for a job and offer one-on-one assistance with job-related tasks.
  - **Career Opportunities**
    - In conjunction with local organizations, we offer programs to give information on finding a job and changing careers.
- **Healthy Living**
  - **Project Strength**
    - This 8-week course from Harvester's covers nutrition basics, healthy eating, and exercise habits. Participants receive a free bag of groceries after each class.
  - **Healthcare Options**
    - These programs, often featuring guest speakers from local organizations, help participants understand healthcare options including Medicare and how to enroll in Affordable Healthcare programs.
  - **Physical Activity**
    - A variety of programs encourage physical activity including exercises such as Tai Chi.
  - **Kids Café**
    - Through a partnership with Harvester's and USD 500, two of our branches provide healthy afternoon snacks for children ages 0-18.
- **Science Programs**
  - We offer numerous science focused programs including those in the Environmental Science field and those that focus on S.T.E.A.M. skills



# Services

- Reference Service
  - Our knowledgeable staff members are available to help patrons with information questions find the resources they need.
- Computers and Wi Fi
  - Each of our branches and our Mobile Library have computers and Wi Fi for use by patrons at no charge.
- Library Tours
  - Staff give tours of the branches and talk about programs and services we offer.
- eCommunity Recommendations
  - We highlight specific databases on our eCommunity through blog posts recommending titles.
- Database Collection
  - We have an extensive collection of more than 70 easily searchable databases covering a variety of topics.
- Kansas Room
  - The Kansas Collection includes local history and genealogy resources, government documents, and the Connelley Collection of materials relating to the Wyandot Indians.
- Fine Arts Collection
  - We house a large collection of fine arts materials.



# Outreach

- Branch Outreach
  - Staff at our branches regularly visit community organizations and housing areas to both provide information about the information services we offer and to conduct classes in computer skills, job search skills, and more.

# Providing New Experiences

Community-Life Entertainment at KCKPL



## Programs

- Crafts and Creative Activities
  - We offer multiple creative programs for patrons of all ages, including paper crafts, knitting, painting, cooking, guitar lessons, and more.
- Movie Nights
  - Patrons can enjoy movies several times a month at our branches, with some specifically for adults, some for children, and others for the whole family.
- Game Nights
  - We have multiple game programs including a Lego Club, board game nights, and video gaming.
- Musical Performances
  - Local musical groups and bands from the university often perform at our branches.
- Special Speakers
  - Speakers over topics ranging from books to quilting to ghost hunting bring their stories to the library.
- Cultural Celebrations
  - We honor diversity in our community through celebrations of special days of cultural significance.
- Special Programming
  - We host large community events multiple times a year including a Library in the Park festival, arts programs, and music programs.



## Services

- In Person Watchers' and Listeners' Advisory
  - We have several knowledgeable staff members who their time helping patrons find movies, televisions shows, and music they enjoy through interviews and recommendations
- Displays
  - Staff frequently create themed displays at our branches to highlight specific titles and genres
- eCommunity
  - Our eCommunity houses a service that provides instant access to streaming movies, music, and television shows.
  - We highlight specific movie, television, and music collections on our eCommunity site through blog posts recommending titles



# KANSAS CITY, KANSAS PUBLIC LIBRARY

[www.kckpl.org](http://www.kckpl.org)



### Main Library

625 Minnesota Ave.  
Kansas City, KS 66101  
913-551-3280

*Monday-Thursday*

8:30am - 8:30pm

*Friday & Saturday*

8:30am - 5:00pm

*Sunday*

1:00pm - 5:00pm

### Mr. & Mrs. F. L. Schlagle Library

4051 West Drive  
WyCo Lake  
Kansas City, KS 66109  
913-299-2384

*Monday-Saturday*

9:00am - 5:00pm

*Sunday closed*

### South Branch Library

3104 Strong Avenue  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
913-722-7400

*Monday-Thursday*

9:00am - 9:00pm

*Friday & Saturday*

9:00am - 5:00pm

*Sunday*

1:00pm - 5:00pm

### Turner Community Library

831 South 55th Street  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
913-596-1404

*Monday-Thursday*

10:00am - 8:00pm

*Friday*

10:00am - 5:00pm

*Saturday*

10:00am - 2:00pm

*Sunday closed*

### West Wyandotte Library

1737 N. 82nd Street  
Kansas City, KS 66112  
913-596-5800

*Monday-Thursday*

9:00am - 9:00pm

*Friday & Saturday*

9:00am - 5:00pm

*Sunday*

1:00pm - 5:00pm

### Mobile Library

Various locations  
913-530-5951

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