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GOOD NEWS: A letter from the WPLF



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Empowering People Through Giving

Your generosity continues to amaze me. You really care about the people of Wichita and want to improve their lives. Be it a young boy donating \$10 to buy books for other kids to a major philanthropist, you all make a difference. Thank you!

As you consider your final year-end giving, please remember the broad reach the Library has for so many in our community. Programs, training classes, and collections are all offered for free to the public because of your donations. From early childhood education to senior programs, we serve all people to inspire them to be the best they can be.

Gratitude to Foundation Board Members

WPLF's board members provide resources and expertise that truly enrich the Foundation and the Wichita Public Library system. We are grateful to outgoing members Don Barry, Tim Moore, Mark Chamberlin, and Jane McHugh for their years of outstanding leadership, encouragement, and financial support.

Please join us in welcoming Candace Farha, lawyer, Penner Lowe Law Group; Bill Pickert, managing partner, Forvis; and Toni Porter, VP of government relations, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Did you know?

WPLF could not fund crucial Library programs, collections, and outreach services without investments from organizations and foundations. We thank them all for being good corporate or foundation citizens and believing in our mission to bring a Margin of Excellence to all seven Library locations and the people of our great city.

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Library Programs

Programming is one area almost entirely underwritten by your financial support of the WPLF. Because of you, many program options are available. Remember, your donations will make a difference in the number and quality of programs the Library can provide!

Sedgwick County Mobile COVID Vaccine Clinic, 3-7 p.m., Dec. 19, Walters Branch. Sedgwick County offers COVID-19 shots at no cost at this mobile clinic. Everyone 5 years and older is eligible to receive the updated vaccine, also called bivalent booster, if they completed their primary COVID-19 shots or received a booster at least two months ago. The bivalent booster protects against the original coronavirus and current variants.

Cozy Crafts, 1:30-3 p.m. Dec. 21, Rockwell Branch. Craft together for the season with both freestyle and structured projects! Families with children ages 3-11 will enjoy a relaxed but creative atmosphere in this come-and-go program.

Live Podcast Recording/#ReadICT, 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 5, Advanced Learning Library. Your Read. Return. Repeat. hosts Sara and Daniel are joining forces with Beth Golay and Suzanne Perez from KMUW's Books & Whatnot podcast for a live podcast recording to kick off the 2023 #ReadICT reading challenge. They'll talk about the categories and give reading recommendations.

Senior Wednesday: Oceans of Kansas, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Jan. 11, Advanced Learning Library. Eighty-five million years ago, giant sharks, marine reptiles, and winged reptiles all flourished in and around the vast inland sea that was the American Midwest in the Age of the Dinosaurs. Join Mike Everhart, author of "Oceans of Kansas" and former president of the Kansas Academy of Science, for a virtual journey back in time to observe some of the strange and wonderful creatures that lived in the oceans covering Kansas.

Family Pajama Storytime, 6:30-7 p.m. Jan. 17, Angelou Northeast Branch. Join us for stories and songs before bedtime. Dress in your jammies, and bring your favorite stuffed toy for snuggles and fun!

Cuentos Bilingües / Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m. Jan. 19, Jan. 26, Evergreen Branch. Enjoy a unique storytime presented in English and Spanish for children ages 3-5.

Simple Steps to Start Your Small Business, 1-2:30 p.m. Jan. 28, Advanced Learning Library. This Small Business Administration/SCORE program will show you the right steps to starting a business. You will also learn about business start-up resources at the Library. Registration is required for this in-person program and is open until Jan. 28. Call (316) 261-8500 or visit wichitalibrary.org/events to register.

Visit wichitalibrary.org/events for more programs and information.

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