

Connections

Lawrence Public Library Events, Information, and Services

November 2009



Library Foundation to host mini golf tournament in the Library

Mark your calendars! There will be lots of prizes and plenty of fun for the “hole” family on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22 when the Lawrence Public Library Foundation hosts its first ever *Caddy Stacks* miniature golf tournament. Proceeds from the event benefit the Lawrence Public Library.



Sponsored by Ranjbar Orthodontics, *Caddy Stacks* will feature eighteen holes built by Lawrence community groups, local businesses and other library supporters. Putt your way past the movies, through the audio books, to young adult fiction. Watch out for that loop-the-loop as you check out the cooking and gardening books!

Hours for Public Golf:

Saturday, November 21: 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 22: 2 pm to 5 pm

Green Fees for Public Golf (for 9 holes):

\$5 per person \$20 per family (max. 6 people)
Kids 3 and under are FREE

Adult VIP Golf Party:

Saturday, November 21, 7 pm to 10 pm
\$35 for 18 holes of golf
Drinks and snacks included
RSVP at www.lawrencepubliclibraryfoundation.org

Thanks to these *Caddy Stacks* hole builders:

Lawrence Childrens Choir Sertoma
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Connections to transition to email delivery only

After lengthy consideration, we have determined that the December issue of *Connections* will be the last that you will receive in print via the U.S. mail. Budget constraints and ever-increasing postal rates make continued mailing prohibitive. We are sorry for any inconvenience this will cause you.

There are still ways to receive news from the Lawrence Public Library. To receive the newsletter by email, please send an email with “subscribe” in the subject line to custserv@lawrence.lib.ks.us. You may also view the newsletter and subscribe on our web site, www.lawrencepubliclibrary.org. In the left column, under About the Library, click on “newsletter.” We will also make printed copies available in the Library.

Wiggle by Doreen Cronin featured by Kansas Reads to Preschoolers



Kansas Reads to Preschoolers is a project of the State Library of Kansas that encourages early reading to children. This year's featured book is *Wiggle* by Doreen Cronin, which was chosen for its message promoting exercise and fitness. The text of the rhyming picture book encourages little ones to wiggle along with the story as it is read to them.

Cronin will appear at the Library to read and sign copies of the book on Monday, November 16, at 2:30 pm. Staff from Lawrence Parks and Recreation will be on hand to lead the wiggling. The Raven Book Store will make copies of Cronin's books available for purchase at the event.

Cronin's first book, with illustrator Betsy Lewin, was Caldecott Honor Book *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type*. They went on to collaborate on several more picture and board books, including *Duck for President*, *Giggle, Giggle Quack*, and most recently *A Busy Day at the Farm*. Other books with *Wiggle* illustrator Scott Menchin are *Bounce* and *Stretch*. Cronin lives in New York City.

Authors with Kansas ties set mysteries in home state

J. M. "Mike" Hayes and Charlotte Hinger are Kansans, even though they currently reside in Tucson, Arizona and Loveland, Colorado respectively. But when each of them decided to write mysteries, they heeded that old advice to write about what you know, and set their stories in Kansas. Both have new books this year, and Hayes and Hinger will present a reading and signing at the Library on Monday, November 2, at 7 pm.



J. M. Hayes' *Mad Dog* and *Englishman* series is set in fictional Benteen County, smack in the center of the state where most folks think nothing ever happens. Sheriff English always has his hands full, however, and his half-brother, *Mad Dog*, a wannabe Cheyenne shaman with a pet wolf-dog, is always somehow involved. In the latest book, *Server Down*, *Mad Dog* is lured to Tucson where he is framed for murder by someone who is playing an online war game for real stakes. As in the previous books in this series, the action takes place in about 24 hours, and the narrative switches deftly between characters and locations, building suspense as it speeds to a momentous conclusion.

Deadly Descent is the first book in a series set in fictional Carlton County, located in western Kansas where Charlotte Hinger grew up. Lottie Albright is director of the county historical society, and when the aunt of a U.S. Senate candidate is murdered, Lottie delves into the historical record, uncovering family secrets and placing herself in real danger. Hinger has written many mystery stories and historical articles on a number of subjects for publication, as well as the novel *Come Spring*, and edited a two-volume history of Sheridan County, Kansas.



This program is free and open to the public, and is co-sponsored by The Raven Book Store, which will make books available for purchase.

Diverse musical styles featured in three November concerts

The Rip Chords Barbershop Quartet

Fans of old-fashioned four-part harmony will not want to miss the fun when the Rip Chords return to Lawrence Public Library on Sunday, November 8, at 2:30 pm. The group's members have a collective cumulative total of over 150 years of quartet

singing experience, and they enjoy sharing their unique musical skill with audiences.

The Rip Chords, from Topeka, are Tom Knoebber, bass, retired co-owner of B&B Sign Company; Bill Hamm, baritone, a retired school music teacher; retired dentist Herschel Stroud, lead; and Doug Exline, tenor, retired co-owner of Salina Exline Manufacturing Company.



Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher



Peter Fletcher began playing guitar at the age of 7, made his formal debut at fifteen, has studied with many master guitarists, graduated from the Eastman School of Music, has recorded six DVDs, transcribes and plays music written for other instruments, and played at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York, where he lives, in 2007 and 2009. He has been called a virtuoso, and praised for his technique, tone and interpretation.

On Monday, November 9, at 7 pm Fletcher will perform a free concert at the Library. The program will include pieces by Bach (the subject of his next recording), Handel, Albéniz, Grieg, Ravel, and others. Lovers of fine music should not miss the rare opportunity to see a musician of Fletcher's caliber right here at home.

Indian Music

Broaden your musical horizons with this selection of Indian music, including Vedic hymns, devotional songs and chants, and an introduction to some North Indian ragas. Maria Anthony, on sitar, and Clark Jamison, tabla, are local musicians with an interest in all things Indian. They will be joined by Geeta Tiwari on tamboura, a native of India who studied singing in the ancient Karaj tradition. The program is free and open to the public.

Do you have a Passport to the Arts yet?

Attend any of these concerts to earn your November community event stamp. Pick up a passport at the Reference Desk or go to www.artspassport.ku.edu for more info.

Computer classes scheduled in new computer lab

With the opening of the new Sunflower Broadband Community Computer Lab, located in the lower level, the Library will for the first time offer free computer classes, beginning with the basics.

Computers 101

This session is for true beginners—we'll cover the most basic basics, go slowly and leave lots of time for questions and practice as we go.

Tuesday, November 17, 10 am - 11 am

Monday, November 30, 7 pm - 8 pm

Internet 101

A beginner's intro to the Internet that will show you how to navigate a web browser, find information using search engines, and more.

Wednesday, November 18, 10 am - 11 am

Email 101

Learn about various free email services available on the web, establish a Gmail account, learn how to send and receive messages and attach files.

Thursday, November 19, 10 am - 11 am

Library 101

Did you know you can access your account, renew materials, request items, view upcoming events, and more, from home? We'll show you how.

Friday, November 20, 10 am - 11 am

These sessions will be repeated in December, and in January we'll start offering more advanced, subject-based classes as well. Registration is required. To register, call Lynn Koenig, Adult Services Coordinator, at 843-3833, ext. 113, or email lkoenig@lawrence.lib.ks.us.

Kansans Tell Their Stories in exhibit at the Library

Projects funded by the Kansas Humanities Council to record and preserve local stories is the subject of an exhibit on display in the Library's south entrance until November 27. One of the projects included in the exhibit was conducted by the Kansas African Studies Center at KU, which recorded the experiences of African immigrants to Northeast Kansas. Other featured projects looked at orphan train riders, Mexican communities in Wichita and Topeka, Southeast Asians in Garden City, African Americans in Fort Scott, and others.

Kansans Tell Their Stories is supported by *We the People*, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information on projects in Kansas, visit www.kansashumanities.org.



Senior session to cover *Genealogy for Beginners*

Senior Outreach Coordinator Pattie Johnston and Mary Burchill, Douglas County Genealogical Society, will present a basic beginning genealogy session at the Library on Wednesday, November 11, at 7 pm. The session will cover how to get started, what forms to use, and the resources available at the Library. The session is free and open to the public, and no registration is required.

New Books

Belching Out the Devil by Mark Thomas (338.7663 THOMAS M). Worldwide investigation by a British comedian/political activist exposes the seamier side of the Coca-Cola empire.

Mean Little Deaf Queer by Terry Galloway (362.4208 GALLOWAY). Memoir of a gay woman who lost her hearing at age nine due to antibiotics given to her pregnant mother.

On Monsters by Stephen Asma (398.2454 ASMA S). A thorough analysis of the forms and functions of monsters in human thought and culture throughout history.

Au Revoir to All That by Michael Steinberger (641.013 STEINBER). Study of the decline of *haute cuisine* and rise of McDonald's in France.

Discovering the Great Masters by Paul Crenshaw (OVERSIZE 759 CRENSHAW). Details in more than 60 art masterpieces are highlighted and explained in this art history course in a book.

I'm Dying Up Here by William Knoedelseder (792.7028 KNEODELS). Inside story of the mid-1970s L.A. comedy club scene that spawned the careers of some of today's hottest comedians.

Mile-High Fever by Dennis Drabelle (979.356 DRABELLE). Story of the Comstock silver mine and the effects, both negative and positive, of its immense wealth on those involved with it.

Coming up in December...

Dec 7-Author Donald Gilmore and *Riding Vengeance with the James Gang*

Dec 8-Book Club Night with Lucia Orth and Laura Moriarty

Dec 14-*Alaska's Inside Passage*

Dec 16-*Seldom Seen: A Journey Into the Great Plains* author Patrick Dobson



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***Skillbuilders* sessions for November**

Skillbuilders sessions provide education and support for widows, widowers and caregivers who are in need of skills and information to cope with changes in their lives due to the illness or death of a loved one. Sessions are held on Thursdays at 10 am in the Library Gallery. Although geared toward seniors, everyone is welcome to attend the free sessions.

November 5 *Strengthening Your Spiritual Well-Being* with Paul Reed, VNA Hospice Chaplain

November 12 *Healthy Eating For One*, presented by Susan Krumm, Douglas County Extension Office. Recipes will be prepared and served!

November 19 *Celebration & Remembrance*. Remembering our loved ones. Refreshments will be served.

Free transportation may be arranged by calling Douglas County Senior Services at 842-0543.

For more information, call Pattie Johnston, Senior Outreach Coordinator at the Lawrence Public Library, at 843-3833, ext. 115. Sponsored by the Douglas County Visiting Nurses, Rehabilitation and Hospice, Douglas County Senior Services and the Library, with funding from the Douglas County United Way. *Skillbuilders* will return in March 2010, with new topics as well as familiar ones.