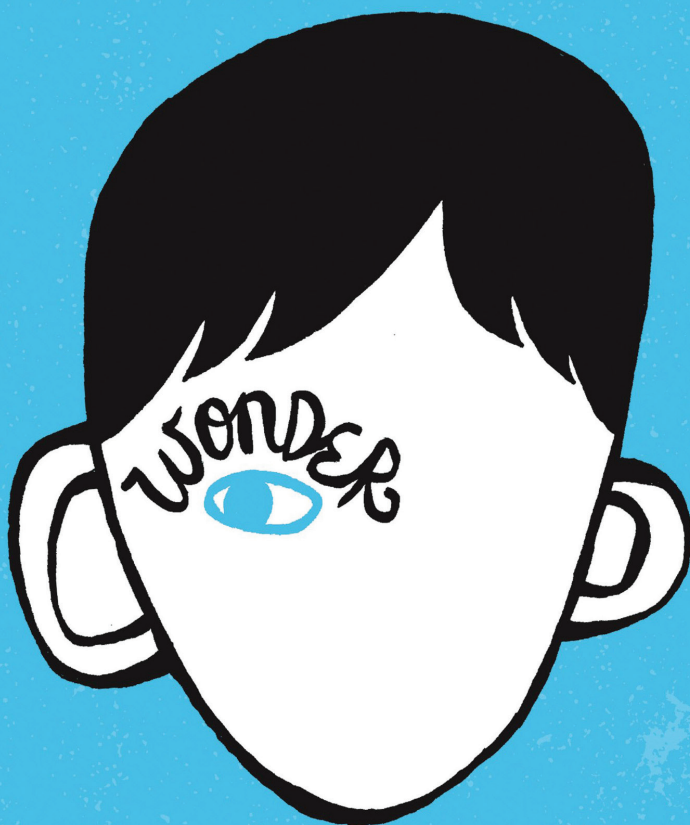


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Snag a copy of ***Wonder*** by R.J. Palacio and get excited about all the great Read Across Lawrence events.

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ALL AGE EVENTS

Wonder Book Give Away

Monday, January 15 | 1-2 p.m. | Auditorium

Get a copy of *Wonder* at 1 p.m. on MLK Day (January 15) at the library! One copy per family, please. Any remaining copies will be available at our Welcome, Children's, and Teen Desks. First come, first served.

Certified-Kind Community

February 10-March 17 | Welcome Desk

We live in a caring community and we want to give a visual representation of the good deeds that happen every day. Help us become a certified-kind community by keeping track of your acts of kindness on the included log. The next time you're at the library, visit the Welcome Desk and add a pom-pom to our display for every good act you do.

All Ages Book Talk

Saturday, February 10 | 2-3 p.m. | Auditorium

Bring the family, or your friend-family, to this all ages talk about *Wonder*. We'll have snacks and talk about bullying, Mr. Browne's precepts, and how to treat each other with kindness!

Pledges of Allegiance Art Cart

Saturday, February 24 | 1-2 p.m. | Auditorium

This all ages Art Cart focuses on creating our own personal flag based on Mr. Browne's precepts. The project is inspired by the Pledges of Allegiance flag that will be outside of Spooner Hall beginning February 14. In partnership with the KU Commons, the Spencer Museum of Art, and the Friends of the Library.

AUMI Kindness Jam

Tuesday, February 27 | 4:30-6 p.m. | Meeting Room C

What is AUMI? The Adaptive Use Musical Instruments app enables you to play sounds and musical phrases through movement and gestures. AUMI adapts to all bodies and abilities, so everyone can make and enjoy music! We'll form teams of musicians, practice using the instrument, and then compete for the kindest jam session.

A Brave Heart: The Lizzie Velasquez Story

Thursday, March 1 | 7-9 p.m. | Auditorium

Born with a rare syndrome that prevents her from gaining weight, Lizzie Velasquez was first bullied as a child in school for looking different, and later online, as a teenager when she discovered a YouTube video labeling her “The World’s Ugliest Woman.” Follow the inspiring journey of 26 year old, 58 pound Lizzie from cyber-bullying victim to anti-bullying activist in this touching documentary.

It’s A Wonder-ful Float!

We’re spreading kindness through the city and making a float for the St. Patrick’s Day parade. Register at any desk or call 785-843-3833.

Families

Wednesday, March 7 & 14 | 2-5 p.m. | Readers’ Theater

Teens

Wednesday, March 7 & 14 | 2-5 p.m. | Auditorium

All Ages

Friday, March 16 | 2-5 p.m. | Auditorium

St. Patrick’s Day Parade!

Saturday, March 17 | 1 p.m. | Downtown Lawrence

An Afternoon with Lizzie Velasquez

Sunday, March 11 | 3:30-5 p.m.

Lied Center of Kansas | 1600 Stewart Dr.



Born with a rare genetic condition, Lizzie Velasquez always knew she was different, but not until she was older did she understand what that meant to others. At 17 she came across a viral video entitled “World’s Ugliest Woman” only to discover that it featured her. Velasquez realized then that she could no longer ignore what set her

apart. She devoted herself to investigating the underlying sources of bullying and standing up on behalf of victims everywhere, which led to creating one of the web’s most popular YouTube channels and a TED talk that has drawn tens of millions of viewers. (from hachettebookgroup.com)

Lizzie will have her latest book *Dare to Be Kind* for sale, and a book signing will follow her talk. This event is made possible through the generous support of the BNSF Foundation.

KID EVENTS

Please register for kid events online on our web calendar or by calling 785-843-3833.

Wonder Boot Camp

Ages 7-11

Friday, February 16 | 2-3 p.m. | Auditorium

Come test and build your powers of kindness with us by saving kittens, high fiving, relay racing, and more!

Lego Club

Ages 5-11

Sunday, February 25 | 1-2 p.m. | Readers' Theater

Thursday, March 8 | 4-5 p.m. | Readers' Theater

Everything is awesome at LEGO Club! Come build *Wonder*-ful creations with us!

Tween Club

Grades 3-5

Friday February 16, March 2, 16 | 3:30-5 p.m.

Readers' Theater

A club just for tweens in grades 3-5 or ages 8-11! Meet up and hang out, play games and make *Wonder*-ful crafts with your friends.

Mysterious Mustache Book Club

Ages 8-12

Sunday, February 18 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. | Readers' Theater

Join us to explore the world of *Wonder*, create kind jars, have snacks, and more!

Wonder(ful) Read-In

Ages 7-12

Wednesday, February 21 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Auditorium

Build a fort, grab a tent, and READ! We'll have snacks and drinks for perfect read-in conditions. BYOBlanket!

Outsider Art!

Ages 7-11

Friday, February 23 | 2-3 p.m. | Auditorium

Explore the incredible world of Outsider Art with the Spencer Museum of Art! We'll look at the amazing work of self-taught artists and create work inspired by them. We'll also make some animal-themed self-portraits (like Auggie did in *Wonder*) as part of the Read Across Lawrence series.

Wonder Genes

Ages 5-11

Wednesday, February 28 | 4-5 p.m. | Auditorium

Learn all about genes and DNA from science experts!

Build a Wonder-ful World Day

Ages 7-11

Friday, March 9 | 2-3 p.m. | Auditorium

Let's explore how we can make the world more *Wonder-ful*! We'll have special guests (including the Humane Society!), spread kind messages, make a video, have snacks, and more!

Animal Kindness with the Kansas City Zoo!

All Ages (registration not necessary)

Wednesday, March 21 | 2-3 p.m. | Auditorium

Explore friendships and kindness in the animal kingdom with the Kansas City Zoo!

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Zone Expanded

Head to the library on early release day for a kindness-themed TZE!

Wednesdays / 2-5 p.m. / Auditorium

February 14 | Pay It Forward Cards

February 21 | Kindness Rocks

February 28 | I Choose Kind: Button Making

March 14 | Animal Self-Portrait Masks

Outsider Art

Friday, February 23 / 4-5 p.m. / Auditorium

Create works of art inspired by self-taught artists. The Spencer Museum of Art shares their expertise so you can try your hand at plaster assemblages and blind contour drawing.

You Made My Day Wonderful: Stop-Motion Studio

Friday, March 9 / 2-5 p.m. / Readers' Theater

Record your story about a time someone made your day wonderful and create a stop-motion video to bring your tale to life.

About *Wonder*

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. *Wonder* begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion and acceptance.

In a world where bullying is an epidemic, this is a refreshing new narrative full of heart and hope. R.J. Palacio has called her debut novel "a meditation on kindness"—indeed, every reader will come away with a greater appreciation for the simple courage of friendship. Auggie is a hero to root for, a diamond in the rough who proves that you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.

ADULT EVENTS

Nerd Nite: A Most *Wonder*-ful Read Across Lawrence

*Wednesday, February 7 | 8-10:30 p.m.
Maceli's Banquet Hall | 1031 New Hampshire St.*

What is Nerd Nite? It's like the Discovery Channel with beer! Come nerd out with us for an evening exploring the themes and topics from *Wonder*. It's well worth the \$1 cover charge!

Bring Your Own Book Club at The Spencer Museum of Art

*Wednesday, February 21 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Spencer Museum of Art | 1301 Mississippi St.*

The Spencer Museum of Art will give us a tour of the galleries, exploring works of art that complement themes in R.J. Palacio's *Wonder*. See the art, then join us for a discussion afterward over complimentary refreshments.

***Wonder* Book Discussions**

You've read the book, now let's talk about it!

*Tuesday, March 6 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Watson Library, 3 West | 1425 Jayhawk Blvd.*

*Tuesday, February 27 | 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Lawrence Presbyterian Manor | 1429 Kasold Dr.*

About R.J. Palacio



R.J. Palacio lives in Brooklyn, NY with her husband, two sons and two dogs (Bear and Beau). Her debut novel, *Wonder*, has been on the New York Times bestseller list since March, 2012, and has sold over 5 million copies worldwide. The book's message of kindness has inspired the Choose Kind movement, and has been embraced by readers, young and old, around the world.

About Read Across Lawrence

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This annual, community-wide reading event encourages everyone in Lawrence to read and discuss the same book. In 2018, for the first time ever, Read Across Lawrence will feature a single book, *Wonder* by R.J.

Palacio, that will resonate with children, teens, and adults. Together with Lawrence Public Schools and organizations throughout our community, the library will host book discussions and activities for all ages to explore *Wonder's* themes of kindness and acceptance.



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