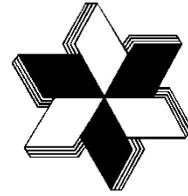




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LIBRARY ANNOUNCES SUMMER EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Summer Reading Activities Encourage Kids to "Dream Big: Read"

All events are free. Accommodations for those with special needs are available. Please request at (316) 261-8500 a minimum of 48 hours in advance of the event. Seating is limited. Central Library can accommodate larger groups; call 261-8512. Thanks to the Leonard and Celia Levand Trust, Friends of the Wichita Public Library, the City of Wichita, the Wichita Public Library Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities for making these events possible.

Wake Up! Come On and Dream Big!

Award-winning ventriloquist Kevin Horner and his zany friends are back! Polar bear Ned E. Bear wakes up from a long sleep and attempts to learn his ABCs. Coconuts, the lovable Spanish-speaking gorilla, attempts to share knock-knock jokes from the books he's been reading. Twinkie, the balloon-popping bunny, and Sheldon the turtle also join the fun for children ages 5-11. (45 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Monday, June 4, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

2:30 p.m., Monday, June 4, Orchard Park Branch Library, 4808 W. 9th, 337-9084

Stay Up for Storytime

Wear your PJs and join us for a bedtime-themed storytime with craft. For children ages 3-6. Registration is required, starting Wed., May 23; call 688-9361. (45 minutes)

7 p.m., Monday, June 4, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

Dream Big with Mad Science After Dark

Ages 7 and up will discover what makes a lightning bug light up, glow sticks glow, and the secrets within household chemicals. (45-60 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 5, Linwood Branch Library, 1901 S. Kansas, 337-9125

2:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, Angelou Northeast Branch Library, 3051 E. 21st St., 688-9580

7 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119

Trucktown Party

Bring a favorite truck and enjoy Jon Scieszka's Trucktown books and truck activities for children ages 6-8. (60 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 6, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119

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Puppet Show: Moo Who?

After being hit on the head, Hilda the singing cow forgets what sound she should make, so she imitates different animals until she gets her "moo" back. For children ages 3-8 and their families. (30 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 7, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

Doc Gizmo Science Theatre

Science takes on a new fascination for kids who have seen the amazing and fabulous demonstrations of Doc Gizmo. Doc uses his "Gimmicks and Gizmos" for his unmistakable "Discrepant Science Demonstrations." It's a new spin on science for ages 7-11. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 7, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181

10:30 a.m., Friday, June 8, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

2:30 p.m., Friday, June 8, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

Jay and Leslie: Lucky Stars

Jay and Leslie Cady of Laughing Matters are the lucky stars of this fun program of juggling tricks, wacky humor, and new twists on classic bedtime stories. Follow your lucky stars to the library for this dream come true for children ages 3 and up. (45 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Monday, June 11, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

2:30 p.m., Monday, June 11, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119

2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 14, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181

10:30 a.m., Friday, June 15, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

2:30 p.m., Friday, June 15, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

Friendly Fireflies

Children aged 5-7 will light up the evening sky when they make their own fireflies. Registration required and begins Wednesday, May 30; call 303-8181. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Monday, June 11, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181

Preschool Storytime

Stories, fingerplays, and more for children aged 3-6. (30 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Tuesdays, June 12-July 24, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

11:30 a.m., Tuesdays, June 12-July 24, Orchard Park Branch Library, 4808 W. 9th, 337-9084

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, June 13-July 25, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, June 13-July 18, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181 (Cuentos Bilingües – Bilingual storytime in English and Spanish)

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, June 13-July 25, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

10:30 a.m., Fridays, June 15-July 27, Linwood Branch Library, 1901 S. Kansas, 337-9125

10:30 a.m., Tuesdays, June 19-July 24, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456 (children only)

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, June 20-July 25, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

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Toddle Time

Stories, rhymes, and motion activities for 2-year-olds with an adult helper. Registration required, beginning Tuesday, May 1; call the library to register. (20 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Tuesdays, June 12-July 24, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119

10:30 a.m., Thursdays, June 14-July 26, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

10:30 a.m., Tuesdays, June 19-July 24, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

Fun with Spanish

Children will have fun learning more about Spanish through this story and language program from Spanish Horizons. For children ages 5-11; parents welcome. (30-45 minutes)

Animals: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 12, Linwood Branch Library, 1901 S. Kansas, 337-9125
(Registration required and begins Wednesday, May 30; call 337-9125)

Colors: 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 12, Maya Angelou Northeast Branch Library, 3051 E. 21st St., 688-9580 (Registration required and begins Wednesday, May 30; call 688-9580)

Numbers: 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 6, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361
(Registration required and begins Wednesday, June 20; call 688-9361)

Nursery Rhyme Time

Music, rhymes, activities, and stories for children ages 2 and under with an adult helper. (20 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Tuesdays, June 12-July 24, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, June 13-July 25, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

10:30 a.m., Thursdays, June 14-July 26, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

10:30 a.m., Fridays, June 15-July 27, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

10:30 a.m., Fridays, June 15-July 27, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

Puppet Show: The Little Red Hen Makes Pizza

A delicious retelling of the traditional tale for children ages 3-8 with families. (30 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 12, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

10:30 a.m.*, Wednesday, June 13, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

Artistic Kids

Children ages 9-11 will make a craft project that they can take home. Registration required and begins Wednesday, May 30; call 688-9361. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 12, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

Family Pajama-rama Night

Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome to join in the fun. So pull on your pajamas and enjoy books, songs, games, and a craft sure to delight ages 3 and up. (45 minutes)

6:45 p.m., Tuesdays, June 12-July 17, Maya Angelou Northeast Branch Library, 3051 E. 21st

6:45 p.m., Thursday, June 14, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181

6:45 p.m., Thursday, July 12, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181

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Take Home Craft: String of Stars

Children ages 4-10 can pick up a packet of materials to make their own string of stars at home. Only simple supplies such as scissors, glue or tape will be required. (Available 6 hours)
11 a.m., Wednesday, June 13, Comotara Branch Library, 2244 N. Rock Rd., 688-9350

Baby's First Storytime

Even if babies are not yet walking, their brains are absorbing knowledge! Put Baby in your lap and enjoy music, rhymes and stories together for newborns to nine months. (20 minutes)
11:15 a.m., Wednesdays, June 13-July 25, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

Pajama Party

Come in your PJs and have fun with stories, crafts and games all about nighttime for children ages 5-7. Registration required and begins Wednesday, June 6; call 261-8512. (60 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 14, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

Fantastic Flicks

Bring your own refreshments and enjoy an animated movie for ages 4 and up on the big screen. Due to the Library's licensing agreement, titles may not be shared on the web or in the media. Please call or visit the library for details. (About 90 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 14, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361
2:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 17, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

Discoverers: Fun, Games and Prizes

Everyone's a winner at bingo, guessing games, TV game shows and more. For children ages 8-10 or entering grades 3-6. Tickets are required and will be available at the Westlink Summer Reading Club desk starting Thursday, May 31. (60 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 14, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

Dance Away

Children ages 1-5, and their adult helpers, dance to toddler tunes and golden oldies. (45 minutes)
10:30 a.m., Monday, June 18, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

Dream Big. Rock Loudly with Mr. Stinky Feet!

Rock the library with Kansas City's own award-winning kids' entertainer Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove. Come sing, dance, and play in the band during this high-energy, interactive show that will get children ages 3-11 rockin'. (45 minutes)
10:30 a.m., Monday, June 18, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500
2:30 p.m., Monday, June 18, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119
10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 19, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181
2:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 19, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

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Dreamcatcher

Ages 8-10 will banish bad dreams when they make a Native American dreamcatcher. Registration required and begins Wednesday, June 6; call 303-8181. (60 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Monday, June 18, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181

Puppet Show: There's a Dragon in the Library!

Come find out what happens when a dragon decides to live in the library. For children ages 3-8. (20-30 minutes)
10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

Lunch Bunch

Join the librarian to talk about spooky stories to go with the "Dream Big: Read!" theme. Bring a favorite ghost story or scary story to share and a packed lunch. For ages 8-11. (60 minutes)
12:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119

Let's Move: Dream Edition

Wear your pajamas for nighttime fun in the morning. Young children aged 1-4 will have fun dancing, playing games, and doing activities. All children must be accompanied by an adult. (60 minutes)
10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 21, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

Explorers: Animal Adventures

Learn about the tails, tracks, and tales of our nocturnal friends. For children ages 6-7, entering grades 1-2. Tickets are required. They will be available at the Westlink Summer Reading Club desk starting Thursday, June 7. (45 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 21, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

Dino O'Dell's Big Dream Machine

Tall tales and interactive songs capture the attention of all the big dreamers and sleep walkers. Dino sings of midnight snacks, space aliens and monsters under the bed. On your mark, get set, go to sleep! For children ages 3-11. (45 minutes)
10:30 a.m., Friday, June 22, Linwood Branch Library, 1901 S. Kansas, 337-9125
2:30 p.m., Friday, June 22, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

Wild Nights

Animals that come out at night must rely on their other senses to get around, and during this program, Tanganyika Wildlife Park will introduce children aged 5-9 to some of these wonderfully spooky critters. (45 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Friday, June 22, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456
10:30 a.m., Friday, July 6, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181

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Let's Get Moving

Children aged 2-5 will have fun dancing to favorite older toddler tunes as well as some new ones. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required and starts Wednesday, June 13; call 688-9361. (30 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Monday, June 25, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

Animal Wrappers

Ages 5-11 will learn more about how animals are protected by their skin, hide, fur, and other kinds of wrapping with Sedgwick County ZooReach. (45 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Monday, June 25, Orchard Park Branch Library, 4808 W. 9th, 337-9084

Twilight Animals Game Night

Enjoy stories, games and activities for ages 5-8 about animals that are active at twilight. (60 minutes)

7 p.m., Monday, June 25, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119

Puppet Show: The Case of the Disappearing Books

Someone has been taking a bite out of the books in the library! Join Pig, a wannabe detective, as he gets to the bottom of this mystery. For children ages 3-8 and their families. (30 minutes)

10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 26, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

Camp Out!

Love to camp but hate the bugs? Children ages 5-8 will have fun doing camping-related activities including singing songs around a "campfire." Registration required and begins Wednesday, June 13; call 688-9361. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

The Legend of Walter Weirdbear

Arrrrrr is for reading in this seafaring tale! Follow pirates on their search for buried treasure. After the pirates finally find the fabled treasure chest, they are shocked to find it only contains old, musty books! Mayhem erupts before the pirates discover just how valuable books can be. Shadow puppetry and overhead scrolls make for a lively tale suitable for ages 5-11. (45 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 28, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119

Camping Fun

Ages 8-11 can "camp out" at the library, enjoying campfire tales, songs, and games. Registration required and begins Wednesday, June 20; call 261-8512. (90 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 28, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

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Jungle Trek

Ages 5-11 will learn more about rainforest animals, how they live, and what dangers they face from Sedgwick County ZooReach. (45 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 28, Angelou Northeast Branch Library, 3051 E. 21st St., 688-9580

Explore the Stars

Ages 8-10 will make a star projector to shine on the ceiling. Registration required and begins Wednesday, June 13; call 303-8181. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Friday, June 29, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181

Discoverers: Goosebumps Book Party

You've read the books, but do you dare come to the party of no return? For children ages 8-10, entering grades 3-6. Tickets are required. They will be available at the Westlink Summer Reading Club desk starting Thursday, June 14. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 28, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

A Wild Goose Chase!

Wild Goose Chase Theater takes children aged 5-11 to a world filled with dancing pants, lovesick witches and mischievous spaceships. Poetry springs hilariously to life as soon as handmade, expressive shadow puppets hit the screen. (45 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Friday, June 29, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

Magic of the Night

Shawn Reida will amaze children ages 5 and up as he makes things levitate, appear, vanish and change right before your eyes. (45 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Monday, July 2, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

2:30 p.m., Monday, July 2, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181

10:30 a.m., Friday, July 20, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

2:30 p.m., Friday, July 20, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

Craftplay

Children ages 5-8 will make a craft project to take home. Registration required and begins Wednesday, June 20; call 688-9361. (45 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 3, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

Explorers: Night at the Library

An afternoon filled with night activities and stories. For children ages 6-7, entering grades 1-2. Tickets are required. They will be available at the Westlink Summer Reading Club desk starting Thursday, June 21. (45 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Thursday, July 5, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

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Camping Trip with Storyteller Jo Ho

Storyteller Jo Ho will fill your summer with a belly full of laughter as she shares stories from the campground. Children aged 3 and up will enjoy a funny fishing tale, a not-so-scary boogie man tale, a big bear in the woods tale, a tent mishap tale and more. (60 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Monday, July 9, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119

2:30 p.m., Monday, July 9, Orchard Park Branch Library, 4808 W. 9th, 337-9084

Abacadabra, Presto!

Hocus pocus! Children ages 5-7 will customize their own wands and learn a simple magic trick. Registration required and begins Wednesday, June 27; call 303-8181. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Monday, July 9, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

What mischief do your stuffed animals get into when you're not around to watch them? Children ages 6-9 may bring them to a stuffed animal slumber party at the library and find out!

Registration required and begins Wednesday, June 27; call 337-9119. (60 minutes)

7 p.m., Tuesday, July 10, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119

Thomas and Friends Party

All aboard! Children ages 3-6 can join Thomas the Tank Engine as he chugs along with some of his friends for games, activities and more. Registration required and begins Wednesday, June 27; call 688-9361. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 11, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

Sweet Dreams and Scary Nightmares

Have you ever wondered what your dreams mean? Have you ever woken up in a cold sweat from a bad dream? Do you have wishes and dreams you hope will come true? Do you ever feel like there's something lurking under your bed or in the closet? Learn more about dreams, and create some dreams and "nightmares." For ages 6-10. (90 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 11, Planeview Community Library, 2820 S. Roosevelt

Night Visitors

Who visits you in the night? The Sandman and the Tooth Fairy? Owls and bats? Children aged 5-7 will explore the night with stories, games and crafts about those who visit in the dark.

Registration required and begins Tuesday, July 3; call 261-8512. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Thursday, July 12, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

Discoverers: Mystery Party

Question the suspects, examine the evidence – be the detective who solves the mystery. For children ages 8-10, entering grades 3-6. Tickets are required. They will be available at the Westlink Summer Reading Club desk starting Thursday, June 28. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Thursday, July 12, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

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On a Dark, Dark Night

Storyteller Priscilla Howe tells slightly scary stories, just enough for shivers, not enough for nightmares. Her hand puppets join the fun for ages 3-11 between the stories. (45 minutes)
10:30 a.m., Friday, July 13, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181

Make a Mask

Ages 6-8 will make a glow-in-the-dark mask of a night animal. (60 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Friday, July 13, Linwood Branch Library, 1901 S. Kansas, 337-9125
2:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 25, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119

Wide-Awake Stories for Lively Kids

Bright-eyed and bushytailed stories for those kids who are wide awake and ready to go! Storyteller Priscilla Howe tells goofy, action-packed stories, mixed up with some silly songs, for ages 3-11. Her mouthy hand puppets come along for the ride. (45 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Friday, July 13, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

The Bug Lady and Friends

Children ages 6-11 will meet Charlotte the Tarantula and Tucker the Amazon Parrot while learning interesting and fun facts. Many animals and insects can be handled. It is a fun time for all, especially for the animals-they LOVE the attention! (60 minutes)
10:30 a.m., Monday, July 16, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119
10:30 a.m., Friday, July 27, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181

Goosebumps Book Party

Games, crafts, and activities based on R.L. Stine's Goosebumps books. For children ages 8-10. Registration required, starting Tuesday, July 3; call 303-8181. (60 minutes)
2:30 p.m., Monday, July 16, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181

Starry Starry Night featuring StoneLion Puppet Theatre

What do you wish for when you wish on a star? Make that wish with Professor Van Gogh Go and the Star Fairy in this StoneLion Puppet Theatre production for ages 4-11. (30 minutes)
10:30 a.m., Monday, July 16, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500
2:30 p.m., Monday, July 16, Orchard Park Branch Library, 4808 W. 9th, 337-9084
10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 17, Linwood Branch Library, 1901 S. Kansas, 337-9125
2:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 17, Maya Angelou Northeast Branch Library, 3051 E. 21st St., 688-9580

Take Home Craft: Clothespin Butterfly

Children ages 4-10 can pick up a packet of materials to make their own clothespin butterfly at home. Only simple supplies such as scissors, glue or tape will be required. (Available 6 hours)
11 a.m., Wednesday, July 18, Comotara Branch Library, 2244 N. Rock Rd., 688-9350

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You Make My Dreams Come True

What if you could grant someone else's wishes? This program invites ages 9-11 to step into the shoes of some very powerful wish granters. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119

Perfect Planet

What if you lived on another planet? Create the planet you would like to explore and enjoy fun facts about the planets and constellations. For ages 8-11. Registration required and begins Wednesday, July 11; call 261-8512. (90 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Thursday, July 19, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

Dreaming in Pink

Calling all Pinkerellas and Pinkerbelles! Come decked out in your pinkest clothes and have some pinktacular fun. Enjoy activities for ages 4-8 based on the book "Pinkalicious" by Victoria Kann with illustrations by Elizabeth Kann. Registration required and starts Tuesday, July 3; call 688-9361. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Thursday, July 19, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

Explorers: Space Station

The Westlink Space Shuttle will take us to infinity and beyond! For children ages 6-7, entering grades 1-2. Tickets are required. They will be available at the Westlink Summer Reading Club desk starting Thursday, July 5. (45 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Thursday, July 19, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

The Dreaming Hat Farm

Every hat grown on "The Dreaming Hat Farm" has its own song or story. What song will be under the next hat? Musician Thad Beach will keep ages 5-11 guessing and laughing all the way through! (45 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Monday, July 23, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

2:30 p.m., Monday, July 23, Linwood Branch Library, 1901 S. Kansas, 337-9125

Go for the Gold

Join us for some Olympic-sized fun as children ages 8-10 compete in various games to win gold medals and create their own Olympic torches to take home. Registration required and starts Wednesday, July 11; call 688-9361. (60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Monday, July 23, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

Exploring the Solar System

Learn more about our sun, moon, and planets from Lake Afton Observatory expert Greg Novacek. For children ages 7 and up with their families. (45-60 minutes)

7 p.m., Monday, July 23, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119

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Movie Under the Stars

Come see an animated movie under our stars that's fun for all ages. Bring your own pillows, blankets and snacks. Drinks will be provided. After the movie, do a related craft. Due to the Library's licensing agreement, titles may not be shared on the web or in the media. Please call or visit the library for details. (About 105 minutes)

7 p.m., Tuesday, July 24, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

Puppet Show: Poppy the Panda

Poppy the fussy panda will not go to bed until he has something just right to wear! For children ages 3-8 and their families. (30 minutes)

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 25, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181

Puppet Show: The Princess Who Could Not Cry

In order to break the laughing spell put on the princess by the evil fairy, the princess must cry. But there's a problem: she laughs at everything! Come find out how the spell is finally broken. For children ages 3-8. (30 minutes)

10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 25, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

Crocodile and Hen: A Puppet Presentation

How can Crocodile eat Hen when she calls him brother? Enjoy singing, jokes and more fun for children ages 3-8 with their families in this show based on an African folktale and presented by Anitra Steele. (30 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Thursday, July 26, Angelou Northeast Branch Library, 3051 E. 21st St., 688-9580

Wichita's K-9 Police Dog

Meet one of Wichita's own working dogs and see him in action. For children ages 5-11. (45-60 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Friday, July 27, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th, 688-9361

Deep in Dingle Dell: A Puppet Presentation

Little Ricky must brave the dark and scary Dingle Dell to fetch a Woozlebird egg for his grandfather. Will he find one? This puppet show is for ages 3-8 with their families and presented by Anitra Steele. (30 minutes)

2:30 p.m., Friday, July 27, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456

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