Table Top Games

Wednesdays, May 1, June 5, Aug. 7 • 6-7:45 pm  
@ Antioch Library  8700 Shawnee Mission Pkwy., Merriam, KS 66202
Wednesdays, May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14 • 6-7:45 pm  
@ Blue Valley Library  9000 W. 151st St., Overland Park, KS 66221
Thursdays, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15 • 6-7:45 pm  
@ Monticello Library  22435 W. 66th St., Shawnee, KS 66226
Thursdays, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15 • 2-4 pm  
@ Monticello Library *Kids & Teens Only
Thursdays, June 13, July 11 • 5-7 pm  
@ Gardner Library *Kids & Teens Only
Saturdays, June 29, July 27, Aug. 24 • 1-4 pm  
@ Gardner Library  137 W. Shawnee, Gardner, KS 66030

Board games have brought family and friends together for years, and we are now in a golden age of game choices! Join us for enjoyable games, meet new friends and have new adventures. You can rampage the city as a giant lizard in *King of Tokyo*, embark on a cross-country train trek in *Ticket to Ride* or save the world from deadly outbreaks in *Pandemic*. Bring a personal favorite to share with the group. All ages welcome.

**Teen Bullet Journal Club**

Fridays, May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2 • 4-5:30 pm  
@ Lenexa City Center City Hall, Prairie Star Room  17101 W. 87th St. Pkwy., Lenexa, KS 66219
Fridays, May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug. 23 • 4-5:30 pm  
@ Antioch Library  8700 Shawnee Mission Pkwy., Merriam, KS 66202

If you love organization and want to get creative about it, Teen Bullet Journal Club is for you. You might just be working on your to-do list, or fine-tuning the details of your daily/weekly/monthly calendars. This is an opportunity to get together with other teens to exchange ideas, learn how to be more organized and have fun. Bullet Journals are a simple, personalized way to keep track of your life. There is no right or wrong way – you create what works best for you. We provide the supplies, you bring the creativity.

**Young Adult Literary Council**

Sundays, May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug. 4 • 2-3 pm  
@ Blue Valley  9000 W. 151st St., Overland Park, KS 66221
Saturdays, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17 • Noon-1:30 pm  
@ Monticello Library  22435 W. 66th St., Shawnee, KS 66226
Saturdays, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10 • 12:30-1:30 pm  
@ Leawood Pioneer Library  4700 Town Center Dr., Leawood, KS 66211

The Young Adult Literary Council – formerly known as YAAC – is our group of teen Library consultants. We meet monthly to share favorite books, review titles for the Library website and participate in fun activities. You can meet new people, have a snack and receive volunteer credit hours for your time with us.

**Leawood monthly topics:**

- **May:** Breakout Boxes
- **June:** Improv Workshop
- **July:** Art Workshop with Mickey Willard
- **August:** Cookie Decorating Contest

**Teen Creative Writing Workshop**

Saturdays, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10 • 10-2:30 pm  
Leawood Pioneer Library  4700 Town Center Dr., Leawood, KS 66211

Well-crafted writing can speak powerful truths, communicate important ideas and capture potent feelings. Creative writing is about reaching audiences by crafting, developing and sharing any narrative, no matter the content or what medium you choose. Join us for this series to hone your writing skills.

- **May:** Strange Pictures as Prompts
- **June:** Guest writer Emma Fernhout, Johnson County Library
- **July:** Creepy Campfire Stories with a Twist
- **August:** Colors of the Seasons

**A Universe of Knitting for Teens**

Monday, June 3 • 2-4 pm  
Shawnee Library  13811 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS 66216

Come craft with us. We meet at the same time as the Monday Needlers, a group of experienced needle artists. They’re available to share stories and help teen beginners with advice about your projects. All materials are provided for teens registered with the program. You can bring a project and your own materials to work on. Best for ages 10 and up. Register online or call 913.826.4600.

**Let’s Improv!**

Saturday, June 8 • 12:30-1:30 pm  
@ Leawood Pioneer Library  4700 Town Center Dr., Leawood, KS 66211
Tuesday, June 25 • 3-4:30 pm  
@ Central Resource Library  9875 W. 87th St., Overland Park, KS 66212
Thursday, June 27 • 2-3:30 pm  
@ Monticello Library  22435 W. 66th St., Shawnee, KS 66226
Monday, July 15 • 2-3:30 pm  
@ Gardner Library  137 W. Shawnee, Gardner, KS 66030

This improvisation workshop will help teens feel the strength and possibility of their creative ideas in everyday life. This introduction to improv is a chance to try out its three fundamentals: 1. Yes, And . . .; 2. Ensemble; 3. Risk to Fail. Combining and practicing these rules allows students to find a natural creative voice in a safe space. Presented by Paige Nelson of Creative Expressions, the Performing Arts Creative Learning Studio. Nelson combines her extensive education and 15+ years professional experience to create these fun classes that help us all befriend our inner creator.

**Summertime Tutoring**

Live homework help via Library website, any subject for any grade  
jocolibrary.org/homeworkhelp

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The West African Talking Drum
Tuesday, June 18 • 1-1:45 pm & 2-2:45 pm
Central Resource Library 9875 W. 87th St., Overland Park, KS 66212
It’s time to play some drums! Participants will learn about Ghana in West Africa and explore a drumming tradition that dates back 800 years. Experience how music is an integral part of all societies of this region. Through a hands-on workshop we will see how music speaks to a community, and how it can make a village dance. Presented by Bird Fleming of the Traditional Music Society. Fleming is a professional percussionist, educator and performer. He holds a Bachelor’s in Political Science from Park University and a Master’s in Interdisciplinary Studies with certificate in African-American Studies from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and teaches World Music at Longview Community College in Lee’s Summit, MO. Ages 12-18. Register online or call 913.826.4600.

Star Wars Teen Takeover
Friday, June 21 • 5:30-7 pm
Shawnee Library 13811 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS 66216
It’s teens-only for this after-hours program. Calling all Jedi, Star Wars is coming to the Library. Join us and we can hone our Jedi skills together, through games, crafts and Star Wars-themed treats. You’ll use your wits to solve riddles, crack codes and race the clock to see which team can defeat the Empire. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be served. Come dressed as your favorite Star Wars characters. The resistance needs you! Register online or call 913.826.4600.

Space Lander Design Challenge
Thursday, July 25 • 2-4 pm
Cedar Roe Library 5120 Cedar, Roeland Park, KS 66205
In this adventurous session, participants will use NASA engineering processes to build prototypes and test them out. Our mission: a peaceful alien species has decided to share their yummy intergalactic dessert with Earthlings but they can’t figure out how to land. The group will work together to design and build a lander to protect our Alien friends during impact. We hope you like marshmallows!

Call for Submissions: elementia issue xvii
Beginning Friday, April 26
Our question for this elementia is: what connects you?

Everything and all of us are connected on every conceivable scale, from the subtle subatomic bonds in the smallest building blocks of matter to the massive interconnected root system of the 80,000 year old Pando aspen grove.

In our hectic modern world people build bridges, knock down walls and create networks to fight isolation and forge strong connections around the globe. Ideas and inspiration spread across the boundaries of location, medium, class and culture: mind maps on cosmic scale. We are each a collection of connections, our root systems shaped by influences of our families, friends, collaborators and heroes. Our links and bonds each tell a story about who we are and where we’ve been.

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