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Fall Programming 2023

Welcome! This booklet is a guide to all programming events for Fall 2023. This covers the months from September through December. Each event has a recommended age group. It is color coded by programming category.

Blue- Children and Family (check program description)

Red- Bilingual/Multilingual (check program description)

Purple- Teens (ages 13-18)

Green- Adults (ages 18+)

Gray- Special programs (check program description)



Childrens/Family Programming

- **Bilingual Storytime**

Thursdays, 10-10:30AM

Encourage a love of reading while practicing early literacy skills with stories, songs, poems, and other activities!

Recommended Ages: Children ages birth-6, plus their grown-up/s

No registration required

- **Baby Storytime**

First Thursday of the month in English

Last Thursday of the month in Spanish

9:30-9:45 AM

DCPL's Baby Storytime serves as a child's first introduction to a storytime setting and helps to develop their early literacy skills. Our storytime focuses on the interaction between baby and their caregiver with songs, books, lap time, finger play, and social time. This storytime is designed so the baby will be in their caregiver's lap and the grown-up is actively involved in the program.

Recommended Ages: Children ages birth to 2, plus their caregiver/s

No registration required

- **Pop-up Playtime**

Third Wednesday of each month

September 20th, October 18th, November 15th, December 20th

9-11AM

Imagine! Create! Explore! Little ones choose their own adventure with provided toys and activities for learning, socialization, and good ol' fun.

Recommended Ages: Children up to age 6, plus their grown-up/s

No registration required

- **Puzzle Club**

Wednesdays: September 13th & 20th, October 11th & 25th, November 8th, December 13th

4:30-6PM

Challenge your ingenuity by taking apart, putting together and solving puzzles with friends and family at our Puzzle Club twice a month!

Recommended Ages: All

No registration required

- **Lego Club**

Tuesdays, 4-5:30PM

We have Legos in search of budding engineers! Dream! Build! Display!

Recommended Ages: Children ages 7-12, plus their grown-up/s

No registration required

- **Lotería**

September 22nd & 29th, October 6th & 27th, December 1st from 4-5PM

Our Lotería games are back. This game of chance has everyone at the edge of their seats ready to yell "Lotería" and win some prizes!

Recommended Ages: All

No registration required

- **My Grown-Up & Me Movement**

First Wednesday of each month

10-10:30 AM

Let's get movin' and groovin' in the Children's Department! Explore all the wonderful things the body can do with activities geared toward rhythm, stretching, dance, and feeling healthy.

Recommended Ages: Children ages 3-6, plus their grown-up/s

No registration required

- **My Grown-Up & Me Music**

Second Wednesday of each month

10-10:30 AM

Time to get musical together! Explore the beauty of music through activities involving rhythm, singing, and instruments.
Recommended Ages: Children ages 3-6, plus their grown-up/s
No registration required

- **Culture Club**

Thursday, September 7th

Thursday, December 7th

5:30-6:30PM

Learn more about other cultures. We'll explore art, music, food, and traditions!
Recommended Ages: Children ages 7-12, plus their grown-up/s
No registration required

- **Stupendous STEM: Circuits**

Saturday, September 16th

2-3:30PM

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Use your thinking cap to make a hypothesis, follow project instructions, and learn more about electric circuits. We will create our own electrical circuit with a battery, a wire and a light bulb.
Registration for this event is required.

- **Campfire Cozy-Up**

Thursdays, September 21st, October 12th & 19th,

November 16th

5:30-6:30 PM

Just as it sounds, participants get cozy by our campfire (a fire-free version, that is) to enjoy a read-aloud story or two, then try their hand at a craft to complement the day's theme!
Recommended Ages: Children ages 7-12, plus their grown-up/s
No registration required

- **Spooky Storytime Pop-Up**

Saturday, October 7th

10 AM-11AM

Join us at the Village Square Mall for DíaHallow-Read fun! Shop the Farmer's Market then pop over to us at 10am to hear a spooky good story.
Recommended Ages: Children ages 3-12, plus their grown-up/s
No registration required

- **Movie Monday**

Monday, October 9th & 16th

4-6 PM

Join us for a movie in the Children's Department. October 10th will feature a Halloween-themed movie, while October 16th will feature Día de los Muertos.
Snacks will be provided.
Recommended Ages: Children up to 12 years old, plus their grown-up/s
No registration required

- **DíaHallow-Read Rumpus**

Tuesday, October 31st

4-6PM

Celebrate Halloween, Día de Los Muertos, and all things literacy as we say farewell to DíaHallow-Read! Refreshments, trick-or-treating, seasonal crafting, and a scavenger hunt will round out the fun.
Recommended Ages: Children up to age 12, plus their grown-ups and other family members
No registration required

- **Día de los Muertos Celebration**

Thursday, November 2nd 4pm-6pm

Día de los Muertos, or (Day of the Dead) Is a Mexican Holiday heritage and pays respect to those who have passed before us. Celebrate this beautiful holiday with us and enjoy snacks, games, and activities.
Recommended Ages: All ages/families
Registration is not required

Teen Programming



- **Teen Advisory Board**
First Tuesday of each month
4PM-5PM

Now is the time to make your voices heard! Join DCPL's Teen Advisory Board and get the chance to use your creativity to make the library a better place. With Teen Advisory Board, you will help the library through supporting teen events, giving feedback to library staff, assist with designing awesome programs, and more.

Recommended Ages: 13-18 (if 18, must still be in enrolled in high school).

Registration is required for this event.

- **Teen Dungeons and Dragons Club**
First and third Thursdays of each month
4-6 PM

Have you ever wanted to play DnD, but had no idea where to start? Come to our new DnD Club where we will start from Session 0 and show you how to create your characters, talk about the rules, and build up a campaign.

Snacks will be provided.

Recommended Ages: 13-18 (if 18, must still be in enrolled in high school).

No registration required.

- **Teen Book Club**
Second Monday of each month
4:30-6 PM

Come share a snack with us and chat about your current reads!

Recommended Ages: 13-18 (if 18, must still be enrolled in high school).

No registration required.

- **Anime Club**
Second Tuesday of each month
4:30-6 PM

Join us for Anime Club! We will read manga, watch anime episodes, do crafts, and eat snacks.

Recommended Ages: 13-18 (if 18, must still be in enrolled in high school).

No registration required.

- **Teen Art Club**
Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
4:30-6 PM

Come hang out at DCPL and participate in a different craft each week. We will use a variety of materials to make something fun and creative.

Recommended Ages: 13-18 (if 18, must still be in enrolled in high school).

Registration depends on craft. Check dcpl.info for registration requirements.

- **Teen Writing Club**
Third Tuesday of each month
4:30-6 PM

Come write with us!

Snacks will be provided.

Ages 13-18 (if 18, must still be in enrolled in high school).

No registration required

- **Back to School Gaming Tournament**
Saturday, September 9th
1-3 PM

Hang out with us at DCPL and compete against your friends in Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros. We will be playing for prizes and snacks will be provided.

Recommended Ages: 13-18 (if 18, must still be enrolled in high school).

No registration required

- Murder Mystery Evening

Friday, October 13th

4:30-6:30 PM

Ever wanted to participate in solving a murder mystery? Now is your chance! We need a team of detectives to help us solve our mystery.

Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Recommended Ages: 13-18 (if 18, must still be enrolled in high school)

Registration is required for this event.

- Halloween Lock-In

Friday, October 20th

6:30pm-11pm

Spend your evening with us at DCPL as we have a Halloween-themed lock-in! We will serve dinner before we turn the night into all things Halloween. We'll compete against each other in games, have a costume contest, and more.

Recommended Ages: 13-18 (if 18, must still be enrolled in high school).

Registration is required for this event

- DIY Dulces Enchilados

Friday, October 20th

4pm-5pm

Let's make some spooky and delicious spicy candy and take home a unique treat.

Recommended Ages: Children and teens ages 7-18.

Registration is required for this event.

- Monday Movie Spooktacular

Monday, October 23rd

4-6 PM

Come watch a horror movie with snacks and drinks provided!

Ages 13-18 only, please. Movie will be PG-13. Please see our online Event Calendar for movie information.

Recommended Ages: Ages: 13-18 (if 18, must still be enrolled in high school).

No registration required

- Movie Countdown: The Hunger Games

Friday, November 3rd

4-6 PM

Count down the days with us until the new Hunger Games movie hits theaters by rewatching the original movies that started it all! We will watch all 4 films before November 17th.

The Hunger Games is rated PG-13.

Ages: 13-18 (if 18, must still be enrolled in high school).

No registration required

- The Hunger Games, Friday, November 3rd
- Catching Fire, Friday, November 10th
- Mockingjay Part 1, Wednesday, November 15th
- Mockingjay Part 2 w/craft, Thursday, November 16th

- Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes Movie Release Party

Friday, November 17th

Meet us at B&B Theaters in the Village Square Mall for *Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*. We will provide a ticket for those registered. Snacks will be attendee's responsibility.

Recommended Ages: 13-18 (if 18, must still be enrolled in high school).

Registration is required for this event.

- Clay Ornament Craft

Monday, December 4th

4:30-6 PM

Get in the holiday spirit and create clay ornaments! We will be using air-dry clay and acrylic paints to make our own tree decor.

Recommended Ages: 13-18 (if 18, must still be enrolled in high school).

Registration is required for this event.

- Cupcake Wars

Friday, December 8th

4:30-6 PM

Think you can decorate the best cupcake? Come show off your skills! We will provide frosting, sprinkles, fruits, piping bags, and more to decorate your cupcake.

Recommended Ages: 13-18 (if 18, must still be enrolled in high school).

Registration is required for this event.

- **How to make Mazapan (DIY)**

Wednesday, December 6th

4-5PM

Let's make some delicious mazapanes! This amazing Mexican peanut candy is fun and easy to make.

Warning: This candy contains peanuts. If you have a peanut allergy, please be aware.

Recommended ages: Children and teens ages 7-18.

Registration is required for this event.

- **Winter Movie Day**

Friday, December 15th

4-6 PM

Join us for a cozy winter movie in the Lower Level Meeting Room! We will provide candy canes, popcorn, and hot cocoa, as well as water and juice.

Recommended Ages: 13-18 (if 18, must still be enrolled in high school).

No registration is required

- **Teen Activity Day**

Thursday, December 28th

10 AM-2 PM

Come spend a day of your winter break with us and play video games, do crafts, put together puzzles, and more.

Recommended Ages: 13-18 (if 18, must still be enrolled in high school).

No registration is required.

Red Cross Blood Drives

Dodge City Public Library is now a regular location for Red Cross Blood Drives. We are hosting blood drives on the following dates:

Friday, October 13th 10 AM-4PM

Friday, December 15th 10 AM-4 PM



If you would like to donate, please visit www.redcrossblood.org or scan the above QR code.



Special Programs



- **Words Save Lives Open Mic event**

Friday, September 8th

5-6:30PM

DCPL is hosting this event celebrating the art that keeps the spirit going.

Join us for an open mic for poets, artists, storytellers, and musicians to perform about the words that saved their lives and/or the lives of others.

We will also have a candle ceremony for those effected by suicide in honor of National Suicide Prevention Month. Together we can help.

Ages 13 and up

No registration required

- **Family Game Night: Uno Tournament**

Friday, September 15th

4-6pm

It's time for a family game night! Come spend time with family and friends and compete in a friendly game or two of Uno. Prizes will be awarded to top 3 Uno Champions.

Recommended ages: All Ages

- **Dodge City's Mexican Village**

Monday, September 18th

4-5PM

Join Boot Hill Museum's Keith Wondra at the Dodge City Public Library.

Enjoy light refreshments, a display from our Kansas Heritage Center and travel back in time to Dodge City's Mexican Village.

Recommended Ages: All

No registration is required

- **Table Readers Theater: Poe's Midnight Dreary**

Saturday, October 7th

1:30PM

DCPL is bringing you theater on a slightly smaller scale. Local actors will be reading a script aloud in the style of a table read. Theater in a library? Yes indeed! And it's free!

Recommended Ages: 13 and up

No registration required

- Kansas Ghost Story Hour

Wednesday, October 18th
5PM

Come listen to local community members read ghost stories of the hauntings located in our great state of Kansas. It'll be a frightful good time!

Ages 16 and up

No registration required

- Clean Out the Craft Room Make and Take

Tuesday, November 21st
4-6PM

Come help us clean out our craft room by creating something wonderful for yourself or a gift for a family member or friend. We will put crafting supplies out for you to use. You bring your imagination!

Recommended Ages: 13 and up

No registration required

- Gift Wrapping Center

Saturday, December 2nd
2PM

Need a safe place to wrap gifts where little eyes cannot see? DCPL will be offering a place for gift wrapping away from home. You bring your gifts in and we will provide wrapping paper and some assistance as well as a place away from spying eyes. This is not a drop off gift wrapping center.

Recommended ages: 18 and up

No registration required

- Holiday Party

Saturday, December 9th
2-4 PM

Let's enjoy the winter season! We are having a holiday party with games, crafts, and more. There will be plenty of activities in the Children's Department, gingerbread houses for teens upstairs, and lots of seasonal cheer.

Recommended Ages: All

No registration required

Adult Programming



- Yarn & Yack

Saturdays - September 9th, October 14th, November 11th,
December 16th

1-4PM

Bring your own needlework, knitting, crocheting, or other project for a relaxing time of crafting and talking with friends. Light refreshments will be provided, along with books and extra supplies for use!

Ages 18 and up

No registration required

- Art Exploration Tuesdays

Tuesdays - September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th,
December 5th

4PM

Are you interested in exploring art but don't know where to start? We have the program for you! Join us on the 1st Tuesday of each month here at DCPL and explore a new art form.

Art topics for this season are:

September: Mixed Media

October: Watercolor painting

November: Gelli Printing

December: Zentangle Holiday edition

Ages 18 and up

No registration required

- Adult Trivia Night

Fridays - September 29th, October 20th, November 17th
5:30-6:30 PM

Join us for themed trivia night once a month with a new theme each month. Prizes awarded to top three contestants/teams!

- September: Tolkien Trivia
- October: True Crime Trivia
- November: 1980s Trivia

Ages 18 and up

No registration required

- **Adult Craft Night**

Tuesdays – September 19th, October 17th, November 14th,
December 12th

4-6PM

Join us once a month for a fun craft! Each month we will create something different. Due to limited supplies, registration may be required, so be sure to check our event calendar for more information.

Crafts for this season are:

September: Paper flowers

October: Spooky Potion bottles

November: Stacked pumpkin signs

December: Hot cocoa ornaments and personalized mugs

Ages 18 and up

- **Swap Events**

Tuesdays– September 26th, October 24th, November 28th
4-5:30PM

Swap Events return this fall. Bring in your gently used items and help them find a new home. You might even find something "new to you" to take home as well!

All ages

No registration required.

September: Costumes

October: Plants and Seeds

November: Hats, gloves, coats, and scarves

- **Storytellers Guild**

Wednesdays – September 27th, October 25th, November 29th

5-6PM

Your story matters.

This is a group open to writers who would like feedback on their latest works, those who would like to practice their storytelling skills, or anyone who wants to hear the stories others tell.

Ages 18 and up

No registration required

- **NaNoWriMo**

NaNoWriMo Prep– October 31st

5-6PM

Come Write-Ins– Thursdays November 2nd, 9th, 30th

4-6PM

Are you a writer or an aspiring writer? Would you like to know more about the organization NaNoWriMo? Or are you maybe looking to connect with other writers and discuss the ins and outs of your work in progress. Join us at DCPL for NaNoWriMo and see what National Novel Writing month is all about!

Ages 18 and up

No registration required



Annual Wine and Cheese Fundraiser

The DCPL Foundation's annual Wine and Cheese fundraising event will be held at the library on Saturday, October 14th beginning at 6:30PM. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at the circulation desk at the library, from a foundation member, or at our EventBrite link. Scan this QR code for our EventBrite!





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10	11 Teen Book Club 4:30-6pm	12 Lego Club 4-5:30pm Anime Club 4:30-6pm	13 My Grown-Up + Me Music 10-10:30am Puzzle Club 4:30-6pm	14 Bilingual Storytime 10am Teen Art Thursday: Free Style 4:30-6pm	15 Family Game Night: Uno Tournament 4pm	16 Stupendous STEM: Circuits 2-3:30pm
17	18 Dodge City's Mexican Village 4pm	19 Adult Craft: Book Page Flowers 4-6pm Lego Club 4-5:30pm Teen Writing Club 4:30-6pm	20 Pop-up Playtime 9-11am Puzzle Club 4:30-6pm	21 Bilingual Storytime 10am Dungeons and Dragons Club 4-6pm Campfire Cozy-Up 5:30-6:30pm	22 Loteria 4-5pm	23
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8	9 Movie Monday (Halloween) 4-6pm Teen Book Club 4:30-6pm	10 Lego Club 4-5:30pm Anime Club 4:30-6pm	11 My Grown-Up + Me Music 10-10:30am Puzzle Club 4:30-6pm	12 Bilingual Storytime 10am Teen Art Thursday: Pumpkin Craft 4:30-6pm Campfire Cozy-Up (Halloween) 5:30-6:30pm	13 Red Cross Blood Drive 10am-4pm Murder Mystery Night 4:30-6pm	14 Yarn & Yack 1-4pm Wine and Cheese Fundraiser 6:30pm
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12	13 Teen Book Club 4:30-6pm	14 Adult Craft: Stacked Pumpkin Signs 4pm Lego Club 4-5:30pm Anime Club 4:30-6pm	15 Pop-up Playtime 9-11am Mockingjay Part 1 Movie Countdown 4-6pm	16 Bilingual Storytime 10am Mockingjay Part 2 Movie Countdown with Craft 4-6pm Story + Art Hour 5:30-6:30pm	17 Trivia Night: The 1980s 5:30pm Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes Movie Release Party (Time depending on movie theater)	18
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24	25 Closed for Christmas	26	27 Storytellers Guild 5pm	28 Teen Activity Day 10am-2pm	29	30