

Monday, June 1st • 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Summer Reading Kick Off Party

Join us for a party and let's BE CREATIVE! Sign up for summer reading, paint with your feet, draw with sidewalk chalk, see vintage cars, fly paper airplanes and eat snow cones! Caricature Artists Eileen McCoy and the Kansas City Caricature Artists will be on hand to draw a limited number of caricatures for children.

All ages are welcome to attend; Held in the library parking lot

Monday, June 1st – Friday, June 5th

Scholastic Book Fair!!

Come by the library on the following dates to purchase books for your children and family. Scholastic will provide us with all the latest and greatest children's books. No checks will be accepted; cash or credit/debit cards only!

Monday: 9 am – 5 pm

Tuesday: 10 am – 8 pm

Wednesday: 11 am – 5 pm

Thursday: 10 am – 4 pm

Friday: 9 am – 3 pm

All ages are welcome to attend; Held in the Library Activity Room

Thursday, June 11th • 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Kids A Quiltin' with Chris Campbell from Chris' Corner. Come and learn how to make a fabulous rag quilt. Participants will work one-on-one with a sewing mentor and get hands on experience with a sewing machine. No sewing experience necessary.

Held in the City Hall Commission Room – 105 S Hickory

Ages 8 and up are invited to participate; Registration required and space is limited to the first 10 participants!!

Friday, June 12th • 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Wii Gaming Day. Come with your friends for a few hours of gaming fun. We'll have 3 Wii's on hand, with a variety of games and plenty of controllers so everyone can play. We'll provide snacks; feel free to bring your own sack lunch.

Ages 12 – 18 only; Held in the City Hall Commission Room – 105 S Hickory

Monday, June 15th • 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Flip-Flop decorating workshop. Bring your OWN new or used flip flops and give them some flair. We'll have ribbon, threads, beads, and more! Styles for boys and girls available! Come anytime between 2:00 and 4:00, estimated project time is 30 minutes.

All ages are welcome to participate; City Hall Commission Room – 105 S Hickory Street

Monday, June 15th • 6:30 pm

White Chocolate Skate Shop in Lawrence will have skaters here showin' off their mad skills. Bring your own skateboard if you have one and they'll show you how to master some basic skills.

All ages are welcome to attend; ORC Skate Park - 517 E 3rd Street

Tuesday, June 16th • 2:00 pm

D.W. and Arthur come to Ottawa! Kim Brown, the real life inspiration for the character D.W. and author Marc Brown's little sister, will be here to tell us how the Arthur books are written. Arthur will be on hand too! Don't forget your camera!

All ages are welcome to attend; ORC Gymnasium - 517 E 3rd Street

Monday, June 22nd • 2:00 pm

Button Flower Making. Learn how to use scrap pieces of fabric and vintage buttons to make these fabulous pins. Make them for yourself to spice up any outfit or make them as a gift. You'll walk away with a few pins made, plus patterns and instructions to make more later!

Ages 12 – 18 only; City Hall Commission Room – 105 S Hickory Street

Friday, June 26th • 2:00 pm

Puppeteer Kareen King presents her "Be Creative! The Case of the Missing Quintuplets and other Concoctions" program complete with make-your-own-puppet demonstration and sing along songs!

All ages are welcome to attend; First Baptist Church, Elliott Hall – 410 S Hickory Street

Monday, June 29th • 2:00 pm

Looper Loom Weaving. Learn how to weave the easy way! We'll provide all the supplies and instructions you need to weave a pot holder size craft.

Held in the City Hall Commission Room – 105 S Hickory

Ages 8 & up are invited to participate; Registration required and space is limited to the first 25 who sign up!

Wednesday, July 1st • 2:00 pm

Bottle Cap Jewelry – Come learn how to make this funky new jewelry. We'll provide all the supplies to make a few different pieces. Bring along any photos or magazine pics you might like to include; picture size must be 1 inch or less.

Ages 12 – 18 only; City Hall Commission Room – 105 S Hickory

Tuesday, July 7th • 10:00 am & 7:00 pm

Join us during our regular storytimes for a special musical treat! Ottawa Music's Tiffany Dunyon will be here to present a musical program. We'll read stories, play music and have a musical treat!

All ages are welcome to attend, though the program is geared for children 2-6; Library Activity Room

Thursday, July 9th • 2:00 pm

Fortune Telling Workshop – Join librarian Wendy Swartz for an afternoon of fortunes and fun! Learn the theory of fortune telling, palm reading, crystal balls, and runes. Make your own set of picture rune cards to take home.

Held in the Library Activity Room

Ages 10 & up are invited to participate; Registration required and space is limited to the first 20 who sign up!!

Friday, July 10th • 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Cake Decorating Basics – Resident library instructor Audrey Lintner will be here to teach us yet another one of her many skills!

Age appropriate decorating will be taught for each level. You'll get to take your beautiful treats home with you to eat too!

1:00 – 1:45 for ages 5 and under with parent supervision

2:00 – 2:45 for ages 6-12 (8 and under must have parent supervision)

3:00 – 3:45 for ages 13 and older

Held in the City Hall Commission Room – 105 S Hickory Street

Registration required and is limited to the first 25 who sign up at each age level!!

Monday, July 13th • 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Wii Rock Band Contest – Come with a band already in place or show up and join together with others to form a band on the spot.

We'll have a warm – up round and then we'll play to win! Start practicing NOW!! There will be prizes for the winning band!

Ages 12 – 18 only; City Hall Commission Room – 105 S Hickory Street

Tuesday, July 21st • 6:30 pm

Read "Twilight" by Stephenie Meyer? Join us for a Twilight Party! We'll talk all about Bella and Edward, make some crafts in the style of Twilight, play Twilight Trivia and eat snacks!

City Hall Commission Room – 105 S Hickory Street

Ages 12-18 only; Registration required and space is limited to the first 25 who sign up!!

Wednesday, July 22nd • 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Ottawa Music's Musical Petting Zoo – Ottawa Music will bring a variety of instruments for kids to try out! We'll also be making simple "homemade" instruments for kids to take home!

All ages are welcome to participate; City Hall Commission Room – 105 S Hickory Street

Friday, July 24th • 1:30 pm

Spinning Demonstration by Audrey Lintner. Ever wonder how thread is made? See wool is spun on a spinning wheel and practice spinning wool on a drop spindle.

All ages are welcome to participate; City Hall Commission Room – 105 S Hickory Street

Monday, July 27th • 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Martial Arts demonstration by Shuri-Jo Martial Arts Studio – Join us for a spectacular demonstration of Kenpo. Watch them break bricks and wood!! You'll also be able to try your hand at Kenpo as these artists will allow for audience participation.

All ages are welcome to attend; First Baptist Church, Elliott Hall – 410 S Hickory Street

Movie Days – Wednesday June 10th & Wednesday July 22nd @ 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

All movies will be family friendly and shown on the BIG SCREEN in the City Hall Commission Room.

Each session is limited to 65 participants. Tickets for the movie will be available 2 weeks prior to the show. Movie days are free and we'll serve popcorn and drinks too!

All ages are welcome to attend; children 8 and under MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Summer Reading Craft Days

Come any time between 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. to complete a craft!

Wednesday, June 17th ~ Marbleized Tin Cans – We'll show you this easy to do paint technique and you'll walk away with a super looking tin can to take home!

Wednesday, June 24th ~ Recycled Wind Chimes – We'll use all kinds of "recycled" things to make a spectacular wind chime.

Wednesday, July 8th ~ Pop Tab Art – We'll demonstrate how you can use pop tabs to create all kinds of craft projects!

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