

Youth and Family Engagement at the Kansas City Public Library

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Branches

Bluford Branch
3050 Prospect Ave
KCMO

Central Branch
14 W. 10th
KCMO

**North-East
Branch**
6000 Wilson Ave
KCMO

Plaza Branch
4801 Main St.
KCMO

Ruiz Branch
2017 W. Pennway St.
KCMO

Southeast Branch
6242 Swope Pkwy
KCMO

**Sugar Creek
Branch**
102 S. Sterling Ave
Independence MO

**Trails West
Branch**
11401 E. 23rd St.
Independence MO

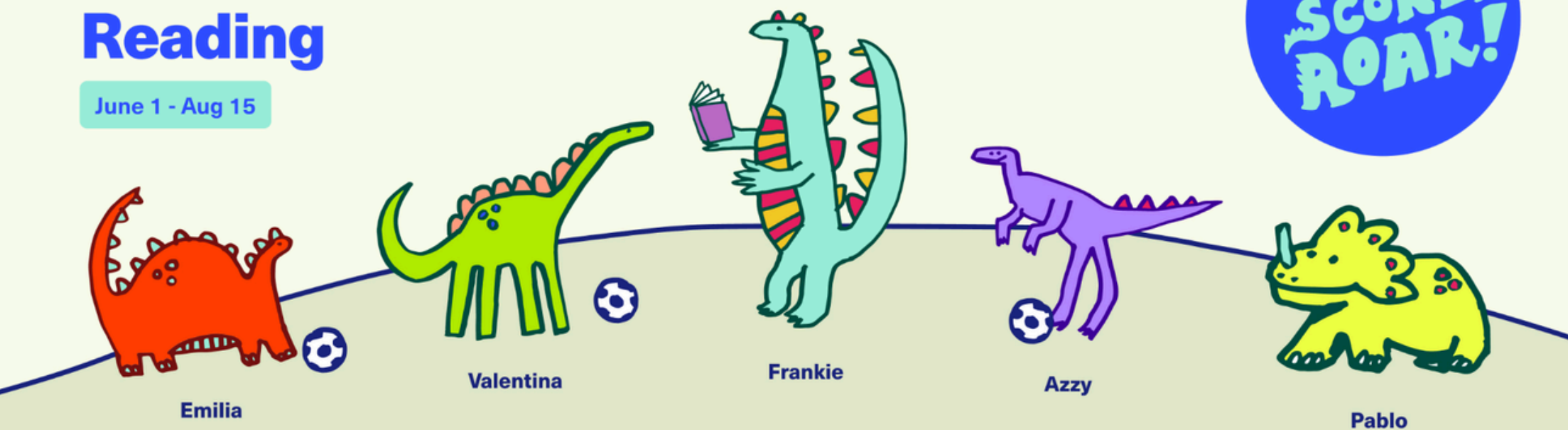
Waldo Branch
201 E. 75th St.
KCMO

Westport Branch
118 Westport Rd.
KCMO



Summer Reading

June 1 - Aug 15



June 1st-August 14th, 2026

- Free to participate
- Get a free book just for signing up, then read any 5 books and earn a prize.
- All ages: Summer Reading is for babies, kids, teens, AND adults.
- Anything counts: Reading out loud as a family, audiobooks, graphic novels, and manga all count!



Storytimes!



Visit our calendar at kclibrary.org/calendar
Weekly events at facebook.com/kclibraryyouth/

Tuesdays:

9:30 & 10:30 - Family Storytime at **Central**
9:30 - Baby Storytime at **Plaza**

Wednesdays:

9:30 - Baby Storytime at **Waldo**
10:30 - Family Storytime at **Waldo**
10:30 - Family Storytime at **Trails West**
10:30 - Bilingual Storytime at **North East**
5:30 - Family Storytime at **Bluford**

Thursdays:

9:30 - Baby Storytime at **Central**
10:30 - Toddler Storytime at **Central**
9:30 & 10:30 - Family Storytime at **Plaza**
5:00 - Family Storytime at **Southeast**

Fridays:

10:30 - Kindergarten Storytime at **Plaza**
3:30 - Family Storytime at **Plaza**

Saturday

10:30 - Family Storytime at **Plaza**

Fun at the park



BookWalks

Gillham Park
Budd Park

New stories coming soon!



Pop In at the Park!

June 1st - August 7th, 3:30-5:30 PM

Tuesday - Gillham Park

Wednesday - Spring Valley Park

Thursday - Holmes Park

Friday - Lykins Square Park

Free books, free crafts, free lunches!



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Children's & Teen Programs



- Friday Night Family Fun
- Video Games
- Movies & Anime & Cartoons
- Tween Lock-In
- Read to a Dog
- Special programs and events

Visit our calendar at
www.kclibrary.org/calendar

Summer Kids Cafe

Free Kids Cafe meals for children and teens ages 1-18 available at many of our branches:

Bluford: M-Th 3:30-4:30 PM

North-East: M-Th 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Southeast: M-Th 2:30 - 4:00PM

Trails West: M-F 4:00-4:30 PM

Waldo: M-Th 3:30 - 4:30 PM

kclibrary.org/kids/cafe

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Bookmobile



The Kansas City Public Library brings the library to you! The Bookmobile ensures services are provided to those who experience difficulty visiting the library's fixed facilities.

Find the bookmobile's schedule, stop request form, and event request form here:

<https://kclibrary.org/mobile-services/bookmobile>

The Digital Media Lab

Media production and engineering space at the Southeast branch for tweens and teens with access to 3D design tools, circuits, craft materials, and audio/video production equipment.

- **Team Digital**: Summer program for teens interested in audio/video production and art

<http://kcdml.org/>

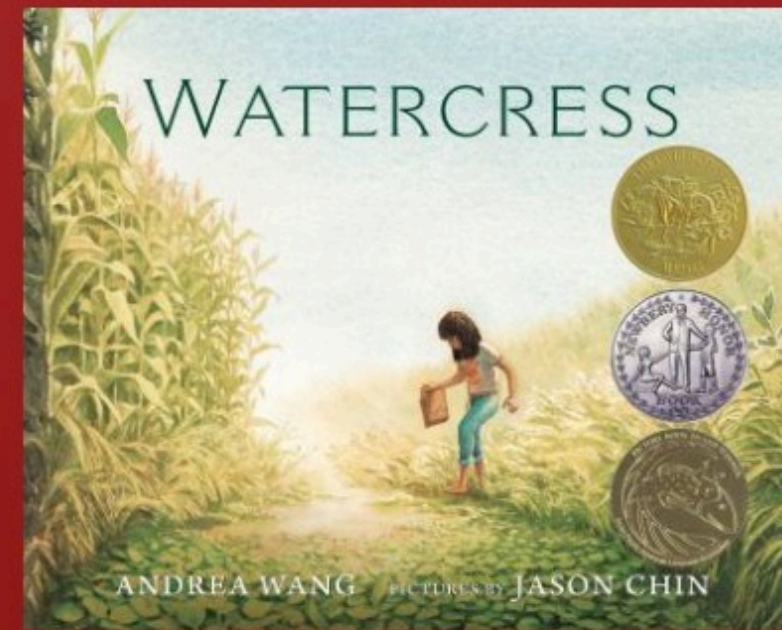


Dial-A-Story

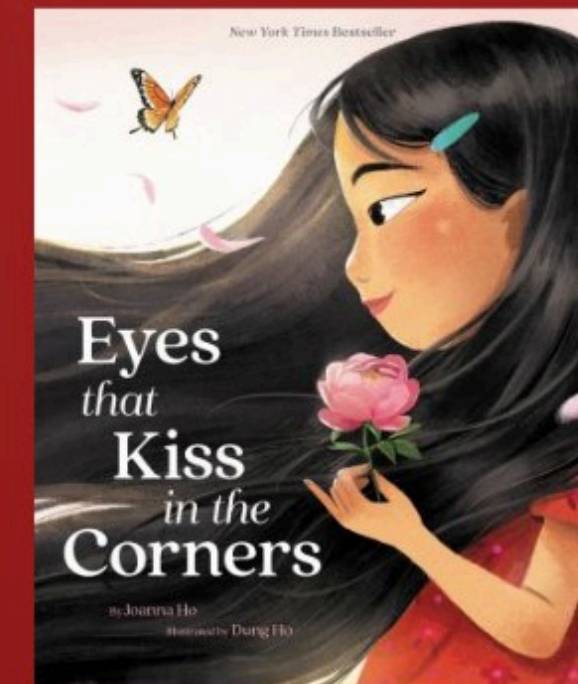
Each week, KCPL offers a rotating selection of two books that come alive with a phone call – anytime of day or night!
Storytime. Anytime!

**Call 816-701-3456 or listen
online:
kclibrary.org/kids/dial-story**

Dial-A-Story



Monday - Wednesday



Thursday - Sunday

Community Learning

Specialists that can meet with you virtually, one on one, for help with your job search, small business, personal finance, health research, and government information.



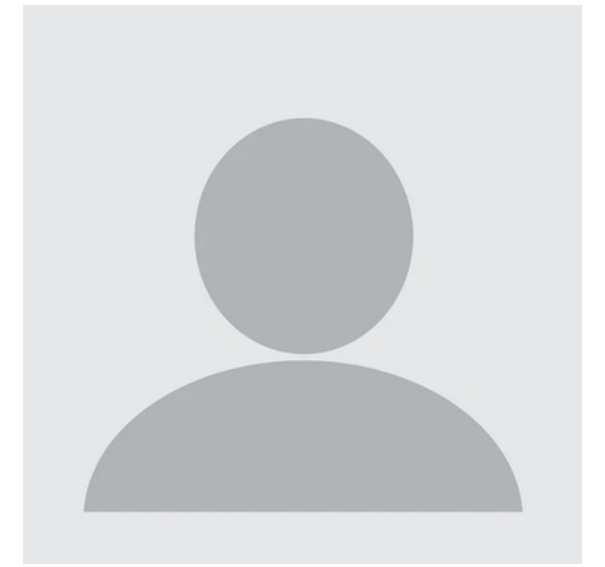
Hadiza Sa-Aadu
Small Business
Engagement Specialist



Jamie Placht
Health &
Wellness Specialist



Kathleen Kennedy
Career & Personal
Finance Specialist



Sharon Sanders Brooks
Civic Engagement
Specialist

kclibrary.org/community-reference

Community Resources



Provides individuals experiencing life challenges an inclusive place to access the connections, support, and services they need

Central 3N (North side of the 3rd floor)

Mondays-Tuesdays 9am-1pm

Wednesdays 1pm-4pm

Thursday-Fridays 9am-1pm

Call: 816-701-3767

Online: kclibrary.org/community-resources

TECH TO GO

Borrow devices from your Library!



The Library's free Tech to Go services let you borrow devices to help you get connected.

- Chromebooks
- Hotspots
- Power Check Meters

kclibrary.org/techtogo

