What's Happening at the Library???

SOUTH BRANCH – 3104 Strong Avenue, KCKS 66106

- September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th – Little Learners Storytime from 10:30–11:00 am in the Storytime Room
- October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th – Family Movie Night from 6:00-8:30pm in Conference Room A
- November 7th, 14th, 21st – Bilingual Craft Time / Hora de Manualidades Bilingue from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Storytime Room

MAIN BRANCH – 625 Minnesota Avenue, KCKS 66101

- September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th – 6 By 6 Storytime from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Craft Room
- October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th – LEGO Club from 6:00-7:00pm in the Craft Room
- November 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th – Baby Storytime from 10:00-10:30 am in the Craft Room

WEST WYANDOTTE – 1737 N. 82nd Street, KCKS 66112

- September 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th – Preschool Storytime from 10:00-11:00am in the Storytime Room
- October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th – Toddler Storytime from 10:00-11:00am in the Storytime Room
- November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd – Free Friday from 3:00-4:00pm in the Auditorium
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### September Highlights:

- **9/18 – Messy Play Group Connection**
  - **5:00 – 6:00 pm**

### Playgroups:

- **Tuesdays & Thursdays** from 10:30 – 11:30 am

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**MESSY PLAY WITH PARENTS AS TEACHERS**

**“Creativity is messy and we are very creative”!**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019**

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Central Office

2010 N. 59th Street

KCKS 66104

Please enter through the main doors on the 2nd floor.
## October 2019

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### October Highlights:
- **10/22** – Listen & Move Group Connection
  - Time: 6:00 – 7:00 pm at South Branch
- **10/31** – Halloween Parade
  - Time: 10:30 – 11:30 am

### Playgroups:
- Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:30 – 11:30 am

### Listen and Move to Music with Parents as Teachers

- **When:** Tuesday, October 22, 2019
- **Time:** 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- **Where:**
  - South Branch Library
  - 3104 Strong Avenue
  - Kansas City, KS  66106
Crawl, Jump, Run, and Climb!
It’s PAT Tumble Time!

Join us for a fun playgroup where your child can move and play!

**Wednesday, 11/20/19**
5:00 – 6:00 pm

Central Office 1st Floor
2010 N. 59th Street
Kansas City, KS 66104

Please RSVP by calling your Parent Educator or the Parents as Teachers Administrative Assistant at 913-627-4361.
Play groups

Play is Learning. Your child loves to play. From the time she was born, she has been discovering what her body can do. Every time she plays, your child’s brain is making new connections that help her development. To your child, there’s only one reason to play: to have fun! Her play may look messy, silly, noisy, or repetitive, but you know that she is doing some serious learning! Play is how she tests the possibilities and explores her world. There is no “right” way to play. Any types of play will give your child a chance to develop new skills.

How play helps your child’s development:

Social: When you play with your child, it builds attachment between you. Playing with others teaches your child cooperation, sharing, empathy, and helping.

Emotional: Expressing herself through play boosts your child’s feelings of self-worth. When your child pretends, it helps her understand and learn to control her feelings.

Physical: Exploring her body helps your child strengthen her large and small muscles. As she repeats actions, your child gains hand-eye coordination and other skills that prepare her for learning.

Cognitive: Pretend play helps your child make sense of her everyday experiences. Playing enhances your child’s persistence, attention span, memory, and ability to focus - all skills that are important for success in school.

Language: The more practice she has at making sounds – even silly ones! – the better your child’s tongue and mouth can coordinate to say words. When she cooperates with you or with other playmates, your child uses words to tell you her ideas.

Play is good for your child’s brain no matter what. But it can be even better if you join in! Remember to let her lead the way – when you take over, she feels that her ideas don’t have value.

The Kansas City Kansas School District has a new and improved website!!!

You can view the Parents as Teachers Newsletter online, just follow these steps:

Go to www.kckps.org

Click on PARENTS & STUDENTS

Then click on PARENTS AS TEACHERS

Scroll down to the bottom and select the Newsletter you would like to view.

This page also contains information about the Parents as Teachers Program!
Wellness Policy

If you, your child(ren), or anyone in the household have had a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea in the last 24 hours before a scheduled visit....

Please call or text your Parent Educator to reschedule your home visit for another date!

Use More Do’s Than Don’ts

Tell your child what to do rather than what not to do. Using “Do’s” rather than “Don’ts” is very difficult, especially if adults already have the “don’t” habit. It is very difficult to break bad habits. Using “Do’s” rather than “Don’ts” requires much thought and practice. However, the improvement in your relationship with your child will make it worth the effort.

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Talk to children as you talk to your friends. If adults would talk to children with as much consideration as they talk to their friends, they could really communicate with children and be on the way to excellent relationships.

Kansas Department of Health & Environment.

Did you get a new phone number or did your phone number change? If yes, please let your Parent Educator know ASAP!
What is KanCare? On January 1, 2013, Kansas Medicaid and HealthWave became KanCare. KanCare is the state of Kansas’ plan to improve services and manage Medicaid costs. There are three major programs for individuals and families who qualify:

- **KanCare under the Medicaid Plan** – The largest program, this covers people with limited income, which may include pregnant women, children, persons with disabilities and senior citizens.
- **KanCare under the CHIP plan** – This is the children’s Health Insurance Program. It covers children up to 19 years old who don’t qualify for Medicaid.
- **MediKan** – The only program that is funded entirely by state funds. It covers people who are trying to get Social Security disability benefits.

All medical assistance programs provide prescription drugs, mental health services and medical (doctor) coverage. Inpatient hospital, hearing, dental, and eyewear coverage is also included for most persons.

You may qualify for these programs if you are a Kansas resident and fall into one of these groups: children up to 19, including those in foster care or who get adoption support payments; pregnant women; persons who are blind or disabled by Social Security rules; persons 65 years or older; low income families with children; persons screened or diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through Early Detection Works Program.