Spring Break Activities

March

13-22 Cedar Roe Interactive Wall
   All day
   Cedar Roe Library, 5120 Cedar St., Roeland Park
   The Cedar Roe Interactive Wall, located in the Teen area, offers the community a unique opportunity to share their interests and talents in a public space. If you have an idea or work that you would like to share with the public and receive feedback, contact a Cedar Roe staff member during Library hours to discuss the possibilities. Support local interests and makers by stopping by and checking out the latest display.

13 2015 Spring Break Trout Program
   2:30 pm and 3:45 pm
   Kill Creek Park Lake, 11670 Homestead Lane, Olathe
   Shawnee Mission Park Lake, 7900 Renner Road, Shawnee

   Start your Spring Break week watching as as 600 lbs. of trout are released in Kill Creek Park Lake (2:30 pm) and 1,400 lbs. of trout are released in Shawnee Mission Park Lake (3:45 pm). Both lakes will be closed to fishing until the parks’ open at 5 a.m., Saturday, March 14. For information on fishing and trout permits call 913-888-4713.

13 Kids’ Night Out - St. Patrick’s Day Party (Ages 7-12)*
   6-9 pm
   Roeland Park Community Center, 4850 Rosewood Drive Roeland Park

   Only kids are allowed to this magical night of St. Patrick’s Day fun. Search for clues in a Leprechaun’s scavenger hunt, create crafts, eat dinner, and enjoy a shamrock treat. Wear Green! All this fun is just $16 per child ($18 nonresidents). Registration required. Use program barcode 26984.

14 Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling Event*
   By appointment only: call 913-715-6907 or book online
   5901 Jim Bills Road, Mission, KS 66203

   Any item with a battery or a cord will be accepted. The facility will also accept items with Freon. There will be a cost associated with some items. Click here for a list of electronic items accepted. Click here for a list of other household hazardous waste accepted at the facility.

14 Celebrate Green
   9 am - 5 pm
   Gardner Library, 137 E. Shawnee St., Gardner

   This St. Patrick’s Day, celebrate all things green: spring leaves and flowers, shamrocks and leprechauns, recycling/conservation and more. Drop in for a variety of activities throughout the day. All ages welcome.

14 YAAC: Young Adult Advisory Council (Ages 13-18)
   12:30-1:30 pm
   Leawood Pioneer Library, 4700 Town Center Dr., Leawood

   Young Adult Advisory Council (YAAC) is a group of volunteer teen consultants for the Library. Members meet once a month to share their favorite books; give feedback on the Library website, social media and collections; and suggest Library public programs. Meet new people and receive volunteer credit hours. We’ll serve lunch.

14 Meet the Artist: Judith G. Levy
   1-3 pm
   Antioch Library, 8700 Shawnee Mission Pkwy, Merriam

   Join Lawrence/Kansas City-based artist Judith G. Levy in creating her latest work, Opening Sentence. Select a book and then reading its title and first sentence on stage. Books will be chosen by Levy and provided by the Friends of Johnson County Library. As a thank you, take home the book you performed for free.
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14 Second Saturday with Sherlock
2-4 pm
Antioch Library, 8700 Shawnee Mission Pkwy, Merriam

Join us, dear Watson, for 2009’s “Sherlock Holmes” with Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law. Watch Sherlock cleverly outmaneuver Lord Blackwood’s schemes, while enjoying classic English tea. You will enjoy the film. It’s elementary.

14 Meet the Artist: Johnny Naugahyde
3-4 pm
Lackman Library, 15345 W. 87th St., Lenexa

See what Kansas City-based artist Johnny Naugahyde has created specifically for Library visitors. He will walk through the current exhibition and discuss his interactive, artistic practice. Take away a new understanding of contemporary art and possibly even an "artwork."

16-20 Spring Break Arts at the Johnson County Museum
Johnson County Museum, 6305 Lackman Rd., Shawnee
10 am - noon
$3 per participant, members FREE!

Daily projects introduce kids to art processes and fun! Reservations not required. Parents must stay with children. Groups of ten or more must pre-register by calling 913-715-2575. No class on Wednesday.

16-20 Spring Fling Fun at Ernie Miller Nature Center
10 am and 2 pm
909 N Highway 7, Olathe
$3 per person, including adults

A special 45-minute program each day will feature live animals. For more information call 913-764-7759. View the aquarium and hike the trails all week.

Monday: Animal Clues - Kick off spring break by solving animal mysteries.
Tuesday: Celtic Heritage - Hear stories and legends to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day.
Wednesday: Predators in the Sky - Learn all about hawks and owls.
Thursday: Surprising Snakes - Fascinating or feared? Come see snakes live and up close.
Friday: Wildlife Adventures - Discover the wild animals that live at Ernie Miller Nature Park.

17 WIC Community Garden Spring Planting
7:30 - 9 am
11875 S. Sunset Dr, Olathe

Help plant potatoes, onions, broccoli, cabbage, spinach, and more to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and support Johnson County Department of Health and Environment's WIC program. Tools and gloves provided. Children welcome. No experience necessary.

17 Lucky Day at the Library
10 am - 9 pm
Oak Park Library, 9500 Bluejacket St., Overland Park

The luck of the Irish is at the Library today! Drop in throughout the day and search for gold, create a shamrock crown, make your own leprechaun and more. Wear green and you'll get a special prize.

18 Spring Break Lego® Extravaganza
10 am - noon and 2-3:30 pm
Lackman Library, 15345 W. 87th St., Lenexa

Everyone loves Legos®, the colorful interlocking plastic bricks with their array of gears, mini-figures and other mechanical parts. Visit the Library and help build something awesome – we'll supply the Legos®.
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18  Woodworking with Maker Jeff: Birdhouses (ages 5 and up)*
    2-4 pm
    Oak Park Library, 9500 Bluejacket St., Overland Park

    Part of carpenter, educator, and life-long maker Jeff Newhook’s series of maker activities for kids, this hands-on activity encourages children to learn new skills and get creative by building the projects themselves (with a little help from us). Space is limited. Register online.

18  Read to a Dog
    3:30-4:30 pm
    Spring Hill Library, 109 S. Webster St., Spring Hill

    This relaxed and friendly session allows kids to practice “reading aloud” skills with a certified, very well-behaved therapy dog from Pets for Life. Then go home and read to your own pet! (Or borrow the neighbor's pet.) A kid’s reading improves with practice, and your dog’s vocabulary will benefit too.

19  Human Services Volunteer Orientation*
    1 pm
    Sunset Drive Office Building, 11811 S. Sunset Drive #1300, Olathe

    Anyone interested in becoming a Human Service volunteer team member is asked to attend the one-hour General orientation at 1 pm. Click here for a full list of volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in becoming a Meals on Wheels driver or Catch-a-Ride driver, please plan to also attend that one-hour training, beginning at 2 pm. Register for orientation by phone at 913-715-8859 or email HSD-Volunteer@jocogov.org

19  Creation Exploration: Drawing
    6:30-7:30 pm
    Gardner Library, 137 E. Shawnee St., Gardner

    Drawing has been a basic art activity throughout history and around the world. In this family session, discover how to use pencils, charcoal and paper to create unique works of art to take home. Experimentation is encouraged. All skill levels are welcome.

20  Intro To Improv Workshop (grades 5-7)*
    2-4 pm
    Oak Park Library, 9500 Bluejacket St., Overland Park

    “Improv” is theater where plot, characters and dialogue are made up on the spot. Tara Varney - actor, director and playwright - will introduce you to basic improvisational comedy performance techniques, including quick-thinking, teamwork, acceptance, communication and story structure. There’s no sitting back and watching. Jump in and play! Thinking on your feet is good brain exercise and good fun. Register online.

21  Modern Art Adventures
    10 am - noon
    Johnson County Museum, 6305 Lackman Rd., Shawnee
    $3 per participant; Members Free

    Experiment with watercolor, tissue paper, and string to create a color field painting inspired by the works of Helen Frankenthaler, a major contributor to the history of postwar American painting. Parents must stay with children. Groups of ten or more must pre-register by calling 913-715-2575.

21  Tabletop Game Day
    1-4 pm
    Antioch Library, 8700 Shawnee Mission Pkwy, Merriam
    Learn fun new board games or bring your own faves to share. Get to know new people and play some great games. All ages welcome.
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21  **BYOF: Bring Your Own Fandom (Ages 12-18)**
2-3:30 pm
Lackman Library, 15345 W. 87th St., Lenexa

Does your heart flutter at the mention of Doctor Who? Supernatural? Sherlock? Marvel? My Chemical Romance? If you are the fan of something...anything, then this is the group for you! All you need to bring is your geeky love for your favorite movies, TV shows, books, musicians and youtubers and we provide the rest (mostly snacks and art supplies) for an afternoon of discussion, crafts, trivia and geeking out!

22  **Creative Commons - A Writers' Workshop (Grades 9-12)**
1:30-3:30 pm
Blue Valley Library, 9000 W. 151st St., Overland Park

Good writing takes practice. This workshop offers a comfortable environment for young creative writers to explore their craft. Participants bring drafts for constructive response, provide structured feedback for their peers and get encouragement to write regularly. All genres and styles are welcome.