

Dig Into READING

NORTH-EAST BRANCH



KIDS TEAM UP FOR ART Saturdays, June 22 and July 6 1:30 p.m.

Kids **ages 7-17** will work together with a professional artist from the Westport Center for the Arts to create an art installation for the North-East branch. Parents are encouraged to participate in this messy collaboration.

MANGA MADNESS Wednesdays, June 5, July 3, and August 7 1-2:30 p.m.

Tweens and Teens come to the North-East branch for art workshops inspired by Japanese culture presented by the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art. After we make a mess creating, relax with a Manga-inspired movie and a snack.



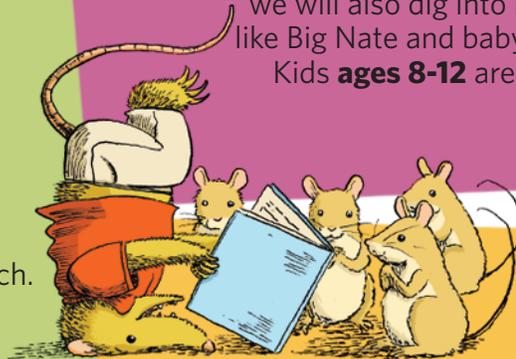
KICK-OFF PARTY Saturday, June 1 | 3-4 p.m.

Stop into North-East to sign up for summer reading and enjoy our opening party featuring musician, FARMER X and his "reliable" sideman... DOBRO (Heros of Super Sustainability and Good 'Ol Country Music!)



THE WIMPY CLUB DIGS INTO READING Wednesdays, June 12, June 26, July 10, and July 24 5-6 p.m.

Secret handshakes, stinky cheese, and more await you as a member of The Wimpy Club. This summer we will continue our exploration of The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, but we will also dig into new book series like Big Nate and baby Mouse. Kids **ages 8-12** are welcome to join.



CRAFTY STORYTIME

Friday, June 7 | Gardening
Friday, June 21 | Fairies and Gnomes
Friday, June 28 | Mud Day
Friday, July 5 | Can You Dig It?
Friday, July 19 | Dino Dig
Friday, July 26 | Underground Animals
Friday, August 2 | Digging for Gold

10:30-11:30 p.m.

Each week parents and kids will Dig into Reading with stories, crafts, and creative play.

Appropriate for **all ages**.

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PERFORMANCES FOR ALL AGES

Thursday, June 14 | 10:30 a.m.

Zoo to You!

Visit a small part of the Kansas City Zoo at the Library! Designed to reach all ages, our Zoo Educators will share information about the animal kingdom and the Zoo in an effort to create a positive connection between your audience and wildlife. Presented with 3 animal ambassadors and touchable animal artifacts, audience members will get an up close opportunity to experience animals in new and memorable ways.

Monday, June 17 | 6:30 p.m.

The Magic of Reading with Curtis Hed

Curtis's show includes magic, comedy, some juggling, and Duo the Dove. As for the show itself, it's one of those rare presentations that is as enjoyable for the adults as it is for the kids. Like one of those good kid movies where the kids enjoy the show on one level and the adults on another, only unlike a kid's movie it's live and it doesn't have chase scene, a bad guy, or a talking donkey.

Monday, July 8 | 6 p.m.

Bluegrass with the Grammy Award Winning Okee Dokee Brothers

As childhood best friends, Joe and Justin were always exploring the outdoors. Now, as The Okee Dokee Brothers, they have put this passion for nature at the heart of their Americana folk music. The two-time Parents' Choice Award winners have garnered praise from the likes of NPR's *All Things Considered* and *USA Today*, and recently won a Grammy for Best Children's Music Album. By appealing to the musical needs of the entire family and recognizing that kids deserve quality music, The Okee Dokee Brothers are working full-time to advance the family music genre.

Friday, July 12 | 10:30 a.m.

Paul Mesner Puppet Theater Presents *The Comical Adventures of Old Mother Hubbard*

Old Mother Hubbard loves her dog, and he loves her. In this comic poem, written in 1805, Old Mother Hubbard is always looking out for her best friend and in return he is dancing and spinning and sitting and standing all to the delight of Old Mother Hubbard. In a quaint old cottage the comedy of a dog and his master opens and unfolds to delight and captivate the story of this good old lady and her funny dog.

Monday, July 22 | 6:30 p.m.

Serengeti Steve

Serengeti Steve performs over 600 shows a year throughout the country and has been featured as a Las Vegas finalist on NBC's hit show *America's Got Talent*. His talents have even earned him a place in the famous *Guinness Book of World Records*. Various reptiles and arachnids from around the globe are brought to you in a comical and fun-filled hands on experience.

