**WINTER 2020 CALENDAR**

**A New Decade Means the Census is Coming!**

Census Day is April 1, 2020. The library will have a designated computer set up for responding to the Census and library staff will be available to answer questions regarding the process.

Every ten years a count of all persons living in the United States is conducted by the federal government. This count is required by the U.S. Constitution. The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

This count is used to determine the apportionment of federally funded programs, used to determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives and how federal and state legislative districts are redrawn. The Census count — or undercount — affects everyone. An undercount in Emporia means our community could miss out on approximately $48,530.60 in federal funding (over 10 years) for each household that is missed in the 2020 Census. For public libraries in Kansas, the count is used to distribute state funding.

The Census is important, easy, and safe. Please, MAKE IT COUNT for Kansas, for Lyon County and for Emporia and respond to the Census.

**Library Board Meetings**

- January 9, 4:30 p.m.
  - Lyon County Room
  - February 12, 12:00 p.m

**Winter Hours:**
- Monday - Thursday 9-8
- Friday 9-6
- Saturday 11-5
- Sunday 2-5

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**JANUARY-FEBRUARY CHILDREN'S EVENTS**

**Storytimes** will begin on January 13. There will be no storytimes January 27-30 or February 27.

- **Children's Storytime Room**
  - Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
  - Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9-11 a.m.
  - Thursdays 9-11 a.m.

**Storytimes**

- **Pat-A-Cake Club** (Birth to 18 months)
  - Thursdays 9-11 a.m.

**Mother Goose Time**

- **Toddlers to 36 months**
  - Mondays & Thursdays 9:15 a.m.

**Preschool Storytime**

- (Ages 3-5)
  - Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30 a.m.

**Meet the Author, Alastair Heim**

- **(Preschool through age 8)**
  - January 11, 10:30-11:30AM

**Lyon County History Center**

We are excited to welcome Alastair Heim to Emporia. Come enjoy his amazing children's books and hear how "Ideas Are Everywhere" in his story as an author! The first 30 families will receive an autographed book. There will also be cookies and crafts!

**Winter Craft Week**

- January 27-January 30
  - 9:00-11:00AM

**Children's Storytime Room**

We will not have storytimes this week, but children are invited to come in and create fun craft projects!

**LEGO Master Builder Events**

- January 30, February 21
  - 2:00-3:00PM

**January-February**

Children in Grades K-5 are invited to come and build with the library's LEGO collection! Come build random awesomeness with us—and don't forget to enter your name for a prize drawing!

**Mad Science Hour**

- January 3, 3:00-4:00PM

**February 25, 6:00-7:00PM**

**Large Meeting Room**

Come experience some cool hands-on science activities!

**Family Literacy Month Kick-Off Party**

- January 3, 3:00-4:00PM

**February 1, 3:00-4:00PM**

**Large Meeting Room**

February is Family Literacy Month at the Emporia Public Library! This year’s theme is “Reading Is Our Thing!” featuring Dr. Seuss's beloved characters. We invite all families to kick off month of reading fun! Families are encouraged to read together during the month of February to build strong readers and earn prizes along the way. There will be a prize drawing at the end of the month for all participating families.

**Dr. Seuss's Birthday Bash**

- February 29, 3:00-4:00PM

**Large Meeting Room**

Come celebrate a month of great reading and Dr. Seuss’s birthday with us! We will have crafts, games, and many other activities!

**All computer classes are held in the Large Meeting Room from 2:00-3:30PM.**

**Introduction to Computers**

- January 9

This is a basic class for personal computers. Feel free to bring in your own computer!

**Library Digital Resources**

- **January 23**

**Learn About Your Smartphone**

February 13

Not feeling the love from your smartphone? Come on in to learn some of the basics of smartphones. We’ll also have a Q&A session to answer your specific questions! Don’t forget to bring your smartphone with you!

**Computer Safety and Maintenance**

February 20

Find out what basic steps you can take to keep your devices free from viruses and running well!

**Book Discussions**

**Evening Readers**

- **6:30 p.m.**
  - **Large Meeting Room**

**January 8**

Where the Crawdads Sing

- Della Owens

**February 5**

- **A Girl Stands at the Door**
  - Rachel Dodge

**Page Turners**

- **10:00 a.m.**
  - **Large Meeting Room**

**February 11**

- **An American Marriage**
  - Tayari Jones

**February 5**

Where the Crawdads Sing

- Della Owens

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**Alzheimer's Association Remote Learning Webinars**

**Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors**

- January 6, 1:00PM

**Small Meeting Room**

**Dementia Conversations**

- February 12, 1:00PM

**Small Meeting Room**

**The Buffalo Runners**

- January 29, 6:30PM

**Lyon Meeting Room**

- Steven Roberts, Historian, will give a presentation on the buffalo runners of Kansas in honor of Kansas Day.

**Healthier Choices Cooking Class with Chef Mikey**

- February 6, 5:30-7:30PM

**Large Meeting Room**

Join the Emporia Farmers Market and Chef Mikey for a hands-on class where you'll learn how to prepare a healthy meal using fresh ingredients! Participants will learn to make a green goddess smoothie and shrimp and chicken scampi with rice pilaf and broccoli. **Registration is required**; please call (620) 340-6431 or email chenaultm@emporialibrary.org.

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