

NOVEMBER 2010 LIST OF EVENTS

- 2 Evening Childrens Hour @ 7:00 pm
- 3 Childrens Hour @ 11:00 am
- 4 Gaming for Teens @ 1:45 pm
- 9 Evening Children's Hour @ 7:00 pm
- 10 Childrens Hour @ 11:00 am
- 11 Anime Club for Teens @ 1:45 pm
- 15 Library Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
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- 18 Nutcracker in a Nutshell @ 7:00 pm
- 20 Magic Tournament @ 10:30am
- 20 Adult Book Club @ 10:00 am
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Kitty cat Simone Parigo checks out the fiction collection during the annual Halloween Spooktacular.

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Library Hours:

Mon-Thurs 7am-9pm; Fri 7am-6pm;
Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 1pm-5pm

Library Administrative Staff

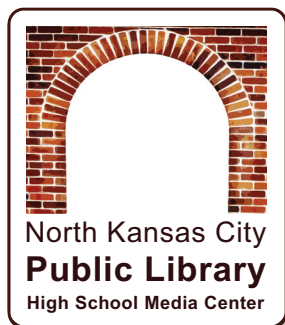
Director: Steven Campbell
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High School Media Specialists:
Kristie Carney, Abbigail Yellman
& Jessica Thomas

Library Board of Trustees & Board Meetings

The Board of Trustees oversees Library policy-making and meets the third Monday of each month at 6pm in the Library Board Room. All meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be on November 15, 2010.

Current Board Members:

Chris Richards, President; David Whitehead, Vice President; Diane Moraine, Treasurer; Jackie Brady, Secretary; Wanda Ebert, Sue Jarvis, Shelly Pinto, Janeth Weber, Christine Welles and David Silvers, City Council Liaison to the Library Board.



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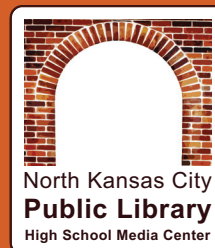
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THANKSGIVING HISTORY @ YOUR LIBRARY

We were all taught in school that the first thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 by the Pilgrims at the Plymouth Colony. Fifty-three colonists and 90 Wampanoag Indians joined together to celebrate the fall harvest. Before you thank the Pilgrims for the day off, you may want to hear the real story of Thanksgiving Day. This may be shocking news to some, but the history books don't always give us the whole story.

1621 wasn't the first time that Thanksgiving had been celebrated in America. Spanish explorer Francisco Coronado and his men celebrated thanksgiving for two weeks while somewhere in the Texas Panhandle during the spring of 1541. French Huguenot colonists celebrated thanksgiving at a settlement near modern-day Jacksonville, Florida, on June 30, 1564. English settlers and the Abnaki Indians joined together for a harvest feast and prayer meeting along Maine's Kennebec River on August 9, 1607. Colonists in Jamestown, Virginia held a thanksgiving prayer service after English supply ships arrived with food in the spring of 1610.

So why do the Pilgrims get credit for the first thanksgiving? In 1841, Dr. Alexander Young wrote that the basis of the American thanksgiving tradition was the Pilgrim's celebration at Plymouth Colony. His theory gained such widespread acceptance that the earlier events were lost in history.

The holiday's date has also varied throughout history. The thanksgiving at the Plymouth colony actually happened sometime between Sept. 21

and Nov. 11, not in late November. The original thanksgiving celebration also wasn't a one-day event; it lasted three days (Those Pilgrims knew how to party!).

So, how did Thanksgiving end up being the fourth Thursday of November? There wasn't anything even close to a national Thanksgiving Day for another 150 years. The next thanksgiving was declared by the Continental Congress for Thursday, Dec. 18, 1777, to celebrate the defeat of General Burgoyne at Saratoga. Then, in 1789, George Washington proclaimed a thanksgiving for Thursday, Nov. 26, to celebrate the new Constitution.

During the War of 1812, President Madison proclaimed a day of prayer and thanksgiving on three separate occasions. In December 1814, Madison declared April 13, 1815, another national day of prayer and thanksgiving to celebrate the end of the war.

In 1846, thirty years after the last national thanksgiving celebration, Sarah Josepha Hale (1788-1879) began a crusade to have the celebration made an official holiday. Hale was editor of "Godey's Lady's Book," the most influ-

ential women's magazine of the 1800s, and author of the nursery rhyme "Mary had a Little Lamb." The magazine's circulation in 1860 was over 150,000, and featured fiction and poetry by many now-famous American authors,

including Edgar Allen Poe, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Every fall, Hale would write editorials

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in "Godey's Lady's Book" on the importance of the holiday, along with running recipes for many of the same yummy dishes we now commonly associate with Thanksgiving Day.

The ambitious editor also wrote letters to congressmen and hundreds of other influential people urging them to support her cause. In 1863, Hale finally convinced Abraham Lincoln that a day of thanksgiving might help create some much-needed harmony in a nation divided by war. On October 3, the president issued a National Thanksgiving Proclamation which set aside the last Thursday of November as an official holiday.

End of the story, right? Not quite. During the Great Depression, business leaders lobbied President Roosevelt to extend

THANKSGIVING ADULT FICTION:

"A Catered Thanksgiving: A Mystery with Recipes," by Isis Crawford (*Mystery*)(2010)

"Strangers at the Feast: A Novel," by Jennifer Vanderbes (*Mystery*)(2010)

"A Fatal Feast: A Murder, She Wrote Mystery: A Novel," by Donald Bain (*Mystery*)(2009)

"A Family for Thanksgiving," by Patricia Davids (*Christian/love stories*)(2009)

"The Thanksgiving Target," by Laura Scott (*Love stories/suspense*)(2009)

"A Texas Thanksgiving," by Margaret Daley (*Love stories/inspirational*)(2008)

"Thanksgiving," by Janet Evanovich (*Romance*)(2006)

"Thanksgiving Night: A Novel," by Richard Bausch (*Humorous stories*)(2006)

"The Ghost at the Table: A Novel," by Suzanne Berne (*Domestic fiction*)(2006)

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RECIPES ON THE WEB:

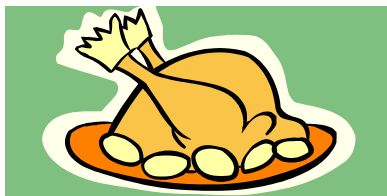
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the Christmas shopping season by making Thanksgiving Day a week earlier in November. In 1939 the president broke with tradition and declared Nov. 23, the next-to-last Thursday of the month, to be Thanksgiving Day. The president's proclamation only applied to federal employees, so states that disagreed with the change continued to observe the traditional date. Twenty-three states observed Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 23, twenty-three states celebrated on Nov. 30, and Texas and Colorado declared both Thursdays to be holidays. Most people weren't very happy with the change. Football coaches had to re-



MAGAZINE OF THE MONTH

Victoria

VICTORIA is a bimonthly magazine for those who prefer old world charm. Victoria covers home designs, gardens, fashion/beauty, collectibles, entertaining/recipes as well as traveling.

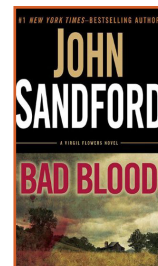
Review by Library Staffer
Chris Utley

schedule Thanksgiving Day games at the last minute. Calendar makers complained to the president because they printed calendars years in advance, and the change made their calendars out of date. Most schools had already scheduled vacations. Finally, in 1941, Congress ended all the confusion by officially declaring that Thanksgiving would be the fourth Thursday of November.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!
Steven Campbell, Library Director

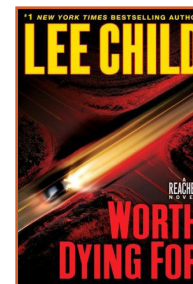
LOOKING FOR SOMETHING GOOD TO READ?
CHECK OUT SOME OF THESE!

IF YOU LIKE MICHAEL CONNELLY, YOU MAY WANT TO TRY..



Bad Blood by John Sandford

When 19-year-old Bob Tripp hits farmer Jacob Flood in the head with a T-ball bat at the outset of Sandford's exciting fourth thriller to feature Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension agent Virgil Flowers (after Rough Country), Tripp's subsequent attempt to make murder look like an accident fails. The morning after Tripp's arrest, he's found hanging in his cell. Warren County sheriff Lee Coakley seeks Flowers's help to investigate what role, if any, deputy Jim Crocker, the officer on duty at the jail at the time, played in Tripp's death. A link to the earlier murder of a young woman leads Flowers and Coakley to members of a small church with strange ways. As the pair become aware of the magnitude of the unspeakable crimes (rape, child abuse, incest) behind the deaths, they search desperately for a lever to pry open what turns out to be Flowers's biggest, if perhaps most unlikely, case to date.



Worth Dying For by Lee Child

In Child's exciting 15th thriller featuring one-man army Jack Reacher (after 61 Hours), Reacher happens into a situation tailor-made for his blend of morality and against-the-odds heroics. While passing through an isolated Nebraska town, the ex-military cop persuades the alcoholic local doctor to treat Eleanor Duncan, who's married to the abusive Seth, for a "nosebleed." Reacher later breaking Seth's nose prompts members of the Duncan clan, who are involved in an illegal trafficking scheme, to seek revenge. Reacher, who easily disposes of two hit men sent to get him, winds up trying to solve a decades-old case concerning a missing eight-year-old girl.

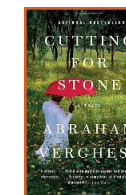
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLERS OCTOBER 25, 2010

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. AMERICAN ASSASSIN, by Vince Flynn
2. FALL OF GIANTS, by Ken Follett
3. THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNET'S NEST, by Stieg Larsson
4. THE REVERSAL, by Michael Connelly
5. SAFE HAVEN, by Nicholas Sparks



PAPERBACK TRADE FICTION



1. THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO, by Stieg Larsson
2. THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE, by Stieg Larsson
3. UNLOCKED, by Karen Kingsbury
4. LITTLE BEE, by Chris Cleave
5. CUTTING FOR STONE, by Abraham Verghese

HARDCOVER NON-FICTION

1. EARTH (THE BOOK), by Jon Stewart and others
2. TRICKLE UP POVERTY, by Michael Savage
3. OBAMA'S WARS, by Bob Woodward
4. THE LAST BOY, by Jane Leavy
5. AT HOME, by Bill Bryson



PAPERBACK MASS-MARKET FICTION



1. THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO, by Stieg Larsson
2. I, ALEX CROSS, by James Patterson
3. 61 HOURS, by Lee Child
4. THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE, by Stieg Larsson
5. PLAY DEAD, by Harlan Coben

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FOOD FOR FINES NOVEMBER 1-30

The North Kansas City Public Library/High School Media Center will be hosting our third annual "Food for Fines" drive through the month of November. For every non-perishable food item you bring in, the library will take \$1.00 off your library fines. This does not include payment for lost items or for collection fees.



The food items collected will be given to the Northland Assistance Center for their food pantry.

ANGEL TREE COMING IN DECEMBER



Donate holiday gifts to put under the tree for Northland families in need. More info at the front desk.

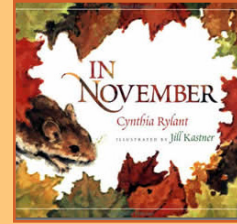
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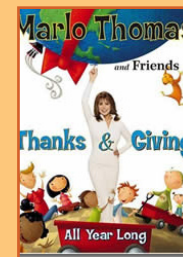
In November by Cynthia Rylant

In November, the air grows cold and the earth and all of its creatures prepare for winter. Animals seek food and shelter. And people gather together to celebrate their blessings with family and friends. This book is a great resource to share at Thanksgiving time, as it honors family traditions of this seasonal month.



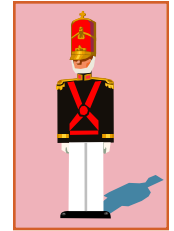
Thanks & Giving: All Year Long by Marlo Thomas

The theme of the book centers around giving, sharing, receiving, and being thankful. Magnificent collection of illustrations from various artists. Songs, poems, scripts, and stories have been contributed by famous actors, musicians such as Paul Newman, Wendy Wasserstein, the Bacon Brothers, Bert and Ernie, Tiger Woods, Whoopi Goldberg, Avi, Maurice Sendak, Jerry Pinkney, Kate DiCamillo, Walter Dean Myers, David Shannon, Jon Scieszka, and Lane Smith.



18 NUTCRACKER IN A NUTSHELL

THURSDAY
7:00 P M
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM



The Kansas City Ballet will be at the library to present a preview program of The Nutcracker. They will be bringing some of the costumes, props, dance shoes, and other items from their annual production of The Nutcracker and will give a behind-the-scenes look at how The Nutcracker is produced as well as give a little preview of what to expect at the KC Ballet. Program for all ages and open to the public.

BOOK REVIEW : *staff pick*

JULIET
BY ANNE FORTIER

Everyone knows the story of "Romeo and Juliet". Romeo and Juliet are separated by their feuding families, forced to wed in secret, and ultimately both die due to the mother of all miscommunications. Well, what if Shakespeare's play veered from the truth? What if Romeo and Giulietta's story was far more twisted than that – and even featured a centuries-old treasure? And what if you discovered YOU were the direct descendant of the ORIGINAL, real-life Juliet? This is what happens to Julie Jacobs, (real name: Giulietta Tolomei) when her aunt dies. Instead of the inheritance Julie was expecting, she receives a mysterious letter confessing that all Julie has believed about herself

and her parent's deaths is untrue and directing her to travel to the Italian town of Siena. Even more crushingly, all of her aunt's material property goes to Julie's estranged twin sister Janice, who has mercilessly teased and persecuted Julie all of their lives. At a loose end and desperate to try and scrape together enough to pay her increasing credit-card debt, Julie decides to follow the instructions in the letter, hoping it will lead to some sort of an inheritance - left behind when her mother died in Italy 22 years ago. What Julie discovers is that the feuds of Romeo and Juliet's time are still well-remembered in Siena – and SHE may be in more danger than she bargained for! Told in alternating chapters between Julie's adventures in modern Siena and the 14th century Giulietta's experiences, Anne Fortier's first novel offers an intriguing guess



at the origins of "Romeo and Juliet".

Review by Library Staffer
Rachel Merrill

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The children's staff and volunteers celebrated the annual children's "Spooktacular" dressed as characters from "Alice in Wonderland."



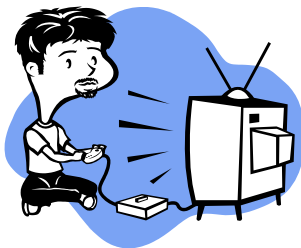
The 'Tween and Teen NKCP Library Book Groups enjoyed their first book discussions in typical "spooky" October style!

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4 & 18 THURSDAYS
1:45 PM
GAMING FOR TEENS

Do you play Guitar Hero, DDR, Madden, Wii Sports or Need for Speed? We've just purchased new game systems and these and other games and want you to come play and compete against your friends. Ages 13 and up. Snacks provided.



11 ANIME CLUB FOR TEENS
THURSDAY
1:45 PM

Episodes on NEW Anime Series will be shown at North Kansas City Public Library/High School Media Center in the library meeting room on the lower level. A different episode of a popular Anime series will be shown at each event. Audience members will be asked to complete a survey regarding the showing and encouraged to make suggestions for the library's Anime and Manga collections. Snacks will be served. This program is free and open to any young adult 13 years or older.



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TRIVIA FOR TEENS

Nothing like a little friendly competition! Any young adult 13 years or older is invited to participate in this monthly trivia competition. Snacks will be provided. This program is free and open to the public.



20 SATURDAY
@ 10:30 AM

MAGIC: THE GATHERING TOURNAMENT

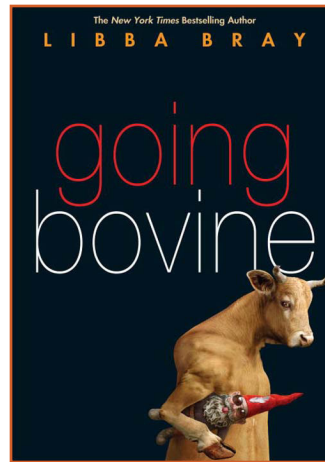
Play a little Magic: The Gathering with your friends on a fun Saturday. Snacks provided. Legacy format. Registration is \$5 per person at the door.

NKC_BOOKSPACE

Read. Blog. Chat.

Sign up for the online book club today. Members will be able to borrow the book club title each month, regardless of status of Library account, then are encouraged to discuss the title on the NKC_Bookspace Blog @ <http://nkcbookspace.wordpress.com>.

The October title is *Going Bovine* by Libba Bray. All members must have a new permission letter signed for the 2010-2011 school year. Questions? Contact Mrs. Yellman @ 816-413-5926.

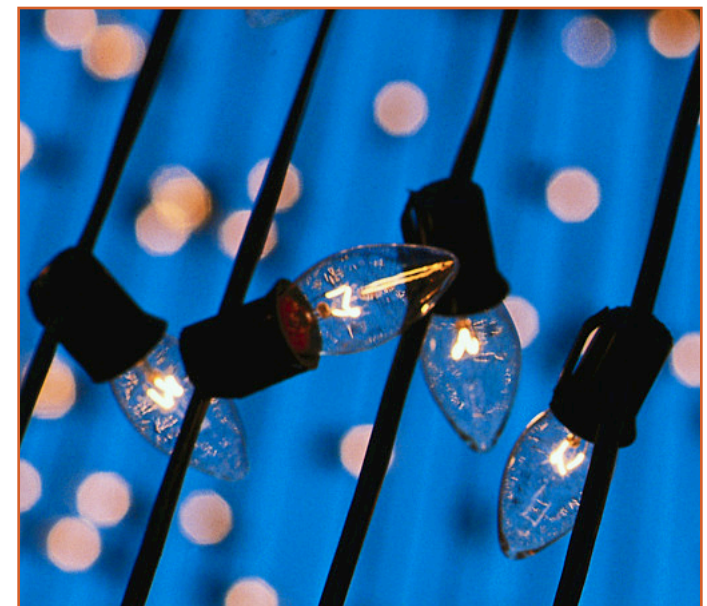
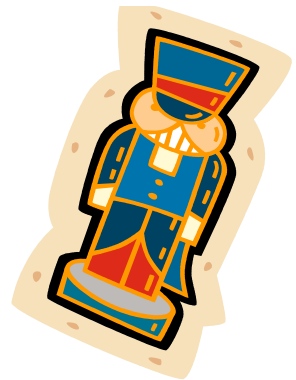


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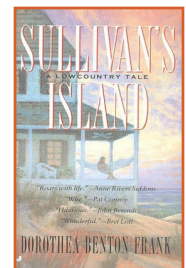
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20 SATURDAY
10:00 AM
ADULT BOOK GROUP

The Library's Adult Book Group meets the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 (except in December, when there is no meeting). The November book is *Sullivan's Island* by Dorothy Benton Frank.



SATURDAY DECEMBER 4TH JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

Holiday Tea

1-4PM
SIGN-UP ONLINE, BY PHONE OR @ THE FRONT DESK