

“Adventures in Learning!”
Classes for Friday, April 7, 2023

9:00 - 9:50 am News and Views - Current Events - Get Involved with Kevin McFarland

Kevin McFarland stays abreast of the news and asks for YOUR views. Discussions cover everything from City Council issues to national politics; an exchange of ideas & viewpoints. Comments welcomed.

9:00 - 9:50 am An Animal’s Journey through the Shelter with Grace Clinton

Grace Clinton will share the experience of an animal’s journey through the Helping Hands Humane Society animal shelter. From the lens of a pet, what does the admissions process to adoptions look like, what all goes into providing compassionate care to the homeless pets in Topeka and Shawnee County, and how you can get involved in this life-saving work of the most vulnerable among us – the 6,000 pets in Topeka who find themselves at our local shelter.

9:00 - 9:50 am Every Kid Needs 5 Adult Fans with Chris Stewart - In Person and via Zoom

Our culture fragments generations, but we were created for community. Kids thrive when the older generations take an interest in them. Hear how The Bridge works to make this happen in Topeka.

10:00 Break - Refreshments provided by Oakley Place

10:40 - 11:30 am Washburn Libraries: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow with Sean Bird

From its original College Hill home in Rice Hall in 1874 to its current iteration as Mabee Library, the university libraries have changed with the times to support the student experience. Academic librarians today focus on Information Literacy as a set of skills to teach students how to find books, articles, and, increasingly, web-based information sources, determine the credibility of the information they find, and use that information effectively, efficiently, and ethically.

10:40 - 11:30 am Restoring the Riverbank at Kaw River State Park with Kim Bellemere

Kim Bellemere, Program Manager for Friends of the Kaw, will talk about a land restoration project at Kaw River State Park, how it impacts water quality in the Kansas River (the source of all of Topeka's drinking water), and how everyone can get involved.

10:40 - 11:30 am The Peace Corps in Ukraine with Christie Appelhanz —In Person and via Zoom

Christie will discuss her experience with the Peace Corps in Ukraine and her current work with refugees in Topeka.

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Classes for Friday, April 14, 2023

9:00 - 9:50 am Read Around The World with TSCPL” with Miranda Ericsson and Deb Ellerbrook

“Join us for a virtual road trip! We are reading around the world this year in the Top City Reads Facebook group sponsored by the Topeka and Shawnee Public Library. In this session we will be focusing on great reads from the continents of North and South America – our first stops on our journey around the globe.”

9:00 - 9:50 am Jackie Robinson and The Dodgers’ Plan B with Todd Fertig

Everyone knows Jackie Robinson integrated major league baseball 75 years ago. But, what if he hadn’t? Learn about the Brooklyn Dodgers’ other plans for integration.

9:00 - 9:50 am Why Ninety is Nifty with Herschel Stroud - In Person and via Zoom

One life. Live it to the fullest! Behind every face there is a story. Thanks for coming to hear about what is behind the face of Herschel Stroud.

10:00 Break - Refreshments provided by Community Partner

10:40 - 11:30 am Taking Care of Your Health, Mind, and Body with Kayleigh Macko, LMSW Heritage Senior Behavioral Health
Kayleigh will discuss how physical health problems can contribute to depression, anxiety, and isolation or how depression, anxiety, and isolation can contribute to health concerns. Kayleigh will discuss the benefits of group therapy and the services at Heritage, a Medicare based program.

10:40 - 11:30 am Welcome to Bethany House & Peace Garden with Rev. Jennifer Allen

An update on the newly developed garden in Topeka. New and upcoming events will be shared as well as an opportunity to visit the garden following the presentation.

10:40 - 11:30 am The Orphan Train Ride of My Father and Aunt with Jan Bolejack —In Person and via Zoom

In the early 1900’s life in New York was very hard. Immigration was high and it was hard to find a job or a place to live. Health conditions were compromised and the Spanish flu took many lives. My father’s, mother died of the flu when he was 3 and his father died 2 years later of health conditions. My father and his sister were then put in an orphanage and later on the orphan train heading to the Midwest.

**“Adventures in Learning!”
Classes for Friday, April 21, 2023**

9:00 - 9:50 am News and Views - Current Events - Get Involved with Kevin McFarland

Kevin McFarland stays abreast of the news and asks for YOUR views. Discussions cover everything from City Council issues to national politics; an exchange of ideas & viewpoints. Comments welcomed.

9:00 - 9:50 am Silverbacks, Inc. - Connecting with the Homeless and Less Fortunate with Jackie Brown

The Silverback gorilla leads, helps, builds, and protects his troop. We have Silverbacks in Topeka providing these same basic needs for our community.

9:00 - 9:50 am Cast Iron Skillets and Mason Jars Introduction & History with Keith Thalken In Person and via Zoom

Keith will present a discussion of the history, uses, and collectability of cast iron pans and Mason jars. He will have numerous examples on display.

10:00 Break - Refreshments Provided by Brewster Place

10:40 - 11:30 am Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles in Cuba: What Did The US Do In 1964-1965 with Tom Cook

The Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962 was a direct and dangerous confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cold War. Tom Cook will discuss how the Russians didn't take out all of the missiles in the Cuban missile crisis, and Tom's experience as part of the military team that was sent in to blow up the remaining missiles.

10:40 - 11:30 am Adventures in Dulcimering with Allen Macfarlane

Mr. Macfarlane has been playing the lap dulcimer since 1980. Along the way, it has been an adventure meeting new people and learning to play this seemingly simple instrument. Allen will share some of his travels and the people he met along the way and, of course, his music.

10:40 - 11:30 am Missionary Preparation and Work with Josh & Andrea Thompson—In Person and via Zoom

The work of missions today is different from how it was conducted in the past. With technology changes, closed countries and shifts in culture, missionaries today must also change how they prepare & do the work of establishing churches among the unreached. This session will present modern day cross-cultural worker development and explain the work of pioneer church planting in closed countries.

**“Adventures in Learning!”
Classes for Friday, April 28, 2023**

9:00 - 9:50 am News and Views - Current Events - Get Involved with Kevin McFarland

Kevin McFarland stays abreast of the news and asks for YOUR views. Discussions cover everything from City Council issues to national politics; an exchange of ideas & viewpoints. Comments welcomed.

9:00 - 9:50 am Common Causes and Management of Hand, Arm, and Wrist Pain with Margaret Stohlmann, DPT

This program will educate you on the common causes of hand, arm and wrist pain and how to manage carpal tunnel and arthritis of the hand.

9:00 - 9:50 am Realistic Sculptures of Historic People with Melissa Rau In Person and via Zoom

Melissa has become a renowned sculptor of life-sized historical figures for museums, churches, and other organizations. Through her art, Melissa wants you to know what it might be like to meet face-to-face with these great individuals.

10:00 Break - Refreshments provided by Interim Health

10:40 - 11:30 am I'm a 70's Influencer! with Stand-up Comedian Jay Patterson In Person and via Zoom

Jay Patterson (Just J) is a brave and adventurous woman who has no problem saying yes to new ideas. She is fun, hilarious, and inspiring, and has used comedy and storytelling to help her face life's adversities. Join us for fun and laughter and learn how Jay began her new career as a comedian in January 2021.

Adventures in Learning is held at Lowman United Methodist Church, 4101 SW 15th St., Topeka.