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AROUND TOWN – LOCAL AUTHOR DAY

LOCAL AUTHOR DAY – Are you an avid book reader or aspiring writer? The Wichita Public Library hosts its annual *Local Author Day* program on **Saturday, August 8th**, from **1:00 to 3:00**. Free and open to the public.

Local Author Day is an opportunity for you to meet more than 80 local and regional authors, and explore their books which span many genres. In addition, space is set up in the TECNovation Room for aspiring writers to meet with others, practice writing, review library writing books available for checkout, and see information available from local writing resources.

This expo is hosted in the downtown Advanced Learning Library's large Conference Center: <https://wichitalibrary.libnet.info/event/16031516>

WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum conducts a variety of programs, one of which is called Senior Day. This is a monthly program that presents interesting insights into the area's history.

August 26, 10:00 – 11:00 brings us **Shady Ladies of the Peerless Princess**. *Learn how the vice of prostitution was controlled (or not) in the early days of Wichita, where the shady ladies could be found, and learn more about a few of the notorious madams and prostitutes like Dixie Lee, Maggie Wood, Cyclone, and Ida May.* Our own Ann Boll is the presenter.

The Historical Museum is located at 204 S. Main, in the old Police Station. Come early (9:30) for refreshments. Free for museum members, \$2.00 for others. Come early as seating is limited.

SCANNING SLIDES AND NEGATIVES – SIG MEETING

Have you shuffled through difficult-to-view negatives of various sizes from decades past? You may have some undiscovered family gems among them.

On **Tuesday, August 11th**, the **MHGS Special Interest Group** (1:30 – 3:00) will help you discover previously unknown photos and how to reclaim them with high resolution scans. Also, care and handling will be covered to keep them in good condition and prevent unfortunate accidents.

Gary Clark will lead the discussion with many samples, some dating back 100 years that produced breath-taking new prints. Also, a short video will reveal the combustible nature of older negatives.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in becoming engaged with MHGS and contributing some time? We are looking to fill a variety of positions, with an exceptional need for a Treasurer and a Secretary. Some of our current volunteers double-up on duties; we would like to spread the joy.

We have developed descriptions of the duties which are listed under Volunteer Opportunities on our website: www.mhgswichita.org/wp/volunteer-opportunities. You can see the full list of Board and Committee position with their current status at www.mhgswichita.org/wp/about-us/board-and-committee.

NEW BOOKS

Call Number	Title	Info	Author	Date
A-210 184	Kingman County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [1923]		Cragun Abstract Company	1923
A-210 184	Kingman County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [1923]		Cragun Abstract Company	1923
A-210 183	Sumner County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [1927]		Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	1927
A-210 182	Reno County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [1940]		Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	1940
A-210 181	Douglass, Kansas and Surroundings Plat Map		Gresham Motor Co	
A-210 180	Lyon County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map		Holden & Wilhite	
A-210 179	Cowley County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre-1936ish]		Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	
A-210 178	Cowley County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre-1936ish]		Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	
A-210 177	Pratt County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [1917]		Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	1917
A-210 176	Coffey County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre-1936ish]		Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	1931
A-210 175	Barber County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre-1936ish]		Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	1931
A-210 174	McPherson County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre-1936ish]		Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	1931
A-210 173	Ford County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [1931]		Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	1931
A-210 172	Harvey County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre-1936ish]		Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	
A-210 172	Harvey County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre-1936ish]		Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	
A-210 171	Harper County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre-1936ish]		Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	
A-210 170	Greenwood County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre-1936ish]		Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	
A-210 169	Reno County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre-1936ish]		Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	
A-210 168	Barton County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre-1936ish]		Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	

A-210 167	Sumner County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre-1936ish]	Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	
A-210 166	Ellsworth County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre-1936ish]	Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	
A-210 165	Wilson County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre-1936ish]	Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	
A-210 164	Butler County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [1921]	Boyden Abstract Co	
A-210 163	Osborne County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre1936ish]	Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	
A-210 162	Dickinson County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre1936ish]	Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	
A-210 161	Chase County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre1936ish]	Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	
A-210 160	Chautauqua County, Kansas, Plat and Oil Well Map [pre1936ish]	Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	
A-210 159	Sedgwick County, Kansas Plat and Oil Well Map	Wichita Mapping & Engineering Co	
A-210 158	Map of Kansas [1966]	Phillips 66	1966
A-210 157	Butler County, Kansas 1970 Plat and Oil Well Map	Taliaferro, R. Y. Butler Co Abstract Co	1970
A-210 156	Map of Labette County with Parsons, Kansas	Merchant Map	1996
A-210 155	Parsons City Map [1980s]		
A-210 154	A Shopping Guide and Street Map of Haysville, Kansas and Surrounding Area [1980]	Noel Advertising Agency	1980
A-210 153	Welcome to Haysville [c2003]	Haysville Forward	
A-210 152	Derby, Kansas Map [1992]	City of Derby	1992
A-210 151	City of Haysville [2002]	Haysville Chamber of Commerce	2002
A-210 150	Linger Longer in Kansas: Free Road Map [1990]		1990
A-210 149	Kansas Map [c1960]	Standard Oil	
A-210 148	Vickers Map of Kansas [c1970]	Vickers Petroleum Corporation	1970

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(All meetings held at the MHGS library – 1203 N Main, Wichita, KS)

GENEALOGY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP	FAMILY TREE MAKER SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP
Second Tuesday @ 1:30 to 3 pm Led by Gary Clark August Topic: Scanning Negatives & Slides	Third Saturday @ 2 pm (not every month) Led by Donna Londeen
PHOTO MYSTERIES	DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
Third Tuesday @ 1:30 to 3 pm Led by Rex Riley	Fourth Tuesday @ 1:30 pm Led by Twila Ackley Brown

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