

# January 2026

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Happy New Year! As we return from the holiday break, our Wednesday morning activities resume with Tech Studies on January 7 (IT disasters if you can imagine that!) and the Gardening group on January 14.

We have just booked an Armchair travel session by Richard Kershenbaum on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Rounding out the month, we have our next Potluck dinner set for Thursday, January 29 at the Adams Center. Our speaker will be Kristen Baum, the director of Monarch Watch, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, and a Senior Scientist at the Kansas Biological Survey. She will update us on what is happening at Monarch Watch and the monarch population and migrations. It should be an enjoyable and educational talk.

Finally, mark your calendars for Thursday, March 5 when the Endacott Society is attending the Lied Center performance of pianist Aristo Sham, the Van Cliburn gold medal winner. We will begin collecting reservations late in January.



Photo taken in South Park. The little one is waiting on no one behind her!

## January Activities & Events

### Armchair Travel

*Ron Schorr* [rwwschorr@gmail.com](mailto:rwwschorr@gmail.com)

**Thursday, January 22nd at 1:30pm-- Adams Alumni Center**

Richard Kershenbaum and Jenny Lattimore will give a travelog on their recent trip to Georgia (the other one not in US).

### Arts & Sciences Lecture Program

*Kevin Boatright* [kboatright@ku.edu](mailto:kboatright@ku.edu)

No program scheduled.

### Cinema Studies

*Nora Clark* [nora.clark@washburn.edu](mailto:nora.clark@washburn.edu)

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#### DOMESTIC MOVIE

**Tuesday, January 13th, 1:30 to 4:00pm**

**Lawrence Public Library, Room "B"**

*Happy Feet* (Animal Adventure, Computer Animation) 2006, 1hr 48min

*Happy Feet* is an animated musical comedy set in Antarctica that follows Mumble, an emperor penguin who can't sing—the one talent his community values most—but discovers he has an extraordinary gift for tap dancing.

Using the voice of Elijah Wood, Mumble's dancing sets him apart and eventually turns him into an unlikely hero. As he journeys beyond his colony, the film blends humor, pop songs, and energetic dance numbers with a surprisingly serious environmental message about overfishing and human impact on nature.

Directed by George Miller (*Mad Max*), *Happy Feet* is known for its cutting-edge animation and eclectic soundtrack, which mixes classic tunes with contemporary hits. The film won the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature and appeals to kids with its colorful spectacle while offering adults themes of individuality, belonging, and ecological responsibility.

#### FOREIGN MOVIE

**Friday, January 23rd, 1:30 to 4:00pm**

**Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"**

*Trans-Siberian* (Thriller, Crime, Mystery) 2008, 1hr 51min

*Trans-Siberian* is a tense, slow-burn thriller set largely aboard the famed Trans-Siberian Railway. The film follows Roy and Jessie, an American couple traveling home from China, who befriend two fellow passengers—an encounter that draws them into a dangerous web of drug smuggling, deception, and violence.

Directed by Brad Anderson (*The Machinist*), the movie thrives on mounting paranoia and moral ambiguity rather than action. Emily Mortimer gives a standout performance as Jessie, whose curiosity and compassion pull her deeper into trouble, while Woody Harrelson plays a hard-edged Russian detective whose motives remain unsettlingly unclear.

Shot on location in China and Russia, *Trans-Siberian* uses its wintry landscapes and claustrophobic train compartments to create a gripping atmosphere of isolation and mistrust. It's a smart, unsettling thriller that rewards patience, gradually tightening its grip as loyalties fracture and secrets surface.

**DOCUMENTARY MOVIE**

**Tuesday, January 27th, 1:30 to 4:00pm**

**Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"**

*Shackleton* (Adventure, History, Documentary) 2002, 1hr 30min

*Shackleton* (2002) is a gripping historical drama about Sir Ernest Shackleton's legendary Antarctic expedition and one of the greatest survival stories ever recorded.

Starring Kenneth Branagh in an acclaimed, Golden Globe-winning performance, the film recounts the doomed 1914 Endurance expedition, when Shackleton and his crew became trapped in pack ice and were forced to abandon their ship. What follows is a harrowing ordeal of endurance, leadership, and sheer will as Shackleton struggles to keep all his men alive against impossible odds.

Rather than focusing on conquest, *Shackleton* emphasizes moral courage and responsibility, portraying its subject as a leader defined not by reaching the South Pole, but by his refusal to sacrifice a single life. Shot in stark, icy landscapes, the film balances historical detail with emotional intensity, making it both an adventure epic and a study of leadership under extreme pressure.

**Drama Studies**

*Michael Shaw* [michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com](mailto:michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com)

**Tuesdays, January 6<sup>th</sup> & 20th at 1:30pm**

**ART ROOM at Pioneer Ridge Independent Living.**

We will read Derek Walcott's play, "Ti-Jean and His Brothers." Although in style the play borrows from other dramatic traditions, it is by a playwright from Trinidad and concerned with the history of the West Indies. The play depicts the country's growth from physical prowess to hyper education to focus on Trinidad's growth as an independent state. Each stage is represented by one of the brothers. And each is opposed by the devil in a different form.

**Games Theory**

*Steven Lee* [swlee@ku.edu](mailto:swlee@ku.edu)

**Thursday, January 15th at 1:30pm**

**Senior Resource Center in the Garden room**

In January we will be playing ***Spoons***. Which is a fast-paced, fun party game that combines speed, observation, and a bit of chaos! As cards are passed to each other be the first to collect 4 cards of the same rank (like 4 Queens), then grab a spoon. Once one person grabs a spoon, everyone rushes to grab one too. Games Theory is played the third Thursday of each month. Please join us. As always, treats are provided.

**Garden Seminar**

*Cal & Jo Cink* [ccinkbird76@gmail.com](mailto:ccinkbird76@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, January 14th at 9:00 am, Adams Alumni Center— *Dish Gardens***

**Wednesday, January 28th at 9:00 am, Adams Alumni Center--*Where Have All the Birds Gone?***

**Great Books (Zoom)**

Jim Woelfel [woelfel@ku.edu](mailto:woelfel@ku.edu)

**Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. (Zoom)**

The "Letter from Birmingham Jail" has become an American classic: a passionate affirmation of freedom and equality that stands squarely in the Western political, philosophical, and religious traditions and draws on the wisdom of a striking variety of sources past and present from that tradition. It's also an introduction to nonviolent resistance and a call to social justice that remains timely. Interestingly, the "letter" is just that—a public letter to a group of clergies, not one of MLK's memorable sermons and addresses.

"Letter from Birmingham Jail" (1963) is available in the Penguin Modern series of paperbacks at a very low price. It's also available in volumes of King's collected writings, and online in a pdf file. It's not long, but it's a very rich text that bears close examination.

**Lunch Bunch**

Ron Schorr [rwschorr@gmail.com](mailto:rwschorr@gmail.com)

**Wednesdays, 11:45 am.**

An announcement will be made as to which restaurant will be chosen during the colder months.

**Movement Workshop**

Haskell [springer@ku.edu](mailto:springer@ku.edu)

**Fridays, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

**Senior Resource Center**

Our Tai Chi sessions will meet every Friday in January at 9:00 at the Senior Center as usual.

**Old-Time Radio (Zoom)**

John Nicholson [wryterjccc@gmail.com](mailto:wryterjccc@gmail.com)

**Monday, January 26th at 1:30pm-3:45pm**

. We'll listen to ***Lux Radio Theatre and The Six Shooter***, starring Jimmy Stewart.

The waiting room opens at 1:15, with the program beginning at 1:30. If this is your first time attending, please consider joining us. No reservations are necessary.

**Out-of-Town Travel**

Judy Niebaum [jniebaum@sunflower.com](mailto:jniebaum@sunflower.com)

No travel adventures for January.

**Potluck Dinner & Lecture**

Linda Mullens [lmullens@ku.edu](mailto:lmullens@ku.edu)

**Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at Adams Alumni Center**

Thursday, January 29— 5:30 pm appetizers, 6:00pm dinner, 6:45pm program.

Our speaker will be Kristen Baum, the director of Monarch Watch, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, and a Senior Scientist at the Kansas Biological Survey.

Please sign up for this event by Wednesday, January 21 and indicate what food (appetizer, salad, vegetable, dessert) you will bring. Meat is furnished.

You can use the signup sheet which is available during Wednesday Coffee or by calling or emailing Linda Mullens-- lmullens@ku.edu (785/766/3698)

## **Technology Studies**

*Dave Mannering* [dmannering@yahoo.com](mailto:dmannering@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday, January 7, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center**

*Catastrophic IT Failures - Do not try this at home!*

**Wednesday, January 21, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center**

*CES 2026 - Highlights from the Consumer Electronics Show*

## **Wednesday Coffee**

*Lindy Eakin* [wlineak@gmail.com](mailto:wlineak@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, January 7, 10:00 a.m. – Adams Alumni Center**

**Wednesday, January 14, 10:00 a.m. – Adams Alumni Center**

**Wednesday, January 21, 10:00 a.m. – Adams Alumni Center – *Birthday Cake***

**Wednesday, January 28, 10:00 a.m. – Adams Alumni Center**

In December, Dave Mannering's Technology-infused toy's program brought awes and laughter by treating the attendees with an opportunity to play with one of these toys:

