

DOROTHY BRAMLAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

American Doll Tea Party coming in August

By Emily Burtis

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Attending the American Girl Tea Party featuring the doll of the year, Summer, offers a magical experience for children and families while supporting a meaningful cause. This special gathering next month allows children and their families to enjoy an afternoon of themed fun centered around friendship, empowerment, and fun. All proceeds will benefit DBPL @ DBPL, which provides books to the community. Special activities include apron decorating, photo booth, crafts,

raffles, and food! A benefit of purchasing a raffle ticket, besides a chance to win the doll, is the opportunity to support literacy tangibly.

This event blends fun, learning, and philanthropy in a unique and memorable way.

Children can bring their dolls, dress up, and enjoy themed activities that spark imagination and creativity. The presence of the doll of the year adds a special touch, inspiring conversations about courage, kindness, and the stories behind the beloved American Girl characters. Summer's character promotes messages of creativity, confidence, and standing up for what is right. For many children, attending this magical

event helps to build self-esteem and encourages them to think of themselves as heroes in their own stories. These kinds of experiences promote emotional development and can support early literacy as children engage in storytelling and role-play inspired by their dolls and activities.

The tea party provides a delightful setting for families to bond, connect with others in the community, and celebrate the joy of reading. One of the most heartwarming benefits of our tea party is the excitement and engagement it fosters for our young readers. These are all designed to engage children and promote a love of reading. At the same

time, participants who enter the raffle play a vital role in furthering DBPL @ DBPL's mission to supply our community with access to books for all. This access supports literacy development and a life-long love of reading.

This teaches children about the power of giving and shows them that even celebrations can have a purpose.

Join us for our annual American Girl Tea Party this year to experience the joy of giving back while making lasting memories. This is your chance to enjoy activities, treats, and celebrate Summer, which helps to build a more literate, compassionate, and connected community.

Here are three ways to get ready for the American Girl Tea Party.

1. Save the Date: Aug. 9 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at 12th St. Community Center Gym
2. Call or come into the library to register for the event
3. Purchase raffle tickets (\$3) for a chance to win the doll of the year

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LEGALS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GEARY COUNTY,
KANSAS

Case No. GE-2025-PR-000029

In the Matter of the Estate of Barbara Kay Parks, praying that descent be determined of the interest of the Decedent in the following described real estate situated in Junction City, Geary County, Kansas:

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Angela Kay Parks, praying that descent be determined of the interest of the Decedent in the following described real estate situated in Junction City, Geary County, Kansas:

Lot Four (4), Block Six (6), Westwood Heights Addition to Junction City, Kansas,

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by Decedent at the time of death, and that such property and all personal property and any other Kansas real estate owned by the Decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 31, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., in the District Court of Geary County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Last month, The Greater Geary Community Foundation awarded ICARE with a \$1,000 grant. The money will be used for the "ICARE That U Read Project" for "most improved readers" pre-k- fifth grade in the USD 475 School District and schools in Geary County. The project goal is to promote the love of reading and increase intergenerational reading among family members and friends. Calvin Pottberg and Ricardo Mendoza of Greater Geary Community Foundation presented a \$1,000 check to Vickie Bobbitt, executive director; Wendy Luttmann-King, treasurer; Evelyn Kimbrough, secretary; and Melissa Tyson and Margaret Thurman, board members.

(Courtesy photo)