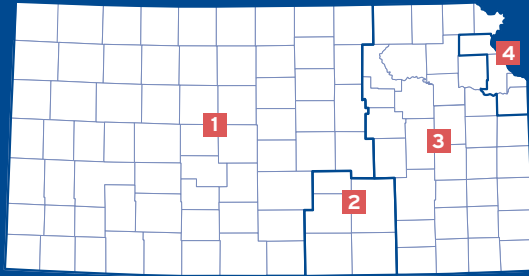
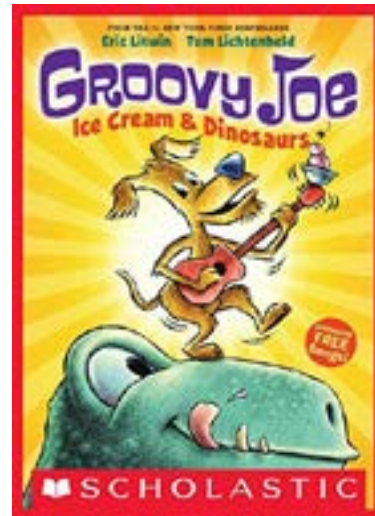




## KANSAS READS TO PRESCHOOLERS WEEK

Kansas Reads to Preschoolers committee, is pleased to announce that the 2020 title is Groovy Joe: Ice Cream & Dinosaurs, by Eric Litwin

Because we are unsure what story times will look like in November due to COVID-19, one of the factors for choosing this year's Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Month title is that it is available digitally on Bookflix, which all Kansas residents can access for free through the State Library's website.



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Four Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs), located across Kansas, provide services to all 105 counties. Together, we offer many services for families, child care providers and community members.

Our Resource Center makes finding quality child care programs quick and easy for parents and families.

For child care providers and early learning staff, professional development opportunities and resources are available.

For local communities, supply and demand data paints the picture about child care.

These are just a few of our many services - for more details about all of the work we do, please contact your local CCR&R.

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## Literacy and Children

When we think about the word literacy, we automatically think of reading. Literacy is so much more than reading and writing when it comes to early childhood. Introducing literacy to children in your care should include sharing and reading books along with talking about books and illustrations, being aware of print in your environment, and encouraging pre-writing skills.

When sharing a book together, ask questions! With young children, talk about what you see in the pictures. Point out and name characters you see on the pages. Follow the words with your finger so they can get the feel for left to right progression. Share books that rhyme. Repeat the rhymes and make your own silly combinations. Talking together with your children will make the books you share come alive.

Environmental print creates a unique opportunity to support literacy. Our world is full of signs. Young children are able to 'read' environmental print long before they are actually able to read. Point out signs in your neighborhood. Talk about labels on products in your home or while shopping. Ask your child to identify logos. You may be surprised how many they know! Encouraging print awareness will help children make the connection between letters and first efforts to read.

It is OKAY to scribble! Children learning to write will first learn with scribble. Lots and lots of scribbles. This early writing will build fine motor skills necessary for writing. Scribbling is also important in building hand-eye coordination. Encourage children to draw a picture, write a letter, or make a list. While these first scribbles may not look like much to an adult, they are forming a foundation for future literacy.

One of the most important things you can do for children in your care is the simplest: READ. Time after time research has shown, reading to children is one of the best things you can do to encourage literacy development. It is never too early to begin a habit of reading to children. Reading exposes children to words in turn enriching their own vocabulary and preparing them to pick up reading skills more easily and quickly. Point out words that you encounter everyday, narrate your moves as you spend time together throughout the day, and let them see you read for pleasure. As children get older, encourage them to read along with you and pretend to read to you. Point out pictures in their favorite books and ask questions. Make a habit of reading together everyday. Simple habits you form today with children in your care will help their future success in school.



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Resources online at  
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INFORMATION FROM CHILD CARE AWARE® OF KANSAS - REGION ONE  
**Professional Development Opportunities**

To Register [Click Here](#) or Call: 855-750-3343

Date	Type	Title	Trainer	Time	Hrs	Cost
10/7/2020	Interactive Online	Working with Temperaments	Rebecca Quigley	6:30 PM	2	\$15
10/13/2020	Interactive Online	Involving Families	Chelsy Spiller	6:30 PM	2	\$15
10/27/2020	Interactive Online	The Developing Emotional Strengths of Children	Chelsy Spiller	6:30 PM	2	\$15
10/29/2020	Interactive Online	Chicka Chicka Boom Boom: A-Z Around the Room	Jennifer Burgardt	6:30 PM	2	\$15
11/3/2020	Interactive Online	Safe Slumber: Creating a Safe Sleep Environment	Chelsy Spiller	6:00 AM	2	\$15
11/12/2020	Interactive Online	Infants 101	Rebecca Quigley	6:30 PM	2	\$15
11/19/2020	Interactive Online	Cradling Literacy: Early Language and Literacy Development	Jennifer Burgardt	6:30 PM	2	\$15
12/9/2020	Interactive Online	Embedded Learning	Jennifer Burgardt	6:30 PM	2	\$15
12/14/2020	Interactive Online	Arts vs. Crafts - How to Find the Balance	Rebecca Quigley	6:30 PM	2	\$15

Kelly Davydov, project director of the nationally-acclaimed Early Childhood Iowa, has been named executive director of the Child Care Aware of Kansas to succeed founding and longtime leader Leadell Ediger, the agency's Board has announced. Davydov, who is relocating to Kansas with her family, takes office September 8.

Davydov joins Child Care Aware of Kansas after seven years working for the State of Iowa in various grant-funded positions, the most recent in a shared position leading a family support and self-sufficiency program and as the lead on a statewide Preschool Development Initiative. Previously, she led programs for Prevent Child Abuse Iowa and Food Bank of Iowa and, and served as bi-lingual domestic violence coordinator for Latinas Unidas por un Nuevo Amanecer (LUNA) in Des Moines, Iowa.

Graduating from Drake University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science, Spanish and International Relations and a Master of Public Administration-Public Policy, Davydov has dedicated her career to issues of equity and family education and empowerment. Serving on and leading numerous coalitions, task forces and advisory boards, she has been a presenter at the state and national level.



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# Professional Development Opportunities

Costs listed are for Child Start Members that have pre-registered; if not a Member, please call 800-684-3962.

Date	Type	Title	Time	Trainer	Hrs	Cost
10/6/2020	Online	Breastfeeding Friendly Course	7:00 PM	Caroline Teter	2	FREE
10/6/2020	Online	Great Places to Be a Baby; Infant and Toddler Learning Environments	7:00 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
10/8/2020	Online	Bottles, Binkies, Thumbs, and Teeth: Helping Kids Through Tough Transitions	7:00 PM	Caroline Teter	2	FREE
10/10/2020	Online	Basic Child Development Including Supervision of Children	9:00 AM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
10/10/2020	Online	Safe Slumber: Creating a Safe Sleep Environment	11:30 AM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
10/10/2020	Online	Child Abuse, Neglect, Reporting and Abusive Head Trauma	1:30 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
10/10/2020	Online	Keeping Children Safe: Environment and Transportation Safety	3:30 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
10/13/2020	Online	Mirror, Mirror: Positive Body Image in Infants and Toddlers	7:00 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
10/17/2020	Online	Emergency Preparedness for Child Care Providers	9:00 AM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
10/17/2020	Online	Healthy Environments: Disease Prevention and Control	11:30 AM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
10/17/2020	Online	Medication Administration in Child Care	1:30 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
10/17/2020	Online	Happy Meals: Safe Food Practices and Allergy Awareness	3:30 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
10/27/2020	Online	Caring for Little Ones: Using Sign Language as a Tool to Communicate	7:00 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
11/3/2020	Online	Brain Research: Bright Beginnings for Babies	7:00 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
11/7/2020	Online	Basic Child Development Including Supervision of Children	9:00 AM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
11/7/2020	Online	Safe Slumber: Creating a Safe Sleep Environment	11:30 AM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
11/7/2020	Online	Child Abuse, Neglect, Reporting and Abusive Head Trauma	1:30 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
11/7/2020	Online	Keeping Children Safe: Environment and Transportation Safety	3:30 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
11/10/2020	Online	Growth Mindset	7:00 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
11/14/2020	Online	Emergency Preparedness for Child Care Providers	9:00 AM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
11/14/2020	Online	Healthy Environments: Disease Prevention and Control	11:30 AM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
11/14/2020	Online	Medication Administration in Child Care	1:30 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
11/14/2020	Online	Happy Meals: Safe Food Practices and Allergy Awareness	3:30 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
11/17/2020	Online	Conversational Intelligence	7:00 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
11/19/2020	Online	Brain Development: Seeing and Supporting Children's Active Bodies and Minds	7:00 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
12/1/2020	Online	Science in a Preschool Setting	7:00 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
12/5/2020	Online	Basic Child Development Including Supervision of Children	9:00 AM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
12/5/2020	Online	Safe Slumber: Creating a Safe Sleep Environment	11:30 AM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
12/5/2020	Online	Child Abuse, Neglect, Reporting and Abusive Head Trauma	1:30 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
12/5/2020	Online	Keeping Children Safe: Environment and Transportation Safety	3:30 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
12/8/2020	Online	Supporting Constructive Play in the Wild	7:00 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
12/15/2020	Online	Water World	7:00 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
12/19/2020	Online	Emergency Preparedness for Child Care Providers	9:00 AM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
12/19/2020	Online	Healthy Environments: Disease Prevention and Control	11:30 AM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
12/19/2020	Online	Medication Administration in Child Care	1:30 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
12/19/2020	Online	Happy Meals: Safe Food Practices and Allergy Awareness	3:30 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12
12/29/2020	Online	Science Exploration for Young Children	7:00 PM	Caroline Teter	2	\$12

## Purchase a 2020 Professional Development Membership! Save Money, Save Time

Members save 40% on most trainings in Butler, Cowley, Harvey, Sedgwick and Sumner counties! Additionally, members save on CPR courses through LifeSaver Learning, can schedule private trainings to be held at your child care center, receive free Mini Learning Adventures, access the Resource Library and much more!



Visit [childstart.org](http://childstart.org) for more information!

# KickStart 101

## KickStart Training Program

Earn your initial training faster than ever before!

Now you can get all of your initial training in just two Saturdays (in addition to CPR):

- **Saturday #1: KickStart 101: Basic Child Development with Supervision (2 hrs), Safe Slumber (2 hrs), Child Abuse, Neglect & Head Trauma (2 hrs), Keeping Children Safe: Environment & Transportation Safety (2 hrs)= Total of 8 in-service hours**
- **Saturday #2: KickStart 102: Emergency Preparedness (2 hrs); Healthy Environments: Disease Prevention & Control (2 hrs), Medication Administration (2hrs), Happy Meals: Safe Food Practices & Allergy Awareness (2 hrs) = Total of 8 in-service hours**

Cost: Non-Members: \$75 per KickStart - Includes Lunch

Members: \$45 per KickStart - Includes Lunch

Visit [childstart.org](http://childstart.org) for more information!

## Training Spotlight

FREE ONLINE LIVE TRAININGS:

- 10/6: How to Support Breastfeeding Mothers & Families
- 10/8: Binkies, Bottles, Thumbs, and Teeth. Helping kids through tough transitions

Free through partnership with:



## National Speaker Opportunity:

11/17/2020 Online Live Training

Do you want to coach like a neuroscientist?

This session will reveal secrets about how the brain works that promote true partnerships in coaching, mentoring, and professional development so you can build trust in the moment and over time. (read more at [Childstart.org](http://Childstart.org))

Cassandra O'Neill co-authored the book Five Elements of Collective Leadership for Early Childhood Professionals. The book was chosen as a member benefit by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in November, 2017. And the Nonprofit Quarterly (NPQ) published an excerpt in their Winter 2017 Issue.

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# Professional Development Opportunities

To Register Visit: <http://east.ks.childcareaware.org>

Date	Type	Title	Time	Trainer	Hrs	Cost
10/6/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Director's Toolbox: Equitable Practices in Early Childhood- Free to Literacy Connections and Get Set for Success program directors.	1:00 PM	Michelle Gilbert	3	\$15
10/6/2020	Online	Are You a "Stopper" or a Teacher"? Using Mindful Communication to Deepen Children's Understanding and Support Development- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	9:00 AM	Susan Drewelow	2	\$12
10/7/2020-10/14/2020	Online	Teaching Critical Thinking Skills through Loose Materials- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	9:00 AM	Grace Cott	3	\$20
10/10/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Developing Powerful Interactions with Young Children- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	10:00 AM	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12
10/12/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Creating Literacy Rich Centers- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12
10/14/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Emergency Preparedness for Child Care Programs- This class meets 2 of the 4 hours of the annual Health and Safety Topic Requirements.	6:30 PM	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12
10/19/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Bound Together with Love: Building Healthy Collaborations with Families- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12
10/20/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Cut It Out- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Susan Drewelow	2	\$12
10/21/2020-10/28/2020	Online	Positive Play - Strategies to Support Positive Interactions Among Children- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	9:00 AM	Audrey Danielson	3	\$20
10/21/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Signing with Infants and Toddlers- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Grace Cott	2	\$12
10/21/2020-10/28/2020	Online	Using Visual Tools to Improve Child Learning- Free to CCQI program participants.	9:00 AM	Marie Treichel	3	\$5
10/29/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Seeing Children: Using Observation to Inform Teaching and Learning- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12
11/3/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Learning Fun with Groovy Joe: Ice Cream & Dinosaurs- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12
11/4/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	LETRS - Interactive Storybook Routines- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Susan Drewelow	2	\$12
11/5/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Fabulous Feelings- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Audrey Danielson	2	\$12
11/9/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Getting Your Ducks in a Row: Child-Guided Routines and Transitions- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Grace Cott	2	\$12
11/10/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	LETRS - Essential Components of Print Knowledge- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	9:00 AM	Susan Drewelow	2	\$12
11/11/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Sharing Our Classroom Stories- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12
11/11/2020-11/18/2020	Online	The Artful Room - Supporting and Displaying Children's Art- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	9:00 AM	Grace Cott	3	\$20
11/14/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Uh Oh! Gotta Go! Toilet Learning Tips- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	10:00 AM	Audrey Danielson	2	\$12
11/18/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	LETRS - How Do Young Children Become Writers?- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	9:00 AM	Susan Drewelow	2	\$12
11/19/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Gender Differences in Teaching and Learning- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12

## REGIONAL NEWS FROM CHILD CARE AWARE® OF KANSAS - REGION THREE

11/30/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Using Books to Support Social Emotional Development- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12
12/1/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Infant Development- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Sherry Voth	2	\$12
12/2/2020-12/9/2020	Online	Growing Engineers - How to Teach Beginning Engineering Concepts Through Block Play- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	9:00 AM	Grace Cott	3	\$20
12/8/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Conscientious Child Care- This class meets 2 of the 4 hours of the annual Health and Safety Topic Requirements.	6:30 PM	Susan Drewelow	2	\$12
12/9/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Make Some Noise: Finding Your Voice for Advocacy- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12
12/9/2020-12/16/2020	Online	Let's Move!- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	9:00 AM	Audrey Danielson	3	\$20
12/14/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Social and Emotional Literacy- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Grace Cott	2	\$12
12/15/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Fostering Children's Thinking- Free to CCQI program participants.	6:30 PM	Talia Juiliano	2	\$5
12/16/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	The Shabby Chic Classroom- Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	6:30 PM	Susan Drewelow	2	\$12
12/17/2020	Interactive online class using Zoom	Taking Care of the Caregiver	6:30 PM	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12

### Professional Development Event Registration

For class descriptions and to register online for a class held by Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas, visit the Professional Development Calendar in the "Child Care Provider" section of our website, <http://east.ks.childcareaware.org>. You can also call 785-357-5171 in Topeka or 877-678-2548 toll free to register by phone. A printable registration form and our professional development event policies can be found in the "Child Care Providers" section of our website, <http://east.ks.childcareaware.org>. If you register for BOTH Part 1 and Part 2 at the same time, you will receive a discounted class fee of \$50 total for both classes."

## Lending Library Extended Hours

**Topeka's Weekend Lending Library Hours**  
 (1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., #201, Topeka, Kansas)  
**Saturday, October 3, 2020, 9 AM - 12 PM**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2020, 9 AM - 12 PM**  
**Saturday, November 7, 2020, 9 AM - 12 PM**  
**Saturday, November 21, 2020, 9 AM - 12 PM**  
**Saturday, December 5, 2020, 9 AM - 12 PM**  
**Saturday, December 19, 2020, 9 AM - 12 PM**

**Lawrence's Lending Library Hours**  
 (2518 Ridge Ct. [Inside United Way Bldg.], Lawrence, Kansas)

**Please call 785-224-6392 to schedule an appointment.**

**Offices Closed for Holidays November 26-27, 2020, December 24-25, 2020**

### Preparing for an Online Class

We are happy to continue offering online courses that help meet your licensing requirements and beyond. As a reminder, participants enrolled in an online Zoom class who attempt to log in 10 minutes after the class has started will be considered late and will not be permitted to participate. Additionally, participants enrolled in our e-learning online classes (coursework that runs one week or more) must log in and begin posting by the fourth day of the class or they will be unenrolled.

### We are here for you!

Staying connected and informed is especially important during these times as new information and opportunities for support can develop rapidly. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest up to date information. Consider signing up to receive our constant contact emails or e-newsletter by visiting our website at <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org>. If you have any questions or concerns in caring for children or discussing issues with families, we are here to offer support. We can assist you in finding helpful resources, tools, and information that meet your specific need. You can reach us by calling 785-357-5171 or emailing [info@east.ks.childcareaware.org](mailto:info@east.ks.childcareaware.org).

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## Professional Development Opportunities

### Johnson County Community College Early Childhood Continuing Education Courses

**Oct – 14** Let’s Have Fun with Nutrition

**Oct 20** – My Mother Can Cook Apples

**Oct 26** – The Importance of Play

**Nov 11** – Let’s Have Fun with Nutrition at the Holidays

**Nov 19** – Equipping Children for Success Series – The Brain and Behavior

**Dec 1** – Cultivating Creative Mindset in the Toddler and Preschool Classrooms

**Dec 10** – Equipping Children for Success Series – Academic and Emotional Coaching

**All courses are held from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**  
**Live online**

**To register call: 913-469-2323 or register online at: [www.jccc.edu](http://www.jccc.edu). The cost is: \$19.**

### Director's Lunch and Learn - Online Friday, November 13, 2020 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

In early care and education, mission statements carry great meaning and are an important part of the program, no matter how small or large. Mission and Vision statements typically describe the goals of a program and what unique qualities it offers.

These are vital because they are unique to each program and they offer a voice to guide and share the definition and purpose of the program. If our vision statement is our destination, then our mission statement is the vehicle that takes us to our destination. In this session we will discuss the importance of having a mission and/or vision statement, how to write one if you don't have one, and how to use your mission and vision statements within your program.

**Cost: \$25.00**

Registration: To register for this event, please visit our website at [www.thefamilyconservancy.org/early-educators](http://www.thefamilyconservancy.org/early-educators). If you have questions, please contact Mary Williams at 913-742-4113.

### SAVE THE DATE

The Family Conservancy's Early Childhood Fall Symposium: Don't Be Square – Reshape Thinking Around Technology  
This year's event will be held virtually throughout the week of October 12th. Featured keynote will be Janet Rinehart  
For more information, contact Janelle Balarashti at 913-742-4113 or [jbalarashti@tfckc.org](mailto:jbalarashti@tfckc.org) or go to [www.thefamilyconservancy.org](http://www.thefamilyconservancy.org).

### eLearning: Early Education Classes online

Online courses through The Family Conservancy are designed to help early childhood professionals complete annual training requirements and acquire required training hours. Our courses provide a variety of engaging topics designed specifically for the early childhood professional. Courses are convenient and can be accessed from almost any computer with Internet access - no matter where you are. For more information, go to: <https://www.thefamilyconservancy.org/events/category/training/>

### COVID-19 Resources for Child Care Programs

If you are facing challenges navigating the continued crisis and need additional support, please see the list of resources available at <https://www.thefamilyconservancy.org/covid-19-resources-for-child-care-providers/>

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### KCPT-Sponsored Training for Missouri and Kansas Programs

Sesame Street in Communities Workshop for Early Childhood Providers

**Saturday, October 3, 2020**

**7:45 AM – 11:45 AM**

**Location: Online**

**Cost: Free**

To register, contact Gary Brock at KCPT at 816-398-4321 or go to: <https://events.kcpt.org>