

2024 Civil War Wednesdays Program Schedule

New Venue

When: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Westport Branch, Kansas City Public Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO (map below)

Cost: There is no fee to attend the program.

April 17

Mike Calvert, president of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, will be giving a program about the Second Battle of Independence, which occurred on October 22, 1864, during Sterling Price's Westport Campaign.

May 15

Lane Smith, past president of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, will be giving a program about Confederate President Jefferson Davis's capture, imprisonment and pending trial for treason.

June 19

No program. The library is closed because of the Juneteenth holiday.

July 17

Dan Smith, chairman of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, will be giving a program describing life in Jackson County during the American Civil War.

August 21

Dennis Garstang, past president of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, will be giving a program entitled "The Life and Times of General John Charles Frémont." Frémont was in command of the US Department of the West during the summer and fall of 1861.

September 18

Alisha Cole, Westport Historical Society, will be giving a program about the role of the Harris-Kearney House and the Wornall House during the American Civil War. Find out what their owners and occupants were doing at the time of the war.

October 16

Dick Titterington, treasurer of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, will be giving a program entitled "Grant in Missouri: The Battle of Belmont." Ulysses S. Grant began his Civil War career as the colonel of volunteers in the 21st Illinois Infantry and was quickly deployed in Missouri in 1861. His last command in Missouri was the Battle of Belmont.

November 20

Dick Titterington, treasurer of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, will be giving a program entitled "The 1861 New Mexico Campaign: Valverde and Glorieta Pass" Confederates invaded the New Mexico Territory in 1861 and fought two battles against the Union defenders.

